



A Harvest in New England



GALA 1996

Farmington, Connecticut

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Welcome to Connecticut!

What seemed like an infinite amount of time to prepare the Harvest in New England Conference has gone by with amazing speed, and it's hard to believe the event is here already.

We have learned many things over the past year and a half, and have had the pleasure of working with terrific people. Many GALA members and non-members have donated their time and resources towards making the conference a success, and they have our sincere appreciation and thanks. The program is filled not only with valuable workshops, but also time to socialize so you can catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Now all there is left to do is to learn a lot, have fun, relax and enjoy everybody's company. Enjoy, and thank you all for coming!

Kate and Pat Bars



Our Committee . . .

Kate & Pat Bars
 Sandy and Marc Page
 Gale Yohe
 Lindsay and Geoff Chandler
 Jean Ference and Dan Burack
 Terry Beal
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Additional Speaker Biographies

Julianna Rogalla: Julianna is the Director of Information with the Connecticut Farm Bureau office in Windsor. One of the Farm Bureau's many programs is designed to train members to become Spokespeople for agriculture. One part of this program is designed to help the members work with the media, and get the message they **want** to get out to the public. Before Julie went to work with the Farm Bureau, she was involved in agriculture at her families orchard and tobacco farm in Suffield.

Cindy Walstedt: Cindy graduated from UConn in 1986 with a degree in Animal Science. She has a varied background in many areas including the showing, training, and sale of horses. From 1988-1991 she sold feed for Purina Mills and Ralston Purina. After that she began her own business with 25 head of horses involving various activities. From 1990 to 1995 she showed and bred dogs successfully, and since 1981 she has taught and done testing for the United States Pony Club. Her Farm Bureau activities started in 1986 as a young farmer and extended to the national level. She sat on the State Board of Directors for 4 years, the first 2 as the State Young Farmer representative, and the remaining years as the Second Vice President. The job entails having much legislative responsibility. At the present she serves on the staff of the Connecticut Farm Bureau as the Director of Organization, a position which she has held since March of 1996.

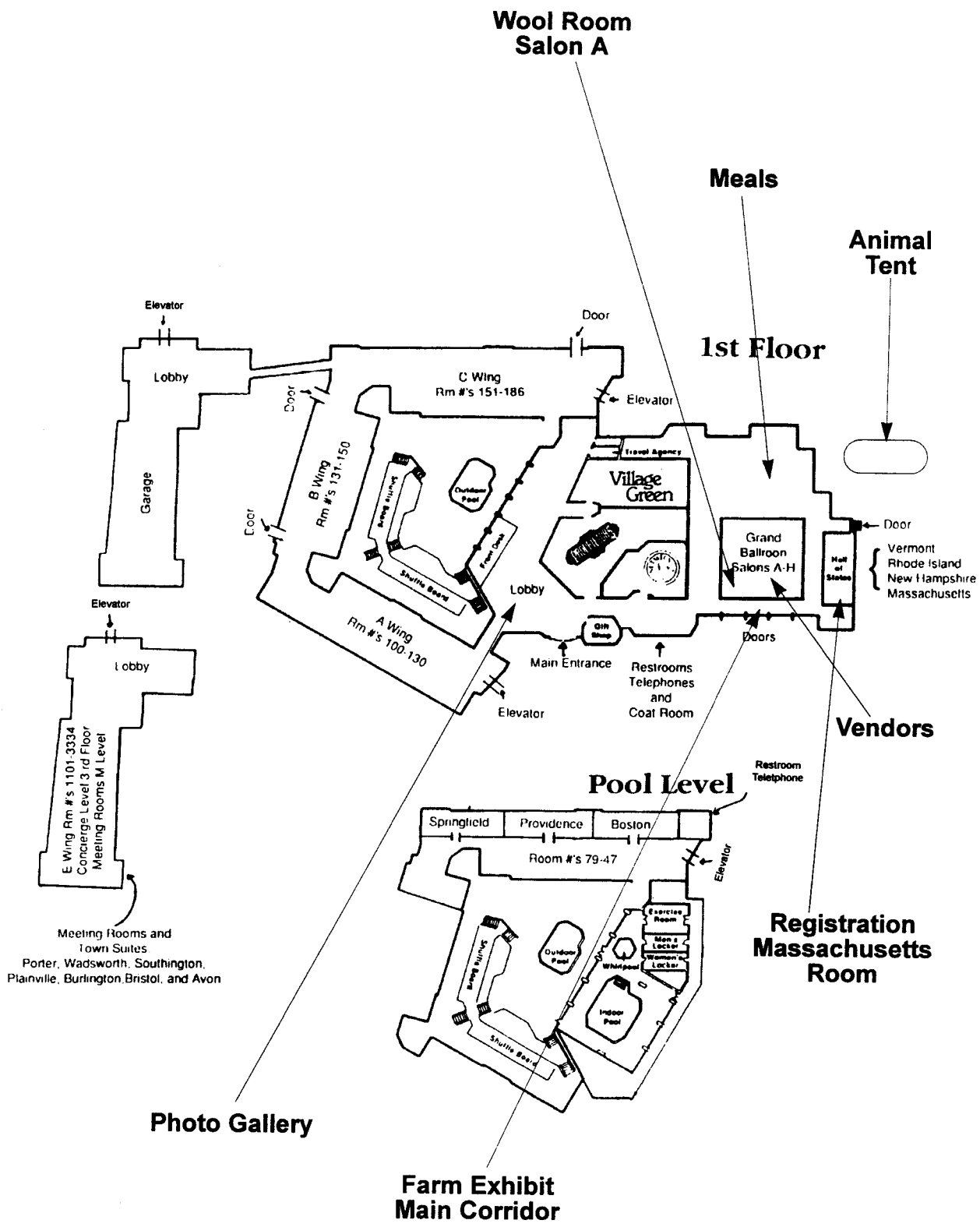
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Dan and Jean Ference

