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Its member farms are home to some of the oldest and most respected bloodlines in North America.

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President's Message

Hello membership!

It is my favorite time of year. I just can't wait to get to the morning chores and see the beautiful fall colors. The snap of the morning dew, the dampness in the air; the crispness of the day. Oh...who am I kidding, I hate the "fall back" of changing your clocks. Putting the alpacas away early to me means winter is coming. But hey, that means we can start our fireplaces, drink great warm drinks and.....wear ALPACA!!!

This is a great time to be involved with alpacas. Right this very moment you can change the times ahead. You can play a part in changing your destiny. All you have to do is VOTE. Do you want a merger? Do you want to stay the same? It might just be up to you. One vote can make a difference. I suggest you read everything AOBA and ARI are supplying you with and make an educated decision that is right for you. The times they can be changing or they might not.....it is up to you. Make a difference ...this time.

Calpaca has great things ahead for its members. For the first time in a long time you can purchase a T-shirt supporting your Calpaca membership. Why would you need this?

Well....why not? Support one of the largest alpaca affiliates in the United States. Not to mention the oldest. We're proud and we show it!!! And all that stuff. Just to entice you...we are offering a free beautiful Calpaca T shirt to farm members that renew before December 31st. Wow! What an amazing deal.....right? We want you to be stylish and all that. You know who you are.....never can find anything to wear....just saying.

We've got some great Calpaca meetings ahead of us with wonderful speakers and a chance to look at farms you may have never seen before. The Camelid Symposium is right around the corner and then show season starts all over again. Let's have a great year and toast this one.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Laurie Findlay

Calpaca President

**Calpaca Membership Meeting, November 9, 2013, 10:00 am
Nancy and Dave Helwig—925 Sterling Alpacas**

10451 Valley Drive, Plymouth, CA 95669, Phone: (805) 217-5491 – cell

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Schedule:

9:30 AM—Registration and Ranch Tour

10:00 — General Membership Meeting

12:00 PM — Pot Luck Lunch

1:00 — Educational Program — Jim Spinetta, President of the Amador County Farm Bureau, will speak on what the California Farm Bureau does for us and the benefits of being involved.

After the program, you are invited to Helwig Winery for a private tasting and quick tour of the property, if desired.

Let Nancy know what you plan to bring for the potluck

BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)

Calpaca Membership Update

Welcome To Our Newest 2013 Members

Georgette Adams, Sacramento, CA

Kathryn Amann, **Skylark Ridge**, Newcastle, CA

Wendi James, Sparks, NV

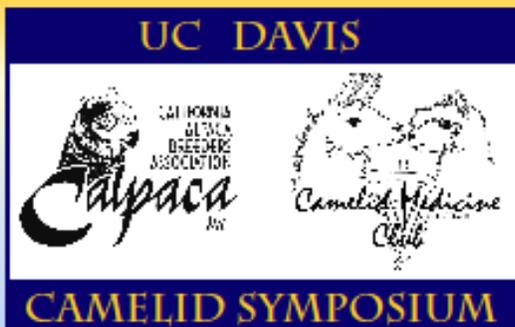
Jonny & Cara Paris, **Roulette Ranch & Fiber Works**, Scotts Valley, CA

Margaret Tinsley, San Jose, CA



**Are you looking for the Membership and
Calpaca Board Meeting Minutes?
They are posted on the Calpaca Openherd Site.**

<http://www.calpaca.org/page/2758/meeting-minutes>



Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual **Camelid Symposium**

January 18-19, 2014

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Course information and Registration available at
www.CamelidSymposium.com

The 2014 Camelid Symposium continues the tradition of inviting internationally recognized speakers to present 3 Tracks of seminars (Veterinarian Track, Advanced Owner Track and Basic Owner Track). This year's speakers will include:

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| ⇒ Dr. David Anderson | ⇒ Dr. Susan Tornquist |
| ⇒ Dr. Robert Van Saun | ⇒ Dr. Pam Walker |
| ⇒ Dr. Murray Fowler | |

Attendees can look forward to

- ✓ Two days of seminars by industry experts
- ✓ Lunch, beverages and snacks both days
- ✓ Copy of handouts from all 3 Tracks

You are invited to the Wine & Appetizer Meet 'n Greet on Saturday from 5pm-7pm.

