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*~ Charlene Braun, Turtle Run Llama Farm*



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**By-law Amendment**— Tom Wilson

**Carting**—Greg Hall

**Election**—Vickie Balch, Vicki Sundberg, Lauri Jones

**Fiber**—To be determined  
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*Board Liaison: Karen Pihera*

**Show**—Kathy Devaul  
*Board Liaison: Tracy Weaver*

**Website**—Hank Balch

**Youth**—Greg Hall  
*Board Liaison: Lauren Wright*

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**Sweepstakes Awards**— Vicki Sundberg  
*Board Liaison: Mary Rose Collins*

### Journal Mission Statement

THE LLAMA JOURNAL, published by the Southern States Llama Association (SSLA) is distributed quarterly to the members of SSLA. The purpose of the Journal is to provide:

- Information and articles of interest
- A forum for members to express their opinions on llamas and related matters
- Board of Directors meeting minutes, Treasurer's report and other information pertinent to the function of SSLA.

**Notice:** The information contained in this Journal is not intended to be a substitute for qualified professional advice. Our readers are encouraged to consult with their own vets, accountants or attorneys for questions concerning their animals or business operations. SSLA or the editor is not responsible for any losses resulting from a reader's failure to heed this caution. Opinions expressed or implied are hereby the editor's choice and are not the opinions of the SSLA Board of Directors or SSLA as a group.

### SSLA Mission Statement

OUR MISSION as members of the Southern States Llama Association is to be a strong organization of llama and alpaca owners who have joined together for the purpose of education, fun, and fellowship while promoting the health and welfare of llamas and the llama industry.

### SSLA Online—keep in touch with your llama organization

**Website:** [www.ssla.org](http://www.ssla.org)

**Facebook** page: Listed as "SSLA-Southern States Llama Association"

**SSLA-Members Yahoo Group:** Request membership from [ssla-members-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:ssla-members-owner@yahoo.com)

Group members can post messages to [SSLA-Members@yahoo.com](mailto:SSLA-Members@yahoo.com)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello SSLA Members,

Welcome to 2017 and we are looking forward to another great year. Planning for the Annual Meeting and Conference 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SSLA Edition are in full swing so keep an eye out for the registration information. By member request we are back at the Mountain Lodge in Flat Rock, North Carolina where we can relax and enjoy their super accommodations.

In the sense of history our guest speaker will be Dr. David Pugh who has been with the organization from the beginning when it was the Sunshine States Llama Association. He will bring us history of llamas in the South with his always unique perspective. John Mallon will be presenting training techniques. The Fiber Folk will be spinning the weekend fantastic. Again this year Hank Balch will be coordinating a Saturday Morning Llama Trek. So no matter where your interests lie in the camelid world there should be something for everyone.

The ballot for this year's Board of Directors elections will be arriving via email soon, there is also bylaw

changes included, so please vote. If you have any questions concerning the proposed changes, feel free to reach out to any Board Member for answers.

Thank you all for the opportunity of being this year's President, it has been a super experience. I want to take this opportunity to thank the 2016 Board and Officers Tom Rothering, Hank Balch, Kathy Devaul, Tom Wilson, Lauren Wright, Tracy Weaver, Greg Hall, Karen Pihera, Past President Cathie Kindler, Chairpersons and committee members. Your support, knowledge, expertise and being available whenever needed have been gratefully appreciated.

Also, thank you to the Journal Editors Lisa Pool and Charlene Braun, During this transition year you did a great job.

Hope to see you all in 2017!

*Mary Rose Collins*  
2016 SSLA President



## SSLA 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 28, 2016 WHITE PINE, TN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

- Cathie Kindler, Past President
- Mary Rose Collins, President
- Kathy Devaul, Secretary
- Lauren Wright, Director
- Greg Hall, Director

**via Phone:**

- Hank Balch, Treasurer
- Tom Rothering, Vice President
- Tracy Weaver, Director

**Absent:**

- Karen Pihera, Director
- Tom Wilson, Director

**Topic: Treasurer's Report**

Discussion: Hank Balch. Report presented for review.

Action: Treasurer's Report accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Topic: SSLA Journal**

Discussion: Lisa Pool has offered to do the hard copy of journal. Charlene Braun has offered to do an online journal. She has templates similar to present Journal so the online copy will look similar to hard copy.

Action: Let both proceed with July and January being online and October and spring being hard copy.

*SSLA May 28, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting, continued*

**Topic: SSLA Conference 2017**

Discussion: All responses from email sent to members said they preferred to stay in NC at the Mountain Lodge. Dates open were March 10/11 or March 17/18/2017.

Action: March 17/18, 2017 at Mountain Lodge in Hendersonville, NC. Hank Balch will touch base with Lodge to confirm dates.

