

SeAA News And Notes

July 2008



Salute to Summer

Southeastern Alpaca Association Meeting

The annual SeAA meeting is just around the corner. This year's meeting will once again be held at the Fairyland Club in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. We're delighted to have Dr. Norm Evans as our guest speaker. As usual, election results will be announced at the meeting. Our annual meeting provides an excellent opportunity to get together with old friends and make new ones as well. Mark your calendar: **Saturday, August 9**, Support your organization by attending the annual meeting.

**Get involved with your
affiliate. Join us!**

Don't Miss This Event

Camelid Reproduction Seminar Just Ahead

On July 26, the Southeastern Alpaca Association in conjunction with Auburn University will hold a seminar led by Dr. Ahmed Tibary. The subject of the seminar is "Camelid Reproductive Challenges." For further information on this up-coming event contact Caroline Mixon, gaalpacas@aol.com.



**Sunbelt Expo 2008
October 14-16**

The SeAA Alpaca Pavilion which is now in its tenth year, in Moultrie, Georgia, has provided SeAA members a fantastic opportunity to promote their farms and alpacas. The permanent pavilion now has permanent pens, electricity, water, and circulating fans overhead.

Sixteen pens are available with ample walkways in front and back of each pen. Space is limited to two pens per farm member with a maximum of four alpacas per pen.

The back third of the pavilion is set aside for the SeAA store, display, demos and seminars throughout Expo. Bring your farm store wares to offer for sale and reap the benefits. Please follow the guidelines for double tagging all articles.

Volunteers are needed to work in the store, perform demonstrations, and provide seminars. Volunteers who do not need pen space may sign up now to get parking passes and exhibitor badges. You must be a 2008 SeAA member to participate. For complete information visit the SeAA web site: www.sealpaca.org.

Tag and Tag Again

If you have items to sell through the SeAA store at Sunbelt Expo or Southern Select, this double tag bit of information is for you. All items must be double tagged before they can be displayed. In other words, there must be two tags with your **farm name** and the **price** on each item. Two business cards make excellent tags. Your customer will have contact information, and the treasurer will know who to pay. It's not too early to start thinking about what you want to sell. Not attending Expo? Wynna Bouldin, who has taken on the SeAA store, has offered to transport your goods for you. Make arrangements with her at wynnasew@aol.com or 931 438-2791.





SouthernSelectAlpacaShow.org

SeAA Annual Meeting at Lookout Mountain, Georgia

Annual Meeting notification and Election Ballots have been sent to voting members of SEAA. Please read candidate statements for Board of Directors, make an informed decision, and exercise your right to vote.

Lunch reservations for the annual meeting are \$16 per person. Please mail checks payable to SeAA to Kay Kemp, 160 Sinking Creek Road, Petersburg, TN 37144 by Aug 2.

SeAA Events 2008-2009

- ❖ July 26, 2008: Educational Seminar, Auburn University
- ❖ August 9, 2008: Annual meeting: Fairyland Club, Lookout Mountain, Georgia
- ❖ October 14-16, 2008: The Alpaca Pavillion at Sunbelt Expo, Moultrie, Georgia
- ❖ March 7-8, 2009: Southern Select Alpaca Show, Calsonic Arena, Shelbyville, Tennessee

National Farm Day

National Farm Day is the last full weekend in September. Check out the AOBA web site for complete information including down loads. Your farm can be part of a local event with national impact on September 27-28. Good exposure is a necessary tool for marketing, and National Farm Day puts the alpaca industry out there for everyone to see.

SeAA Web Site Home to Impressive Herd Sires

If you haven't logged on to the SeAA web site recently, now's the time to do it. Click "Herd Sire" on the menu and enjoy what the South has to offer. We've got some very impressive guys. Remember, as a member of SeAA, you can show off a couple gents from your own farm. Also, take the time to update your farm profile to include all those spring crias.

PREPARE FOR SPIN-OFF

Looking for something cool to do during the heat of summer? Now is the perfect time to get some bits of fiber ready for Southern Select 2009 Spin-Off. To enter, submit 2 ounces of prime fiber in a zip-lock bag. Cathy Songer will be the judge again for the 2009 show. Ribbons will be given for 1st thru 6th places. Paperwork is awaiting AOBA approval, and notification will go out as soon as possible. Look for full details coming soon. Judges need time to process the fiber for spinning, so expect a deadline around the first of November.



Have a great summer and stay cool.

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