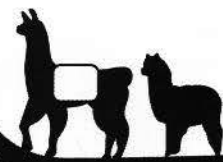


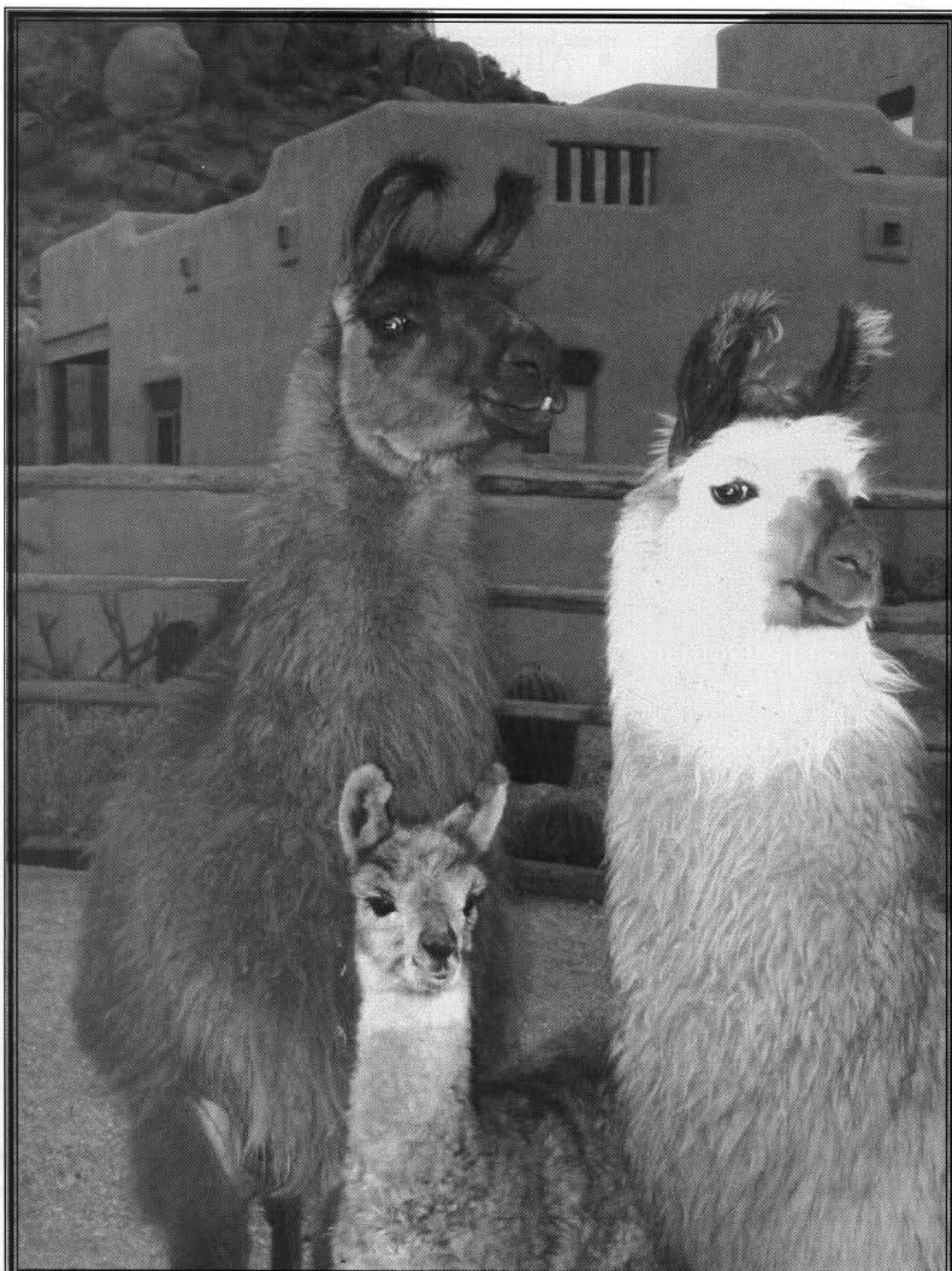
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*Our cover is of some sun-loving Arizona llamas who make their home at Pinnacle Peak Llama Ranch with RMLA member Pam Tait. This trio, along with the rest of their herd, winter in Scottsdale and summer in Parks. They are Sienna Vienna (left) and her offspring, yearling Athena of Pinnacle Peak and juvenile Koko Moka of Pinnacle Peak.*



# President's Message

A new year for RMLA, 2004 promises to be another exciting and rewarding year for RMLA members. As we close the book and look back on 2003, I feel RMLA accomplished some extraordinary things.

The membership decided it was time RMLA was a seven member board; this passed with record number votes.

The RMLA Bookstore shipped over 2,000 copies of *Caring for Llamas and Alpacas*. They sold all copies of the 2nd and 3rd printing and by mid year had started selling the 4th printing. They shipped to locations in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland and several other countries. Congratulations are due the Adamcyks.



Thanks to Deanna Lewellyn's great design on the 2004 RMLA Calendar, the entire order was sold and delivered by early December.

We welcome many new committee members, and for anyone who would like to volunteer for committee service, please let us know so that we can get you started.

The RMLA Board has decided to forego a conference in 2004 so that we may focus on what the members want and put together something spectacular for 2005. The Board is also looking at refurbishing the RMLA Display Booth and presenting it at more events. Informational brochures, updates, helpful hints and new photos are needed. The fiber co-op is pressing forward with a call for new and increased numbers of high quality consignments. With an event-by-event management system now in place, we are still seeking a volunteer to manage the co-op at the Estes Park Wool Market.

Check out the latest RMLA Events calendar in this issue. New opportunities for llama lovers, all over the region, are emerging as well some exciting face lifts to many of our annual favorites.

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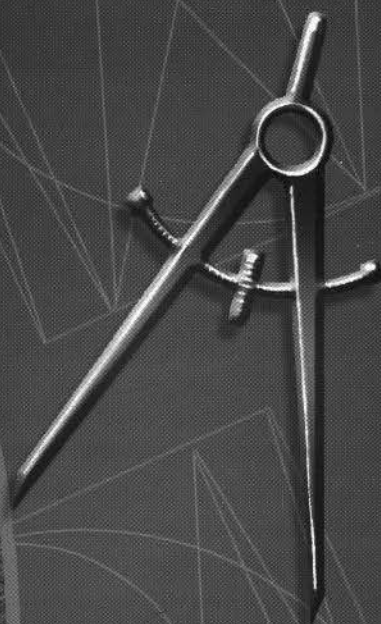
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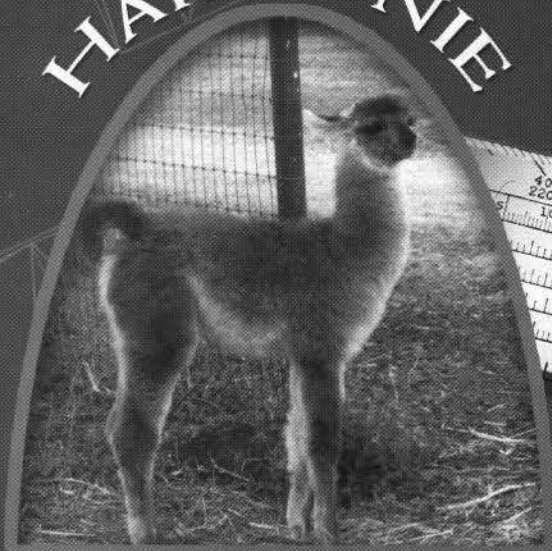
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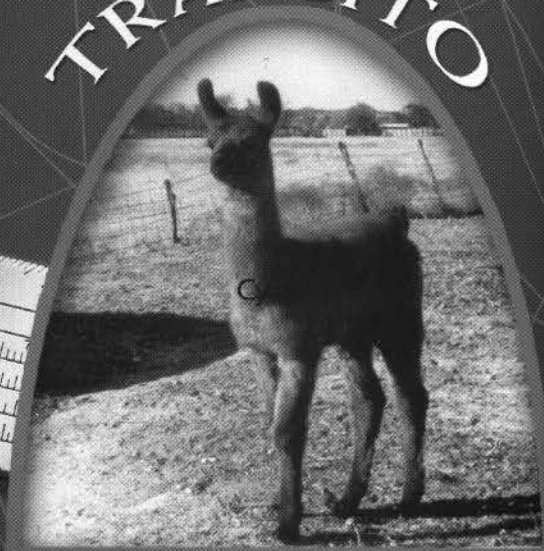


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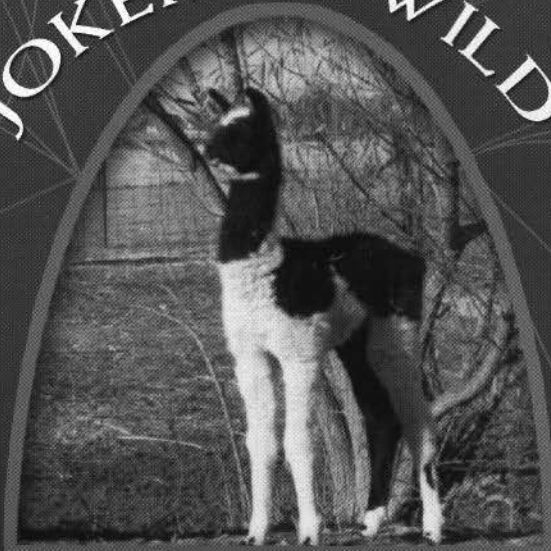
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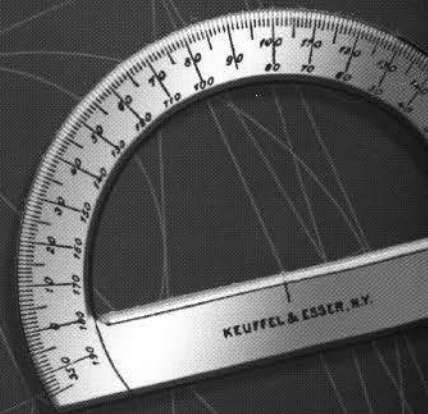
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# Female Llamas As Guards: Jeannie's Story

by Annette Mulholland

**WANTED:** Female guard llama for a small herd of alpacas. Must be easy to handle and gentle with newborn crias. Price negotiable, but not willing to spend over \$500.

A local alpaca owner and friend of mine called this past summer looking for a female guard llama. She was having problems with a gelding they used as a guard llama. While they liked him a lot and he was easy to handle, as a guard for their female alpacas, he just wasn't working out.

