



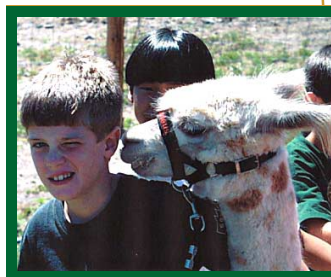
Member Information

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Watch Out Alpaca World, Here Comes New York!

WOW!! It's hard to believe that this Association is actually a reality. To think it started with someone saying, "We ought to start a show in New York". And as Emeril would say "BAM", after only 3 months we are already bigger than half the AOBA affiliates. We have many individuals with mucho energy and there are some enormous plans in the works for our organization. If you didn't volunteer to be on a committee we could really use your help. Please contact a Board Member and we will be happy to get you involved. If you already offered, fantastic, the chairs of the Education, Marketing, Ethics, and Show Committees will be contacting you soon to let you know where they need your skills. We will use this newsletter to introduce ourselves and also to let you know about all the benefits of being a member. We want to thank you for trusting us by joining and helping us to propel New York to the front of the pack in the alpaca industry.



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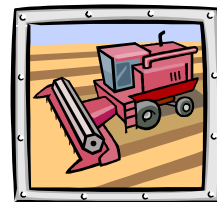
Your Board of Directors and October Elections

Our By-Laws state the Membership will elect the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors will determine the four officers. At our March BOD meeting the board elected the officers as shown above, as well as, appointed Kelly Zanella as the Chair of the Education Committee, Polly Michaelis as Chair of the Marketing Committee, Richard Jonassen as the Chair to the Ethics Committee and Scott Young will head the Show Committee.

At the meeting we also determined that we will have an Annual Meeting of the Membership during the evening on Friday, October 18, 2002 at the Show in Syracuse. Two Board Members seats will be up for election each year. This year the seats currently held by, Scott Young and Tim Wilson will be up for election, this was determined by a blind draw. If any members have an interest in becoming a Board of Director for our organization, contact Polly Michaelis from Finger Lakes Alpacas, she will be the nominating chair and she can supply you with all the information you require. The last possible day to get your name on the ballot is August 20th.

Empire Alpaca Association Meets the Empire Farm Days

Billed as the “largest farm show in the Northeast”, the Empire Farm Days takes place August 6-7-8 in Seneca Falls, New York and expects 75,000 members of the farming community to attend. The Empire Alpaca Association has purchased exhibitor space at this show in an attempt to crack into this huge market. We’re setting up a booth, bringing colorful and people-friendly pet-quality alpacas and educating the public about alpacas. This is an opportunity to plug your Association and indirectly your farm. We need volunteers to meet and greet the public. Please contact Polly Michaelis at alpaca@lynnet.com or give her call at 315-729-2551 if you’d like to participate. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity.



Empire Alpaca Mid Winter Education Conference

One of the goals of the Empire Alpaca Association is to provide continuous education to new and experienced alpaca owners and breeders. In the winter of 2003 the Empire Alpaca Association will hold it's first Mid Winter Educational Conference in Albany, New York. While the exact dates have not yet been finalized, we are looking at one weekend during the last two weeks of January or the first two weeks of February. The Albany site was chosen as it is a centrally located city within the State and the Northeast. This location has numerous hotels, restaurants, conference facilities, and transportation options all within a five-mile radius.

As the alpaca industry in the US continues to grow and flourish the need for quality education of new and experienced alpaca breeders exists. We have received many requests and strong feedback that reinforces our decision to support our New York breeders and welcome all alpaca enthusiasts from across the United States to our educational programs.

“The need for quality education for new & experienced alpaca breeders exists.”
Kelly Zanella, Education Chair

Our first educational program will center on the three key areas of the alpaca industry; selecting and breeding the ideal alpaca, understanding alpaca fiber and medical information focused on nutrition and reproduction. For our speakers we are fortunate to have several of the alpaca industry’s most respected professionals on hand to share their knowledge and experience with us. All seminars will cover basic to advanced information in each area.

Interested in learning more? In the coming weeks we will be announcing more details of our Conference, so please check into website or feel free to e-mail us with your inquiries.

