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Letter from the President

Summertime is definitely here! June for FALA means Fiber Day, pictures in this newsletter. As you may recall, after several rainy weekends, June 10th was a cloudy day with some showers in the afternoon during our event. As a result, the weather did play a role in our attendance. Our fiber day, although not as well-attended as in prior years, still had a good showing.

The Polk County Fiber Guild attended and had a table and provided a person who taught crocheting and had some truly lovely display items. The Chronicles of Yarnia, the fiber group at Cagan’s Crossing Library, provided us with an individual who taught knitting. There were also displays and demonstrations of sock machine knitting, whimsy weaving, Moorman weaving, dowel weaving, needle felting and, of course, spinning. Also new this year, was the commercial ball winder. The library would love to have us back again next year. Everyone who attended was able to finish their projects and take them with them.

If you are cleaning out or trying to reduce your stash of yarns, please remember there are charity knitting and crocheting groups who are out there. You can find them through your local guide, the library, or even the hospitals, as many of the items are made for them. Please donate your yarns so that others can benefit; it will definitely make you feel good! Stay cool my friends!

Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President

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Thanks to Claudia Hammack for hosting the May FALA meeting at her farm, Peaceful Acres Llama Farm. We were very happy to welcome five new visitors who have or are interested in camelids and our organization.

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**Camelidynamics Clinic
Mary McGee Bennett
October 28th & 29th, 2017
FALA Member Discount**

FALA is offering our members an incredible opportunity to attend a Camelidynamics 2-day clinic at a reduced price to FALA members! The clinic will be held at the Moreland farm in Citra, FL on the last weekend in October. If you are not familiar with Marty and her teachings, please visit www.camelidynamics.com to learn more.

The cost of the seminar is \$150 a day, or \$290 for both days if you register by August 28, 2017. If you register after that, the cost will increase to \$170 a day, or \$330 for both days. In addition, FALA members will receive a \$25 rebate for each day attended, to be paid after the seminar. The rebate is limited to 2 members per farm and you must be a FALA member prior to October 28, 2017. If you have attended one of Marty's clinics before, you might want to contact her about possible additional discounts.

This is a great opportunity to attend a wonderful clinic, taught by a world renowned camelid instructor, at a significant savings. Space is limited, so we suggest that you register early. To register, visit <https://www.camelidynamics.com/october-28-29-2017-two-day-clinic-in-florida-hosted-by-fala/> .

As sponsor, FALA will provide lunch and snacks. Any questions can be directed to Bruce Volling at vollingvalley@aol.com .

Annual FALA Fiber Fun Day

Outside it was a rainy day but inside everyone was having a good time with fibery pursuits. Some members of the library's Chronicles of Yarnia group joined us to teach crocheting and knitting.



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RESCUE RUMINATIONS



I sold two yearlings to a farm a few years ago. The owner is ill and can no longer care for four llamas and two pygmy goats. They asked if I wanted my two females back and I jumped at the chance. I had just watched, coincidentally, a video of them when they were babies. They wanted me to take all of the animals but I couldn't so I reached out and as usual, had a response from generous people that wanted to help. Sarah Strautmann, who showed llamas when she was a teen, took the intact male. She wants to involve her children in llama showing and this male has experience in the show ring. Debbie and Narvel Pettis took the gelding as a guard for their alpacas. I found a home for the two goats down the road from me. Thank you so much for the help and giving these animals a good home. They had not been sheared for a couple years and the gelding had extraordinarily long nails.

~ *Claudia Hammack*

FIBER CORNER

Review of "**Know Your Wheel**" by Abby Franquemont

I watched this DVD and picked up many tips from it. Abby is a great teacher, confident, easy to understand and has been in the fiber biz for years. This DVD covers trouble shooting your wheel and spinning yarn. She discusses the mechanics of the wheel and sitting ergonomically at your wheel. Abby demonstrates both short and long draw techniques of spinning yarn. It's a great DVD for beginners and those who have been spinning for awhile. I highly recommend it. 1 hour and 15 min.

~ *Submitted by Claudia Hammack*

Treatment of Lice for Llamas and Alpacas

By Susan Gawarecki, Pathfinder Farm

About Lice

Lice are a common skin parasite in llamas and alpacas. They can cause itching and secondary skin problems. They are often first discovered when an animal is sheared. The typical indication is the presence of “nits”—the tiny white eggs, about the size of the dot on an “i”—glued to hairs. These are more easily seen on dark animals, but if one animal in your herd has lice, you should assume that all do, because they spread easily. To completely interrupt the lice life cycle, the animals should be treated two to three times.

Lice found on llamas and alpacas are limited to those species—they do not affect people, goats, sheep, cattle, equines, or house pets. They can ruin the fleece for use, as all fiber mills will reject fleeces contaminated with lice eggs.

Treatment Options

There are several products which may be used treat lice on llamas and alpacas (a secondary benefit is protection from flies). In general, products used for cattle with no milk-withdrawal period are suitable. Follow label directions for dosage based on weight. For pour-ons, be sure to spread them along the spine—do not concentrate the entire dose in one place. Remember, these chemicals are not labeled for use on llamas or alpacas, and if you have concerns about using them, you should consult your veterinarian. I am not a veterinarian. Three of these products are summarized below:

Ultra Boss Pour-On: Pour along back. Apply 1.5 mL per 50 lbs of body weight of animal up to a maximum of 18 mL for any one animal. For optimum lice control, two treatments at 14-day intervals are recommended. Ultra Boss is labeled for use on cattle, sheep, and goats.

CyLence Pour-On: Pour along back. For optimal lice control, an initial application followed by a second treatment 3 weeks later is recommended. CyLence is labeled for use on cattle.

Animal Weight (lb) Dosage (mL)

100-199	4
200-399	8
400-599	12

Pemectrin II Spray: 1/2 oz (15 cc) in 3 gal of water. Spray to thoroughly cover entire animal. For lice a second treatment is recommended 14-21 days later. Pemectrin II is labeled for use on cattle, dogs, swine, birds, and their premises. My vet recommends a third treatment 21 days after the second treatment.

Weight and Dosing Tips

If you do not have a known weight of your animal, below are some general guidelines:

Average 2+ yr/adult alpaca – 130-180 lb

Average 2+ yr/adult llama – 275-350 lb

Adjust weight estimate if your animal is significantly taller, smaller, fatter, or skinnier than the average of your herd. Dr. Z's llama weight tape is an inexpensive tool to help you estimate the weight of your llama.

For application of pour-on chemicals, draw up dose into a 3-cc or 6-cc syringe with needle removed. Use syringe to apply chemical along the animal's back—do not concentrate it at one spot. If necessary, part the hair to ensure it is in contact with the skin. Repeat as recommended for the specific chemical. The syringe may be reused for application of this chemical only, but never reuse it for other medications.

A note about units: 1 cubic centimeter (cc) is the same as 1 milliliter (mL or ml). These units are often used interchangeably.

Estes Park, CO Llama Show Photos

Photos submitted by Tracy Weaver, who was judging fiber at the Llama Show



Performance class



Fairgrounds entrance

Youth Finished Products





2017 Calendar of Events

July — No events scheduled

August — **FALA** Board of Directors Meeting Sunday, August 13 at Casadellama



Grazing at Turtle Run Llama Farm