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President's Message

To the Membership,

"Happy New Year", I hope this year is filled with happiness and harmony.

This year brings lots of changes to our alpaca industry all across our nation. But, in looking back at our Calpaca affiliate in review, we've made some great changes ourselves.

In 2013 we put on two successful shows, both the California Classic and the Gold Country Gathering, not to mention sponsoring the annual U.C. Davis Camelid Symposium. We also held our first annual Fiber Social with the President of AFCNA, Wade Gease as our speaker. Our newsletter, the Connection, went "GREEN" with one hard copy a year incorporating our Membership Directory. We successfully launched our new Calpaca website by uniting with Openherd.com, this enabled Calpaca farm members the ability to market their alpacas, products and services and have their own website. We developed our Google Group email to keep our members connected. For the first time this year we introduced the "Calpaca Student Camelid Club" for the vet students at U.C. Davis. Two items we recently accomplished were updating our Calpaca Brochures and offering a Classic Black T-shirt for our members. It has been a very busy and enthusiastic year for Calpaca.

In 2014 our industry is about to see a change that will affect all of us with the merger between AOBA and ARI to ultimately become a new united association called The Alpaca Owners Association, commonly known as AOA. This is absolutely the best time to belong to your local affiliate. With three Calpaca members involved with all the changes in our new AOA association, we will strive to get our members any and all updates and changes as they are made. Our goal is to keep you informed and connected by emails and through our Facebook page.

Please join us this year at Calpaca, by either becoming or renewing a Farm Membership or an Associate Membership. Our goal is to educate you, help you market better, sell your alpacas, products and move your fiber. We want you now more than ever to join Calpaca - a leader in our industry.

Laurie Findlay, Calpaca President

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." Arthur Ashe

Calpaca Member News

Welcome To Our Newest Calpaca Members

Mark & Gayle Shaw, **Desert Star Alpacas**, Sparks, NV

Marsh Ludwig, **KML Ranch**, Rio Vista, CA

Shannon Verissimo, Rainshadow, Acampo, CA

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Calpaca Membership Meeting, Saturday, February 8, 2014 10:00 am
Kim and Mike Bisceglia —McCarty Creek Ranch
15220 Paskenta Road, Fournoy, CA 96029 530-833-5431
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10:00 — General Membership Meeting

12:00 PM — Lunch provided both meat eaters and vegetarians, no need to bring anything.

1:00 — Educational Program — Steve Murray from Lassen View Alpacas Bureau, will co-host the discussion on “Shearing Preparation”. Topics include preparing your ranch, animals, helpers, fleece, etc. Presentation materials will be provided

*** PLEASE RSVP AND BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR**

Featured Host Ranch November 9, 2013

Nancy and Dave Helwig—925 Sterling Alpacas

The Ranch: Nancy and Dave Helwig hosted the November Calpaca quarterly meeting at their new ranch in the Shenandoah Valley wine area of Amador County. The move of their Suri herd to the property was complete and their new home, although still under construction, was near completion. Note: Nancy and Dave are now settled in their new home.

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The Meeting: following the business meeting and an excellent potluck lunch the featured speaker was introduced. Jim Spinetta, President of the Amador County Farm Bureau, spoke about what the California Farm Bureau does for members and the benefits of being involved with this long established organization.

The Winery Tour: Following the very informative educational program attendees were invited to Helwig Winery for a private tasting and quick tour of the property. Nancy and Dave have created an outstanding destination for wine lovers and those who enjoy outside concert venues. The amphitheater is absolutely amazing. As are the wine caves. If you missed the meeting check out Helwig Winery at <http://www.helwigwinery.com/> and plan a trip to the wine country.



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Upcoming Calpaca Events

2014

February 8, Membership meeting—Kim and Mike Bisceglia—McCarty Creek Ranch

April 11-13, CA Classic Roundup Alpaca Show—Dixon Fairgrounds, Dixon, CA

May 17, Membership meeting—Nancy Chapel—Alpaca Country Estates

August 9, Membership meeting—David and Sheila Scroggins—Colusa Riverside Alpacas

For current member events check: <http://www.calpaca.org/events/>

What Is The Calpaca Scholarship Program?

