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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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Hello Calpacans!

As we approach the dog-days of summer, we are all focused on keeping our alpacas cool, and increasing the defensible space around our ranches, clearing flammable materials. I am distressed by how our state is experiencing truly wild fires, and, how widely these have impacted everyone. I know I speak for all members in expressing gratitude to those lending a hand and those sharing status updates.

AOA Fleece Show

I expect a more detailed report on the 2018 Fleece Extravaganza at the August meeting from our AOA board members, Karen Ball and Steve Aitchison. From my experience, it was nothing short of great! I can only speak for myself, but I clearly came home with resources, clarity, and direction with respect to where I am taking my business. I received what I was ready for, and that is a very individual experience. I did spend considerable time in the fleece room, so missed some of the details about the strategic plans, but man— I can noodle a fleece now!

I did connect with the New England Fiber Pool folks and had opportunity to gather information regarding a fleece collection that could result in a “grown in CA, Made in USA” labeled product. Several east coast affiliates have started their own unique product development. I expect the Fiber committee will include this in their upcoming Fiber survey.

The venue was very nice and it is my understanding that the annual fleece show and AOA board meeting will be held in this location next year as well.

Looking to the fall—

- Registration for Gold Country Gathering is open. If you don't participate in the shows, please consider volunteering as these folks really get to learn a lot and have fun— for free!
- Plan now to attend the November quarterly membership meeting at Darcy Phillips' Rare Gems Alpacas in Hemet, CA.
- Watch for updates on a revived Symposium.

And to kick off 2019—

- The Fiber committee will make recommendations to the BOD in March regarding Calpaca's presence at the Stitches West '20 event.
- Mark it now— March 28-31! The California Classic moves to the Merced County Fairgrounds! A larger facility and a larger show, and maybe even a double show! Now that we have the location secured, your event managers, Charlene and Maureen, will pull the details together for announcements shortly!

With several great things on the horizon, think about how you might contribute to the forward momentum; start by casting your votes for the upcoming Calpaca Board member elections!

Charlene Schmid

Calpaca Board President

Calpaca Member News

PLEASE ADD THIS MEMBER INFORMATION TO PAGE 21 IN YOUR HARD COPY 2018 MEMBER AND HERDSIRE DIRECTORY

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Welcome To Our Newest Calpaca Board Member



Darcy Phillips—Rare Gem Alpacas

Darcy Phillips is the owner-operator of Rare Gem Alpacas in Southern California. After working with fiber for over a decade, Darcy decided to venture into the world of alpaca ownership in 2014. She had worked for 24 years in the government sector holding managerial and director level positions in Human Resources, Marketing, eCommerce, Total Quality Management and Business Development. She then spent another seven years working for a Fortune 100 company in the energy sector as the Manager of Business Transformation. In 2016, Darcy decided to redirect her business background and devote her lifestyle to the care and management of her herd of 40 alpacas—100 percent! Alpacas have presented her with a wonderful business opportunity where she is able to have a sustainable career delivering newborn members of the herd to showing, spinning, knitting, weaving, studying rare genetics and even

dabbling into the world of Embryo Transfer. Darcy is currently breeding and producing appaloosa and harlequin alpacas and anticipates each birth to see what new surprise will unfold. Alpacas are her life and passion... and some stay obsession!

Thank you Darcy for agreeing to fill the empty Director position for the remaining year and a half. And for hosting the November Calpaca Membership meeting at your ranch.

Upcoming Calpaca Events

2018

August 11— Membership meeting—Colusa Riverside Alpacas, Lincoln, CA

October 12-14— Gold Country Gathering, Grass Valley, CA

November 10—Membership meeting—Rare Gem Alpacas, Hemet, CA

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

**DON'T MISS CALPACAS QUARTERLY MEETING!!!
WE WANT TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**COLUSA RIVERSIDE ALPACAS
August 11, 2018 at 10:00 AM
4360 Indian Creek Road, Lincoln, CA 95648**

SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM - Coffee, tea, and muffins

10:00 AM - General Membership Meeting

12:00 PM - Potluck Lunch

1:00 PM - EPDs and Status of Breed Standards for the Huacaya

Lunch will be a Pot-Luck. Please bring something to share, as well as a chair!

RSVP by August 8th, to Sheila at

dnsranch@citlink.net

or call 916-434-8394

Don't forget to bring a chair!