Quarry Hill carries a complete line of supplies for both llamas and alpacas including: medical, birthing and grooming supplies; halters and leads; books; scales; and general merchandise for your llamas and farms. Quarry Hill also carries a full line of llama and alpaca jewelry at reasonable prices. Quarry Hill - "more than just llama supplies, llama people."

Hartford Marriott hotel/Farmington Floor Plan



Animal Stalls

Llamas Unlimited, New Hampshire

Maple Hill Farm, New York

Crestland Llamas, Connecticut

Northern Vermont Llama Company, Vermont

West Mountain Farm, Vermont

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Ivory Pond Farm, Massachusetts

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Chase Tavern Farm
Cindy and Tim Lavan, Vermont

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John and Nancy Calhoun, Connecticut

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Quarry Hill Llamas
Dan Burack and Jean Ference, Massachusetts

Sputtermill Ranch
Marc and Sandy Page, Massachusetts

Balfour Farm
Deborah and Mark Russell, Connecticut

Sashil Llama Farm
David and Sandi Trudeau, Massachusetts

Rhodie Hill Farm
Bob and Viv Fulton, New York

Thursday, October 31

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Neonatal Care

Dr. LaRue Johnson

Location: Southington/East Wing Garage

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Felting with Camelid Fiber

Jim and Kari Prichard

Location: East wing Garage

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Optimum Preparation and Spinning of Camelid Fiber

Faith Wight

Location: New Hampshire

12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Registration

Location: Massachusetts Room

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Llamas 101 (open to all)

Nancy Calhoun

Location: TBA

This presentation is designed for people interested in joining the lama community or who recently purchased animals. It is an overview of the basic care, origin and history of llamas.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Relax, eat supper, go for a swim, take a look around.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The First Ever Group Felting, Fecal Flotation, Acoustic Jam, Sing-a-long Icebreaker

Fecal Flotation to be demonstrated by Dr. Stewart Beckett from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. No Host Bar/Appetizers (not intended to substitute dinner). Group felting lead by Wadds/Houston/Prichard from 6 – 9 p.m. You are encouraged to bring your own musical instruments. Kazoos will be available. Location: Grand Ballroom

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Camelid Coffeehouse

Location: Nutmeg Restaurant

Friday, November 1, 1996

6:00 a.m. – Coffee Pot is on for Early Risers.

Location: Nutmeg Restaurant

Breakfast on your own

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Registration

Location: Massachusetts Room

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks—Welcome

Kate and Pat Bars—Conference Chairs

Keynote Address: South American Camelid's Relationship to Man

Dr. Bill Franklin

Location: Grand Ballroom

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

SESSION I

A) *Reproduction 101*

Dr. David Matsas

Hilary Ware

Location: New Hampshire

A discussion of when to begin breeding both males and females, common breeding problems and resolutions, conception rates and pregnancy testing methods. The Teaching Llama, and videos of actual farm breeding, will be used to help participants visualize the breeding/birthing process.