Information provided by Rick Brady, Oak Valley Alpacas

The Calpaca Scholarship Program and the Endowment were started in 2005. Calpaca has since awarded eighteen scholarships to deserving students at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. At least two scholarships are awarded annually, going to applicants that intend to practice in California upon graduation, and who also intend to include camelid medicine in their practice. To date these scholarships have been primarily funded by Calpaca's general fund with the annual amount determined by the Calpaca Board of Directors and based on the general financial well being of our association.

The California Alpaca Breeders Scholarship Endowment Fund was also established in 2005 with the intent that, over time would grow to the point where the annual scholarships could be fully funded by proceeds from the endowment alone. Presently, to grow the endowment as quickly as possible, all annual proceeds are folded back into the fund. The endowment is administered by the UC Board of Regents and Calpaca has no say in how the funds in the endowment are invested. Like everything else during the financial down turn of the last several years, our endowment has taken a significant hit with a dramatic loss in value. Fortunately the markets are rebounding and we fully expect that our endowment will raise right along with it.

The funding for the scholarship program comes directly from Calpaca members who participate in specific fund raising efforts. For instance the Silent Auctions at our Calpaca shows and raffles such as the Win-A-Gator and Win-A-Generator raffles.

How can YOU help??? We'll continue to support our Silent Auctions by both donating items and bidding on items in the auctions. Plus, as members you can always donate directly to the endowment by sending a check to the Calpaca treasurer or directly to the endowment fund. For further information about making contributions to the endowment contact Rick Brady 209.772.3906 or brady-ova@att.net.



2014 Camelid Symposium Re-cap

The 9th annual UC Davis Camelid Symposium was held January 18-19, 2014 at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Continuing the tradition of assembling internationally recognized speakers the dedicated Camelid Symposium committee brought together Dr. David Anderson, Dr. Robert Van Saun, Dr. Pam Walker, and Dr. Susan Tornquist. Joining them on the schedule was Dr. Murray Fowler (UCDavis emeritus) and UCD faculty members Dr. Julie Dechant (Symposium Committee), Dr. Puschner and Dr. Dujovne.

A total of 137 non-UCD attendees participated in the sessions:

- 107 owners (64 were Calpaca members)
- 4 prospective owners
- 22 veterinarians
- 4 vet techs

Outside of California and Nevada, attendees came from: AZ, IL, GA, ID, WV, MA, QC (Quebec)



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History In The Making

By Dianna Jordan, Connection Editor

An industry milestone was reached on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 with the announcement that the member approved merger of the Alpaca Registry, Inc. (ARI) and the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association (AOBA) into the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA) was complete. This merger unifies the major functions of two major industry organizations. As a result:

- Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association, Inc. has merged into Alpaca Registry, Inc.
- Alpaca Registry, Inc. has been renamed Alpaca Owners Association, Inc. (AOA)
- ARI's Bylaws have been amended to those approved in the merger vote
- AOBA's subsidiary, Alpaca Livestock Corporation, Inc. is now a subsidiary of AOA
- The first Board of AOA has been seated and officers have been elected
- If you were a member of ARI or AOBA on January 14, 2014 you are now a member of AOA
- The headquarters phone number is now the AOA phone number; 402-437-8484

A staff in Nashville will be maintained but the AOA headquarters office address is now— 8300 Cody Drive, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68512

The Alpaca Owners Association, Inc. Officers & Directors are as follows:

Bonnie Potter President	Dianna Jordan Vice President	Laurel Shouvin Secretary	Julie Delaney Treasurer
John Ferrante Director	Steve Hull Director	Wayne Jarvis Director	Andy Merriwether Director
Scott Miller Director	Tom Petersen Director		

During the transition members will continue to conduct most of their formerly AOBA related business at **www.alpacaowners.com** and formerly ARI related business at **www.alpacaregistry.com**. The AOA staff is available to answer any questions you have, but there will be times when they won't have an immediate answer for you, as this transition will be a period of learning for the staff as well. To speak with staff there now is only one telephone number, 402-437-8484.

Members will be given regular updates on the transition process. Additionally, members will be asked to participate in some surveys, polls, and other tools we plan to use to solicit your input as we work to create an organization that involves each of you and makes you proud to be a member.