Directions:

Hwy 80 East & West take hwy 65 to Marysville, travel approximately 5 miles and right on Wise Rd., then left on Crosby Herald and left of Indian Creek Rd. We are the last drive on the right.



It's Election Time for Calpaca

Meet Your Board of Directors Candidates

The Calpaca organization is overseen by a dedicated group of Calpaca members who volunteer their time, skills, and talents to serve on the Board of Directors. The election to fill director positions occurs annually. A big thank you to these Calpaca members who have stepped forward to run for a position on the board.

Candidate Tracy DiPippo

Hi ~ my name is Tracy DiPippo and I am running for re-election on the Calpaca Board of Directors.



I have been an animal lover all my life. While initially I was a horse woman, owning a horse and riding dressage, after losing my horse, I wasn't sure what to do to fill the void I felt. One morning in the spring of 2010 I saw a story on the Today Show about alpacas....when I heard that they hum I knew I had to investigate them further. I found a local alpaca ranch and scheduled an appointment to go out and meet these curious animals. I did my research and showed up one spring evening after work with pages of questions. After spending about 2 hours at the ranch I knew I found my next animal endeavor and offered to be a volunteer at the ranch to learn what these amazing animals were all about.

I was immediately drawn to the look of Suri's and after 6 weeks volunteering at the ranch, I purchased a female with a cria by her side and a breeding included in the package. Today I own and operate Angel Dreams Alpacas that consists of 18 Suri alpacas. I've actively bred and shown my animals quite successfully. My business partner and I are currently starting up a Needle Felting Fiber business that we are calling Fabulous Felted Fabrics and are very excited about getting this business up and running

I have served on the Calpaca Board for the past two years as the Treasurer and would be happy to serve another 2 years if I am re-elected. I am excited that the current Board is working towards offering our members some new and exciting educational opportunities for their alpaca businesses. I have served as the Event Manager for the Gold Country Gathering Alpaca Show, this year being my 3rd year.

I have also served on the Board of the 501c3 non-profit United in Light located in Livingston, Montana for the past 12 years. United in Light is the only non-profit that rescues neglected and injured mature draft horse breeds from an untimely death. The horses are rehabilitated to their optimal health and allowed to live in a herd family with other draft horses for the rest of their lives.

Since I've retired and moved up north, I've attended most Calpaca meetings and events and am excited to continue to have the opportunity to contribute to this wonderful organization in any way I can!

Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate Russell James

Hello, my name is Russell James, and I am running for a position on the Calpaca board of Directors.



I am owner of Little Providence Alpacas in Reno, Nevada along with my wife Wendi. She is the reason that we got started in the alpaca business. We live on two acres on the edge of town with enough room for alpacas, goats, chickens and gardens. We have 10 alpacas and are selectively breeding to keep the numbers at a manageable level. We are looking to keep a line of white huacayas and a line of white suris. But mostly we are just looking to breed for quality animals and fleece characteristics.

While Alpaca's are reasonably new to me, the rural and farming lifestyle is not. I grew up on a family farm in Wisconsin, milking cows and driving tractors for as long as I can remember. I very much enjoy the alpaca lifestyle and the people that we have met. I am very much enjoying the breeding aspect and seeking improvement through breeding. Scott and Laurie Findlay have been and continue to be our mentors in the business. Wendi and I met them at a winery in the Fairplay area (those of you who know them will not be surprised by this) and the next thing you know were bringing home two alpacas. Then two more. And now we are looking to improve their traits with good breeding.

I do have quite a bit of frustration with the fiber issue. We need to develop fiber markets for raw fiber. If there are not enough animals to do this on a national level, then we need to start on a regional level. When people ask "what do you do with them?" and we respond "they are fiber animals, we are failing the industry if there are not sufficient fiber outlets. I am running for a board position to explore what we can do better to create demand for fiber products. I believe that alpaca fiber is a viable and valuable product that needs further promotion and marketing. Thank you for your consideration!

More Candidates Info



Candidate Dianna Jordan

Hello, my name is Dianna Jordan, and I am running for a position on the Calpaca board of Directors.