"Do you know anybody with a good female guard? I don't want to spend a lot of money, but our gelding is too friendly with my females." He was in love with one of her best females and it was causing problems. The female alpaca didn't return the affection, but this gelding kept right after her anyway. He didn't hurt her or any of their crias, but it caused problems in the herd and for them. They finally had to separate him from the herd, which they saw as self-defeating. They wanted a female llama they could put in their female alpaca pasture to look over new crias and watch for predators.

I had to think about the animals I knew, and the animals from my herd, which I know best. The more I thought about it, the more I kept coming back to a six-year-old girl named Jeannie.

Jeannie is a medium-sized llama who could not have babies, but really wanted her own cria. She always came right up to an expectant mother and instinctively knew it was time for that mother to deliver. She would sniff over the new little one in a caring fashion, but never interfered.

Most people don't knowingly use female llamas as guards. However, if you're a breeder you use them for just that purpose every day without even thinking about it.

## Female Guard Characteristics

There is a hierarchy in the female pasture that I really only came to appreciate when I started breeding a few years ago.

One of the most important llamas in

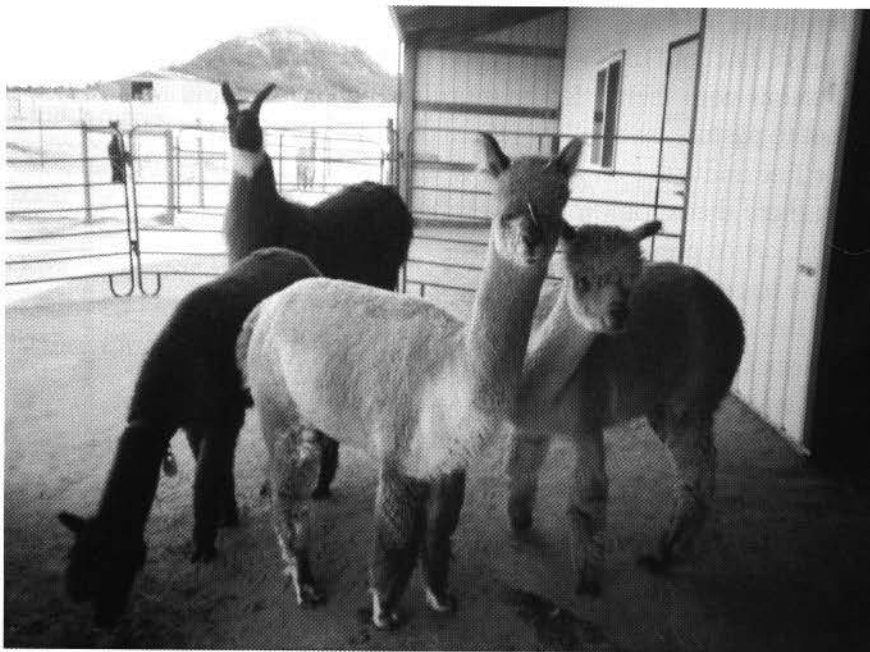
the herd, in my opinion, is the "nanny" or "auntie." This is the female who looks after the crias and young llamas for the mothers. She gives them babysitting breaks throughout the day.

If the herd goes into the barn for the night, in to eat breakfast or just moves on to another pasture, this is the female who will not leave the babies behind. She always knows where they are. And they love her! The crias gravitate toward this "auntie" in the pasture.

She is the one who plays with them during the day while mom is resting or feeding. Mothers always know where their babies are, but they seem to trust these nannies to keep an eye on their babies at various times of the day.

Jeannie was our nanny. When it was time for weaning, I put my crias in with Jeannie. They still missed their mothers, but Jeannie would stay close to them and comfort them during the process.

Like their male counterparts, female guards also maintain some distance from the rest of the herd. They are always nearby, but just outside of the main group. There is an aloofness to their personalities. In the case of Jeannie, she was often one of the last into the barn at



night and often one of the last to come in to feed. While she is easy to handle, she doesn't like being handled.

### Must be easy to handle...

What makes a llama easy to handle? Being able to put a halter on without a fight? Getting them into a chute without a struggle? Giving medication or maintenance without a hassle? Being able to load the llama into a trailer without a tug of war? How much is that worth to you, as an owner and to the person buying your animal to be able to do what you want with a llama at the appropriate time?

My friend was looking for all of the above. After dealing with her gelding, she was willing to spend a bit for the right animal. With the criteria my friend had given me, I felt she was looking for a well-trained animal that had already been identified as a guard. She didn't want an animal she would have to train herself—at any level. This also meant that she was not looking for a juvenile.

At six years of age, Jeannie was fully grown. She'd been halter trained for many years and had been shown and handled by children. She was one of the lamas we took to the schools to teach about camelids. Often they were pre-schoolers who just wanted to pet her. She seemed to understand that they were young children and accommodated their tiny hands well, kushing in the schoolyards until it was time to load up and go home. I thought she would be perfect for my friend's alpaca herd—so I sold her to them (for more than \$500).

She has worked out beautifully in their herd. She maintains her distance from the alpacas, just as she did in the llama herd, but is never too far away. When the alpacas come into the barn at night, she follows them in and sleeps with them. In the mornings when they are let out to pasture, she follows them out. She checks the fence line and lets everyone know when there is something there that shouldn't be there, whether it is a new person, cat or predator.

She has established a "guard post" in the center of the fence line facing the woods that are near their property. She kushes there and keeps watch throughout the day.

"I watched her this morning—she was watching something way out there," my friend's husband told me one day, pointing toward the woods. He didn't see anything, so he went inside and grabbed his binoculars. Scanning the front of the woods where Jeannie seemed to be looking, he quickly came across a coyote that was crossing the field. "She won't leave her post until she's

certain the threat has passed."

Jeannie also serves as official greeter on their ranch. She comes up to see every new person who comes onto the property, but doesn't let them touch her. She has bonded well with her new owners and seems to get along well with her little charges. She currently watches over 20 alpacas and her new owners tell every prospective alpaca owner that they should get a female guard for their new herd.

As an owner and breeder, it has been great to see a wonderful female get the perfect job. She is doing what she does best and she is well cared for in her new home. Most alpaca owners provide routine veterinarian care for their herds, so Jeannie's health needs are met right along with theirs.

In my current herd of 14 animals, there are three female guards. Each guards a little differently, but I wouldn't hesitate to put them in charge of an alpaca, goat or sheep herd. Putting them in with alpacas is a fairly easy transition. I would probably advise someone wanting to put them in with sheep or goats to allow time for the animal to transition into the herd so they can get acquainted with their new charges of a different species. Llamas are intelligent and this transition/acquainting period can take less than a week.

Using females for guards, particularly with breeding livestock, makes good sense. It is yet another way these lovely woolly creatures make themselves valuable to us.

*Annette Mullholland raises llama on Trail Ridge Ranch in Sedalia, Colorado. She currently serves on the RMLA board of directors.*

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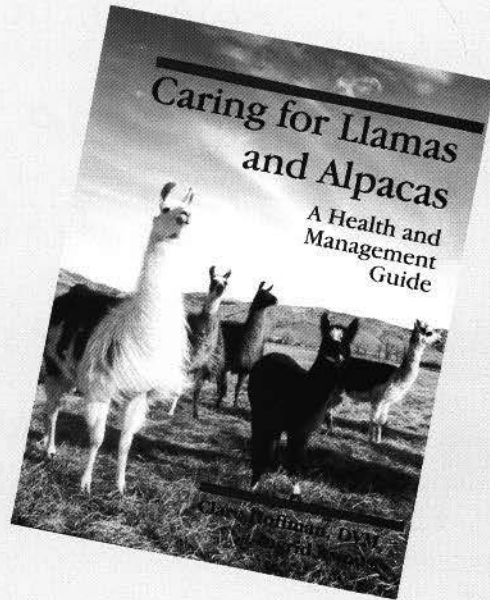
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# FIBER PROJECTS

## from fleece to favorite

project by Marlice VanZandt  
edited by Judy Wolff-Mills

**LLAMA FELTED EARWARMER** ... in 6 easy-to-follow steps.

Marlice VanZandt, well known for designing and teaching llama felted fashion, shares this project with *Journal* readers. It is an ideal first felted project for adults and children alike.

### PROJECT SUMMARY Easy Felted Earwarmer

**Structure:** Felted

#### Equipment:

- Wet felting equipment •
- Waterproof Work Area (large cookie sheet or oil pan) •
- Small bamboo shade or sushi mat •
- Sponges & towel •
- Hot water and Ivory soap •
- White vinegar •

#### Materials:

- 2 – 3 ounces of clean llama fiber, roving or felt batt; main color with two contrasting colors •
- 22" of 3" waistband type elastic •
- contrasting synthetic fleece for lining •
- heavy, flexible clear plastic for pattern •

#### Fiber Sources

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3. Rocky Mountain Lama Fiber Pool 719.539.2096

### PROCEDURE

#### Step 1: PREPARE PATTERN

Measure and cut your pattern to 13" x 4", widening to 6 3/4" at the ear.

Make a loose braid 28" long.

Fold your braid over the pattern end.



#### Step 2: BUILD THE BATT

Lay three to four thin layers of fiber on your pattern, each perpendicular to the last. Extend the fiber 2" beyond the pattern edges. (This extended fiber will be folded around the pattern later.)

Lightly grate bar soap into the center of your batt. Avoid edges. Liberally sprinkle hot water into the center of the batt.

Center and firmly press braid-wrapped pattern onto soaped and watered fiber mound. The goal at this step is to remove air and saturate the fiber.

Fold the drier edges evenly over pattern edge and fill in the central bare spot with three to four perpendicular fiber layers.

Soap, sprinkle and compress.

#### Step 3: FELTING

Gently roll your project up in the bamboo shade or Sushi mat.

Roll back and forth a few minutes.

Unroll, check progress, reposition if necessary, and add more fiber to thin spots if necessary.





Fiber felts rapidly with this rolling technique, so check size every five minutes, or so. Turn piece frequently for even felting.

#### Step 4: CUT OPEN.

In about twenty minutes, cut open three felted edges. **DO NOT CUT CENTER FOLDED EDGE!** Extend full length of headband, remove the pattern, and roll the opened project in the mat.



#### Step 5: FINISH FELTING

Continue rolling and turning item in bamboo shade another 10-15 minutes. Add hot water frequently while rolling. You have finished felting when the surface of your

project is firm, the braid is felted in, and you cannot pull it off with your thumb and forefinger.

