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In California's tradition as a pioneer of progress, Calpaca was the first—and is the oldest—regional alpaca association in the Northern Hemisphere. Calpaca and past and current members have been leaders in the American alpaca industry since 1989.

Calpaca represents alpaca owners, breeders, and enthusiasts in California and beyond. We promote the well-being of alpacas and education of the public about alpacas, alpaca fiber, and alpaca products. We support each other through shared information and experiences, and host meetings, speakers and shows for the benefit of members and the public. We invite you to join us!

Calpaca Membership Meetings are held quarterly on the second Saturday of the second month of each quarter.

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¼ page \$15, ½ page \$30, FP \$55

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Dear Calpaca Members;

Well 2019 has begun with a bang!

January typically begins with a strategic planning meeting of the Calpaca Board of Directors to update and make larger-scale plans. This year, I canceled our meeting as the loss of Bruce Nelson of Ahh Sweet Alpacas impacts me, and many others, little alpaca world beyond words.

With regard to the strategic plans, the board agreed that continued growth of the Symposium and the Fiber Committee work will be the focus this year. Instead of developing new objectives at this moment, the board will hold a virtual working meeting to address the issues around the Calpaca website and work to build a more informative site that is used as a primary means of communication to our members and the public.

January also brought the revival of the Camelid Symposium. It was an amazing event that required a huge amount of work from Calpaca members: Dianna Jordan, Sheila Scroggins, Dale Davis, Becky Perell, Susan Peterson, and Jackie Jones. They worked diligently to bring quality speakers together and provided many learning opportunities for all participants. It is also worth noting that there were many attendees that were not in our membership with alpaca interest. A great working team, and a lot of gratitude for the task of getting it all going again.

February began with fellowship of members at the Quarterly Membership Meeting hosted by Deb Galway and Kirk Howard. We had a few potential members join us for an informative meeting followed by Deb's great chili for lunch. The afternoon program was provided by Dr. Daniel Mora. He held his own against some competition of the raging winds and pouring rains that echoed through our warmed space in the "shop."

Later this month, Calpaca's appointed fiber committee will have a working meeting at the Stitches West event in San Jose. In March, this committee will report to the board how Calpaca can have an informational booth for alpaca fiber. This is an effort to introduce the greatness of alpaca fiber to a large consumer audience.

March holds a couple of important dates as well. March 20th is Ag Day at the CA state capitol where we will continue to have a presence among our state leaders. It is always beneficial to connect with elected officials as it opens a line of communication to educate them and answer their questions about the alpaca industry. People in government change often and keeping our voice in front of them is important.

March closes with the California Classic Round Up, held at a new location, the Merced County Fair Grounds. The facility here is larger and will allow our show to reach a Level III status with more participants. Once again, Calpaca leads the show industry in that we will offer classes for Novice/Small breeders to compete only against other novice/small farms. The top two alpacas in the Novice/Small breeder classes will advance to compete against the traditional class winners for a Championship. Maureen and Larry Macedo have been working hard over this last year to build interest in the local communities to participate, again striving to build a public understanding of our alpaca industry. If you do not show your alpacas, consider becoming a volunteer at the show—you learn a TON and have FUN!

April and May will start our shearing season. I hope this Connections edition is useful in preparing for those busy days.

Mark the calendar for May 11th, our next Quarterly Membership Meeting to be hosted by Jackie Jones at Back 40 Farms.

Making this a great year!

Charlene Schmid

Calpaca President, 2019

Calpaca Member News

There Is Still Time To Renew Your Membership!

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Calpaca Farm Membership—\$100/yr (\$50 first year)

Benefits:

- Run for a seat on the Board of Directors
- Two votes on Calpaca issues
- Quarterly Calpaca Connection Newsletter
- **Farm profile with online store on Calpaca website!**
- **Farm included in directory, Alpacas for Sale, and Store listings**
- **Free Newsletter advertising**
- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events

Calpaca Associate Membership—\$30/yr

Benefits:

- Quarterly Calpaca Connection Newsletter
- Attend all Calpaca meetings and events

Staying Connected

Calpaca Website

<http://www.calpaca.org/>

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Calpaca— California Alpaca Association

To join or renew your membership: <http://www.calpaca.org/page/2572/join-calpaca>

Upcoming Calpaca Events

2019

February 9— Membership meeting—Menagerie Hill Ranch, Vacaville, CA

March 29-31—California Classic Roundup, Merced, CA

May 11— Membership meeting Back 40 Farms, Jackie Jones, Valley Springs, CA

August 10 — Membership meeting—Alpacas At Windy Hill, Cindy Harris, Somis, CA

October 11-13— Gold Country Gathering, Grass Valley, CA

November 9—Membership meeting—Arapaho Rose Alpacas, Karen Kelly, Redding, CA

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

DON'T MISS CALPACA'S QUARTERLY MEETING!!!