I along with my husband Jack own and operate Alpacas of Somerset Farm. The farm was created in our hearts in 1978 when we moved to the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills. As my retirement eligibility approached we began searching for a business that would allow me to stay home and enjoy the country lifestyle. During that search I discovered alpacas. In the spring of 2005, Alpacas of Somerset Farm was established with the purchase of our first foundation female.

We started with Huacayas and over the past few years have added Suris. We recently changed the focus of our breeding program and are concentrated on breeding for multi color Suris. Of course we are still focused on solid conformation and excellent fiber quality.

We have been members of Calpaca since 2005. Through the years I have been actively involved in serving Calpaca. A few of the many hats I have worn include co-event manager for the California Classic, the Show Program manager and Sponsor Coordinator for the California Classic and Gold Country Gathering, and I am currently the editor of the Connection. This year I am stepping out of my comfort zone and filling the position of Walking Fleece Coordinator for the 2018 Gold Country Gathering. I am also a member of the Calpaca Camelid Symposium and Fiber committees.

My industry contributions include serving three years on the Board of Directors for Alpaca Fiber Cooperative of North America, participating in several AOBA committees, serving on the AOBA Board of Directors during the lengthy process of merging AOBA with ARI, and serving on the first AOA Board of Directors.

I, like many of our long term Calpaca members, have experienced the changes in our industry. through the years. In my opinion, what hasn't changed during this time is the commitment of the Calpaca leadership teams to the industry, Calpaca members and other alpaca enthusiasts. I have heard about some of the exciting ideas the current board has discussed to support our Calpaca membership moving forward including bringing back the Camelid Symposium and focusing on fiber through education and other opportunities. It would be my honor to serve on this board and I am asking you to consider me for one of the open positions.

Candidate Jackie Jones

Hello, my name is Jackie Jones, and I am running for a position on the Calpaca board of Directors.



I began fulfilling my dream of alpaca ownership in May of 2015 when I purchased my first ranch home. I quickly became acquainted with Dianna & Jack Jordan (Alpacas of Somerset Farm) spending many weekends visiting their ranch and learning. Back 40 Farms was established and the dream became a full reality when I brought my first 6 alpacas home in August of 2016. Since then, I have grown my herd to 25 with 5 cria on the way and relocated to a larger ranch I recently purchased in Valley Springs, CA. My herd includes Huacayas and Suris.

I am eager to learn as much as possible about these amazing animals and the industry. I have an affinity for multis and appaloosas and I am building my breeding program around that focus.

I enjoy showing my alpacas and I am excited about bringing my “home grown” youngsters to upcoming shows. I have met many wonderful alpaca people and I am looking forward to further deepening my relationships and ties within the Calpaca Community and alpaca industry.

My career has been in the Mortgage Banking Industry and I recently became the Director of Mortgage Operations for a major lending company. Through the years I have developed vast leadership and project management skills. If elected to the Calpaca Board I will use these experiences and skills to serve the Calpaca membership and Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

More Candidates Info



Candidate Maureen Macedo



Along with my husband, Larry, I am the Co-owner of Macedo's Mini Acres, a ranch with 80+ alpacas, llamas and miniature horses. Our focus in alpacas has included breeding for colorful fleeces with crimp, fineness and density, while maintaining and improving conformation. We also enjoy taking our alpacas into the Performance ring and competing in that venue.

We joined Cal-Paca at the same time that we purchased our first alpacas, about ten years ago. I have been serving on the Board for two year, as the Secretary, and am enthusiastic about the vision for the future of the alpaca industry.

I am a member of several Agricultural organizations, including AOA, ALSA, ILR, Merced County Farm Bureau, California Women in Agriculture, Ag In Motion and Merced County Ag Ventures. I am currently serving as Secretary in the Cal-Ila association. In addition, I am active in PEO, an organization whose primary purpose is to support women's education, principally through distribution of scholarships. (Oh, I just retired from teaching Junior High Science, so have joined Larry full time on the ranch.)

I am an ALSA (Alpaca Llama Show Association) fiber judge and am in the process of completing certification in Halter and Performance. This year I had the honor of judging in the Home Arts Division at the California State Fair. I am the Leader for the Hughson 4H Llama and Alpaca group, which is growing in popularity. My grandson and I show at the California State Fair, in halter, shorn fleece and Performance events. During time off in the summer, we hold clinics at our ranch, including llama shearing for shorn fleece, how to skirt fleeces, dyeing, spinning, knitting and felting.