#### Step 6: PROJECT FINISHING

Rinse in warm water. Add a tablespoon of white vinegar to the last rinse.

Roll your project in a towel to remove excess moisture and lay flat to dry away from direct sun.

Cut a piece of synthetic fleece to 21" x 3" widened to 5" at the ear.

Trim dry felted earwarmer to the same dimensions and machine stitch the fleece to the back of the headband.

Allow a 5/8" seam at the open end.

Sandwich the elastic band between fleece and felt, then stitch the opening.

For a neat and simple finish, trim close to machine stitched edge all around.

You can find this project with step-by-step photographs on Marlice and Michael's website: <http://www.touchtheEarthRanch.com/feltedheadband.htm>

*Marlice VanZandt has owned Touch the Earth Llamas in Black Forest, Colorado for 18 years, where her love of high country packing and her graphic arts talent meld. She is fascinated by felting, humans' most ancient fabric, and uses this medium in her work. In addition, she and partner Michael Shealy share their love of llamas with 4-H youth in the county. Marlice can be reached at 719.495.2242; [www.touchtheearthranch.com](http://www.touchtheearthranch.com)*

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# RMLA Members Win at ALSA National Fleece Show

by Sharon Beacham  
Steward, National Fleece Show

RMLA members won ten of the top 24 places at the first ever ALSA National Fleece Show. Their fleeces were chosen from 37 entries received from four ALSA regions.

The show was held in conjunction with the 2003 Rocky Mountain Regional Show in Denver. Superintendents Lougene Baird and Larry Lewellyn planned to have a Shorn Llama Fleece Show at the Regional. The ALSA Board expanded their ideas into a show that did not require qualifying and accepted entries from all seven show regions. This was done to measure the interest in a national show.

Karen Kinyon, an RMLA member from Wellington, Colorado, was the judge. She also created beautiful hand woven llama and silk chenille scarves which she awarded to the first place winners in each of the four fiber/age divisions.

## The RMLA winners were:

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Wheatfield's Chocolate Chip, 6th Place, Double Coat, 24 months and under  
Wheatfield's Fudge, 6th Place, Double Coat, 25 months and over  
White Heat's Trilogy, 3rd Place, Single Coat, 24 months and under

Linda Schroeder, Sunny Meadow Llamas, Gillette, WY:  
Breathless, 3rd Place, Double Coat, 24 months and under

Jane Sheppard & Jerry Uherek, Happy J Farms, Beasley, TX:  
H J Miracle's Hammer Man, 4th Place, Double Coat, 24 months and under  
H J Earth, Wind and Fire, 1st Place, Single Coat, 24 months and under  
Also winner of Best Single Coat Fleece trophy

Judy and Stan Wolff-Mills, Prairie Beacon Llamas, Wellington, CO:  
Shamba Jazz, 2nd Place, Double Coat, 24 months and under, subdivision  
B – 13 months and over when shorn.

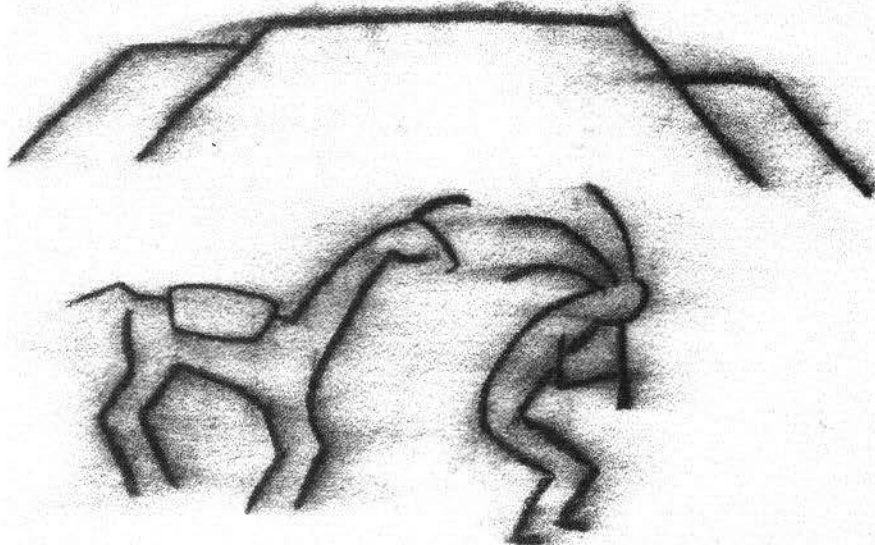
Engraved plaques for Best Double Coat and Best Single Coat fleeces were donated by the Regional Show Superintendents. ALSA provided ribbons. In addition, \$1000 in premiums was obtained from sponsors and divided among the winners.

The top 6 fleeces in each division were displayed at the Regional Show and again at the ALSA Grand National Show in Lincoln, NE.

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# New Directions at the National Western Stock Show

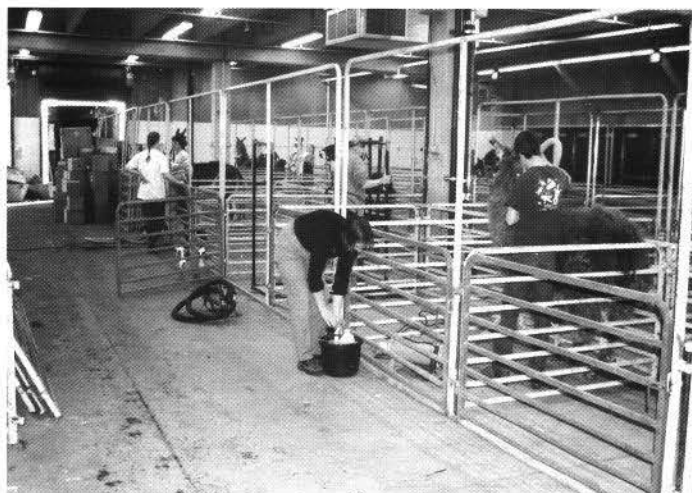
## llama show takes on new look

by Jerry Dunn, Superintendent

There was a new look in the accouterments for the llamas and alpacas attending the NWSS this year. The National Western provided new stalling with 8' x 8' panels and new bedding made of shredded cardboard from Airlite Animal Bedding in Cheyenne. At first it was difficult to adjust to the change, but as the llamas and alpacas demonstrated, it was great being able to see their neighbors and have conversations without climbing over the vinyl walls. It took some animals a time to settle and enjoy the new look and feel. Exhibitors were creative in designing the stall space with "L" shapes and interesting rectangles.

We had bleachers in the barn for people to sit and talk or just take in the view. It was very enjoyable to look across the room and see all of the beautiful ears and big brown eyes. Visitors were thrilled to be able to view all of the animals without straining over a door.

Julie Heggie and Gayle Woodsum were our RMLA Fiber Co-Op Booth managers next to the warm-up room for the National Fiddlers Contest. I think it became way too much fiddling around for our RMLA president, Julie Heggie! Karen Kinyon, Judith-Wolff



Mills and Sharon Beacham were there to give their support as well.

Purina Mills was our featured show supporter and provided five 50-pound bags of Mazuri Chews for our exhibitor drawing Saturday morning as well as helping finance various aspects of the show.

Tony Taylor was the photographer. If you need more prints or forgot to pick up your photographs before you left the show, please let us know.

Evening With A Lama was a great success and organized by Rhonda Livengood and Sue Grimm. The visiting public after the show on Saturday had the opportunity to lead llamas around the arena and visit with owners. Packing demonstrations, shearing demonstrations, displays of 4-H projects and demonstrations with fiber were presented by several of our RMLA members. Children could have their picture taken with a llama by Louise Wamsley and received llama coloring books to take home.

Virginia Christensen and Simon Zadina were our judges, adding to the great time for exhibitors. In all, we had 50 adult exhibitors, 19 youth and 240 llamas and alpacas.

Show results are posted on the National Western web page at [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).



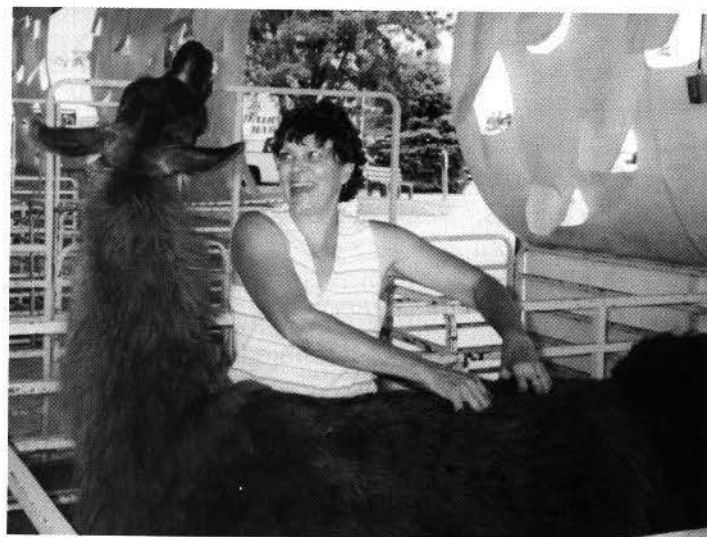


# A Day with a Llama

## Boulder County Fair

### August 2-3, 2003

by Terry Lynch



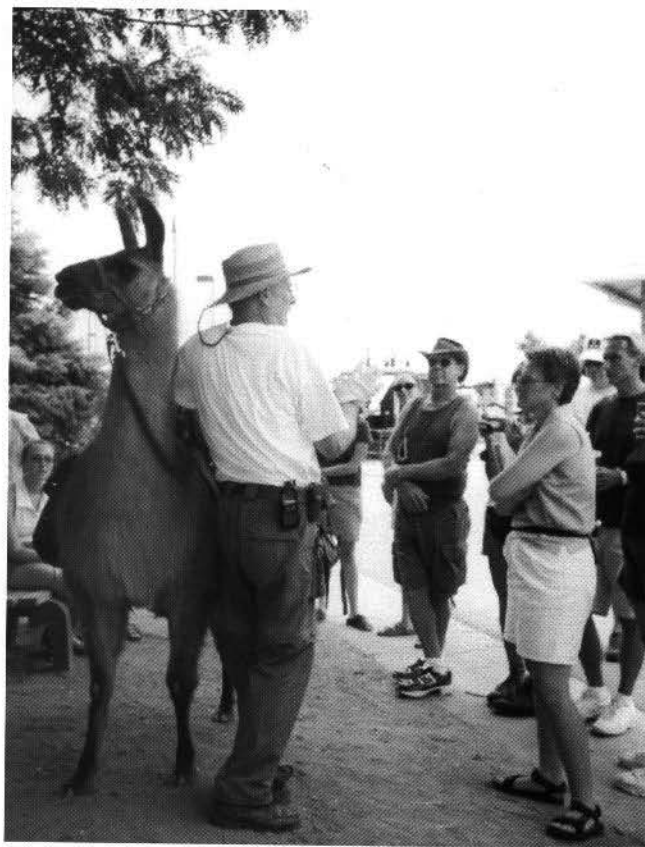
Above: Mary Beth Hartsough giving Java a back scratch.  
Below: Jim Osmun and Zinger providing public education.

