



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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Letter from the President

November brings election time on so many levels. FALA's elections are probably the easiest Decision 2018 you will make. If you have not received the Survey Monkey vote email, don't worry, you will be able to vote at the meeting.

Show season has begun despite hurricanes. Florence and Michael have wreaked havoc on the Carolinas, Florida and Georgia. Festivals, heritage and pioneer days, all are a means to get involved in educating people on alpacas and llamas and showing people via demonstrations the use of their fiber. If you would like to get more involved in this, contact your local towns which have the pioneer/heritage days and offer to come out and be a part of it. Most will welcome you as a demonstrator for free, just to have a different educational display. Share your knowledge. If anyone is traveling to SAFF, be safe and have a great time.

Our meeting in November should be loads of fun; with a scheduled hike, food, door prizes, membership drive sponsor raffle, don't forget to bring your fiber projects, and friends along with a short meeting. We will have potluck and FALA will supply chicken. There is electricity available for warm crock pot dishes. There will not be a grill available this year. Please email me at SerenityHillsLlamaRanch@gmail.com or call my cell 407-427-4570; so coordination of the food items can be made. To that end, I will bring 3 pop-ups, 6 tables, and all the paper, and plastic products (plates, bowls, napkins, plastic ware, cups, and tablecloths). To get us started:

50 pieces Chicken - FALA

Either chili or Chicken Tortilla Soup – Doug Warner

Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President

Thank you to Jean Riley of Alpaca Magic USA for hosting the September meeting. Always a pleasant time sitting on the porch watching alpacas.

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Youth & Adult Fiber Workshop 2018

We set up stations for the attendees to work through to get some ideas on the various areas of crafting. The people representing each of the stations were:

- Beth Moore - Dying fiber
- Kathy Nawlin - knitting (machine)
- Susan Pritchard - wet felting
- Mary Ridge -needle felting
- Shelia Temple—weaving (picture frame)
- Vicki Verbanic—crochet
- Claire Marie Warner—knitting (needles)
- Tracy Weaver - weaving (Inkle loom)

During the morning, attendees worked through each of the stations in groups of 3-4 and received an overview of the craft. After lunch, attendees were given an opportunity to visit the station that they most held an interest in to get more information for their fiber finished-product idea for the Florida State Fair fiber entry.



This activity was of no charge to the participants. We wish to thank each of the people that demonstrated their unique craft to us for the day, and Ms. Erin Farquar for providing her time and facilities for the event.

Our follow-up activity day for the projects is December 15th, again to be held at Wesley Chapel High School in the Agriculture Room, 9-3pm. The day will be for participants to work on their fiber activity, whether it be to start, finish, or to get extra help during the process of completing.

Participants will need to bring their own supplies and lunches for this workday.



Members Out & About



Claire-Marie and Doug Warner demonstrating at "The Big E" Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts

Serenity Hills Llama Ranch at the Oakland Heritage Festival in Oakland, FL



RESCUE RUMINATIONS

Southeast Llama Rescue would like to express our appreciation for the donation of \$500.00 from Florida Alpaca and Llama Association. We have incurred significant veterinarian costs in treating the camelids that need our help. Your donation is always a bright spot in our endeavors. Thank you so much!



Announcements



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Before shearing season is upon us again, here are a few options to get your blades sharpened. I have tried all of them and found them satisfactory.

~Claudia Hammack

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2018 Calendar of Events

November 4 — Marion Co. Fair Open Llama Show — Sunday, 8am - 5pm
7655 E Hwy 25, Belleview, FL
corner of C25 & C25A, across from Belleview Elks Club
Showmanship—9:30am Halter—10am Performance—1pm

November 11 — FALA Annual Meeting — Sunday 9am - 4pm

FALA ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: **Withlacoochee River Park**
12449 Withlacoochee Blvd
Dade City, FL

Information for Challenge

Bring your llama or alpaca with halter and lead rope, a pack for your animal (if you have access to one—not mandatory). Wear comfortable, closed-toed footwear and comfortable clothing. We will be hiking a 2.9 mile trail with obstacles. Our Trail Masters will be Mary Rose Collins and Tom Rothering.

Lunch: 12pm

Annual Meeting: 2pm

