



## 2018 Wild Hair Alpacas Calendar

- January 27-28** **First Open Farm weekend** after the Stock Show. Farm tours to meet the 2017 crias (babies) and see Barbara sort fiber for the mill. Watch Peter create his bird nesters or trim toenails.
- February 24-25** **We'll be making alpaca fiber products.** Watch Barb felt dryer balls and soaps from alpaca fiber. Peter will make nesting balls for birds from alpaca fiber.
- March 24-25** **Our 2017 crias (babies) will have just been weaned.** We will halter train them and teach them to walk on a lead. It will be good to have you present to watch and to touch them. They need to get used to having people they don't know around them.
- April 28-29** **Health procedures: we'll clip toenails, give routine shots, spray ears for ear ticks.** Preparing for the Great Western Alpaca Show.
- May 4-6** Come see us at the Great Western Alpaca Show in Denver. There will be around 800 alpacas from around the country at this event.
- May 16-27** **Watch Peter shear the alpacas!** Weather permitting, after nighttime temps have been above 32 degrees for a week, we begin to shear. By late May, we will be in the midst of shearing. **Call before coming.**
- June 23-24** **Will be sorting and grading the fiber** we sheared so we can send it off to a mini-mill to be made into roving and yarn.
- July 28-29** **Watch Barb nuno felt garments using our alpacas' fiber and silk fabric.** These vests, shawls and scarves will be shown in our fashion show next month. Maybe see some new crias.
- August 26** **Sit on a bale of hay and enjoy our Fashion Show in the Barn.** Peter will lead the alpaca whose fiber is in a garment behind the model wearing the garment. We will have several crias (babies) on the ground by then.
- Sept 8-9** **Barb will be one of the artists featured on the Front Range Open Studio Tour.** Come watch her demonstrate her felting methods. Felted products will be for sale.
- And Sept 29-30** **This weekend is National Alpaca Farm Days:** Meet the herd, listen to the 'pacas hum and if you're lucky watch them prunk or get an alpaca kiss. Get a selfie with an alpaca.
- October 27-28** **Meet our new crias;** all our crias should have been born by the end of October. There's absolutely nothing cuter than baby alpacas!
- November 17-18** **Annual Holiday Alpaca Extravaganza:** This event is actually at the Black Forest Community Club where 10-14 alpaca farms/fiber artists will have booths selling our products. We also will have alpacas to meet and touch.
- November 24-25** **Visit our "farm stand" in the orchid conservatory to kick off your holiday shopping!** You'll find unique gifts that you won't find anywhere else! Among the gifts we carry are Barb's felted soaps, scarves, shawls, and vests, Peter's alpaca fiber nesting balls, alpaca scarves woven by Bhakti, Peter's sister who is an internationally known weaver, children's books featuring alpacas that were written by Barb. In addition, we contribute fiber to national alpaca fiber co-ops and carry socks, hats, gloves and more manufactured in the USA by the co-ops. And, of course, we have a selection of alpacas should you wish to give your family the ultimate gift!
- Weekends from December 1-2 thru Dec. 22-23** **We'll be open for holiday shopping every December weekend 'til Christmas.** Items listed above will be available, while supplies last. Come early for the best selection.

Hours are 10AM to 4PM for all Open Farm Weekend days. No reservations are required for these dates.

All year long we give away alpaca manure. It is free for gardening homeowners. We do charge commercial operations that want manure. Bring a truck and Peter will load your manure with the tractor. Bring a smaller container and we will lend you a shovel. Call to set up a manure pick up time.

If you want to visit us at other times than the scheduled weekends listed above, just give us a call. We are happy to arrange a time for you to come and visit the farm!

Barb's felted alpaca products are available year round at Gallery 132 at 251 Front St, Suite 8, Monument, CO

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