



**Florida Alpaca & Llama Association Inc.**

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## Letter from the President

First, I want to say thank you for your kind words and your expressions of sympathy to Doug and I over the loss of our mom, Jeannette Myers. All I can say is what a lady and I miss her dearly! Thank you.

For those who attended the fair a good time was had by all. For those who participated and placed, congratulations to you for your hard work with training! For those who demonstrated what we do with fiber, thank you for coming out and spinning. This year, the number one question and comment heard was, "What are you sewing?" and "Look at them sewing. My grandmother used to sew like that." So, thank you for educating the public on your "sewing" techniques. J

Ah, Summer! What? Did I miss something, like Spring? The heat has already started and it's going to be a dandy. Breeding, shearing, shows and other events, the season of doing things with our llamas and alpacas is starting to wrap up over the next two months. Then their pace will slow down over the hot summer. As for us, our pace never seems to stop. In March, if you are able to attend, is the Southern States Llama Association Conference in NC. SSLA has a terrific line up of speakers, and of course, the fiber room will be open!

We are starting to plan the June Fiber Day at Cagan's Crossing Library in Clermont, more information to follow. Come out and play with us!

**Claire-Marie Warner, FALA President**

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# Announcements

We are sad to announce the passing of long-time member, Jeannette Myers. We have many fond memories of Jeannette at our Llama events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Claire-Marie and Doug Warner, and the rest of the family.

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I have been receiving a number of inquiries from people wanting to have a llama or two at their event. Anything from a birthday party to a Boy Scout meeting to a Navy Squadron military event in Jacksonville. If you are interested in participating in any of these type events with your camelids, let me know and I will share e-mails with you.

*Claudia Hammack*

# Crias!!

Peaceful Acres Llama Farm—  
Claudia Hammack



Vollama Acres —  
Kathi & Bruce Volling

# RESCUE RUMINATIONS

Southeast Llama Rescue Annual Report for 2017.



Total surrenders: 159 (Alpacas: 110, Llamas: 48. Guanaco: 1)

Placed: (includes re-homes and permanent fosters): Alpacas: 104, llamas: 73

Total: 177

Died: 19. Of those, 2 were surrendered but remained on owner property, 12 were animals previously placed, 5 died in foster care (several from old age or the after effects of cruelty in the case of two that came in via humane seizure)

Remaining in Foster care: 31 with 4 of those pending adoption.

This is the lowest number in foster care in years!! Our goal is to get those in foster to their permanent homes.

## Observations:

- A couple of seizures involving both llamas and alpacas added to mortality numbers for 2017 and the intake of a number of fairly old animals will probably flow into 2018.
- The preferred method to place older and compromised animals is to adopt them out with fees waived, however many are being placed as permanent fosters more often in order to place them at all. Since SELR funds both the costs of necessary supplementation as well as medical costs over and above those normally incurred, these animals represent the potential for significant expenses going forward as virtually all are medically compromised or very old (or both!).
- The numbers of alpacas being surrendered is more reflective of herd sizes vs. number of owners surrendering. It is becoming routine to have herds of 15+ plus surrendered.
- The increased numbers of intact males have been a financial burden and it isn't getting any better. Some of the vets in the NE as well as some NC vets routinely quote \$300 and up (sometimes way up!) to geld which probably explains why their owners are not gelding. If not for U.T. Farm days and the UGA vet school we would not be able to accept so many intact animals.
- More aggressive male alpacas are being surrendered and are tying up foster space. Several are too dangerous to be adopted and will likely become permanent fosters or will have to be euthanized if they continue to escalate.

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## 2018 Calendar of Events

**March 16-18** — SSLA Conference, Flat Rock, NC

**March 25**— **FALA Meeting** — Sunday, **2pm**  
Angel Alpacas, Brooksville, FL

**April 7** — Levy Co. Fair Llama Show

### **FALA MEETING**

Date: **Sunday, March 25**

**NOTE MeetingTime: 2pm**

Location: **Angel Alpacas**  
**26093 Olympia Rd**  
**Brooksville, FL 34601**

**John and Paige Previte**

We have plenty of shade but I also have a 10x10 tent if it rains or we can move inside.

We have plenty of room for parking in front of house and pastures and sitting area is behind the house.

The gate will be open at 1:00 pm.