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Letter from the President

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Hello FALA members,

Wow! In 2024, we really hit the ground "pronking" with our 3rd annual Florida Winter Classic Alpaca and Llama Show on January 27th! This year a whopping 17 alpacas and 24 llamas participated in the show, including some new exhibitors! Special thanks to our judge, Tracy Weaver, and Show Superintendent, Mary Rose Collins, for keeping everything moving and running perfectly. Thanks also to our other board members and volunteers. This year the weather was amazing, and we had great participation from Gold and Silver Sponsors, local vendors, food trucks, and visitors. That was so much fun, let's do it again! Stay tuned.

Before we knew it, many of our alpacas, llamas, and exhibitors "pronked" right into the Florida State Fair! It was great seeing many of our FALA members continue their winning ways with their beautiful animals. Despite some rainy days, everyone did an amazing job representing our FALA farms both professionally and with great sportsmanship. It is always wonderful to see the results from all the hard work the youth group puts in as well. All ages and sizes look like stoic llamas representing our FL group. They are all true Camelid Champions!

Speaking of our Camelid Community, we are so happy to see and talk with some new alpaca and llama farms starting to be born. We welcome them and are happy to help guide them in their exciting times! We hope they will be able to attend our July Educational Seminar. Your Board is working hard to fill the day with informative Camelid expert speakers and hands-on activities.

Your Board is also working on a few other possible opportunities to share with our amazing membership. Let's keep pronking!

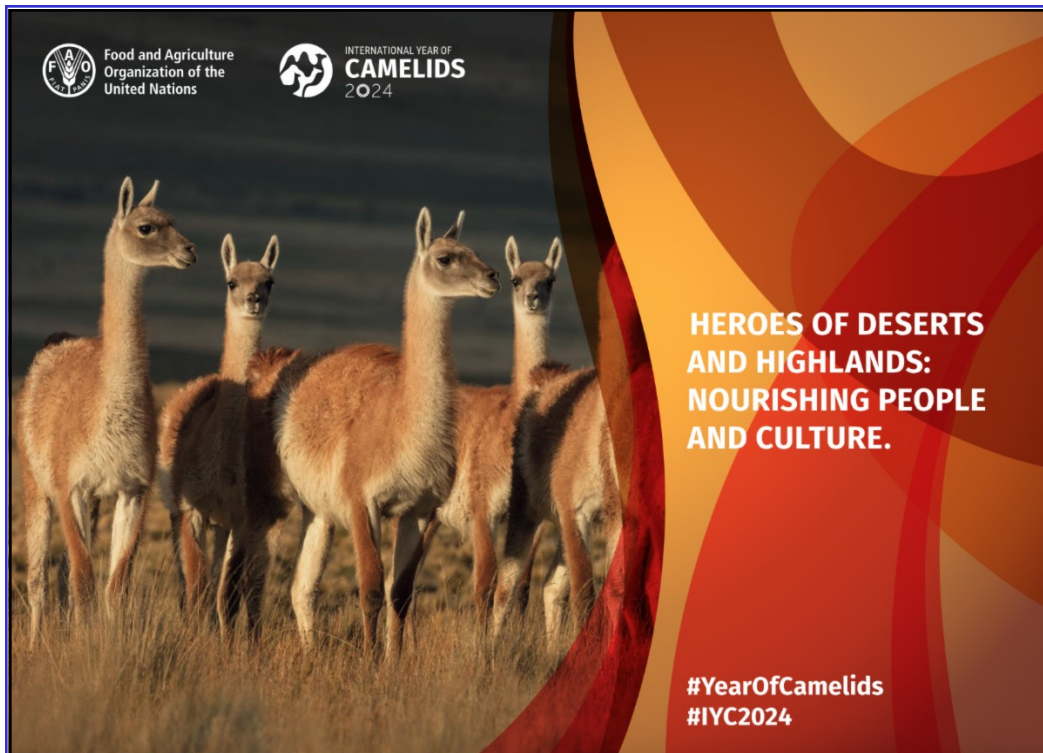
Reminder if you haven't paid your 2024 dues, please do! If you know of other new farms or old ones that you think would enjoy some of our activities, send them to <http://www.falainc.com> to join our family.

Thanks again to everyone who was part of the FWC and FL State Fair. I truly appreciate your assistance and teamwork.