The Camelid Symposium is Hosted by the UC Davis Camelid Medicine Club and Sponsored by Calpaca.

Featured Host Ranch August 2013

Ranch of the Oaks, Tom and Mette Goehring

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On August, 10, 2013 Tom and Mette Goehring welcomed Calpaca members to their ranch for the quarterly meeting. Considering Tom and Mette operate a fiber mill and raise a variety of fiber producing animals it was not surprising that the afternoon “program” was filled with fiber related activities. Following the morning business meeting and “pot luck” lunch there were fiber related demonstrations scheduled. Maureen Macedo, from Macedo Mini Acres, provided a demo on how to dye yarn. Daphne Capaldi from Alpaca at Capaldi Ranch talked about weaving rug yarn on a peg loom. Of course Tom and Mette were available to give tours of their mill. They also discussed how to prepare your fiber for a mill and how to blend alpaca with other fibers.



Upcoming Calpaca Events

2013

November 9, Membership meeting—Nancy and Dave Helwig—925 Sterling Alpacas

2014

January 18-19 UC Davis Camelid Symposium—UCDavis

February 8, Membership meeting—Kim and Mike Bisceglia—McCarty Creek Ranch

Meet Calpaca's 2013 Scholarship Recipients

Jillian Mills

Class of 2013 ~ Large Animal Medicine - Equine & Camelid

Jillian has been involved with related activities since attending her first equine summer camp program at the age of six. Her camp activities quickly progressed to horse half leases, employment as a riding instructor, and camp councilor. In college, she participated on the Intercollegiate Dressage Team and studied Animal Science and Management. Prior to entering veterinary school, Jillian worked as an Animal Health Technician at the Center for Equine Health and as a Specialty Imaging Technician as the VMTH in the Department of Radiology. Extracurricular activities included the Equine Medicine Club - Colic & Foal Team and the Veterinary Emergency Response Team.

Jillian has a passion for treating lameness and diagnostic imaging. She is very interested in Equine Sport Medicine and Surgery. Long term plan is to start her own business as a referral clinic in Northern California.



Sam Amirshahi ..

Class of 2015 ~ Mixed Animal Medicine with an emphasis on Camelid Medicine

Sam holds both a BS and MS in Biology from California State University Northridge. Before entering veterinary school Sam worked as an assistant to Dr. Jena Smith DVM, a camelid veterinarian in Ventura County. Sam has been very involved in the Camelid Medicine Club and serves on the organizing committee for the UC Davis Camelid Symposium. He has received numerous scholastic awards at both UC Davis and CSU Northridge.

After completing his veterinary curriculum at UC Davis Sam intends to practice as a full time mixed animal veterinarian with a special emphasis on camelid medicine.