Menagerie Hill Ranch

Hosted by Deb Galway and Kirk Howard

4071 Norman Ct. Vacaville, CA

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Business Meeting in the Shop

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – Lunch at the House

Host Lunch

- Deb's Award Winning Chili
- Corn Bread
- Water & Soda

Please bring Fruit or Green Salad, Side Dish or Desert to share.

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM or so - Speaker: Dr Daniel Mora in the Shop

2:30 PM to 3:00 – Owner QA and Experience Exchange

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Social Hour w/ Adult Beverages

Program

Challenging Health Issues – Cranial Focus

Presented by Dr Daniel Mora DVM

Tri County Mobile Veterinary Services

Dr Mora will discuss herd health issues related to the ears, eyes, mouth/teeth and nose. Topics will include ear ticks/infection, eye injury, eye worms, mouth/teeth issues including tooth root abscess, molar loss and more. Talk will be guided by member interest and be followed by a member forum for exchange of experiences with challenging issues. We will stay as long as it takes.



Please RSVP

(so we have enough food & drink)

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Directions on Calpaca website

Don't forget to bring a chair for your use.

Questions for our speaker



Scheduling with the shearer? Want it ALL DONE?
Preparing fiber for the ACOA collection?
Want a high-quality end product?

Charlene Schmid, Fiber Consultant
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Ultimate package—Sold out for 2019

Premium package—pick up and return/ship noodled blanket (\$7/alpaca)

- Pre-shearing interview to determine end fiber goals
- Annual fiber harvest **sorted by like color and grade**
- **Completed individual animal sort record providing details similar to that of a fleece score card—**includes characteristic details by animal for
 - blanket grade(s)
 - primary to secondary ratios
 - luster
 - uniformity of crimp/lock style
 - frequency of curvature
- Completed inventory sheet for the entire harvest providing summary information of **herd productivity** with **recommended use** for each sorted bag of fiber.
- Post-shearing consultation of fiber use, herd management, and/or breeding for fiber

Basic package—Noodled blanket by grade w/o record per animal (\$5/alpaca)

- Pre-sort questionnaire
- Annual fiber harvest sorted by like color and grade
- Completed inventory sheet for the entire harvest providing summary information of herd productivity
- Post-shearing consultation of fiber use, herd management, and/or breeding for fiber

2019 ACOA Collection Sort Special \$3/fleece—Get clean noodled blanket to me, I'll grade the blanket, package, deliver to ACOA sort in Oregon. You get a check.

Take advantage of my apprentice consulting rates available this year only.
Samples of every sort are reviewed by my mentor ensuring quality of work.

This is a paid advertisement.



NEW Location
--All new--
state-of-the-art
venue!



33,800 Sq. ft, Hilmar Chees Barn
at the Merced County Fair Grounds

The California Classic Round Up now includes Small Breeder Classes!!!

- Small Breeder classes are intended to encourage new or novice breeders to show their alpacas with other similarly sized farms. These classes are meant to foster and further the education of novice and/or small breeders through class placements and Judge comments.
- A farm qualifies as a Novice Small Breeder when it has no more than 20 AOA registered females at the time of registration for the show and has owned alpacas for 10 years or less.
- The first and second place alpacas from **each** of the Novice Small Breeder classes and the regular halter classes will advance to the Color Championship in that color division, assuming that the minimum number of 10 huacaya or 8 suri is reached.

Halter Judges: Kristin Buhrmann/Sara MacLennan

Walking Fleece Judge: Arturo Pena

Early Bird Registration Ends March 4, 2019!

Registration Closes
March 19, 2019!

NOTE: For every two (2) alpacas registered for the walking fleece competition, you get one (1) additional entry for free!