“We’re Serious About Ethics”

One of the major concerns of any organization is the behavior of its Members and the elected Board of Directors. The Board feels this is a very important task as what we do will be watched by the alpaca community at large. The Empire is starting out on the arduous road of formulating a Code of Ethics. The Board of Directors has formed an Ethics Committee to put together a Code to be approved by the membership. We, the committee, would appreciate any input you may wish to have considered as we develop a working document. You may e-mail, call, or fax me at anytime with your ideas.



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Empire Alpaca Extravaganza 2002



Mark your calendar for the second annual Empire Alpaca Extravaganza, October 18th, 19th and 20th at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, New York. Once again we have some fantastic judges lined up! Maggie Krieger and Nard Mullen will be judging the halter classes. Jane Tellier will be judging performance classes in a ring dedicated to youth and performance only and Kaye Collins is lined up for the fleece show. For those interested in sponsoring, we are offering five classes of sponsorship: Platinum \$500, Gold \$300, Silver \$200, Bronze \$100 and Aluminum \$35. Please check the show page of the EAA web site for a complete listing of what each class entitles you to. This year the show will be held in a different building at the Fairgrounds that is modern, heated and huge. The new building affords us a lot more space for animals, spectators and vendors. Anyone interested in purchasing a Vendor Booth can contact Esther Friedman at Adirondack Alpacas. Many people start their holiday shopping by mid-October; this is a great opportunity to retail your end-products.

Check Out Our Website

When you get a chance take a look at our website, Tim Wilson has done a great job with it. Here are two ways you can increase your exposure through www.empirealpacaassociation.com

Promote your farm on the Empire Alpaca Association website

The Empire Alpaca Association invites our members to promote their Farm Events on the EAA Calendar located on the web site. All you have to do is email Tim Wilson at tech@empirealpacaassociation.com with a simple description, dates, location, contacts and links. We're getting some nice traffic to the EAA website, let it help you promote your farm.

Enter Photography for the Empire Alpaca Association website

We also would like to invite all Empire Alpaca Association members to submit alpaca pictures to be presented on the web site. They will be displayed throughout the web site for a period of time and in an order determined by our web master and excellent judges. Please size your pictures to no more than 300 pixels x 300 pixels maximum. Then email the pictures to tech@empirealpacaassociation.com. If the pictures already exist on your web site then email Tim Wilson at tech@empirealpacaassociation.com and describe where these pictures are located.



Super Printer

To assist us in all the printed materials we need to operate an affiliate and a world class alpaca show we purchased a color laser printer. It has so many bells and whistles that it is almost confusing. The board has decided that because we have such a hi-tech printer that we can offer another service to you, a copy service. The price will be .60 cents per color page on a 24 lb. paper. Should you need a different weight stock you may supply us with the paper of your choice. The printers finished product has a glossy finish all by its self, so no glossy paper please.

This is a computer printer so we can accept finished products in Publisher, Word, Illustrator, Photo Shop, and Picture It. We could also accept hard copies and scan them in to the computer but please understand that the quality will not be as fine as if we printed off a disk. If you have any questions or printing needs contact Scott Young at Hilltop Alpacas.





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Food, Glorious Food

It should come as no surprise that food is really important to us, good food even more so. The Board eats well at every farm that hosts a meeting. We wanted to share some of that food, so here's a recipe, courtesy of Esther Friedman that won raves!

Greek Shrimp Bake

1lb. fresh or frozen shelled shrimp
2c. Water
1 cup long grained rice
2 tsp. Chicken boullion granules
1 c. bias-cut celery
1/2 c. chopped onion

1/4 c. butter
1 16 oz. Can stewed tomatoes (cut up)
3/4 c. feta cheese
1/2 c. sliced pitted ripe olives
1 tsp. dillweed



Thaw shrimp, if frozen. To prepare rice, combine water, uncooked rice and boullion and bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover tightly for 12 minutes. Remove from heat, let stand, covered, for 10 minutes. In large saucepan, cook celery and onion in butter until tender. Add undrained tomatoes and heat through. Stir in rice, half the shrimp, cheese, half the olives and the dillweed. Turn into a 2-quart casserole. Top with remaining shrimp. Bake uncovered in 350 degree oven for 20-25 minutes or until shrimp are cooked. Garnish with remaining olives. Makes 6 servings.