



Craig Wilkins Memorial Sportsmanship Award

The "Craig Wilkins Memorial Sportsmanship Award" created in memory of a great showman, who was always willing to lend a helping hand, this year went to Fred Rowley, an unsung hero who is always lending a helping hand.

The "Linda Pierce Memorial Award" presented to someone who loves llamas, loves showing llamas and has a positive attitude, this year went to Bob & Monte Houseman, definitely those who have the enthusiasm, style and class that Linda demonstrated throughout her life.

This year's small breeder award, the one who accumulated the highest number of points for placing in the World Futurity, went to Mark & Celia Taylor of Meadow Dance Farm in Ellijay, Georgia.

All Celebration Sale purchasers were given the stuffed baby llama, "Starburst", from the 2009 HBO movie *An American Girl -- Chrissa Stands Strong*. All buyers were eligible to win the Martin Eichinger bronze "Winter Birth" (valued at \$2,900). John & Deb McDougall were the lucky winners for purchasing lot # 43.

Another attraction of the weekend is the Spring Celebration Futurity which consists of nine classes that are held on Sunday. The classes consisted of silky/non suri and suri classes divided out by males and females and then one Get-of Sire class. Congratulations to all participated and who won! There was great competition this year and some of the most gorgeous animals in the country.

Some other highlights of the weekend were the Herdsire Row, this consists of multiple studs that come for the weekend to flaunt their stuff. There was also an Open show on Friday, where all the llamas competed for the ribbons in their respective classes. The ILR-SD held an exciting 50/50 raffle that raised over \$2000. The



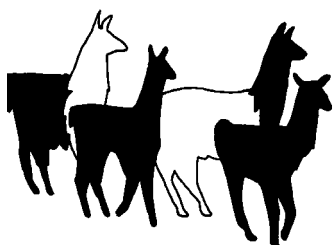
pot was shared with the winning ticket holders Pam and John Trauth and the show division. Pam and John were also recipients of a full page of ad space donated by *LamaLink.com*. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle! There were many vendors that you could buy your supplies for year or get a great souvenir from the weekend. Overall it was a great weekend to start off the year. If you haven't been to the Spring Celebration or haven't been in years it is time to go. It is always a great weekend with fun to be had. Hope to see you next year!

(Special thank you to Dan and Marilyn Milton for providing the information and details for the article.)



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There's No Time Like The Present



by Sue Wilde

"It is good to appreciate that life is now, whatever it offers, little or much, life is now- this day-this hour!" Charles Macomb Flandrau.

Are you putting off marketing your llamas? We need to shift our thinking and our priorities. In our changing times, life is still enriched by llamas and we need to get this message out now! This Day! This Hour!

We always find llamas from other breeders that enhance our breeding programs but what about the llamas that would make great pets and acreage llamas that others could be enjoying?

Word of mouth is always a tried and true method of getting the word out that you have some wonderful llamas for sale. Place local ads, send out flyers, have an open house. Make people offers they can't refuse! You might be amazed at the new people you meet and who can possibly be new friends.

Don't wait until you have so many llamas to place that your costs of caring for them are too high. I am a classic example of this. Last January I had about 120 llamas on the farm. It was very expensive to feed them, hire help to care for them and exhausting to look after problems when they would arise. I had to put my feelings for each of them aside and get serious that day, that hour about marketing my llamas, even my favorites! If you have a serious sale take advantage of this opportunity.

Try to create markets to spinners and weavers so that they can have their own fiber makers in their own back yards!

Support your local ag shows and fairs. Send out personal invitations to shows! We all know the value of llamas in animal assisted therapy programs. Donate or participate!

"Promises are like crying babies in a theatre, they should be carried out at once!" Norman Vincent Peale. When you make a sale, deliver or have your llamas available promptly. Help make arrangements for hauling, do what you can to make the sale a positive experience. You will find that people who have positive experiences will come back and spread the word to others.

It is so easy to just sit paralyzed by the job in front of us. Look at the people who are successful at selling their llamas and take notes. Support the shows and sales that are organized for you. The longer we procrastinate, the more discouraged we can be about placing our llamas in new homes where they will be appreciated and happy. In these economic times llamas are one of the most economical animals to own! They don't require the acres and food that most animals require. Their health is usually stable and low cost to maintain. Publish the benefits of owning the "green choice"!! Llamas!

For program building, trade breedings, trade females that enhance each other's programs.

"The times they are a changing" so let's make the most of these times and our time, this day, this hour! Let's get organized, let's get supportive of each other and build up and promote our image! We have something wonderful to offer and the time is now to get the word out!