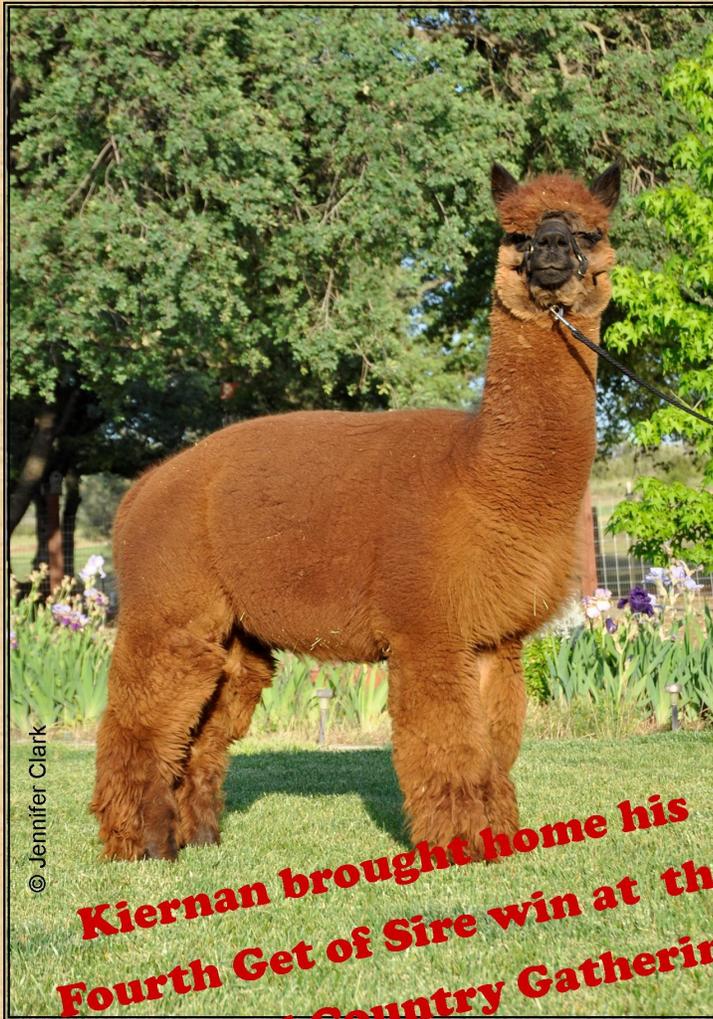
About the Scholarship Program

A few years ago the Calpaca BOD created the Calpaca Scholarship award. Annually veterinarian students from UC Davis with an interest in camelid medicine go through a selection process and two are selected to receive a scholarship from Calpaca. The scholarship is funded by the proceeds from the silent auctions held at Calpaca shows.

Making Fall/Spring Breeding Decisions???

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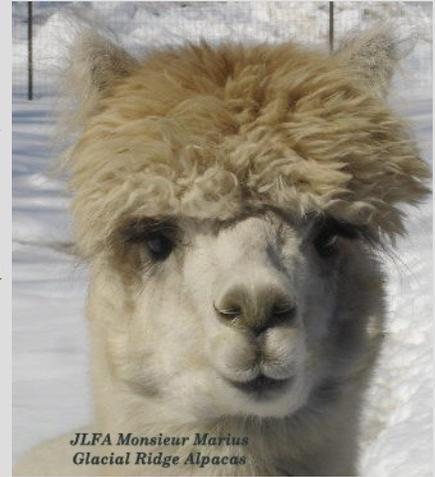
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Best of Color Groups Winner

at the 2013 CA Classic

The Story of Rufus

Today I am humbled, my heart full and I must write to the only people who will understand. A year ago or so I wrote the message below about how my junior herdsire went with me to our local senior center and as I put it back then—"they were not only on their best behavior but were extra quiet, extra slow, and well, it was just down right touching to watch them stand still for a soft shaking hand to stroke them in awe and nervousness and bend down to those in wheel chairs and those too frail to get out of their beds without even being told to, offering kisses to anyone who wanted them and trying to persuade those more timid to try to kiss them ...the outpouring of gentle love and respect humbled me."



Well today was different, in a way. I awoke early still sore from doing only ½ of the hay we should have done yesterday and looking forward to a soothing hot shower to take the cramps from my shoulders so I can get outside and begin my cria watch. Day 335 today and I'm eager to see what should be our first cria of 2007. And a gorgeous day at that, our first warm sunny day this spring. Then I have an outside stud service late this afternoon and then whoopee the rest of the hay has to be put away and stacked.

But at 7 am the phone rings, not a common sound around here that time of day. A deep sigh and I'm sitting by the bed looking at the caller id display. The old folk's home? Why? My mind buzzing. Could it be my knitting buddy who wasn't feeling well last month and is only ½ through a wonderful sweater she's making from merino and alpaca soft as butter yarn? My own father is back east and coming to live with us this summer and my mom passed away 2 years ago (starting me on my crusade to visit older folks every week and give them something to look forward to, whether it's an animal or knitting or spinning or even dyeing fiber, anything to wake up and smile about, the way my mom always did). The administrator's voice asked me quietly if Rufus was home. Rufus is what we call Marius now. A proven stud of many ribbons who has retained the gentle loving nature he was born with...and if he was busy this morning. She sounds strange and I ask why. Charlie was asking for him, needing to see him ASAP she says to me. She's sorry to call, she knows I'll be there later this weekend but I was planning on bringing a new 2 week old lamb and 2 week old angora rabbit. But Charlie, well grouchy old Charlie, he's dying, and is only asking for Rufus over and over again, is there any way, any way at all please could I bring him now???

