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SPRING 2015

FALA MEETING—SUNDAY, MAY 17, 12:30 PM

Dr. Amanda House from University of Florida will be speaking about “Care and Considerations in the Geriatric Camelid.” Bring questions you may have in addition to the program topic.

FALA Meeting will be held before the program.

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Letter from Our President

Spring has sprung! As such, everywhere you turn there are people planning local events and still more are participating in them. In the last newsletter, I asked each of you to challenge yourself by participating in an activity that promotes llamas and alpacas. We have more members who are getting out into their communities and promoting their ranches and giving educational talks at libraries, stores, and other places. If you are planning something, please let us know; we'll put it in the newsletter or on the website.

The Sumter County AgriTunity event was a success and many individuals who have land and were interested in alternative agricultural ventures were present and posed a lot of questions about alpacas and llamas their feeding and care.

Levy County has decided they want llamas and alpacas at their county fair next year.

Our fiber committee has been busy planning a really fun fiber day in June. More information to follow! Many of our members are busy working on projects within their committees and this should prove to be an exciting year. If you would like to join a committee, please let me know.

Shearing season has begun and many of us have already completed that chore either with the help of an experienced professional or by themselves; either way, the critters are enjoying their new do's.

Remember this is your organization, please continue to participate, the more you give of yourself the more you get. I'm getting feedback and I can truly say “It's all good!” So for that, “Thank You!”

Thank you to Selma Carrow, Heavenly Oaks Alpacas, for hosting our March meeting!

Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Still Need Your Camelids Sheared?

Elmer Miley: 641-344-0168

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All the Great Ideas submitted this month will be featured in the next newsletter.



Dear Charity Administrator,

We have just completed AmazonSmile donation disbursements for the 2014 Q3 disbursement cycle to organizations that generated the \$5 minimum disbursement amount or more. Florida Alpaca And Llama Association Inc will not be receiving a donation this quarter from the AmazonSmile Foundation because your donation balance was less than the \$5 minimum disbursement amount. Don't worry - we will hold your donation and add it to a disbursement in a future quarter. For more details, visit <http://org.amazon.com> and click on the Receive Donations tab.

In the meantime, you can increase your organization's donation potential by spreading the word about AmazonSmile. Sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click on Marketing Tools to access customized online tools to let your supporters know that their AmazonSmile shopping can support Florida Alpaca And Llama Association Inc. Here are several tactics that have been successful for participating organizations.

Share this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-0099095> and ask your donors, volunteers, employees, and friends to bookmark this link so all their eligible shopping will benefit Florida Alpaca And Llama Association Inc.



Emily meets Charlie —
fun day at the farm

SSLA Conference—March 2015

Florida was well-represented at the SSLA Conference held in March at the Mountain Lodge in Flat Rock, N. C. Members attending were Claire-Marie and Doug Warner, Jeanette Myers, Charlene Braun, Tom and Mary Rothering, Mary Rose Collins, Cheryl Lambert, Lauren Wright and Claudia Hammack. The lodge's hospitality is exceptional and the rooms are lovely. It was a fun and informative get away! Dr. Kristy Brown is always a wealth of knowledge. Cheryl Lambert presented on Sweepstake and Show points. We were able to make time to have a "spin in" in front of the fireplace. Pictured are Claire-Marie, Cheryl showing Lauren how to weave, and Claudia, Charlene and Mary spinning. The conference will be held again next year, possibly closer to home



FL State Fair Youth Program

FALA Members,

As you know our organization contributed \$650 to the Florida State Fair Youth Championship Program. We are considered 'Red Ribbon' sponsors in which we were recognized with several prestigious awards. These Thank You notes were written by exceptional youth exhibitors in all areas of the Championship Program, stating their appreciation for monies provided by all sponsors.

I wanted to thank you for sponsoring the Florida State Fair program. It was a wonderful experience for me and my animals who are a part of the family. Also thank you for sponsoring the Champion Youth program. It's an amazing opportunity to have available to kids and students showing their animal projects. For instance my project which is owning and caring for two Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats, allows me to eventually sell by-products from my does who are now pregnant. So in the near future the sickles goat herd will expand. My experience at the Fair was great and very educational and I look forward to return to the Fair next year.