Amazing Introductory Prices!

Calpaca members Early Bird stall fees (8x8) are \$80!!!!

Early Bird stall fees (8x8) are \$100!!!!

After March 4, all stall fees increase by \$50—don't wait!

Have You Booked Your Shearing Yet?



Shearing time is just around the corner. Recently a request was sent to Calpaca members asking for information about shearers they knew of or used. Please note: the shearers included in this list are being provided as a resource and aren't necessarily recommended or endorsed by the Calpaca Board. In no particular order:

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Stevebellshearing@yahoo.com

Tom Krasny:
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Sergio Balcorta (Shear Magic)
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Sergio.shearing@gmail.com

Steve Mortimer
209-988-3396
steven@sandyacresalpacas.com

Joe Swink (prefers texts) available weekends only
Cell 209-840-0136

Alex Crawford (had worked with Josh Swink)
Email: acrawfordshearing@gmail.com 530-613-9355

Brian Gnizak, Shear Relief LLC
shearreliefllc1@gmail.com 330-317-6135

Cody Fifield, High Country Alpaca Services
928-245-8482 codyinc86@gmail.com

K.Ruby Blume, shears alpacas, llamas and sheep
Home base is Southern Oregon, geographical focus is Northern CA and Southern Oregon
541-291-9335 (VM), welovesheepshearing@gmail.com, website: welovesheep.com

Mikala Larsen
Home base is Oregon but does come to California
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Peter Connelly
505-231-2058



HOW TO PICK A SHEARER

Steve Murray, Shearing Services LLC, author

This article originally appeared in the Winter 2014 Connection

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.

Is Agritourism Right For Me?

*By Jay Reeder, Apple Mountain Alpacas
2019 Calpaca Camelid Symposium*

The 2019 Camelid Symposium presenters addressed several areas of interest for the attendees. One such presentation was by Jay Reeder who spoke on the topic of agritourism. One of the comments on the session evaluation said they wished it had been longer than a 50 minute presentation.

Following are some highlights from Jay's presentation and basic information about what "Agritourism" is.

What is Agritourism?

Simply stated, agritourism could be thought of as the crossroads of tourism and agriculture. Stated more technically, agritourism can be defined as a form of commercial enterprise that links agricultural production and/or processing with tourism in order to attract visitors onto a farm, ranch, or other agricultural business for the purposes of entertaining and/or educating the visitors and generating income for the farm, ranch, or business owner.

Regardless of the exact definition or terminology, any definition of agritourism should include the following four factors:

- combines the essential elements of the tourism and agriculture industries;
- attracts members of the public to visit agricultural operations;
- is designed to increase farm income; and
- provides recreation, entertainment, and/or educational experiences to visitors.

The Agritourism Boom

Recent years have shown a boom in agritourism:

- In the US, tourism is among the three largest employers in 29 states
- Tourism contributed 1.8 trillion U.S. dollars to GDP in 2015
- BOTTOM LINE: there are a lot of people who want to spend a lot of money on tourism

A cultural shift across the country has created new opportunities for every small farm in the U.S. A recent study by Harris Group found that 72 percent of millennials prefer to spend more money on experiences than on material things. They're looking for more unique experiences and opportunities for that perfect selfie to make all their Instagram friends jealous.

Is Agritourism Right For You?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions, agritourism could be right for you.

- Are you passionate about raising alpacas and love sharing that passion with others?
- Do you love alpaca farming but don't make enough to cover hay and feed?
- Are you looking for a flexible and fun
- Do you want to find more people interested in alpacas who might purchase animals from you to start your own farm?

Is agritourism something you think you would like to pursue? Check out the information on the next page.

Want To Know More About Agritourism Resources In California?

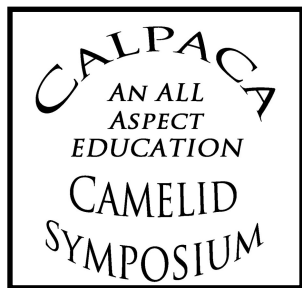
If you are curious about agritourism in California you can do a simple intranet search and you will find an abundance of suggested sites.

This particular link <http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/agritourism/factsheets> will take you to the following selection of agritourism focused information.



