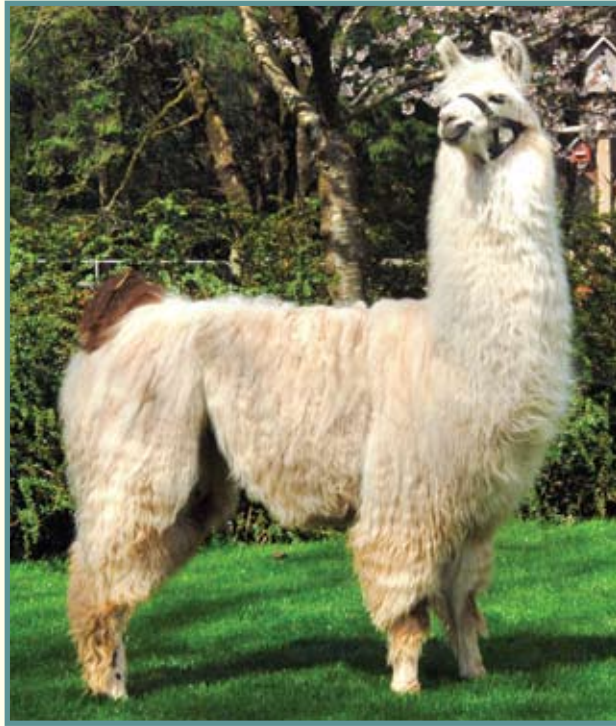




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up our fiber store. For us, it's a labor of love and something we will always enjoy together. I have so many favorite llama stories, it's hard to choose just one. So I'll tell you a couple. One of the first favorite stories was when the opportunity to purchase my absolute favorite llama of all time came about. If you go into my herd you will find that about 75% of my animals date back to one outstanding herd sire, THE CANADIAN! I can't tell you how much being able to care for this male in his last few years meant to me. He will always be a part of Frog Pond! The next favorite story which is, in all honesty, even a bigger moment than my purchase of The Canadian, was the purchase of the Patterson Herd. It took a couple months of consideration and execution but the day finally came where it was final. I rented a double decker semi to move the herd and we spent the better part of the morning loading animals. I can't describe the high I was on as the semi followed my truck over the pass on the 3 hour drive to our farm. I must have let out a dozen yells of pure joy and excitement. I called every breeder in the area that I could on my way home to meet me at the farm to see the magnificent Patterson Herd, aka now the Frog Pond Herd! I can never thank Richard enough for giving me that opportunity.

You consigned some very nice llamas to the sale. What is the focus of your breeding program? What are your goals for the next few years with your program?

Thank you for the complement on my sale animals. I brought the best that we had available for sale and it paid off. My breeding program is simple. I want to breed/produce the absolute best animal in my eye which includes all of the following: elegance, stretch, beautiful head, stunning ears, fine fiber quality, beautiful correct frame and presence like an Arabian horse! Of course, bloodlines play a huge role in my breeding program as well. I want to carry on the tradition with the herd I purchased from Richard Patterson plus add to it and move it forward into the future. I want to carry on his goals, lines and beauty he spent so many years working so hard for. We are producing suri fibered offspring now but we have not given up

phenotype or style, nor will we! Besides our suri fibered offspring that we are producing with Inca Legend, we are also producing silky offspring with Starr Fyter (co-owned with East Fork Ranch) and then I'm also doing something that is extremely special to me. I'm working on maintaining a Pure North American Herd! This herd consists of ancestors brought up to North America prior to 1984. Of all the animals I produce, this is what I enjoy the most. As far as I know I'm the only breeder in the country with such a breeding program. If there are others I would love to hear from them. And from these different breeding programs within my herd, I hope to breed animals with unique traits for the future of the llama industry. Like a suri with large bone, 20 micron fleece, 46 inches at the withers, fluid movement and presence that doesn't stop! Why not have an elegant suri llama who is also a leader of a pack string or cart driving animal? How does that sound? That is just an example of the type of goals I have. In the next couple years we will all get the chance to see the results!

What is your involvement with showing llamas? How do you think ALSA can better serve the show community?