My mind reorganizing my day quickly, remembering the stud service later. Sure, we'll be there within the hour I say. Hmm, maybe you need to be faster Sandy she says quietly. I know he's a cantankerous coot but I don't think he'll make the hour. I'm on my way. Calling to dear hubby what's going on, the hot spray of the shower on my aching back forgotten, the truck keys in my hand. By the time I've halted my boy hubby has the trailer hitched and the cell phone in my hand. Let me know he says, I'll do morning chores. Call me if we have a cria I say, I'll be back by 10 probably (we usually stay about 2 hours). We load Rufus and start the engines.

It's a 30-40 minute drive and Rufus is unnaturally upset back there. Usually a pro at travel (he does drive by breedings besides PR work); he's not happy and not cushing and upsetting me even further. He's eager to disembark when we pull into the van zone and is dancing all over the place. He can't go in there like this I'm thinking and try walking him along the walkways like a dog to calm him, talking quietly and calmly. What am I do to now? I can't take a wild barely controlled alpaca into a nursing home. Resigned I walk him back to the trailer thinking I'll just have to trailer him and go in myself to see what's up in there. But he has other ideas. Lol, he's a big boy and I'm a lil woman, but I have the lead and he's going back in until

at least he's calmer I tell him. He pushes in front of the doorway and won't budge. Now this sounds like no big deal, but honestly he's never ever acted this way. Females I have had had to be lifted into a trailer or van but never him. He's like an alpaca I've never met, hummming to himself and fighting me. I sit on the ground beside him and relax since we're going nowhere at all...neither in the home or in the trailer.

Carrie (the home's admin of nursing) comes out a side door and calls to us to come on. In a blink of an eye, almost jerking my arm out of the socket my big stud is up and ready to go to work, standing by my side, still and quiet and eager. Okay, I'm the crazy one I'm thinking as we walk silently into the assisted care area and straight down the hall. The smells in here always scare me, the lack of happy sounds always make me sad and slightly ill feeling...and my animals are rarely allowed in this section. Usually we go to the main areas and people come to us. She motions us into the room and the man I haven't seen in almost a month, because "he didn't have time for such nonsense as me and my silliness" is a mere shadow of what I remembered him as (I never really knew what that term meant until I started our work here). He looks terrible and the silence in the room except for a soft hissing is just awful. The alpaca knows what to do and stands still and tall, until he's called over by a frail shaking hand. Then we go forward to hear him whispering to Rufus how beautiful he is, how he's missed him, how he's so glad to see him, how he-Charlie- is an old fool who has many regrets. Through it all he's stroking the neck of my big boy who is bent down so the man can touch him while in bed. No jerking, no jumping, soft whoofing from his breathe he merely allows the man to stroke and talk to him, many of his words I cannot hear. They are not for my ears anyway. He's talking to my big macho man, not to me. He's on a halter and 8 foot lead and I'm way on the other end of the lead and don't want to hear his whispers to my alpaca.

I'm watching closely and after about 10 minutes Rufus is humming while Charlie's mouth is moving but I hear no words. Looks to me like Charlie's eyes are closed as I move in closer to be sure all is okay. He's so tired he tells me and thanks me for bringing his friend back to see him. He asks me my name again and I tell him again and remind him we'll come back again. He merely smiles and closes his eyes again...beep, beep, beep, whoosh, whoosh are all the sounds I can hear and I'm getting prickles on the back of my neck as my dear alpaca pushes by the bed side, his head within Charlie's reach as Charlie's hand falls onto the back of his neck. I move to gather the lead up and let the man sleep and take Rufus to the common center to say hi to anyone there. Only Rufus isn't going anywhere, refusing completely to stand or even move. He's staying he humms to me quietly and suddenly I feel terrible, tears choking my throat I feel like I can't breath as I realize my alpaca intends to stay with the dying man until he's gone. How does he know? Where does he get this insight, this calm acceptance, this strength and caring? About 50 minutes later the beeping is erratic and I see Charlie smile for the first time ever as the last word he says is Rufus his fingers in my alpaca's top knot. The nurse who has joined us says we can stay for a bit since my alpaca isn't quite ready to leave yet and she does a triple take at the smile on Charlie's face. Within 15 minutes my boy is standing up and whoofing at Charlie's face before heading calmly and silently out the door. He's not in the mood for the common room any more then I am and is heading right out the exit steadily and quietly. We're home and outside in about an hour and he's wandering around his pasture quietly, no rejoicing and prancing as he normally does he's reserved and seems to me (who personifies my animals my hubby says) thoughtful and subdued.