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As one of the members of the last AOBA Board of Directors I feel honored and hopeful. Honored to be elected to the inaugural AOA BOD; hopeful that the merger will result in strengthening and unifying our industry. It took a long time and much effort to get to where we find ourselves today. However, those of us involved in the process through the years know that the real work has just begun. We are committed to meeting the needs of the industry, our membership and our association. However, to be successful, as an organization and industry, we need your support, commitment and constructive participation. Although all members of the AOA BOD are accessible, Calpaca members are in the unique position of having three Calpaca members serving on the BOD. So please, help us help you by letting us know your ideas, concerns, thoughts, etc. Each and every one of us has a part in creating the future of our industry.

I hope you will remain engaged as we move forward as a single unified organization. Your ongoing support and commitment to the excellence of your national association is integral to our success as an organization and as an industry. Both the Board of Directors and the staff are looking forward to your involvement in the days and months ahead.

A Message From The AOA President

I am honored to have been elected to serve as the first President of the Board of Directors of the newly formed Alpaca Owners Association, Inc. Although the merger of AOBA and ARI was effective in mid-January, it will take many months to transition all of the elements, including the websites of the two organizations, into one -- but the ultimate result will be a stronger organization that will better serve our members in the long run. I am really excited about the merger and the opportunities it presents. Forming a single organization eliminates duplication in office staff, technology, insurance, elections, financial audits, office space and other areas. Equally important for our members is having a single organization to call to get all questions answered and a single Internet gateway where members and the public can access information about alpaca farms, alpaca shows and other aspects of our industry. By combining the strengths and resources of both organizations into one, we can ensure a higher level of service. Additionally, having a single Board of Directors provides a single, unified voice for the alpaca industry, so we are represented the way other livestock industries are. We are fortunate to have three Calpaca members on the AOA Board, and with the other dedicated volunteers that serve on the board working with our dedicated staff in the office led by our outstanding Executive Director, Darby Vannier, I have no doubt that AOA will be successful in meeting the needs of our members and the alpaca industry. I hope you will give us your input, feedback and support.

Bonnie Potter, President Alpaca Owners Association, Inc.

How To Achieve More With SMART Goals

By Dianna Jordan, Alpacas of Somerset Farm

*Planning is bringing the future into the present
so that you can do something about it now*

Effectively written goals provide a road map to success. If you take the time to complete the exercises presented in this article you will create a powerful, yet easy to understand, goal-setting template designed to develop and implement strategic business goals. You will learn the five major considerations of effective goal setting and how to write goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and reached in a timely manner. The template and exercises here can be used for any goal you want to set for your alpaca business. They will provide you with the tools to write meaningful goals that will move you toward your desired results. You will have an objective way of measuring your success, one achievement at a time.

Grab a piece of paper and pen, or create a document on your computer, and get started.

Exercise 1

There are several types of goals to choose from in the alpaca business. Business growth, marketing, sales, fiber production, etc. The objective of this assignment is to set fiber production goals for your breeding program. Keep in mind that you may have to accomplish some short-term goals in order to meet your long-term goals.

To jump start your thinking process, list some common descriptors regarding fiber production. Example: fineness

Complete this statement: “At our ranch, we breed for fiber that is...”

Writing SMART Goals

To keep your breeding program on track and to provide you feedback on how you are doing, your goal needs to be a **SMART** goal...**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable/**A**chievable, **R**ealistic, and **T**ime bound.

What are some “Specific” results or outcomes you would look for in the fiber produced by your alpacas? Example: uniformity...what are others?

How are these **Specific** results **Measured**? How do you know when you have reached the goal? Example: how is uniformity measured? What are other specific measurements?

Are the **Specifics** you are looking for **Attainable/Achievable**? Can they be reached? If so, how?

Are your **Specific/Measurable/Attainable/Achievable** goals **Realistic**? Considering your resources (time, finances, quality of herd, etc), is it **Realistic** to think you will achieve this goal?

By when (**Time**) do you want to see these results? What are some **Time bound** measurements? Keep in mind that you may have to set different times for the results to be achieved depending on the goal.

Recap/Summary

Specific = what are the specific fiber characteristics you want to see in your breeding program? Do you want uniformity, density, fineness, crimp, brightness, staple length, etc?