**Topic: Procedure Manual**

Discussion: Mary Rose Collins and Hank Balch said they had manuals but they were out dated.

Action: Will send out sections that are valid and update what needs it.

Kathy Devaul will replace Vicki Sundberg as show chairperson and Tracy Weaver will be liaison.

**Topic: By Law change: electronic election / procedures**

Discussion: Vicki Balch has agreed to do the actual voting online process. We will need someone to solicit people to run for board.

Action: Mary Rose will contact Tom Wilson concerning changes in the bylaws.

**Topic: Scholarship fund**

Discussion: Hank Balch: Need to transfer \$1000.00 + \$1877.00 the amount of live auction at conference into scholarship fund. Tom Rothering: Scholarship balance same as conference. Two checks are outstanding. One to Alex Rodman and one to Mckayla Snow. Balance will drop by \$1500.00.

Action: Hank Balch motions to transfer \$2877.00 into scholarship fund. Greg Hall seconds. Roll call: Lauren Wright Yes, Greg Hall Yes, Kathy Devaul Yes, Mary Rose Collins Yes, Tom Rothering Yes, Tracy Weaver Yes, Hank Balch Yes.

**Topic: Outstanding Receipts from Conference**

Discussion: Hank Balch wanted folks to know that no receipts for conference will be reimbursed after June 30, 2016.

Action: Mary Rose will send out an email informing members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic: Trailer Advertising**

Discussion: Cathie Kindler: obstacle trailer. Sell farm ads to cover trailer along with the SSLA logo. Put the list of show and dates on the back.

Motion by Lauren Wright to allow Kathy Devaul to look into getting information and prices on this.

Action: Kathy Devaul will look into getting trailer wrapped and sizes and prices of ads.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting 6:15 p.m. by Tom Rothering, Seconded by Lauren Wright.

**Topic: Youth Involvement**

Discussion: Greg Hall: more youth participation and activities. Youth orientated newsletter primarily for youth who cannot attend all shows. Email quiz that they can email answers back. Web pages that change. Photos of what they're doing. Special section of journal. Tom Rothering added that it could be for all members.

Action: Greg Hall will take the lead on developing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

**SSLA 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2016  
RINGGOLD, GA**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05 p.m.

**Attendance:**

- Mary Rose Collins, President
- Tom Rothering, Vice President
- Kathy Devaul, Secretary
- Lauren Wright, Director
- Greg Hall, Director
- Tracy Weaver, Director

**Absent:**

- Karen Pihera, Director
- Hank Balch, Treasurer
- Tom Wilson, Director
- Hank Balch, Treasurer

*SSLA September 1, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting, continued*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Topic: SSLA Journal**

Discussion: Online version length and when printed copy is to come out.

Action: Go forward with online length. OK with lots of pictures because they can be in color. Printed copy will come out after GNF and SE regional. Solicit ads to cover expenses and send out emails to remind people of costs of ads.

**Topic: Conference 2017**

Discussion: Lodge

Action: Lodge is set for the conference

Discussion: Speakers

Action: Karen has been in touch with Dr. Paugh. Needs to find out topics and how much time needed. Also considering John Mallon and Charlie Hackbarth. Hank is working on a closer place to hike Saturday morning.

Discussion: Sweepstakes awards. Question whether Hank Kauffman or someone else should be commissioned for the awards.

Action: Looking into others in llama community. Number of awards needed with a budget of \$2500.00

**Topic: Procedures Manual**

Discussion: Send out sections to board members.

Action: Turn into editable document and send out to board members or groups for changes that need to be made.

**Topic: Trailer Advertising**

Discussion: Kathy gave report on what she found out about getting trailer wrapped for advertising. Need to get lettering removed, dents fixed and primed before it can be wrapped.

Action: Kathy will find someone to do these things. Goal to have trailer ready by Conference.

**Topic: Elections**

Discussion: Who is coming off and who is up for re-election: Mary Rose, Lauren, Hank, Karen, Tom

Action: Vickie Balch will do online voting but wants someone else to do the soliciting of people or run. Requested committee of Vicki Sundberg and Laurie Jones.

**Topic: Discover Llamas**

Discussion: When is the new issue coming out?

Action: Tom Wilson is gearing up to get started on new issue. Greg Hall will assist. Would like to see topics of showing, youth, and fiber.