He greets his "date" 30 minutes later and does what is expected of him then resumes his munching and looks once over his shoulder at me as I let him out into the big pasture to enjoy the rest of his day. "Just another day at work on the farm mom, no worries" and I weep at the gentle alpaca souls I have been blessed with caring for.

Sandy in Minnesota, whose throat is sore, whose nose is red, whose heart is full and who is truly truly blessed

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A Very Social Fiber Event

By Joyce Judy, Calpaca Secretary

10/25/13

Back in early June, Carol Boswell, an AFCNA Board member, and I began having a conversation about potentially expanding the northern California AFCNA fiber collection. We initially were thinking about AFNCA bringing out fiber sorters to sort the fiber prior to leaving California, which would ultimately save on shipping cost, which would put more money into the hands of the AFCNA members. This proved to be financially impractical.

However, Wade Gease, the AFCNA President, wondered if he might not come out, do a “quick sort” of the fiber and combine this with a seminar on what AFCNA can do for its members. Subsequently this morphed into a combination fiber collection, fiber sort, a seminar by Wade on the world view of Alpaca and how AFCNA runs the business, a seminar on strategies for farm stores and learning how to increase sales and a dinner social. AFCNA would pay to bring Wade out and Calpaca would pay for the dinner. I made the proposal to the Board as did Wade and the party was on.

Dale and Jan Davis opened Derwydd Alpacas for fiber collection as they have done for several years and offered Wade a place to stay and food through-out the stay. But the biggest thing was Dale offering to fix dinner for everyone. If you’ve ever had a meal at Dale’s you know this is a “VERY big deal.”

On September 7, 2013 we opened the doors at 9:00 am and soon we were in fiber up to our ears. We broke for lunch and yes, Dale feted us with a very delicious lunch. By the end of the day we had 30 boxes of fiber packed and ready to go.

People squeezed into the mobile’s living-room at Derwydd (we had nearly 30 people) and listened to Wade’s very informative seminars, after which we headed down to the new Derwydd house for dinner. OMG there was enough food for an army and wine, beer, sodas to satisfy anyone’s thirst. The food was stupendous, but the best part was just socializing with fellow Calpaca members and re-connecting.

The event was such a success that the Calpaca Board is talking about having another fiber/social event in 2014, so stay tuned. Send the Board your ideas on things fiber-related that you would like to have discussed or taught at the next event.



California Alpaca Breeders present



Blue skies, sunshine, and a beautiful full moon graced the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley for the 4th Annual Gold Country Gathering Alpaca Show. Beginning Friday October 18 with check-in and throughout the weekend the venue was filled with a buzz of excitement, spirit of camaraderie and fun.

Attendees brought the best of their best alpacas and proudly presented them in the show ring. Vendor displays were filled with products showcasing beautiful alpaca fiber. Both days visitors could be seen strolling past the alpaca pens often stopping to have conversations with the exhibitors.

The costume contest was a hit again this year. Then there were the social events beginning Friday night with a great assortment of snacks and beverages of choice. Something new was tried for the Saturday night get-together. Instead of a catered dinner the planning committee decided on a good old-fashioned potluck topped with a competition for the best dish. This format proved to be a tremendous success.

Congratulations and thank you to the terrific volunteer team that worked hard before, during and after this great event. Well done!!