We host a Performance show at our ranch in August and participate in the AOA National Farm Days event every year. Not only do we bring our alpacas to schools for Ag Day and Career Day events, we host several school tours each year, usually with a fiber art "make and take" at the end of the visit. Families and groups are frequent visitors to the ranch where they learn about alpacas and their fiber. We have a small store on the ranch where we have fleece, rovings, yarn and items created from our alpaca fiber.

Background - BS Genetics from University of California at Davis. I also worked for over 10 years with Ralston Purina Corporation, in Nutritional research and development of new products. This year we had a booth at the Handweavers Guild of America Convergence, where we were able to successfully showcase alpaca rovings and fleece to an international group of fiber enthusiasts. In addition, I participate in several Farmer's Markets and Fiber events and thus have an opportunity to showcase (and sell) products made from camelid fiber.

CONGRATULATIONS



Steve Aitchison



Karen Ball

Way to go Steve and Karen on your election to the AOA Board of Directors.

2018-2019 AOA BOARD AND OFFICER ELECTIONS RESULTS

At its annual meeting held on July 14th in conjunction with the AOA National Fiber Extravaganza the board welcomed newly elected members Steve Aitchison, Karen Ball and Mike Vigus. The following officers for AOA were appointed to take office as of the annual meeting: President — Mike Vigus, Vice President — Jeff Williamson, Secretary — Steve Aitchison, Treasurer — Joe Crocco.

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.

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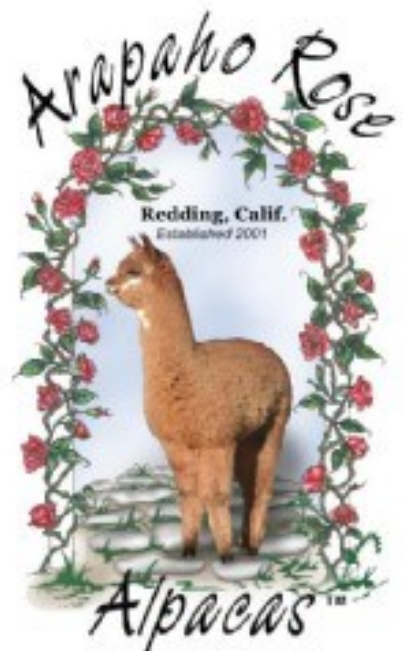
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Menagerie Hill Ranch introduces our newest herdsire, **RR Gun's Kit Carson (KC)**. With 17 Championships and 21 1st Place wins, it's no wonder that more than 8 of his offspring are Color Champion winners! KC took his first championship at 8 months 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.

His kids still win big in the ring...2016 Gold Country Gathering KC son 4-Sights Crawford won RCC behind RR Dizzy Gillespie in Grey Male; KC daughter 4-Sight's Centerfold won CC, grey female; AND KC son RR Lancelot won Black CC. Centerfold also took CC at the 2016 ABI and the 2017 Futurity. And at the 2017 CA Classic, Lancelot won CC in both Halter and Walking Fleece.

Check KC and 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!

For a limited time only, in celebration of our new partnership with SkyDance Ranch Alpacas, we are offering his first 5 reserved breedings at a reduced price of \$1,500. Reserve your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price!

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LV Silver Sammovar by Vantaggio took the Reserve Color Champion in gray at the California Classic 2015 where judge Sharon Loner called him a “Fantastic Male”, finer even than the juvie in the class!

Sammo scored very high in Walking Fleece at the 2015 West Coast Alpaca Show, taking First Place. Judge Wini Lebreque noted he was very fine, dense and uniform with the blanket extending quite far down the side and a low amount of guard hair. She was so taken with Sammo that, in the awards ceremony, she commented that she thought he might have taken the Winners Cup! This is high praise for a 2 year old gray male!!!

His first cria are on the ground and they are gorgeous! Check him and them out at <http://www.menageriehillranch.com/alpacas-for-sale/103050/lv-silver-samovar-by-vantaggio>

His stud fee of \$750 includes 60 days agisting at Menagerie Hill Ranch in Vacaville for your girl. Get your breedings now and take advantage of his great genetics at a great price! Deb Galway & Kirk Howard, Owners. www.menageriehillranch.com 707.290.7915

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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