B) *Livestock Ethics*

Cindy Walstedt

Location: Rhode Island

Ethics in agriculture is a many faceted topic. When presenting ourselves and our llamas to the general public, are we putting our “best foot forward” with regards to animal care and public image? This talk gives us some things to think about when educating people about our llamas.

C) *IRS—What Every Farm Should Know*

IRS Spokesman

Location: Vermont

Where the IRS and taxes are concerned, ignorance is not always bliss. When it comes to agriculture and your animals, don't take anything for granted. Need we say more.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION II—Veterinarian Panel

Dr. Stewart Beckett
Dr. LaRue Johnson
Dr. Howard Levine
Dr. David Matsas
Dr. George Saperstein

Location: NH/RI/VT

Find out the answers to questions regarding the health of your animals from the distinguished panel of vets. If you have not already submitted a question from the GALA newsletter, drop off the form in your registration packet to the registration table in the Massachusetts Room.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH/FUNDRAISING

Location: Grand Ballroom

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

SESSION III

**Nutritional Requirements of Camelids:
 Old Ideas-New Research**

Dr. LaRue Johnson

Location: NH/RI/VT

Dr. Johnson's experience and research in the area of nutrition has been the subject of numerous articles, workshops and seminars. Find out the latest in the world of camelid nutrition and how it impacts your animals.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SESSION IV

A) International Fiber-Focus on Australia

Joan Yeaton

Location: New Hampshire

Australia has made great strides in producing and utilizing Camelid Fiber. What's going on and what we can learn from their experiences. Joan has traveled to Australia and brought back some interesting insights into fiber downunder. An added bonus, this workshop has a hands-on component.

**B) Interstate Transportation and What the
 USDA expects from the Lama Community**

Dr. Bruce Sherman
Dept. of Agriculture

USDA VET

Location: Rhode Island

This workshop will help answer questions regarding federal regulations, and to find out just what is expected when we move our animals.

C) Trail First Aid

Hilary Ware

Location: Vermont

Learn what to do when accidents happen on the trail. Learn what to carry and why, to ensure you and your llamas have a safe and happy hike.

4:00 p.m.—

Eastern States Break

Location: Grand Ballroom

4:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

GALA Annual Meeting

Location Annual Meeting: NH/RI/VT

4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Registration—Vets Only Session

Location: Massachusetts Room

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Vets Only Discussion and Dinner

Dr. LaRue Johnson

Location: Salon B & C

7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Social Hour

Location: Grand Ballroom

8:00 p.m. – ?

**DINNER/PATAGONIA RESEARCH
 PRESENTATION by: Dr. Bill Franklin**

Fundraising/Patagonia Raffle

Location: Grand Ballroom

AFTER DINNER— 1 a.m.

Camelid Coffeeshouse

Location: Nutmeg Restaurant

You are encourage to bring your own instruments and join in the after dinner fun.

Saturday, November 2, 1996

6:00 a.m. –

Coffee Pot on for Early Risers

Location: Nutmeg Restaurant

Breakfast on Your Own

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration—For Partial Package Only

Location: Massachusetts Room

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

***What South American Camelids Can Teach
North American Camelids***

Dr. Bill Franklin

Location: Grand Ballroom

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

SESSION V

A) ***Pre-purchase Expectations (hands on)***

Dr. Stewart Beckett

Location: New Hampshire/Lama Tent

Find out what to look for before you purchase your next or first lama. Topics covered will be conformation, congenital conditions, body weight and conditioning, animal's medical history, potential breeding problems, and hematology profiles.

B) ***ILR—What's Happening***

Nancy Calhoun

Alan Witkin

Location: Rhode Island

Current information on the status of the International Lama Registry. A good place to get questions answered.

C) ***International Fiber-Focus on Australia***

Joan Yeaton (repeat session)

Location: Vermont

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10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

SESSION VI

A) ***Basic Genetics for Sound Management***

Dr. George Saperstein

Location: New Hampshire

A look at how genetics play an important role in breeding programs. Discussion will include genetic abnormalities, how to analyze genetic traits by looking at your lama's ancestors, what inbreeding and line breeding mean to your herd, and why it is important to choose the best possible mate for your lama regardless if you are a backyard breeder or headed for National Showing.

