

Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.

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SPRING 2021

Letter from the President

Hello FALA Folks,

Well, it looks like Spring has sprung in Florida; everything is green and I mean pollen green. I hope this finds everyone well and moving forward. According to Wikipedia, Springtime refers to the season, and also the ideas of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection and re-growth. I welcome these ideas in a time that we need many of those things to find our way. Our camelid friends don't feel some of the pressure we do these days but they depend on us to keep them going as the season changes.

Changing over from hay on the floor of the barns to fans running to keep them cool rather than warm. Our busy season begins in shearing and monitoring a different kind of danger— heat stress. Cool water troughs, misters, shade of all kinds, electrolytes are only a few things to start to prepare.

The Florida State Fair is right around the corner now in April and we have a great turn-out. If you are not showing come down and enjoy the show or volunteer to help, we can always use the extra hands and support. Things will look a little different since the livestock species shows have been spread out over several months to allow for social distancing, sanitation and facility use. There will still be food and other type of vendors and our week is the first week of the actual Florida State Fair.

We are trying to increase activities throughout the year and a group is working on different locations for hiking with our critters so keep an eye out to join in.

A group has been working on another FALA Fun Show for December 11, 2021 in Brooksville. Meant to be a relaxed Halter, Obstacle and Vendor kind of one-day event. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded so we look forward to folks coming out with their Llamas and Alpacas. Always a good day for us to visit, catch up and network.

Well, that is about all folks, so enjoy your Spring and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mary Rose Collins

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SHEARERS 2021

Shearing season is around the corner!
Here are some shearers that come to
our area.

Elmer Miler
641-344-0168

Don Holliston
Fl. # 386-330-0345
GA # 706-896-5005

Chad Bryan, Spit Happens
386-405-8038

Matt Moore
813-293-2669
mooreforyourmoney@hotmail.com
Area is west coast up to Citrus Co and
down to Miami

Sam Graham
352-364-2799
Central FL

Anne Shroeder
301-755-8400
F.B.: shroedershearing
East coast NJ-FL

These links are from Midwest
Shearing in Missouri:

[Llama Shearing](#)

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Welcomes:
Southern States Llama Assn.
March 19-21, 2021

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- Swim with the Manatee
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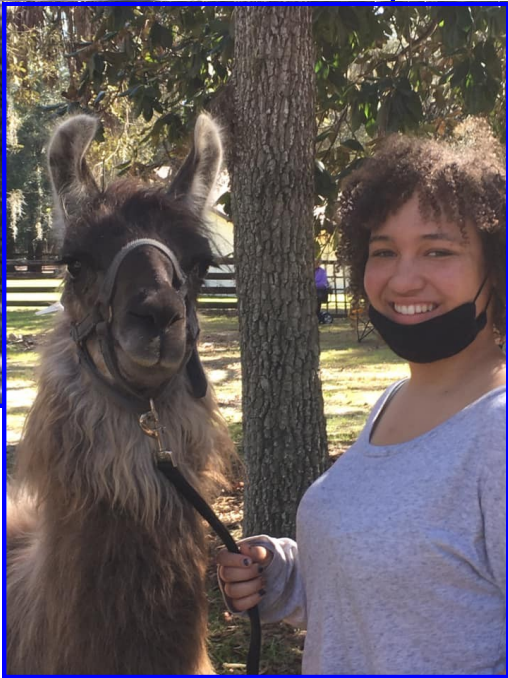
(Must call prior to February 17, 2021)



www.plantationoncrystalriver.com
 9301 W. Fort Island Trail Crystal River, FL 34429

To register for the event, go to ssla.org and fill out the registration form.

FALA FUN DAY



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FSF Fiber Workshop

Great day for fiber judging! 19 animals showed up.

Judge Beth and her helpers Mary Lou and Jaimie.



Brenda demonstrating shearing information.

FSF Fiber Workshop



Tracy set up obstacles for the youth to practice on.





2021 Calendar of Events

March 7, 2021 — FALA Meeting 1pm

Guardian Angels Alpacas, 26093 Olympia Rd, Brooksville, FL
Social 1pm, Meeting at 2pm
Meeting will be outside, bring your own chairs, drinks, snacks, etc.

March 19-21, 2021 — SSLA Annual Conference — first time in FL

Plantation on Crystal River
View flyer on page 3, or there is more information on ssla.org

April 24-25, 2021 — Florida State Fair Llama Show, Tampa, FL

Youth and Open & Fleece — Shorn/Finished floridastatefairag.com