Agricultural Tourism Operation Fact Sheets

- [California Agricultural Homestay Bill \(AB 1258\)](#)
- [Conducting Farm and Ranch Tours](#)
- [On-Farm Customer Relations](#)
- [Safety and Risk Management](#)
- [What is Agritourism?](#)
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100+ camelid enthusiasts attended the 2019 Calpaca's "All Aspect Education" Camelid Symposium. States represented include California, Nevada, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming. Additionally, our out of state speakers came in from New York, Oregon, Georgia, Nebraska and New Jersey.

The results are in!! It looks like the symposium committee knocked this event out of the ball park. 5 is the highest rating and 1 is the lowest. Evaluations were also completed for individual speakers.

OVERALL CAMELID SYMPOSIUM EVALUATION

	5	4	3	2	1
Format of Symposium	35	5	1	0	0
Topic Choices	34	5	1	0	0
Networking Opportunities	29	5	3	0	0
Meeting Rooms	32	9	2	0	0
Food and Refreshments	30	8	5	0	0

What did you find most useful comments:

- Will Attend Again. Impressive Speakers
- Excellent presenters all around
- The fiber and business presentations
- Found the veterinary talks most helpful
- Panel discussions, networking, excellent food
- Applicable to those starting out as well as experienced
- Everything
- Jody Hatch speaking it like it is. Sharing what we all need to hear!
- Loved having Bud speak and establish presence at our symposium, would love for this to always be the case
- Such an amazing event, for us being new alpaca owners.
- Jody's business classes
- Animal care
- Renewed optimism & energy!!
- Just too many good ones, maybe need to offer same classes 2X? opportunity
- Food was great, information was exceptional!
- Jody – Dr. Mora
- Learning more about agri-tourism and fleece use
- Day 1 was amazing – A lot of info but great stuff



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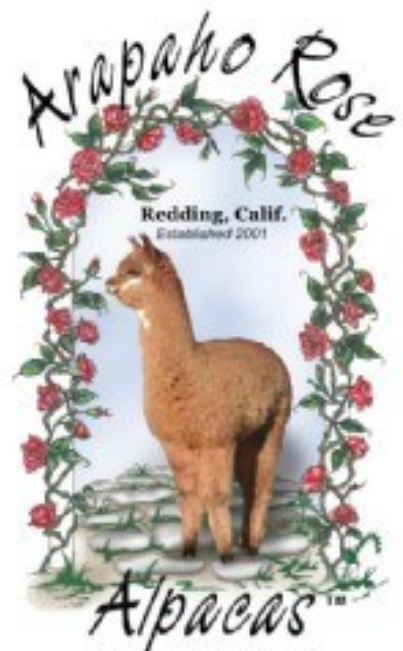
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Epic Alpacas Grey Studs

Crescent Moon's Wilkinson

ARI: 32670982

Color: MSG

2X National Champ and 10X Champion. Producing amazing cria with two selling for \$25K and \$20K at auction in 2018! Co-owned with Crescent Moon Ranch.



Snowmass Enlightenment

ARI: 1238747

Color: MRG

Cria have over 60 Championships and 150+ Blue Ribbons. He is one of the most legendary grey herdsires in the industry.



Ringo Cloud

ARI: 31158039

Color: MF

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MC Escher - Art in Motion

ARI: 31802413

Color: Appaloosa

Amazing fiber - fineness with high frequency, high amplitude crimp. Great EPDs with AFD, %>30, %M all in the top 10%. A "must have" for any appy program!



WSA Patriotic Gentleman

ARI: 31154550

Color: Appaloosa

Consistent producer of appy cria and new addition to Epic! This male will make an impact on any appy program!



Enchanted Hill LuTau

ARI: 35262589

Color: Appaloosa

4X Blue Ribbon Winner, his fleece has incredible crimp, structure, and staple. He has confirmed cria coming in 2018!



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Alpacas For Sale

Angel Dreams Herd Reduction Sale ~ I need to make room for new crias!! Please review my Open Herd page to view my animals. If any of them interest you please contact me at tracid318@aol.com for pricing. Thank you!

Herdsires

MHAR Blizzard by Justice is a beautiful, bright white stud, with extremely uniform, dense, crimped fleece, full body coverage, and excellent bite/conformation. At 5 years of age, his fleece still has a lovely, soft, buttery feel!