B) ***Public Exposure Challenges On & Off the Farm***

Craig Marsh—Farm Family Insurance

Location: Rhode Island

What you need to know to protect yourself both on and off the farm. A discussion of agricultural liabilities and insurance.

C) ***I Have My Llamas—Now What?***

Kate Bars

Lindsay Chandler

Sandy Page

Location: Vermont

You are now alone with your llamas and it does not have to be overwhelming. Whether it's feeding, training, or basic care, there is help available. Remember the only inappropriate question is the one that has not been asked.

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH/FASHION SHOW

Fashion Show Coordinator: Pat Witkin

Location: Grand Ballroom

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Open to General Public

Location: Farm Displays/Vendors/Tent

3:00 p.m. –

So You Want Llamas (General Public)

Betsy Booth

Gail Sanborn

Location: Lama Tent

A good chance to have your questions answered about basic care, grooming and uses of the lama.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SESSION VII

A) ***Showing and Showmanship—The Winning Edge***

“T” Girod

Location: New Hampshire

Even if you have no plans to step in the show ring, knowing how to show your animals off at the farm to their best advantage is invaluable. Showmanship is not just about being in the ring, but any time your animal is in a halter they should be seen at their best.

- B) **Reproduction Problems**
Dr. David Matsas
 Location: Rhode Island
 You've been through the basics, and have raised a number of lamas, but now one has come along that either won't get bred or won't settle females. What do you do after the common strategies have been tried. This talk will address some of the more difficult breeding problems and how to focus on the problem for a better diagnosis, and to help resolve the situation.

- C) **The 4-H Experience**
Tony Matuzas
 Location: Vermont
 Children have been receiving a valuable experience with the introduction of more and more lamas to 4-H groups. The lama community can be a valuable resource to local 4-H groups. Come learn the 4-H way to care for livestock—lama style.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

SESSION VII

- A) **How to Effectively Communicate With Your Vet & What to do Until The Vet Arrives**
Dr. Stewart Beckett
 Location: New Hampshire
 Good communication in time of emergency can greatly impact the health of your animal. What information does your vet need to know to make good accurate decisions on the initial treatment. Also, what you can do to help your lama until he/she gets there.

- B) **How to get Good Press for Your Farm and/or Lama Event**
Media Professionals from the Farm Bureau
 Location: Rhode Island
 Publicity is great if it is positive. If it is at all negative, it can be a nightmare. How do you shape the press about you and your lamas to your advantage. Also, how do you get the press interested in the first place. Listen to professionals explain how to work with the media.

- C) **3 Successful Small Businesses—How They Got Started and How They Keep Going**
Dan Burack
Quarry Hill Llamas and Supplies
Kari and Jim Prichard
Fiber/Felting
Annette Thaler and Horace Stillman
Bed & Breakfast/Llama Treks

Location: Vermont
 Many unique small businesses have evolved from the Llama Industry. Learn something about how these 3 diverse enterprises got started, and how they continue going.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Guard Llamas
Dr. Bill Franklin
 Location: NH/RI/VT

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL HOUR
 Location: Grand Ballroom

7:00 p.m. – ?

BANQUET/FUNDRAISER
 Location: Grand Ballroom

AFTER DINNER— 1 a.m.

Camelid Coffeehouse
 Location: Nutmeg Restaurant
 You are still encouraged to bring your own musical instruments and join in the after dinner fun.

Sunday, November 3, 1996

6:00 a.m. –

Coffee Pot on for Early Risers
 Location: Nutmeg Restaurant

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

BRUNCH
 Location: Grand Ballroom

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

SESSION IX
20 Tips to Bring Back to The Farm for a More Successful Business
Dale and Dan Goodyear
 Location: Grand Ballroom
 You are just going to have to come to this one to find out the details. Just be assured that the tips you learn at the Brunch Talk can be implemented Monday to help your farm be more successful.

If your child has ANY allergies, please put what they are in writing to give to the program coordinator. If your child is taking any medication, please make sure you are available to give it to them, as we are not able to do so. To preserve the educational atmosphere of the adult conference, children and other non-registrants are not allowed in the workshop sessions. Please make the necessary arrangements to assure your children are cared for.

Thursday, October 31, 1996

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Youth Icebreaker: Halloween costume party. Light snacks will be provided (not intended to substitute dinner).