Here we sit, half way between last August and next, with memories of the 2003 Boulder County Fair as fresh as they were the day after. It is an event I just can't imagine without llamas, and have a feeling much of the general public feels the same way. Once again the camelids proved to be a huge success. This is a wonderful educational opportunity to share llamas with the public if for no other reason than to let them know that all llamas don't spit at you. (It really annoys me that the rare occasion when a llama is shown on TV, it's usually because it is spitting at someone).

The RMLA booth is always there stocked with literature. Mary Beth Hartsough brought Java and Coup once again. They're true PR ambassadors and endlessly charm the crowds. Even the most skeptical can't resist giving Java back scratches and being entertained by his antics. Coup stands quietly for his annual shearing and patiently allows everyone to feel how soft he is. Even though we try to instruct the people that llamas prefer not to have their head and ears rubbed, these two like to prove us wrong.

We were very fortunate to have Bobra Goldsmith with High Spirits and Greyfeather for the packing demonstration on Saturday and Jim Osmun with Fraser and Zinger for Sunday's demo. You couldn't ask for more perfect examples of packers. Their quiet dignity captivated the crowd as they were packed and unpacked. Carlos Mendoza was there on both days to help answer questions as well.

Crowds at the fair in general were down a bit in 2003, but there were many familiar faces back just to see the llamas. We are all looking forward to repeating the public relations event at the Boulder County Fair this year, but have been unable to find a superintendent to offer a youth show. There's still a chance of getting that show together if someone would like to step up and fill the superintendent position. If that person is you, contact me, Terry Lynch, at 303.651.3022.



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# Sending Females Away for Breeding:

## What to Watch Out For

by Karen Kinyon

Recently, a female alpaca boarded at my ranch was sent away to another farm to be bred. She was away for nearly two months, having left here healthy and strong. Her owners brought her home after a blood test indicated that she had settled. When she arrived it was obvious to me that something had gone very wrong. She was critically thin and she appeared to be chewing in an odd manner. After a couple of days as she continued to worsen, I requested that her owners take her to C.S.U. for evaluation and treatment. There were many problems and she stayed there for three days. After bringing her home, I continued various treatments for five more days and started her on a special diet to get her weight back to normal. She slipped her cria at 60 days and has lost most of her beautiful fleece. What went wrong and what can we do, as owners to prevent this kind of problem? With so many new owners wanting to breed their new females, here are some suggestions to consider.

### Interview Potential Breeders

Before taking a female for breeding, interview and personally visit potential breeding farms. What is the environment like? Are there any parasite problems? What kind of feed? Is it clean and well-managed? Do the other animals there appear to be healthy and content? Will your female be in a large group or an isolated situation? How will she be monitored? Will she be hand-bred or in a breeding pen?

### Get it in Writing

After choosing your breeding situation, set down all the information in writing. Most farms that do outside breeding have a contract that spells out responsibilities for the breeder as well as the owner of the animal to be bred. Make sure you ask for a contract and understand it in its entirety. Stud fees are expensive and you need to be very clear on what you will get for your money.



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## Condition and Temperament of Female

Before you send your female away from her comfortable living situation, make sure she is in good health. Is her nursing cria in good condition? Are all vaccinations current? Have they been wormed? Will there be a change in elevation or temperature? Has she ever been away from home? Think about what she may need to make the transition easier. Before she leaves your place, be sure her written medical/weight/vaccination/worming records are accurate and up-to-date. Even if it is not required by law, you might want to consider obtaining a health certificate from your vet before sending your lama off to be bred. Give a copy of these records to the breeder and keep one for yourself.

### Visit or Call While She is Away

If the distance is not too great, go visit your female while she is away. Take time to talk to the breeder about her progress. How is she doing? Is she eating? How is her cria? Reputable breeders welcome your presence and concern, so take advantage of this. If your female is far away, at least call or email to check on her. Pay attention as if she were still at home.

## Evaluate Condition Upon Pick-up

When you go to pick up your lama and bring her back home, talk to the breeder about her condition. How does she look? What is her weight? Examine her for any changes. Ask lots of questions. Keep in mind that you are bringing her back into another herd environment. Will she be bringing anything back that may be detrimental to your herd? Because she has been away, she may have another adjustment period upon her return. Make sure you once again pay attention so that she makes that transition as comfortably as possible.

We get so used to our llamas and alpacas being very adaptable and easy that we sometimes forget they may have problems with the changes we put them through. Taking females to another farm for breeding is different than going to a show for a couple days, so think about the above suggestions during this time.

The little alpaca female at our place continues to improve. She is wearing a child's Spider-Man sleeping bag as a winter coat and eats like a little champ. Hopefully she'll recover completely and go on to thrive as she once did.

*Karen Kinyon is a fiber artist, llama fleece judge and lama lover who lives in Wellington, Colorado.*



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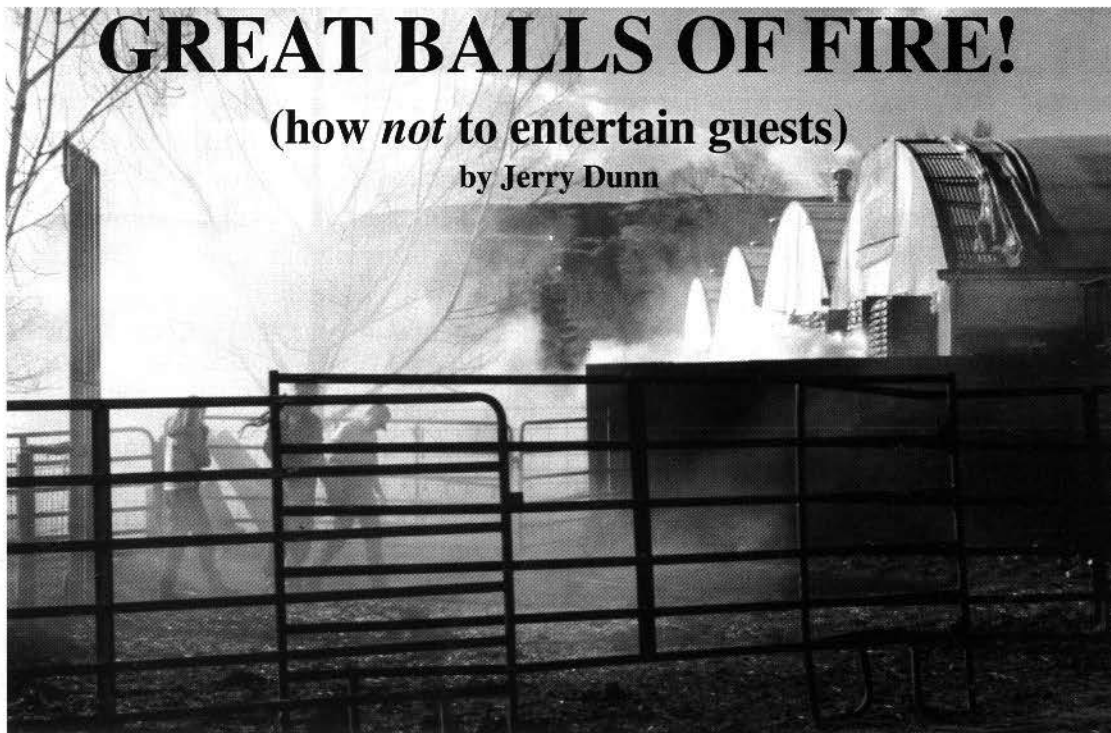




# GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

(how *not* to entertain guests)

by Jerry Dunn

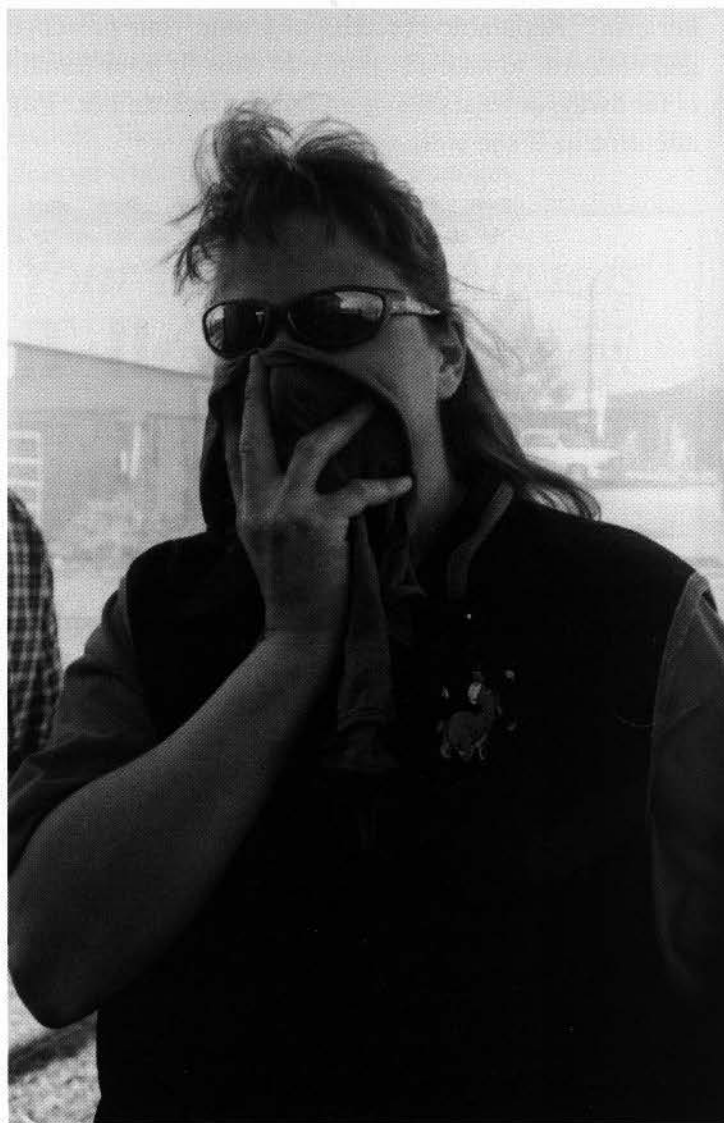


On a warm sunny day in December we offered a health maintenance clinic at Bear Track Farm for llamas. A “barbecue” as it is jokingly called, or in short, a castration event. People brought animals who needed fighting teeth cut, toenails trimmed, one llama even received a shear job, but the primary focus was on castrating eleven males. In preparation for this event I moved all of my males to the pasture across the street, marked areas for parking and set up a grooming chute and set out chairs in the sun with a cooler filled with water and sodas.