**2017 Committee Liaisons and Chairpersons**

Committee	Liaison	Chairperson
Library		Kathy Devaul
Show	Tracy Weaver	Kathy Devaul
Website	Hank Balch	
Journal	Tom Wilson	
Youth Scholarship	Tom Rothering	Tom Rothering
Carting	Greg Hall	Greg Hall
Awards	Mary Rose Collins	Vicki Sundberg
Sweepstakes	Mary Rose Collins	Vicki Sundberg
Youth	Lauren Wright	Greg Hall
Membership	Karen Pihera	Cheryl Lambert
Elections	---	
Bylaw Amendments	---	Tom Wilson
Fiber	Tracy Weaver	
Pack	Karen Pihera	Tom Rothering

*Southern States Llama Association  
Conference and Annual Meeting  
March 18-19, 2017  
30th Anniversary Celebration*



*Mountain Lodge and Conference Center  
Flat Rock, NC*

*Come join this super organization in celebrating 30 years  
Speakers, entertainment, hiking, and just plain fun!*

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## LEARNING FROM CAMELIDS

*Tori Tinney*

ZeeZee Aladdin Sneak Preview, what a name? This name isn't a grand champion magazine; but he is a llama that changed a girl's life with a forehead kiss and a life lesson.

ZeeZee was the first llama that I fell in love with. He was a llama from our middle school FFA program that was often overlooked by most students. Even though he was passed over by many, as soon as I looked into his brown beautiful eyes and fluffy little nose a connection was formed. He was a handful. I still remember some of our early learning moments. He has jumped, kicked, and let us not forget that one incident of pinning me against the fence all because I brushed him. Yet all these crazy stories are blurred by the forehead kisses and greetings I get every time he hears my voice or the sound of my '99 ranger. He is the llama that taught me that through persistence and a patient hand anything is possible. Over the last 5 years, I can honestly say that I have never loved anything more than my llamas not because they win, but because no matter where they place, I know that through every moment of training a deeper bond is formed and that is what drives me. I no longer show ZeeZee; he has fallen on his pasterns and to see this is heart-breaking to me. He has never won 1st place nor 2nd but he did win his own permanent place at my retired ranch, also known as my yard.

My next lesson came in the form of a blue-eyed deaf alpaca named Promise. She follows me everywhere with wide-eyed curiosity. She has courage that I have never seen in a person nor animal. She has shown me to be fearless no matter what because that is how courage is made and to always give it my all because it is the right thing to do. She loves everyone and the world is a wonderland made for her. She is gentle, inquisitive and very curious. I have and always will enjoy time spent with Promise and can never thank Mr. German enough for allowing me the opportunity to meet and be part of her life.

Another lesson was to know that animals are ever-changing and to always have patience and understanding in all of their phases of development. This lesson came in the shape of a jumpy llama named Maverick. I happened to meet him by chance. Claudia needed someone to walk him in a show ring. It was like magic. Maverick and I have these polar opposite personalities' that just work together. It seems as if we balance each other. When Claudia saw this she asked if I wanted to show him. I eagerly said yes and the rest is history. He has taught me a lot over the year and half we have worked together. I know that one day he has to go back to his owner but this does not inhibit me to love him any less.

Every experience we have had has changed us both for the better. Maverick is skittish in a show ring but does not behave that way around kids, he is gentle and sweet. We have gone into places where people are bedridden and he will walk with poise between loud booming machines to squeeze between hospital beds. He has brought joy to a man with nerve damage. Being able to provide these experiences for those who love animals is exhilarating. Maverick has taught me that value is not based on a blue or red ribbon instead that working towards goals even when something makes you uncomfortable, that it is okay to be scared. It doesn't make you any less of a person. This summer he is going back to his owner, Claudia, but the memories of him will always stay with me and my family. The lesson he taught me is that my worth can't be defined by an award or recognition but by the value of the good deeds done when no one is looking and when there is no prize is to be won and finally, to be always true to myself.

With all of these life lessons and experiences each animal has taught me, I have decided pursue a career as a zoologist for camelids. They have painted a pathway to my future by their humming and gentle nature. Thank you ,SSLA, for allowing me to gain these life experiences and values. I never imagined that an animal who stole my heart would have such an influence and make me strive to be a better human being by the end of the journey. Thank you.