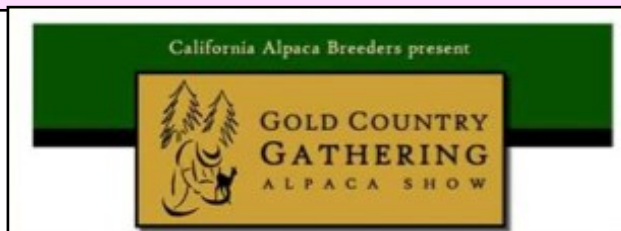
At the 2014 Gold Country Gathering, judge Kathy Klay said "He's the total package!" when awarding him First Place (no CC), noting his soft crimp style and density. Most recently, his 3rd fleece spin-off entry won Judges Choice! And his 4th fleece spin-off entry won 1st Place in the adult (D) class (of 8) at the 2017 AOA nationals, this in spite of being very dirty thanks to our very wet/muddy winter. His first cria are on the ground with more due this winter. We can't wait to see them all!

To date we haven't used him as much as we should because we've been focusing on the SG/black colors. But we've produced several fawns and lights that we think are worthy of keeping in our herd. So we're focusing more on using Blizzard and hope you will too!

So through June 2019, his stud fee will be \$500 for CALPACA members, including 60 days agisting at Menagerie Hill Ranch in Vacaville for your girl. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at this special price!

Deb Galway & Kirk Howard, Owners. www.menageriehillranch.com 707.290.7915

Currently standing at Macedo's Mini Acre in Turlock, CA: RR Brubeck, roan with grey genetics; Accoyo Milagro, appaloosa; Sundance Kid, light fawn, throws harlequin when bred to harlequin; Doctor K, dense white. For more information, macedosminiacre@gmail.com or Maureen Macedo 209-648-2384



**Mark your Calendars for the 2019 Gold Country Gathering
Alpaca Show in beautiful Grass Valley, California
Join us October 11-13 At the Gold Country Fairgrounds
AOA Certified Level II Halter, Fleece and Walking Fleece Shows
Halter Judge: the amazing Amanda VandenBosch
Fleece and Walking Fleece Judge: the amazing Wini Labrecque
Save The Date — Don't Miss out!**

Herdsires

Menagerie Hill Ranch introduces our newest herdsire, RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC). With 11 Championships, 5 Reserve Championships and 20+ 1st Place wins, it's no wonder that more than 8 of his offspring are Color Champion winners! KC took his first championship at 8 months of age. Since then, his fleece has maintained its length, fineness and uniformity, and he remains one of the best grey males in the country.

Take a look at KC's Follicle Biopsy (Watt) Density: 57.9/mm², S/P Ratio 9.8:1. Ian Watt commented: "High density coupled with an excellent set of numbers for the secondary fiber population give this male potential as a significant sire in his color group. a group not known for its uniformity within each fiber population. This is a significant animal for silver grey alpacas, where the black fibers tend to be very strong in micron and vary across the staple in most alpacas of this colour".

His 5th fleece histogram: 2015: 22.5 /3.96 /17.6/ CF 96.1/ 90mm.

Check Kit and some of his cria out at: <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/121347/rr-guns-kit-carson>

With gorgeous silver gray fleece, excellent conformation and a perfect bite, we believe Kit Carson can make a big impact on our breeding program and yours!

Standard breedings, including 60 days agisting, - \$3,000. Drive by breedings - \$1,500.

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FTAF's Privateer, ARI 32318326, is an elite-fleeced fawn over black sired by 13X banner winner SHVN Buccaneer (also the sire of FTAF's Blackbeard). His dam is Crown Jewel of PVA who also had a great run in the show ring. Privateer's 2017 skin biopsy (at 5yrs old) results are: Density 71 follicles/sqmm. SP ratio 12.1 to 1 with level 4 of 4 gland presence which correlates with what senior judges are referring to as "well-nourished fleeces". Secondary fibers average 21.9 microns and primary fibers averaging 30.1 giving him a variation of only 8.2 microns. (Dr. Norm Evans). Additional details can be reviewed on his Openherd page <https://www.openherd.com/alpacas-for-sale/115890/ftafs-privateer>

MHAR Blizzard by Justice As a junior herdsire, we expect great things from this boy. He's a beautiful, bright white, with extremely dense, crimped fleece, full body coverage, and perfect bite and conformation.