I have taken a couple years off from showing, becoming busy with a career that demanded my time on the weekends. But I have been showing in ALSA for many years. Other the years, I have won multiple local, regional and National Championships, in youth, performance and halter. The Ag-fest show in April was actually the first show I had participated in for the first time in 3 years. Like most every organizations, ALSA has done many things right and missed the point on some other things. The important thing is that as an organization, we are continually looking to grow and improve. There are a couple of ways a person can go about handling issues like this: sit back and complain but do nothing, say and do nothing, offer suggestions and solutions, or quit! I choose to offer suggestions and solutions. As members, we can be part of the problem or part of the solution and I want to be the latter. I look forward to what the future brings with ALSA and I can't wait to see



many improvements made for the future of the organization and our industry.

On a local level what is the nature of the llama community in your area? I always believe that strong local groups translate into a strong national effort. What do you suggest local groups do to make the national llama industry stronger?

I couldn't agree with you more Sue; the stronger the local groups, the stronger our national groups will be which will make our industry as a whole an appealing industry be people to get into. The Northwest has had so many large farms in our industry that have been able to attend all the large national events that many of the smaller breeders have not been able to justify such a large expense/investment. The more regional events that we can offer of national quality/competition the more opportunity the smaller breeder in our area will have to achieve success in the national show ring. Breeders have really two options with a breeding program, to either move forward or sit stagnant. In order to move forward we, as breeders, must always be looking to improve on our breeding programs. This includes buying and selling animals. We need to get out and support our local auctions and farm sales. So long as we continue to improve our breeding programs we will have an industry. When the breeders stop improving a breeding program, we stop our industry! Frog Pond is trying to do our part and encourage other breeders to do the same. It's the little things that we can all do that will add up to big success!

Thanks a lot Justin, we look forward to seeing more of Frog Pond Llamas in the future of the llama industry.

Ozark Llama Classic Sale & Show



After an evening of stormy weather the rest of the weekend turned out to be a great time. This year the Ozark Llama Classic Sale & Show was moved to a new facility in Sedalia Missouri. This venue turned out to be just fabulous with all the amenities one could want for a show and sale facility!

The festivities kicked off with a wonderful lunch hosted by sale management and prepared by head chefs Larry Kisner & Steve Smith. The meal and the fellowship were second to none! The sale was held on Saturday, afternoon being kicked off with the donated breeding to Lucchero by Superior Farms Llamas. This was purchased by Mary & Gary Beeson of G&M Rolling Hills in Ozark Missouri for \$2,600.00. The proceeds from the Lucchero breeding were added to the show premiums. The sale was then continued by auctioneer Darrell Anderson and Sally Rucker serving as announcer. Evan Snyder of Superior Farms kindly volunteered to be the ringman and the sale was going. The 53 lots consisted of Suri's and Silkies and there were great animals to be had.

The added bonus to this year's sale, in addition to the new venue, was the fact that the catalog was printed in the May



by Staff Writer
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issue of LamaLink. This was a highly effective way of reaching more of the llama community and increased the number of phone bidders. The high selling female was Lot 49 consigned by Superior Farms Llamas and was purchased by Jane & Rick Livingston.

Sunday was the day for the "SHOW ME - THE MONEY" Double Point ALSA show with judges Ray Howard and Patti Fischer. The show ran smoothly and at the end of the day the best Female & Male of the show were chosen. Each one of these winners received \$1,300.00 each from the proceeds of the donated breeding to Lucchero from Superior Farms Llamas in Oklahoma. The lucky recipients were Larry & Judy Steffel of Hidden Creek Llama Ranch - Evergreen Colorado and Rex & Darlene Reinecker of Wheatfield Llamas - Quinter Kansas.

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Go Over The Bridge of the Gods to... Cascade Llama Sale 2008

by Sue Wilde

Stevenson, Washington was an idyllic, lovely setting for a sale of very lovely llamas. Jacob Mumford collected an excellent selection of llamas to be presented for sale to those llama owners desiring to build and enhance their programs. The facility was excellent and set along side the Columbia River. Once you paid your dollar toll and crossed the Bridge of the Gods you were in the land of the llama gods.

We arrived Friday but having planned to arrive Thursday night we needed some supplies from the local hardware store. Tammie Efraimson-Hiraga purchased a new fangled weed sprayer that would work great to spritz off the “travel colors” on her white male. As she, Marie Towells and I came out of the store a local helpful guy asked Tammie what she was going to use her sprayer on. When she answered llamas, he went right into a nice spiel about weeds and then his mind clicked in and he asked again what she was using it for and she said “washing llamas” and he said it was great for washing your house. Tammie finally insisted that it was going to be used for washing llamas. Shocked,

he hesitated and then said, “oh, you’re those horse type material people”! and dismissed up promptly! So, for all you “horse type material people” out there, those weed sprayers work great for washing llamas!