Ranch Promotion Ideas From Calpaca Members

Promote your Ranch with Special Events

Renate Gyuro, Alpacas at Lone Ranch

The least expensive way we have found to attract visitors to the ranch is to stage the Annual Alpacas and Accordions Event. The 5th annual took place on a pleasant summer Sunday last June and brought over 100 attendees to the ranch between 1 and 4 PM. We asked them to bring a chair. We offer refreshments (ice tea and water), small bags of pop corn, home baked brownies and a few pumpkin breads.



We sent press releases to all media and paid for one ad in the local newspaper. We invited all the groups in our email file, and, of course, the neighbors on our lane. This year, we asked for a donation of can of food for the local food bank and collected 120 lbs. About half way through the afternoon we invited the guests on a tour of the alpacas. This was probably the largest audience I ever had. Meanwhile, Richard became an expert in the use of the *Square* attached to the *Smartphone*. Socks, yarn, rovings, scarves and hats went home with guests well entertained and educated about everything alpaca.



Another inexpensive way is the invite an organization you belong to. Once a year, we host each of the three Chambers of Commerce we belong to. The biggest group meets Thursday mornings at 8 AM. Our deck accommodates about 50 people with 35 of them standing. The most important refreshment for this event is lots of coffee and banana bread. The second Chamber meets for lunch and requires a bit more work in the kitchen. The third chamber meets at 5:30 PM and the guests are happy with cheese and crackers. Spread throughout the year, these events are easy to handle, and low cost and always result in product sales.

Try it – you’ll like it!

Sept 28, 2013 , National Alpaca Farm Days we opened our ranch to the public to Meet the Alpacas. The event was well attended by the public with around 600 people in attendance. They were able to meet alpacas in their pastures. Our only rule was no running. We gave general information and shearing talks in the same pasture. Further along we had the workshop open with spinners, weavers and carders working with and talking about fiber processing. In the kids area activities included making alpaca masks, where they could color, glitter and glue alpaca fiber to create a one of a kind mask. There were coloring pages and another area where they made felted balls.



The boutique was packed and standing several deep to get in and shop. The BBQ was busy cooking hot dogs. It was a busy day but everyone had a great time.

Karen Kelly
Arapaho Rose Alpacas



Ranch Promotion Ideas From Calpaca Members

ALWAYS An Exciting Farm Day @ LOV in Modesto

By Gary Ater

My wife *Madelyn*, and I, have been *AOBA & Calpaca* members for well over 10 years. But for years, our small *Ater's Alpacas* herd was previously residing at the family ranch in Oregon. Under those circumstances, while we were living in *Silicon Valley*, we could only visit our alpacas a few times each year. Under those circumstances, on the annual *National Alpaca Farm Day* weekends, we would instead be driving from one NorCal alpaca ranch to another, visiting the local *CalPaca* ranches.

All of that has now changed since we moved our small herd of 10 Huacaya alpacas, including 3 pregnant females, to live at Dennis & Nancy Lilly's, *LILLY of the VALLEY ALPACAS (LOV)* ranch in Modesto.

And since then, boy have our alpaca owner lives changed, and all for the good.

We had visited the *LOV* ranch during previous *National Alpaca Farm Day* events, and it was always an exciting alpaca venue. But this latest *2013 National Farm Day*, with Madelyn & I now participating for the 2nd year, we are now able to personally experience the planning and the work that goes on before and during the big weekend event.

The local *Modesto Bee* newspaper publishes articles about alpacas and the *LOV ranch* on the front page of the *Local Section* of the paper, and Dennis and Nancy usually run an impressive *Farm Day* ad in the paper the week before the event.

Nancy usually has one or two spinners demonstrating their skills for the visitors. In fact, both Nancy and their son, Jerod, will also take their turn in demonstrating the fine skill of spinning.

On our first year of helping out on the *Farm Days* at LOV, as both Madelyn & I are "*Loomers*", while Madelyn helped out in the store, I had four different hand looms going on a table outside the store for demonstrating how easy it is to loom. I also used the yarn from the four males that were located in the fenced area behind my demonstration table.