At the 2014 Gold Country Gathering, judge Kathy Klay said "He's the total package!" when awarding him First Place (no CC), noting his soft crimp style and density. Most recently, his 3rd fleece spin-off entry won Judges Choice! And his 4th fleece spin-off entry won 1st Place in the adult (D) class (of 8) at the 2017 AOA nationals, this in spite of being very dirty/muddy thanks to our very wet/muddy winter. His first cria is on the ground with more due this fall. We can't wait to see them all!

We want to put more of his cria on the ground. So through the end of the year, his stud fee will be \$500 for CALPACA members, including 60 days agisting at **Menagerie Hill Ranch** in Vacaville for your girl. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at this special price! Check Blizzard out at <https://www.openherd.com/alpacas-for-sale/101580/mhar-blizzard-by-justice>

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CHECK OUT OUR “YOU DECIDE THE BREEDING FEE” OFFER. We know selecting breeding pairs is a risky business and the results don't always meet our expectations. Let us share the risk with our special offer. Here is how it works...the breeding fee is determined after the cria is on the ground and you can evaluate its value to your breeding program. There is no set minimum breeding fee and will accept whatever you decide. You can find the details at <https://www.alpacasofsomersetfarm.com/sample-contracts>. We have a few herdsires that are producing some amazing crias for us and our clients. We would like to share their genetics with breeders looking to add some genetic diversity and quality to their breeding program. Check out our herdsires <http://www.openherd.com/FarmList.aspx?Farm=214&page=hs> then give us a call 530-620-6033. Offer applies to most of our co-owned herdsires. Jack and Dianna Jordan, Alpacas of Somerset Farm.

Agisting

Sierra Rose Alpacas—We invite you to consider us when looking for a home for agisting (boarding) your alpacas. We have owned alpacas since 2006. In our early years, we too agisted, so we know how important it is to find a good home for your alpacas. We offer very competitive rates, with a full time ranch manager on site. We provide gentle, trustworthy interaction with them daily. Visitors comment on how friendly our alpacas are. We rotate them to day pastures, and feed them orchard grass hay, alfalfa when needed, free choice minerals, and supplemental pellets given daily. We work closely with our clients/friends to give you and your alpacas the care you want such as birthing (cria watch), cria care, halter training, husbandry, education, etc. Come visit if you are considering a new home for your alpacas. When you purchase alpacas from us, we offer limited free agisting also. Howard and Cynthia Kuhlmann, 530-272-1218
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Classes and Instruction

Macedo's Mini Acre Offering spinning, dyeing and felting classes – small groups by appointment. We also are able to instruct in fleece skirting as well as how to skirt for shows. Watch for our class schedule on Facebook (www.facebook.com/macedosminiacre) or make an appointment Maureen Macedo 209-648-2384, macedosminiacre@gmail.com

Land For Sale

10 Acre Parcel For Sale \$224,000. 1C Anderson Drive Sonora Ca

Easy access. Zoning allows for 2 houses on lot. Power and phone lines run through property. Well in place. Close to established camelid Vet. Contact zzalpacas.com

Alpaca Education At Your Fingertips

Do you know the AOA website contains a section called the Alpaca Academy? The Alpaca Academy provides education and information for the entire alpaca community. Topics range from the most common questions about alpacas and the industry to in-depth articles on alpaca EPDs, genetics, and breeding. Alpaca Academy also provides information on the latest alpacas research and links to additional resources.

The following pages contain examples of the various topics available for those wanting to know more about alpacas and the industry.

One of the common themes I have found in reading about what alpaca owners breeders would like is the desire for more education. Perhaps many don't know that many of their questions have already been addressed in the Alpaca Academy. Take a few minutes to review the topics on the right. If you would like to learn more about the Alpaca Academy just follow this link: <http://www.alpacainfo.com/learn> and click on the topic.

ALPACA ACADEMY



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Video Topics Available From International Camelid Institute Include:

- How To Give an Injection
- Assessing Your Camelid Before You Call Your Veterinarian
- Removal of Fighting Teeth
- Proper Halter Fit For Camelids
- Passing A Stomach Tube in Camelids
- Obtaining a Blood Sample and preparing the DNA Blood Card
- Shearing for the Health of Your Animals
- Training Your Camelid to Halter and Lead