Consigners arrived on Friday to stall and enjoy a pizza party. Saturday morning was the preview and herd sire presentation followed by a great complimentary lunch. The sale proceeded in a brisk efficient manner with the llamas coming and going in a colorful array of types and styles. The local 4-H was very involved with the running of the sale. They were super to bring the llamas up to the staging area, take them on if the consigner chose and then returned them to the stalls, keeping the consigners in their sale seats so as not to miss any opportunities to bid on lots they were interested in.

The high selling female, consigned by Frog Pond Llamas, Justin D.Timm of Wilsonville, Oregon,

was lot #3, FPL Mellow Model and she was looked stunning on the runway of the sale to the tune of \$8500. The sharp eyed purchasers were the Tillmans’ of Tillman Llamas, also from Oregon. These long time llama aficionados know the cream of the crop. The high selling male,



*Purchasers Andy and Cheryl Tillman
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High Selling Female Lot # 3*

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consigned by Fred & Sharon Isayew of White Star Llamas, Sask, Canada was lot # 19, WSL Cortez, and was purchased by Beth Schultz, Logie Road Llamas, of Washington. The volume buyer was Tony Thoms of TNT Dynamite Llamas in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

The llama sale may have been over but the llamas deals just kept going and by the end of the day new buyers and their treasures were crossing the Bridge of the Gods and off to new horizons. The “after sale” buzz kept right on into Sunday. Our llamas were loaded for the trip home and Marie was asked to take her mom and very colorful baby off the trailer for a gal that really had liked them but had missed them at the sale

We then bid good bye to everyone, thanked Jacob and his crew for all their hard work and with a few of our llamas and a few of our friends llamas on the trailer we headed across the bridge to the land of the gods, Canada, of course!



We have to be grateful to all the people who step and “walk the line” to organize sale opportunities for us in the industry and I hope we will continue to support the sales as they keep us crossing over the bridges to the gods, the llama gods!

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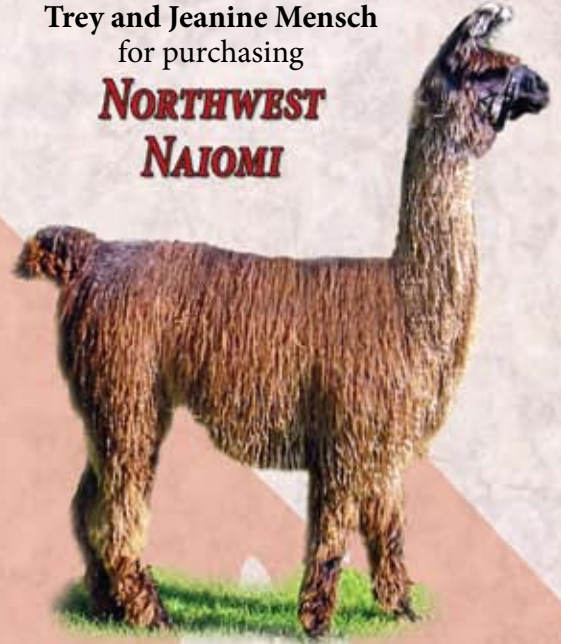
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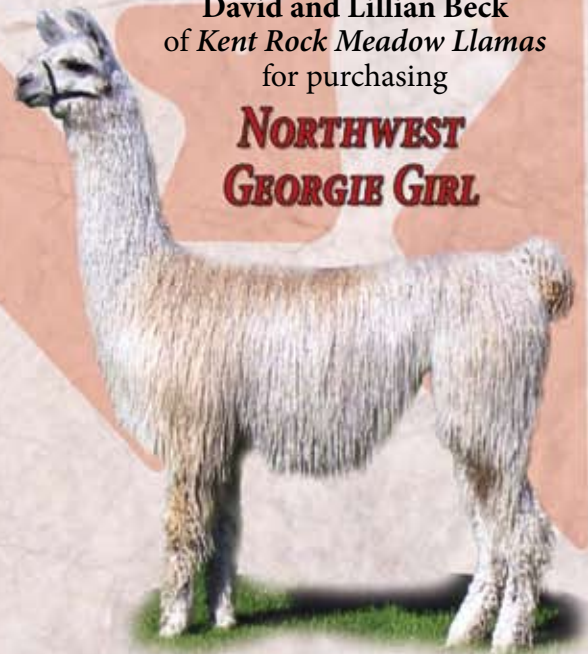
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