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Letter from the President

Well, this is the last President's message I write as my term has reached its conclusion.

Some of you may have heard, I broke my right wrist (carpel bone) and now also have tennis elbow. The cast has been removed. I'm in physical therapy, I am healing, but have not yet been able to spin or knit as this puts too much strain on my hand and wrist. Hopefully soon I will be able to return to fun activities, if I continue to REST it. I first have to learn what that word means ... Siri, define "rest" ...

As I step down to be the incoming Vice-President, I will let you know what inventory we have on hand as I will now be overseeing the "FALA Store". If you would like to make any purchases, please let me know.

I hope Hanukah and Christmas will bring everyone peace, love, and joy as they celebrate with their families. I pray the New Year will bring good health and prosperity to all.

Stay safe and happy humming!

Claire-Marie Warner

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Sending Best Wishes to Cheryl Lambert for a fast and full recovery as she fights back from a devastating stroke. If anyone can do it, she can! She is making good progress, go Cheryl!

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ANNOUNCING A NEW ALSA JUDGING CLINIC

January 25 - 27, 2019 - Odessa, Florida
Beginning & Advanced Alpaca Halter Judges Clinic
[Click here for more information](#)

The Alpaca Halter Judges Clinic will cover the following:

Review of Current ALSA Handbook

Alpaca Halter Classes: Ethics, Rules, Judging Criteria

Halter Class Judging

Fleece Evaluation

Showmanship Judging

Performance Classes

Ring Procedures

Practice Judging of Halter Classes

Oral Reasons

Fleece Analysis Procedure

Testing and Evaluating of Judges

BREEDERS WELCOME!

Any questions or concerns, please contact the ALSA office
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ALPACA WEAVING CLASS

Hi Everyone:

I am so excited, Roo Kline will be coming to Florida to teach her Alpaca Weaving class. Reserve your spot now. Space is limited. Please feel free to share this with others who might be interested.

Date: February 16-17, 2019. 9am - 5pm

PART 1: textured spinning (Roo Kline, assisted by Amy Shelton)

Colour theory, carding, textured spinning with beehives and coils. Participants must already be comfortable with basic spinning and plying, and must bring their own (or a borrowed) wheel with a large orifice, as well as two bobbins and a lazy kate.

PART 2: textured weaving on a rigid heddle loom (Amy Shelton, assisted by Roo Kline)

Weaving on rigid heddle loom using the yarn spun the day before. Woven pieces will then be used to make an alpaca-shaped decorative pillow to take home.

PRICE: \$175 per participant for one day
\$250 per participant for both days

The instructor is extending a 15% discount to you for each FALA member.

ALL MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED!

Although the instructor will bring a number of looms, her studio partner, Amy, being a Schacht dealer, is going to offer a tax free deal for those who would like to purchase a loom in advance - it is \$195 for a 15" Cricket loom. Folks can order directly from her before class (I can set up a payment link to pay Amy directly through PayPal). She will have them shipped to the farm.

Selma Carrow

FALA Annual Meeting 2018

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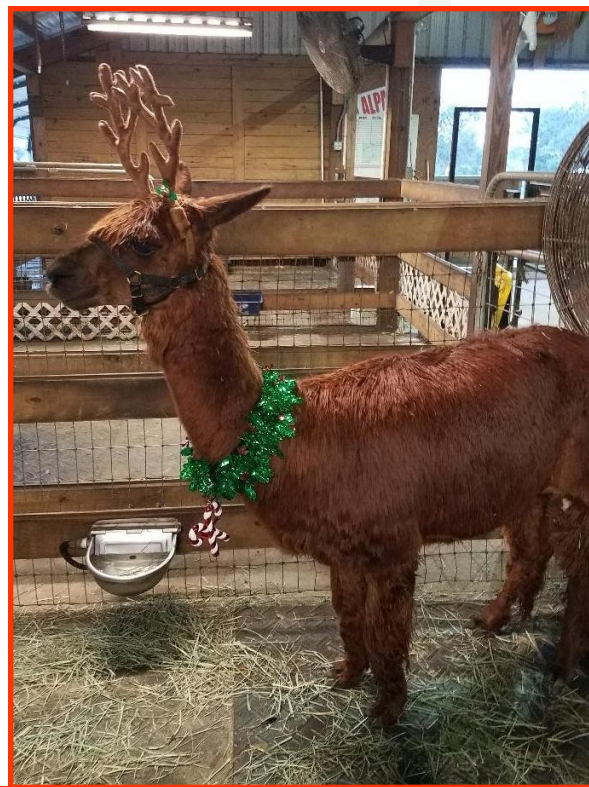
FALA Annual Meeting 2018



FSF December 15 Workshop



Ready for Christmas!



Pistoletta (9 months old) and Sasia owned by Debbie Pettis

Louise Elliott's granddaughter



Members Out & About

Cracker Christmas 2018 at Fort Christmas Historical Park

Charlene Braun, Sheila Temple,
Claire-Marie Warner, Doug Warner



FARM SPOTLIGHT

Sun Spiced Alpacas
5420 South Farm Point
Homosassa, FL 34446
Mike & Sheila Temple

About the Farm: Sun Spiced Alpacas started in 2003 with a dream to escape back to the country. We have a 20-acre farm in Homosassa dedicated to breeding fine-fibered Suri alpacas. Our farm started as 20 acres of wild woods that we have slowly cleared and fenced to become the home for our alpacas.