Each farm group had their own paddock for surgery. Dr. Mayo and Matt Wamsley began the process by putting six llamas under. While we were waiting for them to go to sleep, Lloyd Wamsley and Doc were able to do some fighting teeth and a few toenails. Doc then started the castration process and all was going well.

People were sitting around casually talking about burning leaves in the fall, bringing back memories of being a kid. Carolann Evans was shearing a female for Jan Adamcyk when she realized she had better stop because her shears were beginning to smell like smoke. As it turned out, there was soon a 30 foot wall of flames shooting up in the air behind her near the greenhouses next door. Without warning, we had a very nasty working fire in our neighbor’s backyard.

We immediately called the fire department. The horses next door were panicking and crashing through fences. Matt and Lloyd jumped the fence, haltered the





horses and loaded them into their trailer. Their owners pulled the trailer out on to the street for safety. The llamas that were awake on the windward side of our barn were moved down the driveway back to their trailer. Mary Wickman covered the eyes and noses of the remaining llamas that were still asleep, while Gerald Losasso and the neighbors started spraying water on the fire with garden hoses until the volunteer fire department arrived. Sherry was in the street helping the firefighters take kinks out of the fire hoses as they pulled them down the driveway. Neighbors for blocks around came to see what was going on and to offer assistance.

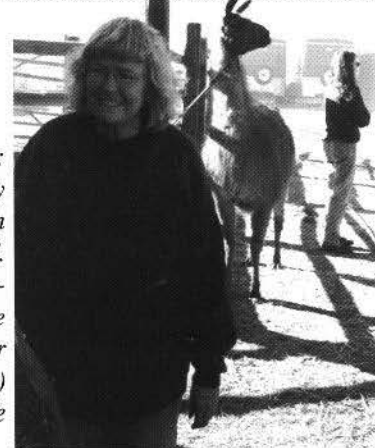
After about 30 minutes, the fire was put out and we all went back to the tasks at hand. The llamas and humans stayed calm. Lunch was celebrated in the house with smöke-marinated friends.

This unsettling drama brought to mind how important it is for all of us to have an emergency plan wherever we are located. Refer to the RMLA web page at [rmla.com](http://rmla.com) for the guideline for emergencies. In our case

we had enough people to quickly move animals out of harm's way. Thanks again to our guests Mary Wickman, Ann Bruhn, Carolann Evans, Sandy Lockwood, Jan and Sherry Adamcyk, Gerald Losasso, Lloyd, Matt and Bobbi Wamsley, Larry and Milli Mayo and Dr. Debby Mayo and every one of their camelid friends.

*Jerry Dunn is an avid super-intendent of many RMLA events and the organization's vice president. She and her llamas live at Bear Track Farm in Golden, Colorado.*

*Photos: Opposite page, top: smoke from the fire quickly engulfed the area as it rose from the greenhouse where it started. Bottom: Sherry Adamcyk struggled with the smoke even as she assisted firefighters with their hoses. Above: Ann Bruhn (front) and Mary Wickman helped move mobile llamas to safety.*



## What Is Your Evacuation Plan?

*Excerpted from the RMLA website at [www.rmla.com](http://www.rmla.com); developed by Fran Etzkorn, retired fire chief for High Country volunteer fire department in Gilpin County, Colorado and Jerry Dunn, former High Country fire captain. Get online today for the full plan.*

Fire season is just around the corner, and the past few years have dealt frightening and damaging blows to much of the country. If you and your lamas live in fire-prone areas, an evacuation plan is essential. However, as Jerry Dunn's article on a neighborhood fire that broke out when she had numerous visiting and incapacitated llamas on hand, plans for emergency reaction to disaster is something every animal owner should always have in mind.

### A Few Important Considerations

- ✓ Decide which animals are to be evacuated first. You may only get one chance!
- ✓ Make arrangements for housing for your animals before a disaster strikes.
- ✓ Always back your vehicle into your driveway facing the exit, in front of your trailer if possible.
- ✓ Practice backing your trailer into the loading area.
- ✓ Be sure all of your large animals are trained to lead and load into a trailer.
- ✓ Provide barnyard lighting with a back-up in case the power goes off.
- ✓ Provide orange vests with ANIMAL RESCUE printed on them with black magic marker. This reduces confusion if the fire company is there at the same time.
- ✓ Organize halters and lead ropes on a peg board in the barn or whatever serves as your primary lama shelter.
- ✓ Print up a list of all of your animals and make copies. Photograph your herd and keep it with your master list. Organize your herd into groups (geldings, studs, moms and babies). Who should go first?
- ✓ Make plans for what you will do with your animals if it is too late to transport them to a safe area.
- ✓ Give each designated rescuer your vet's name and telephone number.
- ✓ Keep a copy of all of the information on a clipboard with extra pens and pencils, tape, orange vests and a flashlight in a place where your Number One helper can find it. This list is to document "who went where" for later verification. You might not be home. One person needs to be in charge of the list on the clipboard as the rescue begins.

**WHEN SHOULD YOU EVACUATE? BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

# Something for Everyone

## A Report on the RMLA 2003 Educational Conference

by Cheryl Juntilla

As a general rule, it is impossible to please everybody. However, the 2003 RMLA Annual Conference may have broken that rule because it offered such a variety of informational sessions and activities that there was surely something to please each and every one of the 52 people who attended.

The Conference was held on October 11 and 12 at the Lion's Club Camp just outside of Woodland Park, Colorado. The setting was not only beautiful, but included a large outdoor area that was ideal for the sessions which involved working with real, live llamas. Other presentations were given indoors, or on a sunny balcony where participants could enjoy the beautiful autumn weather. In addition to the educational sessions, participants enjoyed visiting with old friends and new acquaintances. A rousing and highly competitive game of "Llama Pictionary" served as a great icebreaker prior to lunch on Saturday. Participants' artistic skills and imaginations were put to the test as they tried to depict concepts such as herd sire, loafing shed and lactating female. The team with the most successful solutions in ten minutes won the right to be first in line for all meals for the weekend.

Two classes were offered for fiber enthusiasts



and wannabes. Introduction to Spinning was taught by Judy Glaser, who is an accomplished hand spinner and llama owner. Those who attended received a drop spindle and samples of various fibers with which to practice, including llama, mohair, silk and two types of sheep wool. Judy put everyone at ease with her motto "There are no mistakes" and by the end of the class had even the most fumble-fingered participant spinning.

Fiber 101 covered all aspects of harvesting, processing and using fiber. Marlice Van Zandt, a fiber artist and llama owner, conducted this highly informative session and brought lots of wonderful examples for inspection and touching. Other beautiful examples of what can be done with fiber were on display at the Fiber Coop Booth. Marlice's enthusiasm was contagious and those attending her class left anxious to start making their own creations using what they had learned.

Young people who participated in the Youth Judging class had the unique opportunity to





spend almost a whole day learning from ALSA Judge Ron Baird and received a copy of the ALSA Youth Judging Manual. The knowledge they gained will undoubtedly serve them well in the show ring in coming years.

The Llamas on the Trail clinic was well attended by both beginners and experienced packers. Tony Gross shared his years of experience hiking and packing in the woods and talked about the basics of llama packing as well as topics such as what to do if you meet a bear or mountain lion on the trail and what you may have to do with a sick or down llama. Tony used his llama, Sir Marvin, to demonstrate several different pack systems and showed how to cinch an animal properly. Tony's enthusiasm encouraged everyone to en-



joy the beauty of the Colorado wilderness right in our backyard whenever we can.

Llama 101 covered a variety of basics that every llama owner needs to know. Bobra Goldsmith gave a demonstration on how to properly fit a halter on a llama. This may sound easy, but you must take into consideration the size of your llama's nose and neck, as well as what you are asking your animal to do to get the best fit possible. An improperly fitted halter can hurt your animal, cause attitude problems or even kill the llama.

Lloyd Wamsley gave a toenail cutting demonstration. He talked about the pros and cons of several types of cutters and the importance of nail trimming so as not to cut the animal, while keeping them comfortable and their feet growing properly. A llama with good nails will walk and track its best in the show ring as well as on the trail. Lloyd demonstrated the use of a

chute to make the experience painless for the animal and person.

The subject of dental care for llamas was addressed by Mary Beth Hartsough. She discussed the importance of removing fighting teeth in males as well as dental maintenance for older llamas. Mary Beth is an ALSA judge and also gave a presentation about conformation and breeding issues. The topics of what to look for when buying an animal and when to breed were

discussed. Several llamas were presented for "judging" so that Mary Beth could point out positive and less desirable traits in animals to the group.

A nutrition class was given by Richard and Marie Hoover, owners of Cache la Poudre Miner-

als. Basic nutritional needs and formulas for nutrients to keep your llama fit and trim were discussed, as was the importance of ensuring that animals receive the proper balance of minerals and vitamins to stay healthy.

Sally and Jeff Rucker brought a trailer full of young llamas for a Basic Training class in which Sally demonstrated training techniques and gave new llama owners the opportunity for some hands-on experience. Even those who did not participate in this class enjoyed watching the wooly youngsters.

Anyone hoping to become successful at selling llamas would have been well-served to attend Gayle Woodsum's enthusiastic presentation about advertising. Gayle was refreshingly optimistic and stressed the importance of setting goals and working to achieve those goals. She said you should expect to spend fifteen to twenty percent of your gross sales price on promotional costs and that a website has become a marketing necessity. It is important to know your market, be accessible



to potential buyers and stand behind what you sell.