In that way, I could point to the alpaca and show a watching visitor, "*That's the alpaca that gave us the fiber to make the yarn I'm using to make this Infinity Scarf.*"

It is always amazing to see the looks on those visitors' faces when they finally put the animal together with the matching yarn. In fact, on all the scarves, hats, or cowls Madelyn & I loom, we always put our *Ater's Alpaca* tags on the items with a picture of the yarn's actual alpaca on the tag. Some customers actually buy the loomed item, just because it has the yarn's alpaca picture on the tag.

Of course, during both of the *Farm Days*, Nancy's #1 focus is overseeing the operation of the *Alpaca Farm Store*.

But as for Dennis, he is always in charge of educating the hundreds of visitors from small children to elders with walkers, about alpacas. Many times these individuals are seeing a real, live alpaca for the very first time. Dennis is also there for the visitors who are in the process of considering buying and raising their own alpacas.

Dennis Lilly is a walking encyclopedia for dealing with the many questions about raising, breeding, birthing and feeding a large number of alpacas. (*During this year's event, there were over 60 alpacas living at the LOV ranch.*) Dennis is usually stationed just outside the barn pen where there stands the necessary shade tree for a normal Modesto September. This is also a place where the visitors can observe the alpacas as they ask their many and varied questions.

Nancy always provides bottles of ice cold water for the *Farm Day* visitors. She also sets up a children's table & chairs with crayons and printed out alpacas on paper for the young ones to color-in while we played our music. The adults can then either shop, or *talk-shop* with Dennis.

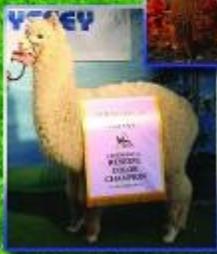
Over the years, many of the serious alpaca visitors have used their conversations with both Dennis and Nancy on the *Farm Days*, for making their initial decisions about purchasing their first alpacas. Sometimes they even buy from *LOV!*

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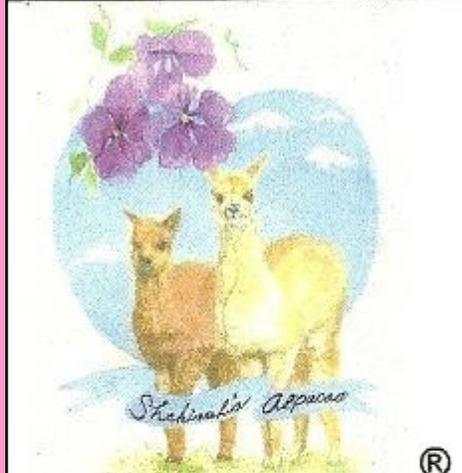
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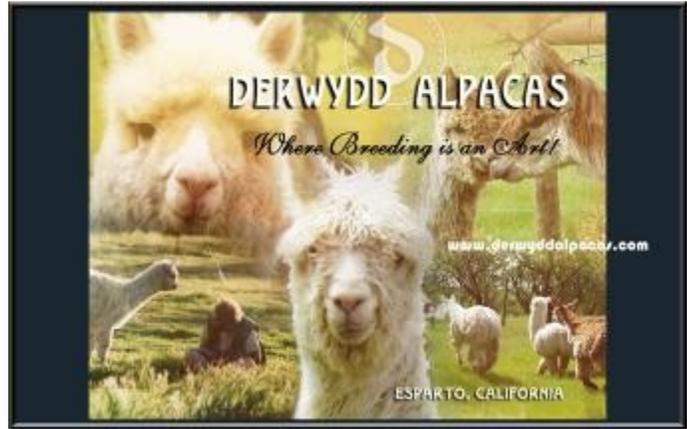
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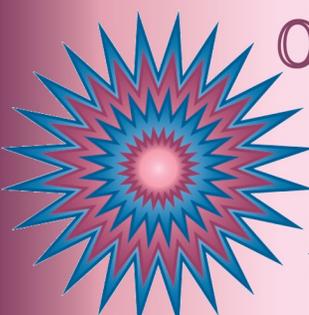
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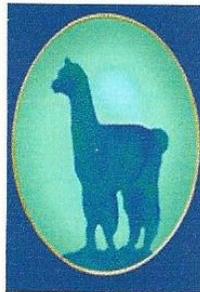
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