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- **July 24-26th, 2008 "20th Celebration Ohio State Fair Llama-Alpaca-Fiber Show!"**
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- **July 25 & 26, 2008 WALKABOUT VI – Hinterland's 6th Tri-annual Llama Production Sale.**
A Stellar Selection of the finest show and breeding stock in North America. Preview: Friday, July 25th; Auction: Saturday, July 26th. Please contact Kay: (541) 549-1215, hinterlandllamas@peoplepc.com, or visit us at www.hinterlandllamas.com.
- **August 1-3, 2008 Camelid Community 2008, Kansas City, MO**
Open to everyone in the llama and alpaca community, this annual gathering will discuss "the state of the union" of the camelid world. All llama and alpaca organizations are encouraged to send a representative to this open forum, and interested individuals also are welcome. For registration information or more details, contact Sheila Fugina at bsfugina@pressenter.com or 715-246-5837.
- **August 2, 2008 Lenawee County Fair Open Llama show Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI**
Open Single Llama Show Official judge: Beth Myers Show contact: Tami Lash (517)467-2709, show forms a available on www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com or email Uniqueanimal@aol.com
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- **August 23-24, 2008 Nebraska State Fair Alsa Ii Llama Show State Fair Park Lincoln, NE**
Judges: Barbara Harris – Halter Harold Herbold – Performance Contact: Eunice Cernohlavek 402-475-8636 eunice@isp.com For premium book and application forms: www.statefair.org
- **August 29, 2008 -10am, Fulton County ALSA Llama & Alpaca Show, Wauseon, Ohio.**
Judges- Deb Shellabarger, Mike Haumschild. Halter and Performance llamas & alpacas. Contact Joy Bishop-Forshey drlamaj@yahoo.com
- **September 19-21, 2008 Oklahoma State Fair Llama Show Oklahoma City, OK**
Entry forms available online July 1, 2008 at www.oklahomastatefair.com Judge: TBA Superintendent: Dwight Anderson d.anderson@totaltruckandtrailer.com
- **September 27-28, 2008 Millennium Magic Fall Festival Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI**
Open Double Llama Show Saturday evening fellowship dinner Official judges: Darrell Anderson and Terry Duespohl Show contact: Tami Lash (517)467-2709, show forms available on www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com or email Uniqueanimal@aol.com
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- **Oct 3 - 4, 2008 Tulsa, OK Tulsa State Fair**
Entry forms on Tulsa State Fair website Superintendent - Brenda Foulks bfoulks74016@yahoo.com
- **October 4 & 5, 2008 8th Annual Alpaca Heritage Days.**
Looking for that special alpaca to add to your herd? How about some prime fiber and alpaca products? Mark your calendar now! The weekend offers private treaty sales, free seminars, and lots of shopping fun at Terhurne Orchards in Princeton, NJ. For more information including directions, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **October 25, 2008, 9-3 Tucson Wool Festival**
Sponsored by the Withers Ranch as a community outreach and educational awareness program on fiber animals and arts, various breeders and vendors from throughout the southwest will be demonstrating their wares from their fiber animals on the Withers Ranch in Tucson, Arizona. Free booths are available. Seeking instructors for 2-3 hour classes. Contact Kathy Withers (520)572-3758, jmarckathy@aol.com. Additional information is on the Wool Festival page of www.uniquedesignsbykathy.com.
- **November 8, 2008 Alpaca Heritage Events presents Dr. LaRue Johnson's Neonatal Clinic in Bordentown, NJ.**
This clinic includes 6 hours of lecture and 90 minutes of wet lab for each registrant. Topics include reproductive anatomy and physiology, breeding and pregnancy diagnosis options, gestational development, care of the pregnant dam, normal and abnormal creation, and care of the newborns as well as high risk crias. The wet lab will include diagnosing the contents of the uterus, delivery plans and cria deliveries. Cost is \$200 per person and includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com or contact Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.
- **November 9, 2008 Alpaca Heritage Events presents Camelid Infertility and Congenital/Genetic Defects,**
a seminar presented by Dr. LaRue Johnson. This informative session will be held in the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Cost is \$75 per person and includes lunch. For more information and to register, visit us at www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **November 7-9, 2008 North American Llama & Alpaca Show, Louisville, KY.**
Part of the World's Largest Purebred Livestock Show. Double llama, including mini classes, single alpaca and single llama fiber show. Deb Yeagle & Lora Crawford llama judges & Anthony Stachowski alpaca judge. Fiber judge Susie Smithers. Change in health requirements- no blood work from free states. Premiums plus awards and ribbons. One fee for unlimited classes same handler and llama. See website northamericanllama-alpacashow.com or contact Mary Jo Miller, 502-350-4525 brookscrkllamas@bellsouth.net
- **November 9, 2008 Alpaca Heritage Event's Fleece Show at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ.**
All you need to compete in this fun show is 2 oz of prime alpaca fiber! Great for novices and experts alike! Simply mail-in your entries ahead of time or drop them off in the morning. For more information, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com or call Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.