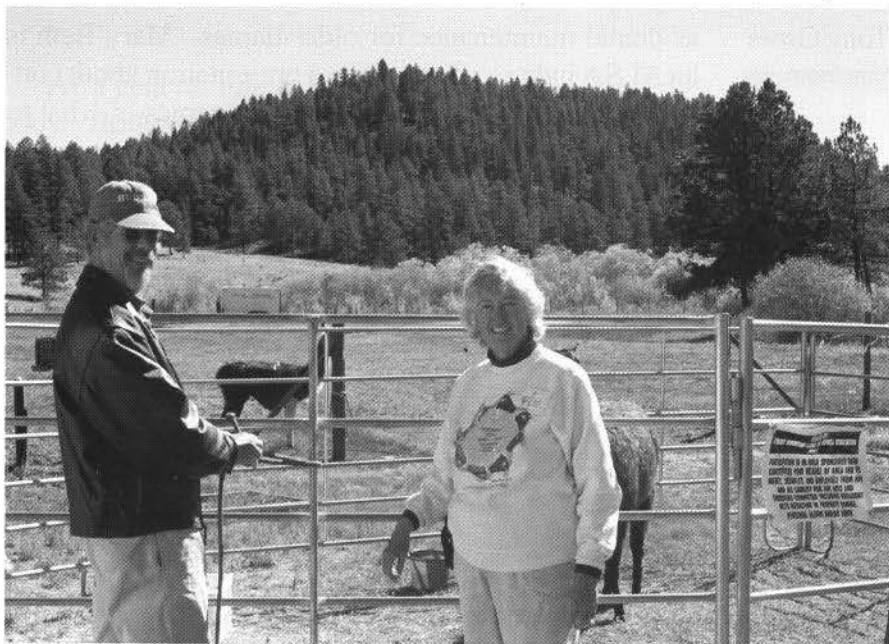
Fun ways to expose the public to llamas were discussed at a marketing roundtable led by Jerry Dunn,

He emphasized the importance of pasture rotation to prevent overgrazing and regularly walking in your pastures to monitor their condition.

Bobra Goldsmith generously shared some of the wealth of knowledge she has gained from years of working with llamas during a question and answer session titled Ask the Llama Lady. The questions could have gone on for hours, but had to end when it was announced that dinner was ready.

The RMLA annual meeting followed a delicious lasagna dinner on Saturday evening. Several members were presented certificates of recognition for all the volunteer work they have done for RMLA. They included Ann Bruhn; Mary Wickman; Sandra, Dave and Warren Lockwood; and Larry and Deanna Lewellyn. Jill Knuckles was given with a lovely handmade shawl to thank her for her years of service on the board of directors as its secretary. A beautiful bronze

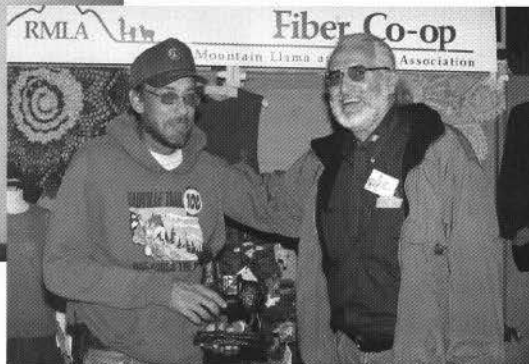
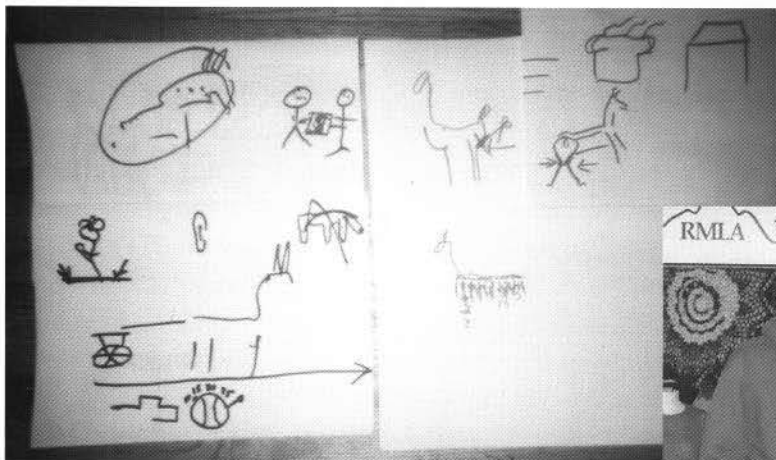
statue of a pack llama was presented to Dee Goodman in recognition of his pioneering work in establishing the Fairplay Llama Pack Race, as well as his other contributions to llama activities. Mr. Goodman was also



*Bobra Goldsmith served the conference as Ask the Llama Lady.*

Teri Nilson Baird and Lougene Baird. Some of the ideas and suggestions included visiting schools, libraries and nursing homes, working on trail crews or trash pick up crews, helping to deliver Girl Scout cookies and getting involved in community fairs and festivals. Other topics of this roundtable discussion were ways to make use of and even sell llama manure, and how to make sure an advertisement is camera ready for publication.

Pasture management was the topic of an informative slide presentation by Colorado State University Extension Agent Jonathan Vrabc. Mr. Vrabc gave tips on ways to improve pasture quality and control weeds.



*Newly discovered petroglyphs? No, just samples of the rousing ice-breaker game of Llama Pictionary.*

instrumental in getting llamas included in the National Western Stock Show.

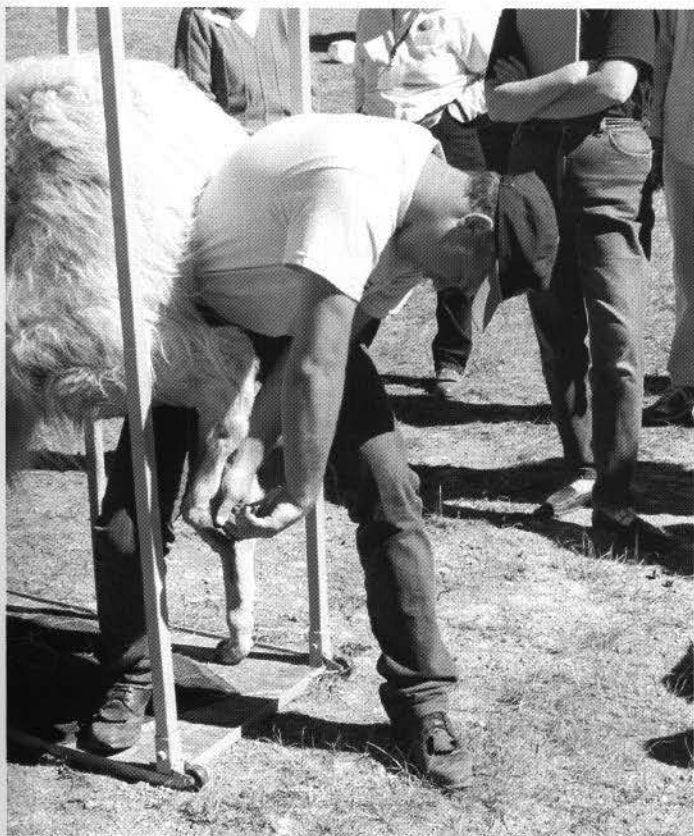
From the reports given by officers and committee chairs during the annual meeting it is clear that RMLA continues to be a vibrant and growing organization which offers benefits to all of its members, regardless of their individual interests. The organizers of the conference did a wonderful job of arranging informational sessions on such a wide variety of topics and making the conference extremely affordable to attend. It was a wonderful opportunity for new llama owners to learn from veterans and truly demonstrated that we are all united in our enthusiasm for these versatile and lovable animals.

P.S. From Mary Wickman

I would like to add my thanks to everyone who attended, and to all the speakers. Thanks to Sharon Beacham for setting up the RMLA Fiber Booth, and to everyone who helped. I also much appreciate Cheryl's thorough and wonderful coverage of the conference for this article. One final note: the managers of the Lions Camp stated that in the five years they have been running the camp, we were the best group they have had rent the facility.



Above, Tony Gross begins his in-depth workshop on llama packing matters. Left: Lloyd Wamsley demonstrating safe, successful methods for trimming toenails



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# We're in the Mountains, Not over the Hill

## tales and tips from seasoned women backpackers

by Susan Alcorn

review by Gayle M. Woodsum

I ordered the book because they asked me to. They found me because I'm a woman, a llama owner and because this book contains a chapter on llama packing for women. As it turns out, I'm glad I own a copy.

Ms. Alcorn has spent many years day hiking and backpacking, with her husband, in groups, with friends. She has discovered, as many of us have, that wilderness experiences differ from each other depending on who you hike with. Alone, with single sex groups, as a couple, with llamas.

Special things happen when women hike together. What are apparently gender-specific needs, tendencies or personality traits, rise interestingly to the surface when women explore the mountains on their own and with each other.

Ms. Alcorn explores many of the unique aspects of women taking to the high country without male assistance, including the unfortunate fact that many women have grown up believing they are not safe without male companionship.

This book is homespun, written in a casual girl-talk kind of way. At the same time, it provides specific recommendations for how to go about creating both challenging and delightful trips in a variety of ways.

The chapter on llama hiking could, to my biased way of thinking, have been much longer and provided more details. However, most especially for the llama neophyte, it is upbeat and accurate. In particular, I applaud its contributor for pointing out that the business of inexperienced individuals leasing llamas on their own for backcountry adventure is fraught with peril for humans and llamas alike.