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**Orange Judge**

**Green Judge**

<b>Pleasure Driving</b>	1st: Good Ol'Smiley - Greg Hall 2nd: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg	1st: Good Ol'Smiley - Greg Hall 2nd: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg
<b>Obstacle Driving</b>	1st: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg 2nd: Good Ol'Smiley - Greg Hall	1st: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg 2nd: Good Ol'Smiley - Greg Hall
<b>Novice Pack</b>	1st: Tevye's Taken by Toccoa – Bailey Jones 2nd: Peloquin's Gorgeous Oreo Ap! – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Peloquin's Decadent Choco Latte! – Dorthe Peloquin	1st: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin 2nd: Moose Hill's SpeckleTush – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin
<b>Open Alpaca Pack</b>	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday – Lauren Wright	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Willmark Promise – Victoria Tinney 3rd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Pack</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Freight Train – Anna Williams	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Freight Train – Anna Williams
<b>Open Youth Alpaca Pack</b>	1st: Tierra's Pure Legend – Hunter Snow 2nd: Willmark Buckeye – Autumn Tinney	1st: Tierra's Pure Legend – Hunter Snow 2nd: Willmark Buckeye – Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Pack</b>	1st: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz 2nd: Terra Bulan's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel	1st: Terra Bulan's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel 2nd: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz
<b>Senior Youth Pack</b>	1st: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel 3rd: Machu Man – Janessa Hall	1st: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel 3rd: Machu Man – Janessa Hall
<b>Advanced Pack</b>	1st: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering 2nd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: Tux's Spotted Snowflake – Mary Rose Collins	1st: Tux's Spotted Snowflake – Mary Rose Collins 2nd: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering 3rd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins
<b>Master Pack</b>	1st: Timberwinds Chevy Chase – Lauren Wright 2nd: Sir Spotsalot Pongo – Janessa Hall 3rd: Good Ol' Smiley – Greg Hall	1st: Sir Spotsalot Pongo – Janessa Hall 2nd: Timberwinds Chevy Chase – Lauren Wright 3rd: Good Ol' Smiley – Greg Hall
<b>Novice Obstacle</b>	1st: Peloquin's Gorgeous Oreo Ap! – Dorthe Peloquin 2nd: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Peloquin's Decadent Choco Latte! – Dorthe Peloquin	1st: Oak Rests Maiden Voyage – Kathy Wilbanks 2nd: Peloquin's Gorgeous Oreo Ap! – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: NWLF's Flash Gordon – Lauren Wright
<b>Open Alpaca Obstacle</b>	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday – Lauren Wright	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday – Lauren Wright
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<b>Intermediate Youth Obstacle</b>	1st: Terra Bulan's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel 2nd: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz	1st: Terra Bulan's Barley Made It – Jordan Hampel 2nd: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz
<b>Senior Youth Obstacle</b>	2nd: Machu Man – Janessa Hall 3rd: Riseland's Prevoe – Bailey Jones	2nd: Machu Man – Janessa Hall 3rd: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel
<b>Advanced Obstacle</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins 2nd: Purvian Mr.Edison – Alex Rodman 3rd: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering	1st: Purvian Mr.Edison – Alex Rodman 2nd: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering 3rd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins
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**Green Judge**

<b>Novice Public Relations</b>	1st: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin 2nd: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Oak Rest’s Maiden Voyage – Kathy Wilbanks	1st: Oak Rest’s Maiden Voyage – Kathy Wilbanks 2nd: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin
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<b>Novice Performance</b>	Grand: RCF Moondance - Dorthe Peloquin Reserve: Peloquin's Gorgeous Oreo Ap!-Dorthe Peloquin	Grand: HF Editions Nicholas - Dorthe Peloquin Reserve: Oak Rests Maiden Voyage - Kathy Wilbanks
<b>Open Alpaca Performance</b>	Grand: Mr Wilbur - Lauren Wright Reserve: Yeti 110 - Lauren Wright	Grand: Mr Wilbur - Lauren Wright Reserve: Yeti 110 - Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Performance</b>	Grand: Hard Rock's Freight Train - Anna Williams Reserve: Oak Rest's Goldrush - Maggie Jordan	Grand: Oak Rest's Goldrush - Maggie Jordan Reserve: Hard Rock's Freight Train - Anna Williams
<b>Youth Alpaca Performance</b>	Grand: Tierra's Pure Legend - Hunter Snow Reserve: Willmark Buckeye - Autumn Tinney	Grand: Tierra's Pure Legend - Hunter Snow Reserve: Willmark Buckeye - Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Performance</b>	Grand: Terra Bulah's Barely Made It - Jordan Hampel Reserve: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern - Ryan Swartz	Grand: Terra Bulah's Barely Made It - Jordan Hampel Reserve: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern - Ryan Swartz
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<b>Driving Performance</b>	Grand: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg Reserve: Good Ol’Smiley - Greg Hall	Grand: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg Reserve: Good Ol’Smiley - Greg Hall
<b>Junior Youth Showmanship</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Sassafras – Anna Williams	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Sassafras – Anna Williams
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<b>Adult Showmanship</b>	1st: Rubeus Hagrid – Lauren Wright 2nd: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Purvian Mr.Edison - Alex Rodman	1st: Rubeus Hagrid – Lauren Wright 2nd: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Purvian Mr.Edison - Alex Rodman
<b>Non-Breeding</b>	Grand: ALCL Live Action – Deb Andrews Reserve: ALCL The Lone Ranger – Lauren Wright	Grand: ALCL Live Action – Deb Andrews Reserve: ALCL The Lone Ranger – Lauren Wright
<b>Suri Wool Female</b>	Grand: RCF Wonderstruck – Harvey Pool Reserve: ALCL Spice Girl – Deb Andrews	Grand: RCF Wonderstruck – Harvey Pool Reserve: ALCL Spice Girl – Deb Andrews
<b>Suri Wool Male</b>	Grand: Lua Waves of Chrome – Harvey Pool Reserve: Ollendick Farms Chimayo – Harvey Pool	Grand: Lua Waves of Chrome – Harvey Pool Reserve: Ollendick Farms Chimayo – Harvey Pool
<b>Light Wool Female</b>	Grand: Overman Black Sapphire – Deb Andrews Reserve: ZL's Paliah – Cliff Zimmerman	Grand: Overman Black Sapphire – Deb Andrews Reserve: ZL's Paliah – Cliff Zimmerman
<b>Light Wool Male</b>	Grand: NWLF's Flash Gordon – Lauren Wright Reserve: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin	Grand: NWLF's Flash Gordon – Lauren Wright Reserve: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin
<b>Medium Wool Female</b>	Reserve: ALCL Anna – Deb Andrews	Reserve: ALCL Anna – Deb Andrews
<b>Medium Wool Male</b>	Reserve: ALCL Odie – Deb Andrews	Reserve: ALCL Odie – Deb Andrews
<b>Heavy Wool Female</b>	Reserve: Pretty Women – Harvey Pool	Reserve: KR'S V Amazonian Platinum Promise – Stacy Mashburn
<b>Heavy Wool Male</b>	Grand: Carolinas Brutus – Tom Rothering Reserve: Peloquin's Oreo Slashed Ap! – Dorthe Peloquin	Reserve: Peloquin's Oreo Slashed Ap! - Dorthe Peloquin