Friday, November 1, 1996

Breakfast with your family

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

KICK OFF SESSION: ELLEN ZEPP: Introductions, conference overview, procedures, and warm up games.

FELTING: SUSAN HOUSTON: Projects will be geared toward age of the attendee. If projects are larger in scope, they may be left set up for the youth to work on throughout the conference.

LUNCH with the youth program.

11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. -12:45 p.m.

GOING PUBLIC WITH YOUR LLAMA: JANICE FUQUA: How to safely teach your llama and handle him in public.

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hike/Activity Period

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Break:

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

NETWORKING IN THE PEANUT GALLERY: SUSAN HOUSTON: How to become a part of and share information within the "Llama -Kids-World".

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC: DIANE LIS: A hands on clinic on how to show your llama off to their best advantage. Lots of useful information, even if you never plan to show your animal.

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY/SWIM TIME

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DINNER with the youth program.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY: Relaxing night of videos and games.

Saturday November 2, 1996

Breakfast with your family

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

BEAUTY PARLOR FOR LLAMAS AND ALPACAS: LINDA FENNER: What kids can do to keep their animals well groomed and make them look their best.

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

VETERINARIAN SESSION: GEORGE SAPERSTEIN, DVM:

Discussion on llama care basics.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break:

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LOCKERHOOKING: KIM MICZEK: Participants will create a unique farm sampler display that is warm and durable, from fiber of various animals found on farms.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH with the youth program.

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

HITTING THE ROAD: LARS GARRISON: How and what to pack when you and your llama are leaving the farm.

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

HIKE: Weather permitting, the youth will either hike the park trail (no llamas allowed) or they will hike the hotel grounds with their llamas.

Weather alternative, indoor games.

3:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY/ SWIM TIME

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DINNER with the youth program.

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

EVENING ACTIVITY

Sunday November 3, 1996

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

BRUNCH- Location Grand Ballroom

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

DESIGN A T-SHIRT: ELLEN ZEPP: Participants will be able to design and decorate a T-Shirt to take home.

Lama events just wouldn't be complete without the wonderful array of items displayed by the vendors. Whether you are looking for a felt vest and hat that are not only functional but also works of art, or exquisite jewelry crafted from the finest metals and stones-it's all here. Tack and informational books? Have them. Imported items? Have them. Blankets, T-Shirts and slippers? Have those too. To help you remember which vendor has what items, listed below are some brief descriptions.

Folklore Llamas and Imports

Tom Stammer

Folklore Llamas have been raising llamas since 1985 and importing woolens from Ecuador and Peru since 1977. Folklore is owned by Tom Stammer who was a Peace Corp volunteer in Ecuador from 1963 to 1965. Tom travels to Ecuador and Peru, usually twice a year, to purchase sweaters and other items. He personally knows almost all of the producers of these fine imports and has been buying sweaters from the same women who do the knitting for the past nineteen years. His Alforja (packs) come from one family who have been supplying Tom with yarn and sweaters for fifteen years. As Tom says, "I'm lucky to provide a market for many of my South American friend's handicrafts."

Herd of Northern Vermonter's Boutique

(in alphabetical order) Debbie and Bill Bajorek, Orson and Carol Cain, Lindsay and Geoff Chandler, T. Girod and Cathy Haskell, Susan and Ned Houston, June and Howard Taylor, Jan and Bob Wadds, Linda and Chris Wood, and Donna Van Marter

Five years ago The Herd of Northern Vermonters began with Susan Houston's inspiration to have a photo taken of the area llama enthusiasts to use in publications to welcome the ILA Conference to Burlington, VT. June Taylor had already offered her house to this eclectic group one day a week in the winter to: eat (mostly anything chocolate related); talk llamas, and generally relieve any onset of cabin fever; oh yeah, and to felt felt hats. We are talking Northern Vermonters. It must be a good time because a lot of us drive an hour or more to get there, and it's not to see June. About four months ago (But who's counting?), The Boutique was first started as an outlet for our marvelous creations. The first year, with two participants, we offered felt hats, lead lines and Ukrainian llama eggs for sale. (You didn't know Ukrainian llamas laid eggs)? Now, at times, we

have ten participating farms and sell everything we possibly can think of that is made of llamas, for llamas, or designed using llama logos, (Catalog available upon request). A few things I can say about the herd are: We hardly ever lack enthusiasm; We never stop thinking (Want to take the train with us to Bend?); We're wacky and sometimes wacked; We care enormously for our llamas and each other; We know how to eat and have fun and occasionally we let others join in (Tom Marino where are you)? What more could you ask for?