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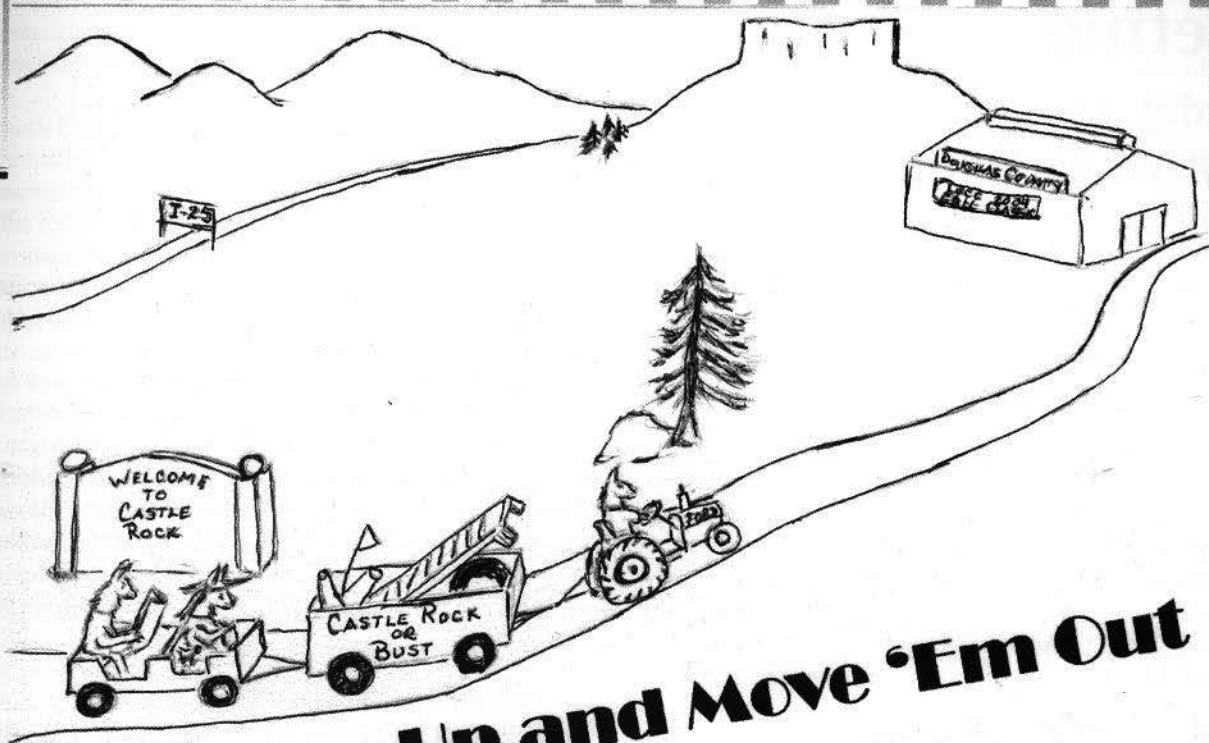


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# Minutes of the 2003 Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, October 11, 2003 at 6:00 PM

Woodland Park, Colorado

Submitted by Jill Knuckles, Outgoing Secretary

Board Members Present: Julie Heggie, Jerry Dunn, Lougene Baird, Jill Knuckles. Not Present, Jan Cummer.

Welcome activity presented by Jerry Dunn, RMLA Vice President.

## Introduction of New Officers:

The newly elected officers for the 2004 RMLA Board of Directors are: Teri Baird, Paul Schwartz, Annette Mulholland, Patti Morgan and Jerry Dunn. Julie Heggie and Lougene Baird will continue their term on the board.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the minutes from the 2002 Annual Business Meeting. Motion: Mary Wickman, 2nd: Maureen Bergenfeld, Motion Carried.

## Treasury Report:

General Operations	\$ 3092
Life Member	7002
Liquid Asset	60,920
Research	6722
Bookstore General Operations	9248
CFL&A Special Production	8655
Total Cash on Hand	\$88,711

## Summary of Committee Reports:

### Animal Assisted Therapy – Carol Lontine

Carol reported on taking her llama into nursing homes, which is supported by the Delta Society. If anyone is interested in getting started in certifying their llama or visiting nursing homes, Carol would love to help. If your animal is certified by the Delta Society they provide a number of benefits, one including insurance when visiting nursing homes, etc.

### Bookstore – Jan Adamcyk

The bookstore changed managers on April 1, 2003. The former managers were Keith and Katy Wegner of Golden Colorado. Your new manager is Jan Adamcyk of Kiowa, Colorado. The bookstore

sells several products: *Caring for Llamas and Alpacas, A Health Management Guide*; *The Youth Llama 4H Project Manual*; and metal and magnetic liability signs.

The bookstore received 4000 copies of the new fourth printing of *Caring for Llamas and Alpacas*. The last of the third printing has been sold and the new fourth printing began selling on June 8. Since then, 672 copies have been sold, about 168 per month. To date in 2003, 125 copies of the *Youth Llama 4H Project Manual* have also been sold. Orders are sent throughout the world to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, England, Sweden and Czech Republic so far this year. In the United States copies go to almost every state.

### RMLA Calendar – Julie Heggie

The RMLA Calendar will be available in two to three weeks. Deanna Lewellyn has once again done an outstanding job on design and production. Julie Heggie is currently taking orders and we plan to have the calendar available at the ALSA Grand Nationals at \$10 each.

### Continuing Education – Jerry Dunn

This committee is involved in putting together the conference and events for the upcoming year.

### Elections

The election ballots for the new officers were collected and counted by Maggie Merrill Brown. Newly elected officers for 2004 are Teri Baird, Jerry Dunn, Patti Morgan, Annette Mulholland and Paul Schwartz.

### Events – Jerry Dunn

There were 27 events sponsored by RMLA in 2003, about half being shows and the other half making up a variety of other types of events. There were a total of 1350 participants involved, with the events viewed by 5000 spectators. Events packets for 2004 have been mailed out.

### Fiber - Julie Heggie

Early in the year, Sharon Beacham and Karen Kinyon resigned as co-chairs of the RMLA Fiber Co-op Booth, with Judith Wolff-Mills taking over as chair. Judith has also chosen to resign as chair, so the booth is currently recruiting for a new one. Karen Kinyon is taking the fiber booth to the Grand National Show in Lincoln, Nebraska in November. In the new year the board needs to get together to come up with a new plan of operation.

The Fiber Co-op Booth made its first appearance seven years ago at the Estes Park Wool Market and has since traveled to a number of shows such as the Stock Show, Taos Wool Market and

Grand Nationals to name a few. In 2003, they did their best sales at the Taos Wool Show bringing in \$4404. Currently 17 people consign items to the booth, representing six states. If anyone is interested, there is a packet provided which lists out the requirements for consignment. Items consigned must contain a minimum of 60% lama fiber. No imported items are accepted.

#### **4H/Youth Committee – Maureen Bergenfeld**

This committee is currently rewriting the 4-H manual into two separate manuals to break it out by age groups. They are also rewriting the record book so that it is standardized, and have put together a committee of youth to get involved in the process. Mary Gross is helping to add a section on fiber to the manual. Barb Harris is in the process of compiling a list of Judges for 4-H Shows, so that there can be some consistency throughout the various 4-H Projects. A key component that is missing are specific project ideas relating to llamas, alpacas, fiber....

#### **Government Relations – Teri Baird**

Teri has been attending a number of conferences throughout the United States and is active on several committees, in particular involved in current discussions regarding required permanent IDs for all U.S. livestock.

#### **Pack Committee – Tony Gross**

The Pack Committee is a new committee chaired by Tony Gross. Tony is in the process of trying to come up with various packing events. They have also been asked to help out with the Leadville 100 Support team which takes supplies to a check in station on Hope's Pass. Individuals have expressed that they miss the old "Rendezvous" that RMLA used to have, getting together for swap meets, etc. Other events happening: Roger wants to sponsor a pack trip, the Western Slope club has been organizing a variety of hikes from day hikes to overnight hikes. The perception used to be that llama packing was the heart and sole of RMLA and now it seems to be more of a show organization. This committee wants to get packing back as a major focus.

#### **Publishing / RMLA Journal – Gayle Woodsum**

The Journal is alive and well with the November issue back on rack. Gayle is the new editor and has a new publishing team behind her. There is a lot of excitement about the diversity of information being submitted. The Journal takes about 200 hours

to put together to have ready to send to the publisher. Gayle is open to suggestions and wants to keep the Journal on time and continue to improve on the quality.

#### **Membership – Bob and Barb Hance**

The Hances have completed their fourth year of layout for both the Membership Directory and the Service Directory. In addition to keeping track of the membership and publishing the various directories, they are also the Webmasters for the RMLA website and distribute information on the RMLA email Newslines.

#### **Research – Ron Baird**

During the past year, we reviewed 26 funding proposals through the Morris Animal Foundations. These ranged from pharmacological studies to those dealing with the causes of abortion in camelids. They have been ranked by the Llama Medical Research Group (LMRG) as to their significance for breeders and owners of llamas, forwarded to Morris, and now are under review by an academic panel that will rank them for scientific importance. All are expensive: ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000, thus it is unlikely RMLA will fund one entire study by itself. Much has been reported over the RMLA Newslines and the news media about the effects of West Nile Virus on llamas and alpacas. No research studies have been proposed to RMLA for funding that would investigate its prevention in camelids. At the present time, RMLA has set aside \$6,722.88 for use by the Research Committee in furthering medical research in appropriate subjects for llamas and alpacas.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** A quorum was not present to consider or approve new business.

**Open Discussion:**

#### **Conference and Annual Business Meeting**

Some comments were made that October is a good time of year for the annual conference and business meeting, while the other vote was for the spring. Most individuals like to have the conference in conjunction with the annual business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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**April 24, 2004 Grand Mesa Llama Classic**  
Grand Junction, Colorado. Contact Jill Knuckles,  
970.241.4112; talltaillamas@bigplanet.com

**April 25, 2004 Kokopelli Llama Classic**  
Grand Junction, Colorado. Contact Jill Knuckles,  
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**May 1, 2004 Spring Fiber Clinic**  
Wellington, Colorado. Contact Karen Kinyon,  
970.568.3747; kkd@oneimage.com

**May 8, 2004 Jelly Bean Classic**  
Arvada, Colorado. Contact Jerry Dunn,  
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**May 16, 2004 Spring Fiber Clinic**  
Salida, Colorado. Contact Sharon Beacham,  
719.539.7185; beachams@phf.llamas.com

**May 22, 2004 Santa Fe Spring Fling**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico. Contact Melanie McMurray,  
505.286.8830; llamapelli@aol.com

**May 22, 2004 Spring Sneakers  
Performance Show**  
Arvada, Colorado. Contact Jerry Dunn,  
303.277.1129; beartrak@gte.net

**May 23, 2004 Green Chile Classic**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico. Contact Melanie McMurray,  
505.286.8830; llamapelli@aol.com

**June 11-13, 2004 Estes Park Wool Market  
Llama and Fleece Show**  
Estes Park, Colorado. Contact Gayle Woodsum,  
307.721.2919; dbjljllamas@aol.com

**July 24, 2004 Fairplay Llama Pack Race**  
Fairplay, Colorado. Contact Gary Carlton,  
303.503.1324; gcarlton@tds.net

**July 25, 2004 Fairplay Llama Camp  
Performance Show**  
Fairplay, Colorado. Contact Ann Bruhn,  
719.689.4026

**August 3, 2004 Kiowa Creek Youth Llama  
and Alpaca Show**  
Kiowa, Colorado. Contact Dani Varela,  
303.621.9021; dvarela55@yahoo.com.