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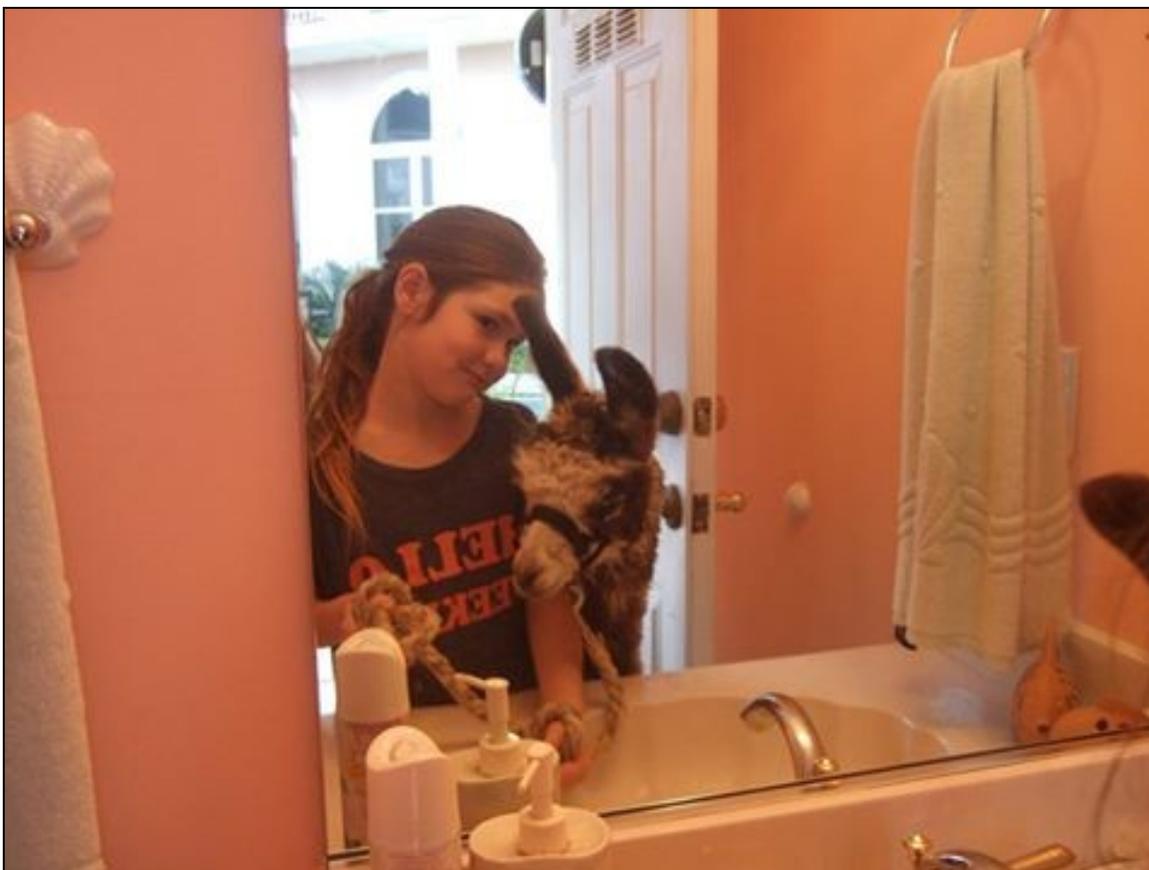
<b>Pleasure Driving</b>	1st: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg 2nd: Good Ol'Smilely - Greg Hall
<b>Obstacle Driving</b>	1st: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg 2nd: Good Ol'Smilely - Greg Hall
<b>Novice Pack</b>	1st: BP Trev – Vicky Sundberg 2nd: Peloquin's Gorgeous Oreo Ap! – Dorthe Peloquin 3rd: Moose Hill's SpeckleTush – Mary Rose Collins
<b>Open Alpaca Pack</b>	1st: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 2nd: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday– Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Pack</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Freight Train – Anna Williams
<b>Open Youth Alpaca Pack</b>	1st: Tierra's Pure Legend – Hunter Snow 2nd: Willmark Buckeye – Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Pack</b>	1st: Terra Bulah's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel 2nd: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz
<b>Senior Youth Pack</b>	1st: Machu Man – Janessa Hall 2nd: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel

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<b>Advanced Pack</b>	1st: Tux's Spotted Snowflake – Mary Rose Collins 2nd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering
<b>Master Pack</b>	1st: Timberwinds Chevy Chase – Lauren Wright 2nd: Sir Spotsalot Pongo – Janessa Hall 3rd: Shangrila's The Masked Bandit – Janessa Hall
<b>Novice Obstacle</b>	1st: NWLF's Flash Gordon – Lauren Wright 2nd: Tevye's Taken by Toccoa – Bailey Jones 3rd: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin
<b>Open Alpaca Obstacle</b>	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday – Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Obstacle</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Freight Train – Anna Williams
<b>Open Youth Alpaca Obstacle</b>	1st: Tierra's Pure Legend – Hunter Snow 2nd: Willmark Buckeye – Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Obstacle</b>	1st: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz 2nd: Terra Bulan's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel
<b>Senior Youth Obstacle</b>	1st: Machu Man – Janessa Hall 2nd: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel 3rd: Riseland's Prevoe – Bailey Jones
<b>Advanced Obstacle</b>	1st: Tux's Spotted Snowflake – Mary Rose Collins 2nd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: PPR Briarglen – Tom Rothering
<b>Master Obstacle</b>	1st: Shangrila's The Masked Bandit – Janessa Hall 2nd: Timberwinds Chevy Chase – Lauren Wright 3rd: Mooch Cook – Vicky Sundberg
<b>Novice Public Relations</b>	1st: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin 2nd: Moose SpeckleTush – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: Carolinas Brutus – Tom Rothering
<b>Open Alpaca Public Relations</b>	1st: Mr Wilbur – Lauren Wright 2nd: Yeti 110 – Lauren Wright 3rd: Prince Wednesday – Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Public Relations</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Freight Train – Anna Williams
<b>Open Youth Alpaca Public Relations</b>	1st: Tierra's Pure Legend – Hunter Snow 2nd: Willmark Buckeye – Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Public Relations</b>	1st: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz 2nd: Terra Bulan's Barely Made It – Jordan Hampel
<b>Senior Youth Public Relations</b>	1st: Square Deal – John-Gabriel Hampel 2nd: Machu Man – Janessa Hall 3rd: Riseland's Prevoe – Bailey Jones
<b>Advanced Public Relations</b>	1st: Tux's Spotted Snowflake – Mary Rose Collins 2nd: Oak Rest's Winter Rose – Mary Rose Collins 3rd: Purvian Mr.Edison – Alex Rodman
<b>Master Public Relations</b>	1st: Sir Spotsalot Pongo – Janessa Hall 2nd: Timberwinds Chevy Chase – Lauren Wright 3rd: Mooch Cook – Vicky Sundberg