Sincerely,
Angela Castro



by Matthew Banta

Thank you for sponsoring the champion Youth Program at the Florida State Fair. This was my first year showing a heifer at the State Fair. I was able to meet people from all over the state and learn about beef production at various levels. Thank you, again, for support of this program.

Sincerely,
Ben Hoffner

Dear Florida Alpaca Llama Association,

Hi, I'm Bri from the Armwood FFA chapter. I would like to thank you for sponsoring the Champion Youth program at the Florida State Fair. I was selected to show one of my FFA chapter's beef heifers. Her name is Miley and she is a Maine Angus cross heifer. This was my second year showing a beef heifer at the State Fair. I loved every minute of it. Thank you again for your support of the champion youth program.

Sincerely,

Bri Harp,
Armwood FFA Chapter

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I would like to thank you for helping out and sponsoring the Champion Youth exhibitor program. I really enjoy the state fair and I have won two champion exhibitor back to back and won showmanship back to back and I couldn't have done this without you and Eversone's support.

All the Best
David Astin.

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Thank you for sponsoring the Youth Champion program. I am grateful for all that you have donated. This was my first year showing beef. I did well in her breed class, but she got upset in showmanship. I am extremely proud of how far we have come this year. My cow is named Delilah. She is actually the school's cow but I was chosen to show her. This was both of our first years. I am so glad to have learned and experience all that I have.

Sincerely,

Kayleigh Heather

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My name is Tiffany Wilson and I am the Vice President of J.F St. Martin at Durant High Schools FFA. I have been on the officer board for 3 years and I support everyone on my team. I would like to thank you for your support this year. I was honored to have you judge my rabbit record book. It is an honor to have you support the youth in the community. This is my third year showing a rabbit and swine and I would like to continue and have your support next year.

Thank you for sponsoring the Florida State Fair Champion Youth Program. I had a great time at the Florida State Fair this year. I got a blue ribbon with my heifer in the beef show.

Sincerely,
Clay Wingate

Thank you Mrs. Weaver for hosting the 2015 State Fair Llama Show. I had so much fun. See you next year.

Matt
Lowe

Thank you for sponsoring the Champion Youth Dairy Program at the Florida State Fair. I got reserve grand with my Ayrshire heifer. I also own 2 Brown Swiss heifers and 1 Brown Swiss cow. This is my last year showing in the youth but I will continue to show my first year of college so I can get my American FFA Degree. I am looking forward to showing more next year but as a college student. Thank you.

Ashley Bingham

CAMELID CLASSIFIEDS

Hi, I work for an Assisted Living Community in Jacksonville, Florida. In June we are celebrating Peru and I am trying to find anyone with a Llama for hire for an hour one day. Do you know of anyone in my area who would share?

Susy McMullin – *Resident Program Coordinator*

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Here is the link to a fiber co-op I have researched and joined. I will let you know what kind of opportunity this turns out to be. For me, I am sending many bags of fiber that have been languishing in the guest room.

Claudia

<http://llamafibercoop.com/>



Calendar of Events


May 2 — All About the Fiber Guild — Hollister, FL

Guild meets first Saturday of the month. Contact Selma Carrow for more info.

May 17, Sunday — **FALA** Meeting at Vollama Acres in Micanopy, FL 12:30pm

Come at 12:30pm for food and socializing. Dr. Amanda House will be talking about Care and Considerations in the Geriatric Camelid.

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Free to attend!

Fiber Projects and Demos

Alpaca, Llama, Sheep and Rabbit wool projects


Projects and supplies for sale

Donations Accepted!

Fiber Clinic


June 20th 10am-1:45pm

Hosted by: Cagan's Crossing Community Library
Location: 16729 Cagan Oaks
Clermont, FL 34714



Presenters:
Cheryl Lambert-Beginning Spinning
Sarah Peloquin-Moorman Weaving
Mary Rothering-Crochet w/kits available
Lois Webber-Advanced Spinning/drop spindle

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