Measurable = how are you going to know you achieved your goal? How are you going to measure those things you determined above to know you achieved your goal? What measurements will you use to determine uniformity, density, fineness, crimp, brightness, staple length, etc?

Attainable/Achievable = are those specific characteristics you listed attainable/achievable? Given the quality of your dams/herdsire choices, is your goal achievable with these pairings?

Realistic = the specific results can realistically (are likely to happen) be attained.

Time bound = by when do you expect to see the results...months, years, generations?

Exercise 2

Read the following examples and identify the statement that includes all the parts of a SMART goal.

At our ranch, we breed for fineness and uniformity.

At our ranch, we are breeding for fineness and uniformity in our entire fiber production by 2016.

At our ranch, we are breeding for fineness and uniformity in all of our production females by 2016.

At our ranch we are striving for fineness and uniformity with an overall average AFD of <20, an SD of <5, and a CV of <20 in our white/light 2 year old females by 2016

Based on what we know, goal number 4 is a SMART goal

Specific: fineness and uniformity in the white/light 2-year-old females

Measurable: fineness (AFD <20), and uniformity (SD <5 and CV <20) in the white/light 2 year old females

Attainable/Achievable: based on current herd, this is achievable

Realistic: based on current herd can be achieved in two years

Time bound: 2 years

Exercise 3

Write a SMART goal regarding the creation of your goal for fineness in your herd.

Exercise 4

Now, re-read your goal to see if you have written a SMART goal.

Specific = have you specifically listed the fleece characteristics you want in your herd?

Measurable = how are you going to know you have achieved your goals...what are the measurement's, benchmarks, outcomes, etc. you are looking for?

Attainable/Achievable = do you feel you can achieve these goals?

Realistic = overall have you written goals you can realistically achieve within the time you have given yourself?

Time-bound = what are the deadlines for achieving these goals?

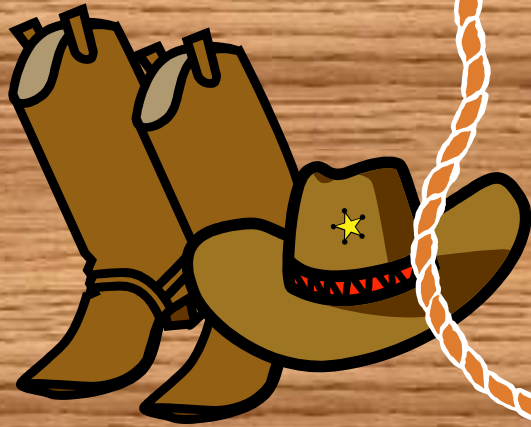
If you find you have not written a SMART goal, re-write it to include specific, measurable results you feel you can realistically attain within the time frame you have given yourself. Go back through your goal and identify all the parts of a SMART goal.

If you find that you will need some short-term goals to help you achieve your long-term goals? Spend some time writing SMART goals for those too.

Applications of this tool are not limited to your alpaca business. The SMART goals template is an effective tool that can be used for all situations where you are looking for specific outcomes. Success comes from following the template, evaluating for effectiveness, and referring to the written goals often. Going through the exercise and then filing it away will not result in success.

Remember the saying...."out of sight, out of mind". Keep those goals in plain sight, refer to them often, check your measurements, and success can be reached, one achievement at a time.





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Gabrielle Menn—Spin-Off



Since 1997, Gabrielle Menn has been raising a menagerie of fiber-producing animals with her mother, Cheryl Woods of Fanfare Farms. Raising the animals and spinning a variety of fibers has given Gabrielle a unique perspective on what is desirable in a yarn and which yarns are best suited for specific end uses. This knowledge and experience has resulted in her earning top awards in both local and national fiber arts competitions and as a sought-after instructor. In 2007, she attended the Camelid Fibre Sorting and Grading Certification course, and completed the Camelid Fibre Classer Course in 2011 through Olds College in Alberta, Canada. She owned and operated FiberWise Mill doing custom fiber processing, and now focuses her time on raising her two daughters and caring for her autistic son.

David Barboza—Halter

David attended the International Alpaca Judging School in 2001. After returning from Peru he began the AOBA judges training program and completed his certification in both IAJS and AOBA as a halter, fleece and performance judge. He judged his first show in 2006 and has judged over 45 shows both in the US and Canada.