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<b>Novice Performance</b>	Grand: HF Editions Nicholas - Dorthe Peloquin Reserve: Moose SpeckleTush - Mary Rose Collins
<b>Open Alpaca Performance</b>	Grand: Mr Wilbur - Lauren Wright Reserve: Yeti 110 - Lauren Wright
<b>Junior Youth Performance</b>	Grand: Oak Rest's Goldrush - Maggie Jordan Reserve: Hard Rock's Freight Train - Anna Williams
<b>Youth Alpaca Performance</b>	Grand: Tierra's Pure Legend - Hunter Snow Reserve: Willmark Buckeye - Autumn Tinney
<b>Intermediate Youth Performance</b>	Grand: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern - Ryan Swartz Reserve: Terra Bulah's Barely Made It - Jordan Hampel
<b>Senior Youth Performance</b>	Grand: Machu Man - Janessa Hall Reserve: Square Deal - John-Gabriel Hampel
<b>Advanced Performance</b>	Grand: Tux's Spotted Snowflake - Mary Rose Collins Reserve: Oak Rest's Winter Rose - Mary Rose Collins
<b>Master Performance</b>	Grand: Timberwinds Chevy Chase - Lauren Wright Reserve: Shangrila's The Masked Bandit - Janessa Hall
<b>Driving Performance</b>	Grand: BP Trev - Vicki Sundberg Reserve: Good Ol'Smile - Greg Hall
<b>Junior Youth Showmanship</b>	1st: Oak Rest's Goldrush – Maggie Jordan 2nd: Hard Rock's Sassafras – Anna Williams
<b>Intermediate Youth Showmanship</b>	1st: Oak Rests Chilean Calligern – Ryan Swartz
<b>Senior Youth Showmanship</b>	1st: PVL Maverick Blue Waves – Victoria Tinney 2nd: Sir Spotsalot Pongo – Janessa Hall
<b>Adult Showmanship</b>	1st: Rubeus Hagrid – Lauren Wright 2nd: Purvian Mr.Edison - Alex Rodman 3rd: HF Editions Nicholas – Dorthe Peloquin
<b>Non-Breeding</b>	Grand: ALCL Live Action – Deb Andrews Reserve: ALCL Hungry Jack – Hunter Snow
<b>Suri Wool Female</b>	Grand: RCF Wonderstruck – Harvey Pool Reserve: ALCL Spice Girl – Deb Andrews
<b>Suri Wool Male</b>	Grand: Lua Waves of Chrome – Harvey Pool Reserve: Ollendick Farms Chimayo – Harvey Pool
<b>Light Wool Female</b>	Grand: Overman Black Sapphire – Deb Andrews Reserve: PPR Ambrosia – Cliff Zimmerman
<b>Light Wool Male</b>	Grand: RCF Moondance – Dorthe Peloquin Reserve: NWLF's Flash Gordon – Lauren Wright
<b>Medium Wool Female</b>	Reserve: ALCL Anna – Deb Andrews
<b>Heavy Wool Female</b>	Grand: KR'S V Amazonian Platinum Promise – Stacy Mashburn Reserve: Pretty Women – Harvey Pool



Spookie and Miss Maddie see their reflection in the mirror. What a beautiful couple!  
~Dorte Peloquin

## WHY EXHIBIT YOUR LLAMA FIBER?

*Judy Ross, Good News Llamas  
Chesapeake, Ohio*

**Why?** It's fun, exciting, educational, and is a great marketing tool for your farm.

### **Where do I start?**

If you have one llama, or a herd of llamas, you have fiber. There are many exciting ways you can exhibit your fiber and many willing fiber enthusiasts that will help you in your new adventure.

A great place to start is to visit the ALSA (Alpaca Llama Show Association) web site (<http://www.alsashow.net/fiber.html>) where you can find a listing of fleece shows and fleece clinics. The ALSA handbook has a complete fiber section outlining the criteria for entering classes. As the fiber industry is growing rapidly more shows are adding shorn and walking fleece classes that allow farms to showcase their fiber. Beautiful handspun skeins, knitted, crocheted, felted and woven items are just another way of exhibiting your llamas' luxurious fiber. Many local fiber and wool shows also have various unique classes in which you can exhibit your fleeces and your handmade fiber items.

In 2003 I entered my first shorn llama fleece at the Ohio State Fair fiber show. Throughout the day I would curiously walk by and take a peek to see if the ribbons had been placed. To "finally" walk by and see a ribbon on my entry that I had worked so hard on was one of the highlights of owning llamas. Not a first place this year but a placing. The judge was so willing to take time to go over the score card and give suggestions on how to make my preparation of the fleece better. "What's skirting I ask her? "How do you not have second cuts" was my next comment? The judged smiled and took the first place fleece and put it on the table for me to view. When I saw that beautiful shiny fleece looking like a piece of art work my decision was made to not only learn more about llama fiber in general, but to someday become a fleece judge.

The next year we sent fleeces to the Grand National fleece show. A comment on the score card noted that the fleece was "over brushed". Well of course it was over brushed; I had to score a "perfect 10 points on cleanliness". This comment inspired me to want to learn and understand more about the bags of fiber taking up every inch of spare room in our house.

### **What have I learned?**

By attending fiber workshops and clinics I have learned

that all llama fiber can be used for some project, from rugs to beautiful handspun yarn to magnificent felted wall hangings. Garments, purses and needle felted embellishments have created a new market for the bags of fiber that once only took up space.