About the Animals: Sun Spiced Alpacas is home to 25 fine-fibered Suri alpacas. We started 15 years ago with a dream, and now, it is a reality. We are also home to plenty of chickens, white peacocks, Sebastopol geese, cats, and 3 rescued Rhodesian Ridgebacks. Our Suri alpacas sport many Championship ribbons, but our primary focus is on the fiber. Our most recent addition is our herdsire Goldstar's Handilock with a full array of Championship, Reserve Champion, even BEST Luster awards, and a 19.3 micron fleece. Most of our mature alpacas are showing lingering fineness with low micron fleeces even at advanced years.

About the People: Mike retired from his position as an English professor to focus on the day-to-day care of Sun Spiced Alpacas. Sheila is hoping to retire soon from her Clinical Microbiology computer job. Alpaca fiber has become the focus of our farm, so Sheila will be spinning, felting, and weaving to make her own special fiber art. We both love to teach others about our farm experiences and fiber arts.

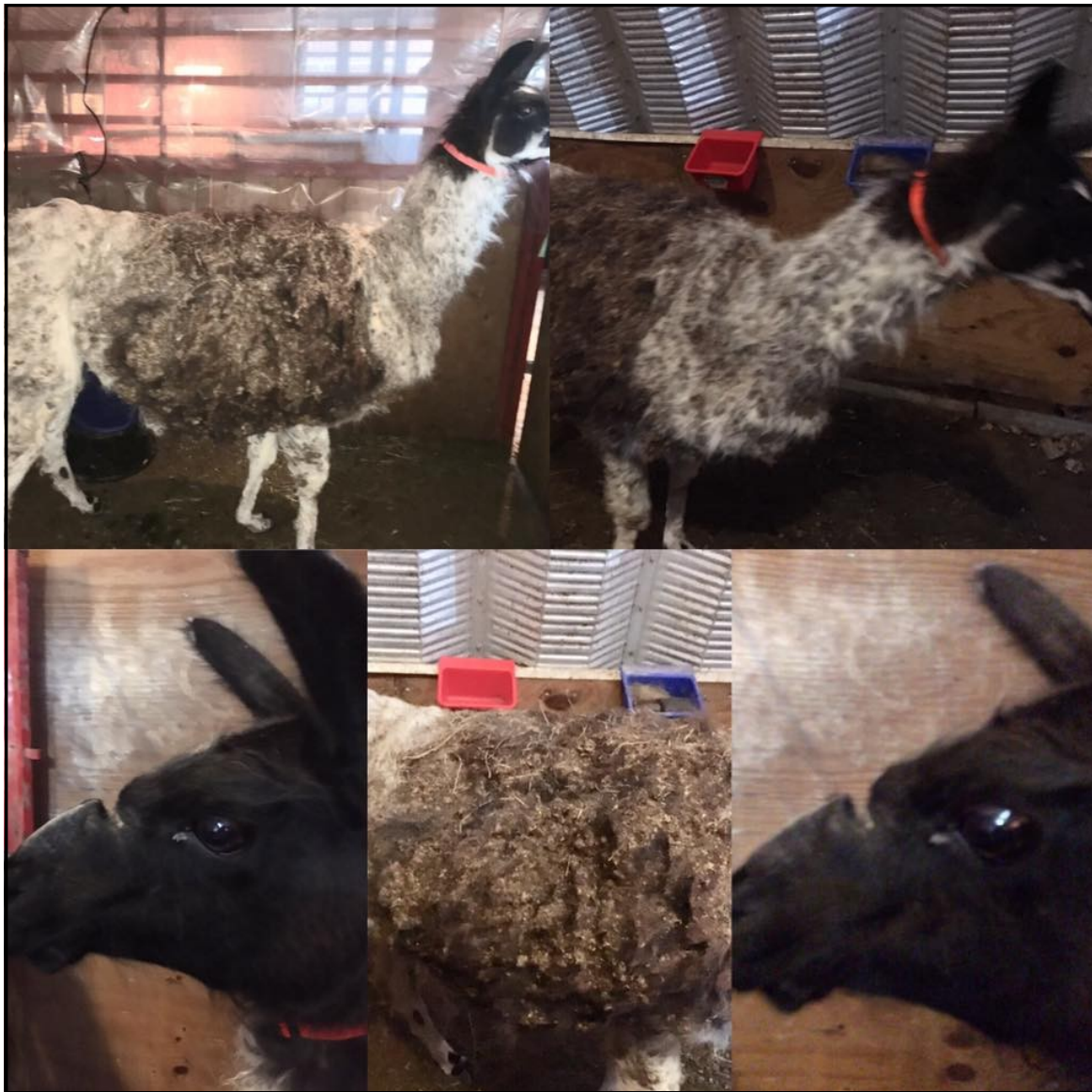
Contact information: Mike and Sheila Temple, Sun Spiced Alpacas, 352-628-9980
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RESCUE RUMINATIONS

Here is the llama SELR rescued from WI. Left alone, owner couldn't care for him. He is totally covered in burrs, and it took them two hours to wrangle him, but once she got a collar on him (no halter with that damaged nose!), he walked and loaded well. She will call the vet tomorrow and work on the burrs.

That's a very illustrative reason why you don't leave halters on a llama/ alpaca long term. Or at all, in my opinion.



CAMELID CLASSIFIEDS

I have a "Bean Machine" vacuum that I would like to sell for \$500. This is the website where I bought it:

<http://thealpacarosa.com/beanmachine.html>.

I have replaced the engine and hoses. I am attaching a picture from the website.

Louise Elliott, Accoyo Acres Alpacas (904) 703-9348





2019 Calendar of Events

January 25-27 — ALSA Alpaca Halter Judges Clinic, Odessa, FL

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February 15-17 — FL State Fair Llama Show — FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

February 16-17 — Alpaca Weaving Class — 9am - 5pm, Hollister, FL

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