**August 13-15, 2004 Laramie Llama Festival**  
Laramie, Wyoming. Contact Gayle Woodsum,  
307.721.2919; dbjljllamas@aol.com

**September 4-5, 2004 LOCC Fall Classic**  
Castle Rock, Colorado. Contact Barb Harris,  
719.275.9457; WildCatLlamas@aol.com

**September 4, 2004 Colorado State Fair  
Youth Llama Show**  
Pueblo, Colorado. Contact Rhonda Livengood,  
719.783.9238; llamarado@netzero.net

**September 11, 2004 Sangre de Cristo  
Youth Llama Show**  
Westcliffe, Colorado. Contact Rhonda Livengood,  
719.783.9238; llamarado@netzero.net

**October 2-3, 2004 ALSA Rocky Mountain  
Regional Championship Show**  
Denver, Colorado. Contact Lougene Baird,  
303.688.5445; lbaird@zynexmed.com or Larry  
Lewellyn, 720.733.2775; fhllamas@aol.com.

**January 8-9, 2005 National Western Stock Show  
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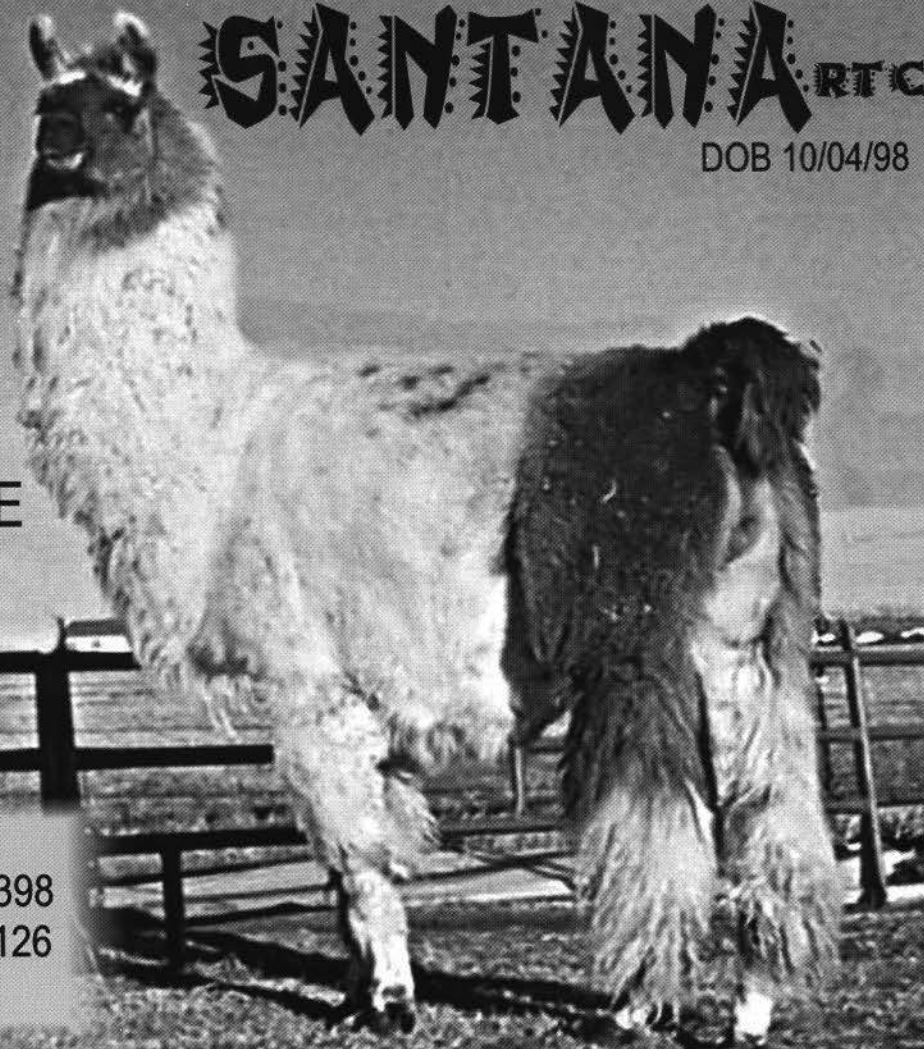
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# RMLA Membership Report

by Bob and Barb Hance

We have a few members who have already sent their RMLA renewals in for the 2004-2005 year. Thank you! Our membership year was changed a couple of years ago to run from April 1 through March 31 each year. Your membership committee tries to make sure there is a membership form in each issue of the Journal. The idea is to encourage you to invite your visitors and/or customers to join RMLA. The membership form has been revised to include a line for your donation to the RMLA Foundation Inc. The RMLA

Foundation is a nonprofit organization established by donations and run separately from RMLA to give assistance to our RMLA youngsters in the way of scholarships or gifts. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Watch your mail for the 2003-2004 RMLA Membership renewal, and please return it before TAX DAY, April 15. We will be including the "Service Directory" (Yellow Pages") advertising form with your renewal, both of which must be postmarked before April 15. Your ad(s) are on the RMLA website for the entire year, for only an additional \$15.00 each. The hard copy "Yellow Pages" are distributed at all of the RMLA sponsored events, and also at other events throughout the year. Each ad is still only \$20 for a 5-6 line classified ad or \$20 for your business card ad. (Sorry, memory limitations do not allow us to place the business card ads on the web.) Or if you prefer, you may renew or send us your ads via the RMLA web: [www.rmla.com](http://www.rmla.com)

When considering this year's membership, keep in mind that there is a membership category called Life Member. It only costs \$500, which you may pay by MasterCard or Visa, and you may pay it in quarterly installments of \$125 each. Never be bothered again by missing your RMLA membership renewal deadline. Upon joining at this level, you are also entitled to one free 1/4 page ad in The Journal.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming RMLA's newest members. If any of these folks live near you, give them a call to welcome them to the wonderful world of lamas and lama lovers, and find out if you can be of assistance in helping them to network.

## NEW MEMBER LISTING

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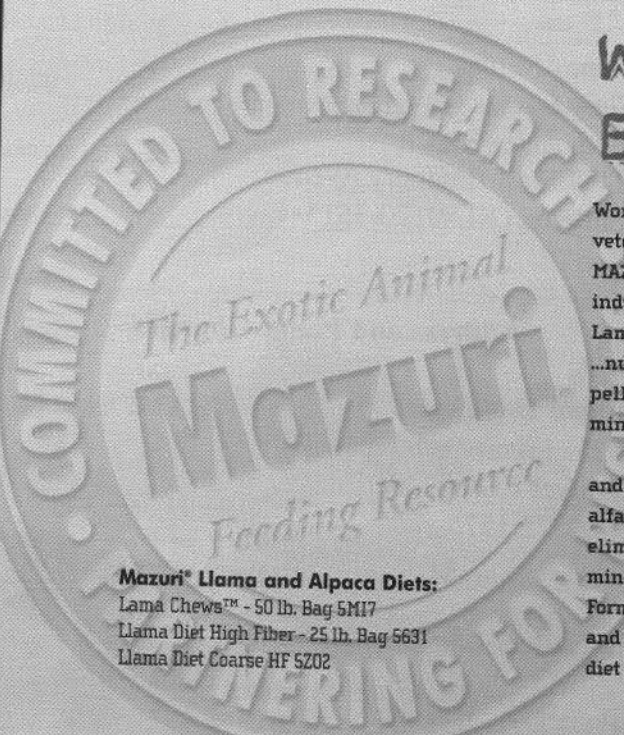
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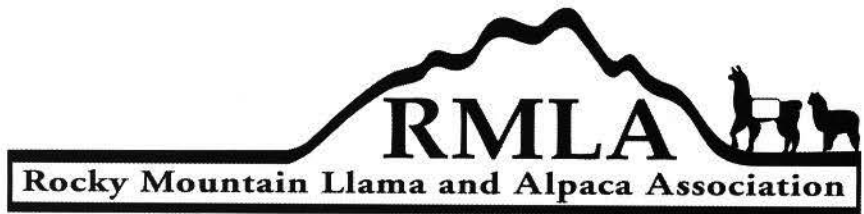
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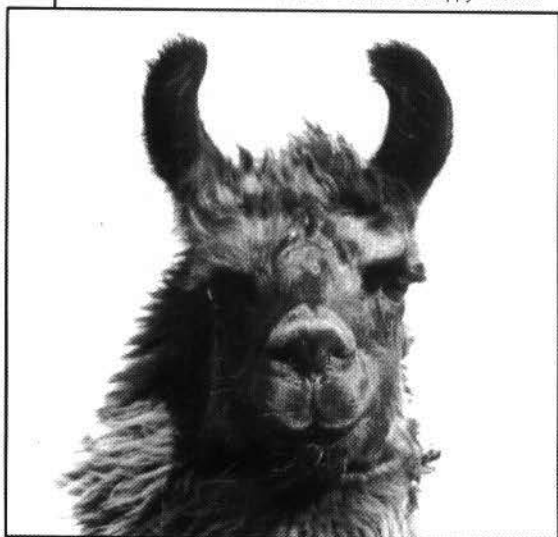
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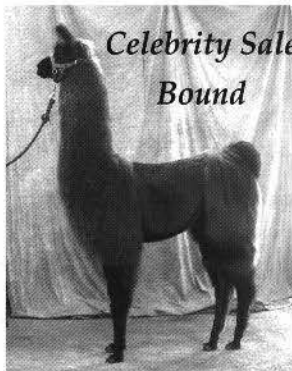


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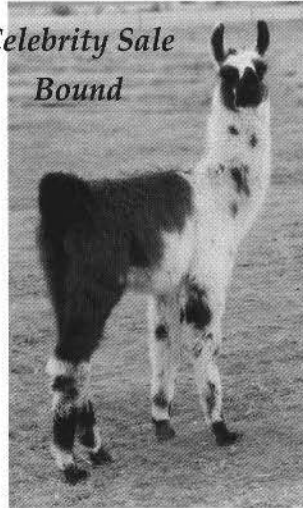


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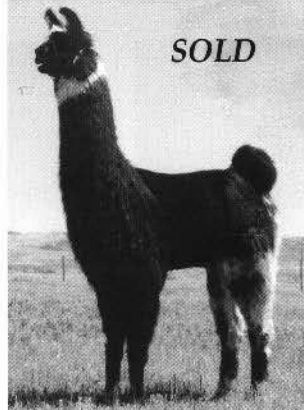
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