Learning that the quality of llama fiber can be affected by environment, nutrition, health of the animal and stress has encouraged our farm to take a different approach in our breeding program. Taking time to learn about how to produce quality fiber will enhance your fiber production and give you quality products to sell and exhibit. There are many fiber enthusiasts who will help you evaluate your herd as to the type of fiber and quality that each of your llamas exhibits.

Grooming is important before you harvest your fiber. The cleaner the llama, the less time you will need to prepare your fleece for its intended use. Now with the addition of the walking fleece competition; which allows the spectators to be more involved, fiber has become an important asset to the llama community. Fiber shows, new spinning, weaving and felting guilds are experiencing a growth in many states. In 2004 we started a local fiber arts guild to meet other spinners in our area; we now have 40 members who enjoy learning and sharing each other's special skills. Check for local guilds or yarn shops in your area and become part of this worthwhile experience.

As a result of my love for our llama fiber I am now a spinner, felter and knitter. As an ALSA llama fleece apprentice judge my dream is almost complete. You too can dream. When you shear this year think about entering your fleece or a handspun skein, maybe a beautiful felted or knitted item. There are so many people in our llama family who would be honored to be your mentor in learning more about how to prepare and use your llamas' fiber. Host a fiber clinic or workshop at your farm; fiber judges are eager to share their expertise with others. Have a skirting party; they bring the skirting table and show you how to build your own. You can learn what to do with your fiber from start to finish.

There are many websites you can visit to learn more about how to properly groom your llama and prepare your fleece for showing. So let's get busy and shear those llamas and send an entry to a show. Experience is the best teacher.

See you and your beautiful fleece entry soon!



Would you like fries with that?



Meeting a llama in Florida



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING LLAMA EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Feb 18-19, 2017	<b>Florida State Fair Llama Show</b>	Tampa, FL	Cheryl Lambert, <a href="mailto:Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com">Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com</a>
Mar 3-5, 2017	<b>Hillbilly Llama Show</b>	Perry, GA	Cathie Kindler <a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>
Mar 18, 2017	<b>Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade</b>	Atlanta, GA	Tracy Monroe <a href="mailto:Tracy_snell@yahoo.com">Tracy_snell@yahoo.com</a>
Mar 17-19, 2017	<b>SSLA Conference and Annual Membership Meeting</b>	Mountain Lodge, Flat Rock, NC	Karen Pihera <a href="mailto:kpihera@aol.com">kpihera@aol.com</a>
Apr 21-23, 2017	<b>Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival</b>	Townsend, TN	<a href="http://townsendartisanguild.net/fiber-arts.html">http://townsendartisanguild.net/fiber-arts.html</a>
Apr 22, 2017	<b>Mellow Yellow Llama Show</b>		Cathie Kindler <a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>
Apr 28-30, 2017	<b>SSLA Spring Pack Llama Trial</b>	Dupont Forest, NC	Mary Rose Collins <a href="mailto:mrc604@tampabay.rr.com">mrc604@tampabay.rr.com</a>
May 27-28	<b>Northeast TN Llama Show</b>	White Pines, TN	Kathy Devaul <a href="mailto:kdevaul@bellsouth.net">kdevaul@bellsouth.net</a> Cathie Kindler <a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>
Sept 2-3, 2017	<b>Heart of Dixie Llama Show</b>	Ringgold, GA	Kathy Devaul <a href="mailto:kdevaul@bellsouth.net">kdevaul@bellsouth.net</a> Cheryl Lambert, <a href="mailto:Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com">Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com</a>
Sept 9-10, 2017	<b>NC Mountain State Fair Llama Show</b>	Fletcher, NC	<a href="mailto:Laurijones@windstream.net">Lauri Jones</a> <a href="mailto:Laurijones@windstream.net">Laurijones@windstream.net</a>
Sept 23-24, 2017	<b>White Lightning Show &amp; Pack Trial</b>	Ellijay, GA @ Pihera Property	Cathie Kindler <a href="mailto:llamajudge@gmail.com">llamajudge@gmail.com</a>
Oct 7, 2017	<b>The Great Llama Race Fund-raiser for Casa de Sara</b>	World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville, TN	Deb Logan <a href="mailto:Logan99.mail@gmail.com">Logan99.mail@gmail.com</a> Tracy Munroe <a href="mailto:witsendfarm@comcast.net">witsendfarm@comcast.net</a> <a href="http://thegreatllamarace.com">thegreatllamarace.com</a>
Oct 13-15, 2017	<b>GA National Fair Llama Show</b>	Perry, GA	Kathy Devaul <a href="mailto:kdevaul@bellsouth.net">kdevaul@bellsouth.net</a>
Oct 13-15, 2017	<b>ALSA SE Regional Championships</b>	Perry, GA	Cheryl Lambert, <a href="mailto:Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com">Clambert5@tampabay.rr.com</a>