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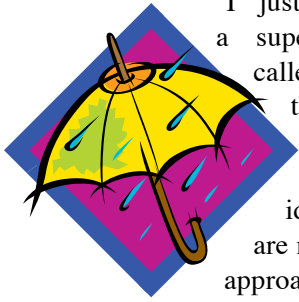


Welcome The Rain



by Sue Wilde

Is it raining on our parade?



I just came across a super new book called, 'Welcome the Rain' by Michelle Sedas. The ideas in the book are not new but her approach is excellent.

We all know the mantra, "we are in control of the way we think about and respond to life's events" but are we living this in our daily lives and in our businesses? In the book Michelle describes a rain storm that falls on a salesman going to a call. His car was just washed and he was wearing his Italian leather shoes that were going to get wet. He slams his hand against the steering wheel and say, why today! Down the road a farmer and his family run outside and stand in the rain and welcome it as the savior of their crops. Every situation has it's perceptions and reactions.

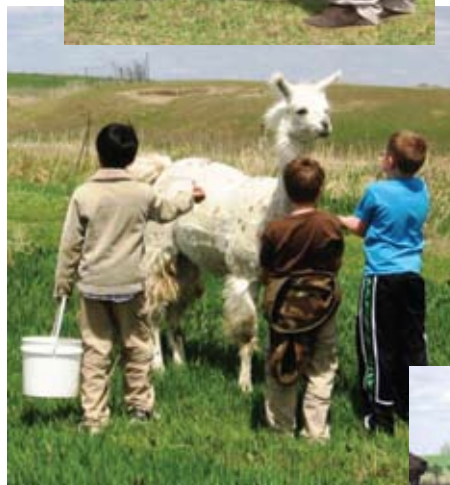
As I have been marketing my wonderful llama herd, I have experienced many different perceptions and reactions to the llama business and believe me they range from the shoes to the crops! One response to an email I received was that they were not buying any more llamas; they were buying sheep, something that makes money! I had to wonder if they had the type of llamas that make money. One ranch was so excited that I was offering my llamas for sale they emailed and called for a couple of weeks until they had finally narrowed their group down to twelve, all we could fit on the trailer!

Is it raining on our llama parade? I think there are some aspects of the industry that are without umbrellas, but when the rain comes what can we do?

Michelle's suggestions:

✓ Develop your leaders!

I have always said, get in line behind those who are willing to "walk the line". Vote for people that see and realize progress and be a part of that realization.



✓ Inspire your team!

Put 12 llamas on the trailer. Go crazy for a pedigree, look deep into big brown eyes and discover who is behind them. Inspiration becomes passion!

✓ Weather the storm!

Get out the umbrellas! I see the ILR, ALSA, regional and local clubs, magazines, websites and great breeding programs as umbrellas that will keep the rain off our parades. Welcome the rain! It will motivate us to create the strength to toss our umbrellas to the wind! We are so strong, bring on the rain!

Recently I hosted two grade three classes to the farm, as Peru is part of the grade three curriculum here. The kids were super, they were quiet and kind and the llamas ate snacks from

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their hands for over half an hour. I was standing by one of the moms and she said in an awe inspired voice, "This is a once in a life time experience." What I take for granted daily, really is a life time experience. Jean Pascal Petit, the breeder

in France who was our interview last month, hosts on average, 17,000 tourists to his llama farm every summer. They come by the bus load! Is there anything else on his farm as an attraction? Nope, just amazing llamas!