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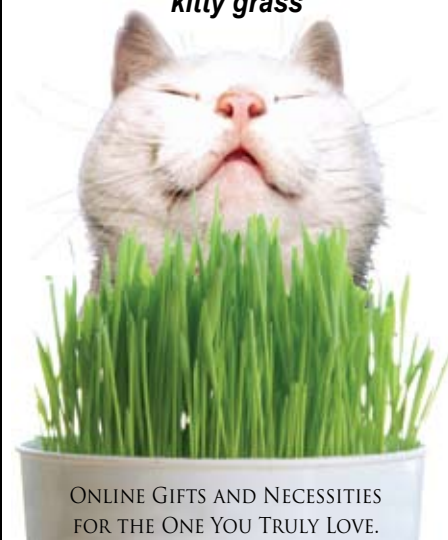
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- **May 16, 2009 Techniques for Dyeing Skeins and Roving.**
Llama Adventures, near Spring Green is hosting this class taught by Vanessa Kessler. Information will be posted on the ORGLE website event section by December 30th. contact: Edie Benusa at 608-206-0874 bbenusa@merr.com
- **May 16-17, 2009 Indy Open Llama Show - Double Show Noblesville, IN**
Indy Open 400 & Indy Open 500 All halter, performance, & youth classes offered. Fun Friday night get-together and complimentary "Exhibitor Thank-You" breakfast buffet served at exhibitor meeting on Saturday morning. Fun show, easy in/easy out, cash premiums, and ribbons. Information at www.shagbarkridge.com/indy.html
- **May 16 & 17, 2009, 21st Annual COLA FESTIVAL, Prineville, Oregon ILR-SD Show "The Black And Blue Show," Double Point Halter.**
Silent Raffle at the Saturday Night Dinner. Private Treaty Sale of llamas with sale llamas presented during dinner. Prize money for String Along Pack, Costume, and Overall Maiden. There will also be Best of Show Female and Best of Show Male awards. Contact Person: Sherry Halligan, 541/389-6855. E-mail halliganranch@hughes.net. Enter via the ILR Show Module or contact Sherry Halligan to have show forms sent.
- **May 23-24, 2009, The Great Smoky Mountains Llama Show**
6th Annual Event at the Walters State Community College Expo Center in White Pine, Tennessee. All classes with full-size and mini-size llamas. We have lots of fun, good food, great people, and usually good weather. Grooming is optional, but not a 'hobo' show, so it is probably a good idea to put your animals before the judge in a somewhat presentable manner. Walters State Community College Expo Center is a large, temperature-controlled arena; very clean and bright. The stalling area is within 100 feet walking distance. Saturday night dinner is compliments of the Great Smoky Mountains Llama Show. Also, Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings and Sunday lunch will be provided by the show. For further information, contact Helen Farley, Phone: 865-922-5844, E-Mail: farley42@tds.net.
- **June 6, 2009 Beginning Wet Felting**
Llama Adventures, near Spring Green is hosting this class taught by Jarka Sobiskova. Information will be posted on the ORGLE website event section by December 30th. contact: Edie Benusa at 608-206-0874 bbenusa@merr.com
- **June 6-7, 2009 Traverse City, MI**
The first annual Northwestern Michigan Llama and Fiber Open Show a wonderful new opportunity for llama enthusiasts and an educational experience for those not yet knowing the joys of owning one of these exceptional animals. Judge is Ray Howard for both halter and performance, and Joy Bishop-Forshey for fleece (walking, shorn, and finished classes). Information and forms for the show are available at our website www.fehrenbachfarms.com. Call Denise with any questions at 231-590-8549.
- **June 7, 2009, Fiber Fiesta & Alpaca Sale**
This event in Lumberton, New Jersey offers private treaty huacaya and suri alpaca sales as well as locally produced alpaca fiber, yarn and apparel. Meet breeders and their alpacas from the Mid-Atlantic area and learn about one of the most fascinating and beautiful fiber animals in the world! Free admission and free seminars! For more information, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com
- **June 14, 2009, 2 p.m. Workshop at Dawn of Promise Farm in Battle Ground, IN,**
to be conducted by Emily Leak. For adults just starting to show and 4-H age youth who want to learn about llama showmanship and training for obstacle course. Event is free. Registration is required due to space limitations. Contact: Vickie Maris, vickiemaris@gmail.com or 765-567-2067.
- **June 20th, 2009 White Star Production Sale.**
For more information contact Fred and Sharon Isayew 306.764.2917 or go to fred@whitestarllamas.com
- **June 26-28, 2009 All American Youth Jamboree**
National ALSA & 4-H Youth Show & Conference Noblesville, IN - just outside Indpls. 2nd Annual National Youth Show! Separate 4-H & ALSA shows with cash premiums & ribbons. Additional challenges such as Skillathon, Llama Jeopardy, Farmer Olympics, Fiber Show, Poster Show, Versatility Award, Obstacle sweepstakes. Showing seminars, fiber workshops, & vet seminars. Auction, street dance, cook outs. One price fits all! A "don't miss event!" Information at www.youthjamboree.net.
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Join them for ranch tour, BBQ, and wine to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. For more info contact Loretta and Gerry at 406-644-3130 or abbott@charlo.net.
- **July 23-25, 2009, Ohio State Fair—Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio**
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- **August 29 & 30, 2009 Nebraska State Fair Alsa II Llama Show**
State Fair Park Lincoln, NE Judges: Kenneth Forster – Halter Patti Morgan – Performance Contact: Eunice Cernohlavek 402-475-8636 eunice@isp.com For premium book and application forms: www.statefair.org
- **September 26-27, 2009 Millennium Magic Fall Festival Open Double Llama Show**
Come on out to see what all of the fun is about! Lenawee County Fairgrounds, Adrian, MI Show contact: Tami Lash (517) 467-2709 Uniqueanimal@aol.com Show forms: www.LashesUniqueAnimals.com
- **October 3 & 4, 2009, Alpaca Heritage Days Come join the fun!**
Alpaca Heritage Events will be holding its 9th Annual Alpaca Heritage Days at Terhune Orchards in Princeton, New Jersey. This event offers private treaty huacaya and suri alpaca sales in addition to locally produced alpaca fiber, yarn and apparel! Free admission and free seminars! For more information, go to www.AlpacaHeritage.com.
- **November 7, 2009, Alpaca Fleece Forensics with Wini LaBrecque**
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- **November 7, 2009, Alpaca Heritage Events Fleece Show for Alpaca Fiber**
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