



Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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EARLY SPRING 2015

Letter from Our President

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year. As always, I'm amazed at the speed with which it is progressing. For those who attended the January meeting at Casa de Llama, fun was had by all. Which brings me to an observation, I received an email and there was a line in it which remarked, *I hope we do not turn into an organization that just collects dues and does nothing for its members.* This got me reflecting. I know each of us has had difficult days where we feel nothing is going right, that we are not being heard, or we could just use a little more attention, or someone to listen to us vent. I know it is sometimes difficult to "Choose Happy" 24/7; but we all have to move onward and upward, we adapt and overcome as best we can. But, that does not begin to touch the concern or feelings of neglect that is contained in the above sentence.

The feeling of being a part of something has its own rewards. When you share yourself with others you are appreciated for your efforts. You get something out of the organization when you contribute to the organization. I encourage each of you to participate; after all, you get what you give. It is a matter of what we choose to do or conversely choose not to do. Remember President Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I think probably that is the best response to the above line. It does not take much effort to make a difference.

Each year, FALA puts out a schedule of when the meetings are, what activities are being planned, and a list of events and fairs. That list is in this newsletter and the website. We have committees who are always looking for input and energized volunteers. I understand each of us is busy. I'm not saying you have to do everything on the schedule; but, please, if you were not able to attend a meeting last year, try and fit one in this year maybe more, and attend an event. Join a committee or at least contribute your ideas of what you would like to see occur. Maybe write an article for the newsletter or send in some photos for either the Facebook page or the newsletter. Let's work together to make this your organization!

As always, if you need to contact me, my number is 407-427-4570.

Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President

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Bruce and I were invited to participate with two of our llamas, Teddy Bear and Tat Two, in the Gainesville Christmas Festival at the Westside Baptist Church. The 2 ½ hour, 10 performance program featured their 140-voice choir, an orchestra, numerous dancers and actors, plus 3 camels, 1 elephant, 2 horses, 2 mini horses, 1 pony, 1 long-eared donkey, 2 lambs and 2 llamas. What a great time! ~ Kathi Volling



Great Ideas!

Animal Identifier Cards - by Claire-Marie Warner

This past year, we had a need to have someone come over to care for our llamas and alpacas. Our friend and caregiver, although a llama owner, did not know each of our animals by name and only a few from their reputation. So, I created the item in the photo. It was very easy task and extremely worthwhile. I took a picture of each one of our critters (you can include the dogs and cats as well), wrote their name on the picture and classified them into two groups males and females then further subdivided the photos by pastures. I added a card marked Boys and one marked Girls. I also added a card with our name, address, and phone number on one side and the name, address, and phone number of our veterinarian on the other. I then laminated each card, punched a hole in each, and added them to a key ring that has a hook clip on it. I now keep this item hanging by the door. The reason for keeping it by the inside door, is any caregiver can take

it out to the pastures with them, they can use the hook to clip it to their belt loop and if they have to call a vet or me for assistance they will be able to use the photos to properly identify which animal is the one needing attention.

Of course your llama or alpaca caregiver knows how to get to your house; but, in the event of an emergency, may not know what the address is. Having your address and vet's information readily available as well, may make a difference in the outcome of any emergency situation if time is of the essence. As with most vets, arrangements should be made in advance of your departure for billing purposes in case of an emergency.

I hope this idea is helpful to you and your ranch.





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.

Please see the link below for an article on parasite refugia. Interesting!

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AnimalVeterinary/ResourcesforYou/UCM347442.pdf>

FL State Fair Youth Llama Show



FL State Fair Llama Show



CAMELID CLASSIFIEDS

In search of used cart and harnesses for driving. Please contact Ed and Mary Smyth at m.jarus.smyth@gmail.com

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Llama fiber for sale: Washed and skirted llama fiber. Many colors and fiber types. Batts and unprocessed fiber. Contact Claudia Hammack at llamachick@yahoo.com for prices and details.

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Snow Bear Ranch, Hawthorne, FL HERD REDUCTION SALE

We have 2 intact males both with fine lines, fleece and heritage. Cater's Valentine ARI# 31592468 & BWD JJ's Shadow ARI# 1374551

We are also offering 3 females all proven with Cria on site for comparison. Cria are not for sale at this time. Females are: Tall Pines Juno, ARI # 31664202; Harmony Rose, ARI # 1062762; Miss Ruby's Candelaria, ARI # 1340150. These ladies are proven breeders with fine heritage and fleece.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to see them call Ed Smyth at : 352-217-2145

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Equipment for Sale

- ◆ Oster Clipmase Shears with extra blades, and shearing heads for Alpacas & Llamas
- ◆ Tooth-O-Matic tooth trimming tool. Cuts down those long front teeth quickly and easily.

For more information call Ed Smyth at 352-217-2145



Calendar of Events

March 20-21 — Felting Class by Kelly Agrue in Hollister, FL

Just a reminder that if you have not let me know you are interested in either of these classes I still have a few slots left. Please let me know. Kelly will PayPal bill you in February. ~Selma Carrow

March 20-22 — SSLA Annual Conference in Flat Rock, NC

March 28, Saturday — FALA Meeting at Heavenly Oaks Alpacas, Hollister, FL

FELTING CLASS BY Kelly Agrue of FELTING SUNSHINE

Friday, March 20th, 2015 noon to 4pm
Cost \$85 – includes all supplies



Saturday, March 21st, 2015 9am to 5pm
Cost \$135 – includes all supplies



I am so excited to announce that Kelly Agrue will be in Hollister, Florida to hold two felting classes on March 20th and March 21st. I have attached the classes and space is VERY limited. Please be sure and get your registration in ASAP. Kelly will take PayPal for the class to hold your spot. If a cancellation occurs, all money minus a supply fee will be refunded. The supply fee for the scarf is \$50 and the fee for the flower is \$35.

Contact Selma Carrow at s_carrow@yahoo.com