A quote from the book by Henri Frederic Amiel states:

Conquering any difficulty always gives one a secret joy, for it means pushing back a boundary line and adds to ones liberty.

Let's go out and do some singing and dancing in the rain! Sans umbrellas!

P.S. When I first got started breeding llamas I had a few boys, which was very discouraging. When my first baby girl arrived I called her "Sunshine After Rain".

I admire the llama people over all because they are still in this crazy thing for love. Do we want to make money along the way? We do! Because we award great value to llamas in many aspects. A non-llama breeder asked me why people were buying my llamas from me. What were they going to do with them? My response was, they will love them just like I have.

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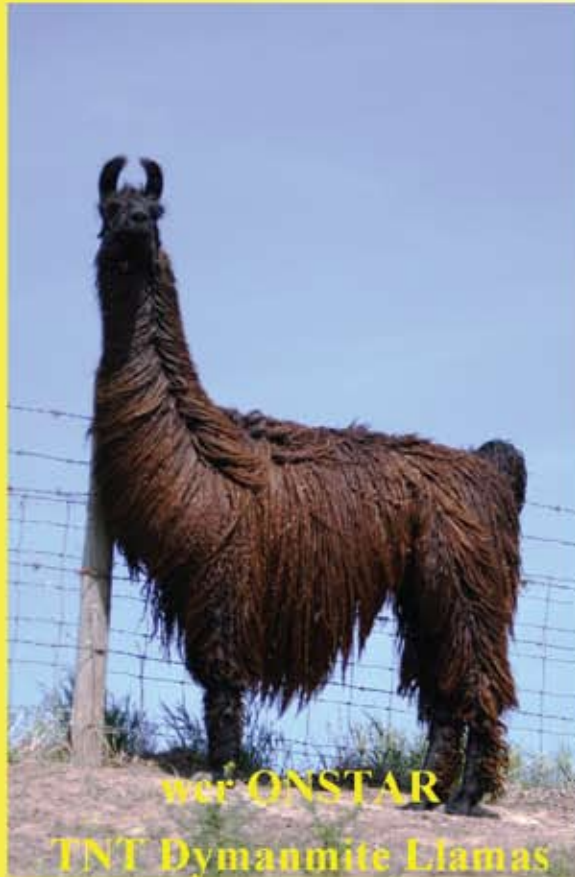
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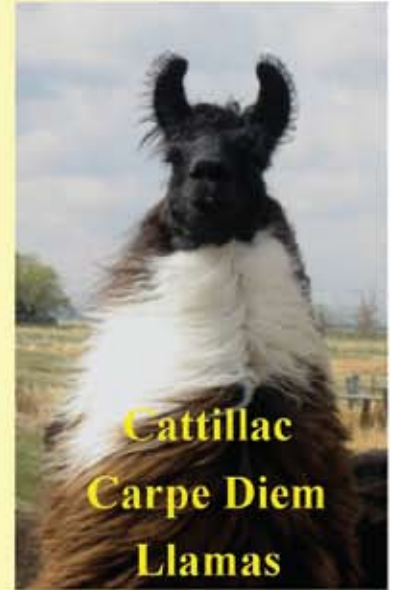
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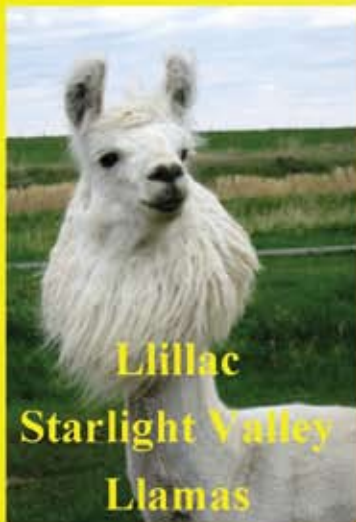
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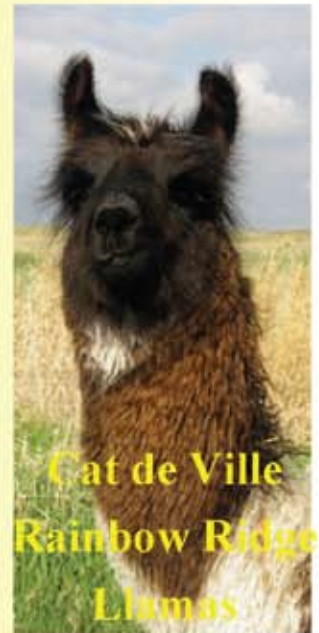
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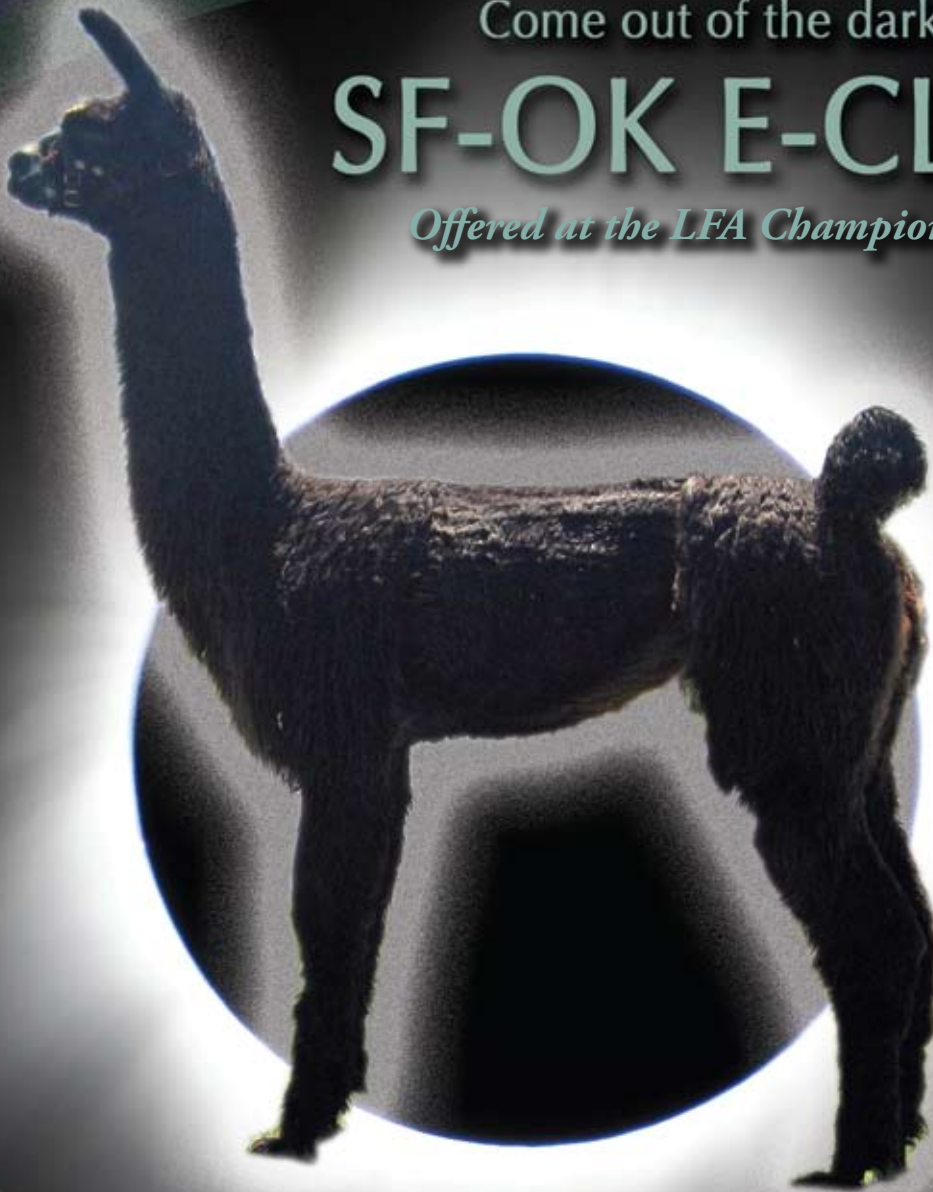
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