

News from the Maine Alpaca Association - who's open for National Alpaca Farm Days and more!

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## Visit a local alpaca farm on National Alpaca Farm Days, September 24 and 25, 2016

The following MAA member farms will be open during National Alpaca Farm Days - visit alpacas and other farm animals, start your Christmas shopping, and more!

### **Bag End Suri Alpacas of Maine LLC, Pittsfield (Somerset County)**

Come visit and learn about our rare and beautiful award-winning suri alpacas, as well as the burros, pigs, goats and poultry that also call Bag End home. If you've ever wanted a selfie with a suri, or to pet a pig, now's your chance. Or start your Christmas shopping early in our farm store - we carry a full line of alpaca accessories to keep you warm this winter, including socks, hats, mittens and gloves made in the US from US fiber (including ours) Browse local arts and crafts as well as alpaca whimsy on both days from 10-6.

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### **Cape Newagen Alpacas, Southport (Lincoln County)**

Our farm store will be open regular hours during NAFD.

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### **Carrageen Suri Alpacas, Gray (Cumberland County)**

Carrageen Suri Alpacas is looking forward to visitors exploring the wonderful world of alpacas and their fiber. We will have raw fleeces to prepare and card to make rovings. The store will be open to see finished product from the fiber. Scarlet might think the time is right and there could be a new baby to see. Open both days 10 to 4.

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### **Farm in the Meadow, Richmond (Sagadahoc County)**

Farm in the Meadow will be open Saturday and Sunday and the alpacas are awaiting your visit! Products made from their fiber will be available so you can start your winter preparation and holiday shopping (sorry, we're unable to accept credit cards).



### **Justa Alpaca Farm, Farmington (Franklin County)**

Our farm will be open both days of NAFD.

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### **Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm, Unity (Waldo County)**

As always we have a huge event going on with wine tasting and vendors! The farm will be open for tours and the Fibers of Unity will be open as well from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Visit the Common Ground Fair while you're here!

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### **Our Passion Alpacas, Mercer (Somerset County)**

Our alpaca farm will be open from 9 to 3 on both days of NAFD.

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### **Purple Paca Place, Mount Vernon (Kennebec County)**

Purple Paca Place invites you to experience an Alpaca farm. You can bring carrots and apples to feed our Alpacas, Llama, and the rabbits. You will be able to walk an Alpaca, brush, pet, feed, and hug some as

well. We encourage you to bring your cameras and take pictures of your experience. We have raw fiber in many colors that will be available for purchase, as well as Alpaca manure to prep your gardens for your spring bounty. We will be open both days from 10-4pm.

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### **Sea Hill Farm Alpacas, Kittery Point (York County)**

Sea Hill Farm Alpacas, LLC will be open for National Alpaca Open Farm Weekend on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 24 & 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come visit our alpacas, donkeys, sheep, and ducks. Shop for alpaca apparel and accessories from Redmaple Sportswear and yarn and hand felted products from our herd.

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### **SuCaya Farms, Smithfield (Somerset County)**

We invite you and your families to our place to see the alpacas, and get a glimpse of the day to day workings of our farm. We welcome your questions, and will have a small offering of some of the products that are produced from these animals' wonderful fiber. Little gifts for the little ones, and memories for all! Please note: On behalf of the animals' health and safety (as well as that of our visitors), there will be no admittance into the pens, or pastures. Thank you and hope to see you during National Alpaca Farm Days!

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Visit [www.mainealpacaassociation.com](http://www.mainealpacaassociation.com) for contact information, directions, and open hours for all of the participating farms.

The next Maine Alpaca Association meeting will be October 16, 11:30am, at Ginny Rebarç camp at 108 Lakeview Drive, Athens. A light lunch will be provided. After the meeting, there will be a visit to Ginnyç farm, OutBaca Alpaca in Harmony, about 10 minutes away. All members and non-members are welcome.

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***Newsflash - spread the word! The annual membership dues for the Maine Alpaca Association have been reduced to \$50 effective with the 2017 membership year.***

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### **Upcoming Events in 2016**

Sept 23-25 Open Farm Days, Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm, Unity,

ME [www.northernsolsticealpaca.com](http://www.northernsolsticealpaca.com)

Sept 23-25 Common Ground Country Fair, Unity, ME [www.mofga.org/thefair](http://www.mofga.org/thefair)

Sept 24-25 National Alpaca Farm Days - statewide [www.alpacainfo.com/alpaca-farm-days](http://www.alpacainfo.com/alpaca-farm-days)

Oct 1-2 VT Sheep & Wool Festival, Trunbridge, VT [www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com](http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com)

Oct 2-9 Fryeburg Fair, Fryeburg, ME [www.fryeburgfair.org/Fair-Info](http://www.fryeburgfair.org/Fair-Info)

Oct 9 Alpacas 101, Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm, Unity,

ME [www.northernsolsticealpaca.com](http://www.northernsolsticealpaca.com)

Oct 15-16 NY State Sheep and Wool Festival, Rhinebeck,

NY [www.sheepandwool.com](http://www.sheepandwool.com)

Oct 21-23 Showtacular presented by Empire Alpaca Association and NEAOBA, Syracuse, NY <http://www.empirealpacaassociation.com/page/4356/empire-alpaca-extravaganza-show>

Nov 5-6 Fiber Festival of New England, West Springfield,

MA [www.fiberfestival.org](http://www.fiberfestival.org)

Nov 19- 20 Maine Harvest Festival, Bangor, ME [www.maineharvestfestival.com](http://www.maineharvestfestival.com)

Please visit [www.maineairs.org](http://www.maineairs.org) for a full list of 2016 agricultural fairs.

Save the date – Maine Fiber Frolic June 3 & 4, 2017 [www.fiberfrolic.com](http://www.fiberfrolic.com)



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