David served a 3 year term on the AOBA board serving as Secretary and President. Promoting youth involvement in alpacas he has been instrumental in developing alpaca youth judging contests throughout the US. To expand his knowledge of livestock David is currently enrolled in Graduate Studies at Colorado State University. He works in the Alpaca Industry dividing his time between his ranch, judging and teaching seminars. In 2006, together with his wife Brenda, they started ACE, Alpaca Continuing Education, which provides cutting edge training and education for the Alpaca breeder. Today David and Brenda run their ranch, RanchoNC Alpacas, in the foothills of Northern California and devote their attention to the Alpaca Industry.



HOW TO PICK A SHEARER

Steve Murray, Shearing Services LLC, author

The time to start the process of selecting a shearer for your alpacas is not two weeks before you want them shorn. In fact, most probably any shearers still available at that short notice are not the ones that would be your first choice. The time to start the process is January 1st. Do not procrastinate, for capable shearers book quickly and early.

If you are a new alpaca owner the place to start is to talk with other alpaca owners in your area. They will have a good idea who is working in your area and what time of the season to be prepared.

Next, call each shearer and ask if they might have room in their schedule for your herd. If they do, ask a few questions....

Does he come with or without help? Some shearers work alone and expect the owner to provide help. Others come with help for which you will pay extra. Find out so you can plan.

Ask how long it takes to shear a single alpaca. Any longer than 12 minutes or so and you should move this person down your list of candidates. Shearing is stressful for the animal and a skilled shearer will never take more than 15 minutes per animal. Seven to nine minutes is the sweet spot.

If show fleeces are important to you ask if he can shear a fleece in one piece. For suri owners, ask if he is comfortable shearing suri fleece.

Ask for several references. Then call these people and ask...

- Is he on time and professional in appearance and action?
- Does he do a good job shearing? That is, when he's done does the animal look good and is the fleece in excellent condition with very few second cuts? This is really important!
- Does he have bad habits? Ex. Smoking, spitting, cursing, animal abuse etc.
- Does he cut the animals with the shears? No cuts are the rule but accidents do happen and a minor nick or two during the day is within normal parameters. If you get reports of large, long, deep cuts move this shearer well down your list.

Finally, if this is a shearer with whom no one is familiar, ask him if he sharpens his own combs and cutters. A good competent shearer is not likely to send combs and cutters out to be sharpened, and will have spent the time and money to learn how to properly sharpen his equipment. This is not a hard and fast rule, but may give you an idea of how committed this shearer is to do good work at a reasonable price.

The most important take-away is to start the booking process early. The longer you wait the likelihood of having to settle for the less qualified and /or least professional shearer increases.

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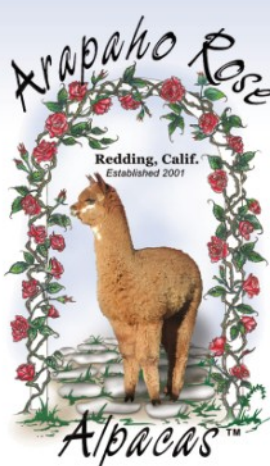
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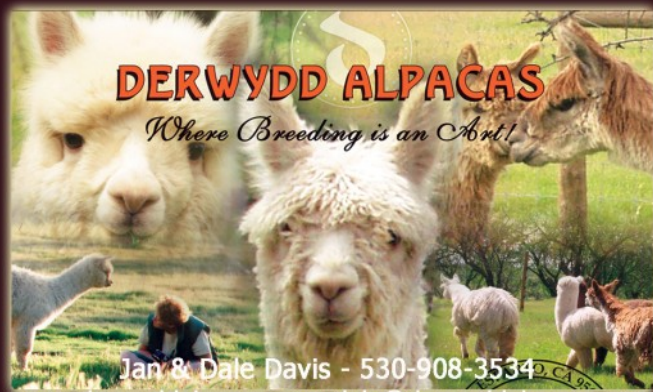
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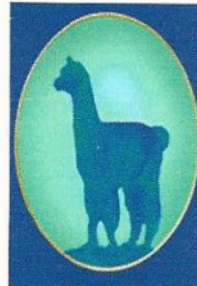
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