



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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Note to Members:

As much as we enjoy keeping you informed about the happenings of our organization, this will be the last FALA Newsletter you will receive if your 2016 dues have not been paid by 2/29/16. If you are not sure you are paid up you can contact our Treasurer, Mary Rose Collins, at mrc604@tampabay.rr.com or call her at 352-726-1104.

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Hello Members!

We thought you might like to meet your current FALA Board members. From right to left is Claire-Marie Warner, President; Mary Rose Collins, Treasurer; Bruce Volling, Director; Tracy Weaver, Secretary; Dan Mooreland, Vice President; Claudia Hammack, Director; Charlene Braun, Director.



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Levy County Fair Llama and Alpaca Show

Come to the first Llama and Alpaca Show at the Levy County Fair!



Show date is 4/2/16 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

There will be both Halter and Performance classes judged by Lauren Wright.

There will also be Walking Fleece and Fiber Products classes . A great opportunity to have your fiber animal evaluated by judge, Tracy Weaver.

Please visit <http://www.levycountyfair.com/livestock-show.html> for the entry forms and information. Entry deadline is March 25.

If you have thought about showing your camelid or entering your handmade fiber products, this show is for you!

2016 Florida State Fair Open and Youth Llama Show



ALSA Alpaca Clinic 2016

Our first ALSA Alpaca Judging Clinic in Odessa Florida was Successful!!!

Why? Because we had an awesome host farm, Golden Spirit Ranch, owned and operated by Brenda and Frank Crum. Their ranch and facilities are magnificent.

Why? We were able to have the support of a trained, experienced and knowledgeable person, Deb Yeagle, to



instruct the three day clinic. The process to organize the first ever ALSA Judging Clinic for alpacas, in Florida, was my goal.

Why? It was time to have a clinic close to home, in the Sunshine State! After having to travel the country to attend clinics and participate in numerous apprenticeships during the years, I suspected there were others that also would appreciate the opportunity to complete or begin an alpaca certification.

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ALSA Alpaca Clinic 2016



After speaking with Deb Yeagle to be our judge/instructor and Brenda Crum as our host farm, both were overwhelmingly ready to commit to the clinic.

We presented the clinic to Alpaca Breeders the first day, and then continued the next two full days with certifying three beginner judges and two advanced judges.

The clinic began on Friday, January 29th with introductions, coffee and breakfast trays of food. Meals were provided throughout, so as to keep the group on task, to get the more time with the animals and fleeces as possible.



We looked at shorn fleece, judged animal conformation and fleece, performance, showmanship, finished products, and more fleece, and continued until the clinic came to an end on Sunday late afternoon.

Thank you again, to our host farm, Brenda and Frank Crum in Odessa Florida.

2016 Open and Youth Llama Show

The Open and Youth Llama Show at the Florida State Fair was a grand success! The stands were full with spectators enjoying and clapping for the llamas and alpacas negotiating obstacles and being judged in halter class. It was a pleasure to interact with the youth and see them show their llamas. Fun show and you can't beat Fair food! Thank you to Tracy Weaver, Cheryl Lambert, and all of the volunteers who make this show grow every year. There were 88 llamas and alpacas entered. FALA donated funds toward the Herdsman's Awards pictured below.



RESCUE RUMINATIONS

Southeast Llama Rescue issued its year end report. We had 61 llamas and 38 alpacas surrendered to us in 2015.

68 llamas and 25 alpacas were adopted out. This number does not account for any informal re-homes that were done. We had a healthy amount of donations for which we are very grateful. We cover an area from Florida to Michigan to Pennsylvania and down the east coast. For additional information, here is a link to a nice article the local paper published on my involvement with the organization.



<http://www.chronicleonline.com/content/her-mission-llamas>

Claudia Hammack
Florida Adoption Coordinator

2016 Florida State Fair Open and Youth Show





2016 Calendar of Events

March 12 — Marketing Paca Poop Workshop

March 18-20 — SSLA Conference in Flat Rock, NC

April 2 , 8am-5pm — In lieu of a meeting, come to the first ever llama show at the Levy County Fair in Williston. Halter, Performance, Walking Fleece, and Fiber classes.

MARKETING PACA POOP WORKSHOP

Learn how to make \$money\$ from your poop!

Marketing Paca Poop 1 Day Hands On Workshop

Presented by Chris Reachard, C & C Alpaca Factory.

When: March 12, 2016 Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Where: At Heavenly Oaks Alpaca, LLC, 111 Gloria Dr., Hollister, FL 32147 (386) 972-1321 OR s_carrow@yahoo.com. Send payment to Selma Carrow P O Box 183, Hollister, FL 32147

To register for the class contact Selma Carrow – All money MUST be paid prior to February 26th, 2016.

Cost: \$100 per person or \$175 for two people from same farm.

This workshop is a hands on workshop to learn how to make the following Paca Poop products.

- 1 – Alpaca Magic Dust
- 2 – Alpaca tea bags
- 3– ¾ inch seed starter cubes
- 4 – 2 inch seed starter cubes
- 5 – Alpaca Magic potting soil
- 6 – Alpaca Potting Soil

We will start the day out with an introduction and seminar on Marketing Paca Poop and move on to a hands on workshop where we will make all of the items listed. Each attendee will take home all the products they make. This is a hand on workshop and we will be playing with Alpaca Poop so please bring two pair of latex gloves with you to use during the class.

When: March 12, 2016 Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Where: At Heavenly Oaks Alpaca, LLC To register for the class contact Selma Carrow

Want to give this as a Christmas Present – Let me know and I will get you a gift certificate for the class.