John Previte

FALA President

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*The United Nations declared 2024 the International Year of Camelids (IYC 2024). The Year will highlight how camelids are key to the livelihoods of millions of households in hostile environments across over 90 countries, particularly Indigenous Peoples and local communities. From alpacas to Bactrian camels, dromedaries, guanacos, llamas, and vicuñas, camelids contribute to **food security**, **nutrition** and **economic growth** as well as holding a strong **cultural** and **social significance** for communities across the world.*

*Camelids play an important role in advancing the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) related to the fight against hunger, the eradication of extreme poverty, the empowerment of women and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. From providing milk, meat and fibre for communities to transport for products and people, and organic fertilizer, camelids thrive where other livestock species cannot survive.*

Camelids play a key role in the culture, economy, food security and livelihoods of communities in Andean highlands and in the arid and semi-arid lands in Africa and Asia, including Indigenous Peoples. Even in extreme climatic conditions they continue to produce fibre and nutritious food. Indeed, the International Year of Camelids presents a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the role of camelids in building resilience to climate change – particularly in mountains and arid and semi-arid lands.

The International Year of Camelids 2024 aims to build awareness of the untapped potential of camelids and to call for increased investment in the camelid sector, advocating for greater research, capacity development and the use of innovative practices and technologies.

2024 FLORIDA WINTER CLASSIC SHOW RESULTS

Here is a list of all of our winners from our 3rd annual Florida Winter Classic Show! Congratulations to all!

Adult Showmanship

Grand Champion: Cowboy Hallelujah -
Heaven Sent Ranch - Sarah Strautmann

Reserve Champion: RCF Valco de Llama -
Heaven Sent Ranch - Erin Greeley

Youth Showmanship

Grand Champion: OTF Peanut Brandy -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Abigail Brosius

Reserve Champion: Willo's Jupiter -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Riley Miller

Llama Best In Show

LUA Happy Feet - owner Eydie Robshaw -
handler Heather Henson

Alpaca Best in Show

Grayson Peanut Butter Pie - owner John Previte
handler Maggie Jordan

Non- Breeder Alpaca

Grand Champion: BC's Bozzie -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Elisa Brosius

Reserve Champion: BC's Quinlin -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Rylie Sconyers

Female Alpaca

Grand Champion Female Alpaca: Grayvik Easter Jot -
Heaven Sent Ranch - Leonard Greeley

Reserve Grand Champion Female Alpaca: Anniversary
Rose - Heaven Sent Ranch - Sarah Strautmann

Male Alpaca

Grand Champion Male Alpaca: Grayson Peanut Butter
Pie - Guardian Angel Alpacas - Maggie Jordan

Reserve Grand Champion: Goldstar's Handilock -
Heaven Sent Ranch -Rome Greeley

Non-Breeder Llama

Grand Champion: KashyyyK -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Wyatt Sconyers

Reserve Champion: Willo's Jupiter -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Riley Miller

Female Llama

Grand Champion: Bartolina -
Alex Geis - Alex Geis

Reserve Champion: OTF Peanut - Brandy
Beautiful Creature Ranch - Abigail Brosius

Male Llama

Grand Champion: LUA Happy Feet -
Eydie Robshaw - Heather Hanson

Reserve Champion: WRLF Niklas -
Eydie/Lauren Robshaw - Lauren Robshaw

Adult Performance

Grand Champion: Cowboy Hallelujah—
Heaven Sent Ranch - Sarah Strautmann

Reserve Grand Champion: Peruvian Mr. Edison -
Alex Geis - Alex Geis

Youth Performance

Grand Champion: Willo's Jupiter -
Beautiful Creatures Ranch - Riley Miller

Reserve Grand Champion: GoldStar's Handilock -
Heaven Sent Ranch - Rome Greeley

2024 FLORIDA WINTER CLASSIC

Great weather, another fun Winter Classic!



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Cria Cuteness Alert!



These two crias were born recently at Vollama Acres, owned by Bruce and Kathi Volling.





2024 Calendar of Events

March 24 — FALA Meeting
Sunshine State Llamas, Silver Springs

- ★ Need to re-home a llama or alpaca? Contact Claudia Hammack, llamachick@yahoo.com
- ★ Youth interested in showing a llama or alpaca for FFA, 4-H, or for fun? Contact Tracy Weaver, lotsallamas@earthlink.net

“If you can’t get to the milk bar from the side, use the backdoor!”