Llylac Llamas Handcrafts from Peru

Liz Murtha

George and Liz Murtha are retired teachers from Canton, CT. They have a small herd of 5 llamas and are looking forward to a second cria in the spring. Their interest in llamas led them to importing llama related handcrafts from Peru to sell at shows and by mail order. They have friends living in Peru who travel the countryside and visit the markets and the artisans to find the best quality handcrafts. Llylac Llamas inventory includes a large selection of wood carvings, gourds, brass, glass and wooly llamas, items to wear and many colorful tapestries and wallhangings.

Blue Heron Creations and Hindsight Farm

Pat and Kate Bars

Pat and Kate have been raising llamas for over fifteen years in Northeast Connecticut. Seven years ago Kate started an offshoot business, Blue Heron Creations that featured original artwork and designs in a variety of media with llamas being the focal point. Coloring books, apparel, mugs, sculpture, notecards, and logo design are a few of the things offered by Blue Heron Creations. Over the past two years the farm has taken a more active role in promoting the use of domestically raised llama fiber. Kate and Pat purchase raw fiber from farms all across the country, then have it spun and woven into either blankets, or fabric to make jackets and vests.

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Kate Bars: Kate and her husband Pat have been raising llamas at Hindsight Farm since 1981, with a herd average of 18 animals. Their quality breeding program has consistently produced well conformed animals with excellent fiber. They currently sell processed fiber and yarn to weavers and knitters along with finished products such as vests, sweaters, and blankets. Kate, who is an Early Childhood Educator and an Artist, displays her artistic talents in a second business called Blue Heron Creations. She creates beautiful sculptures, graphic design, and artwork. Her unique artwork can be seen on T-shirts and Sweatshirts worn by llama people around the country.

Stewart "Chip" Beckett III, DVM: Dr. Beckett earned his DVM degree from Purdue University. He is a member of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners, along with other professional organizations. He started his own mixed practice in 1983. He has a specific interest in surgery and reproduction. In the Fall of 1994 he started a very successful and well attended monthly seminar series on llamas for the area farms. Dr. Beckett has been willing to donate his time and expertise conducting ultra-sound workshops yearly at the MARICO Llama & Alpaca Festival.

Betsy Booth: Betsy and her husband Bud have a long history with livestock and farming. Before she was introduced to llamas in 1988, Betsy raised jersey cows for 30 years. She currently has a llama herd of 10-15 animals. She breeds for well conformed animals, with good dispositions, and medium fiber. For the five years that llamas have been shown, Betsy has been the Show Superintendent at the Big E. She currently runs a llama leasing program for people who want to try the llama lifestyle.

Dan Burack: Besides operating a real estate development company, Dan manages to find the time to operate Quarry Hill Llamas and Supplies. Dan Burack and Jean Ference started into llamas after meeting Gayle Garrison at the Big E in Sept. of 1989. By Thanksgiving they had 2 llamas and by New Years they had 5. Currently they own 24 llamas and run a mail order supply company that started out with only a first aid kit. Dan had a llama with a cut foot and he discovered he did not have all the supplies he needed in one place. He had a friend make a bag for him to carry his supplies in, which generated great interest. People needed supplies to fill the bag, hence the inception of Quarry Hill Supplies.

Nancy Calhoun: Nancy and her husband John own and operate Cathedral Pines Farm in CT. They have raised and loved llamas since 1977. Nancy is a very active member of the llama community and has

served on numerous ILA committees. She is currently president of the ILR. She is the proud recipient of three Pushmi-Pullyu awards for her outstanding public relations work. She is probably best known for her commitment to educating the public, especially new people, through her ever popular Llamas 101 talk.

Lindsay Chandler: Lindsay and her husband Geoff (owners of Northern Vermont Llama Co.) bought their first llamas in 1986. They believe that Llamas are the ideal animals, especially for families. Their sons Stephen and Martin are always helping with the animals without their parents having to worry about their safety. When Lindsay is not busy felting, spinning, and weaving, she can be found operating their successful Llama Trekking business, servicing llamas through her traveling shearing business, or helping tend the family Choose & Cut Christmas Tree operation. Whew!

William Franklin Ph.D.: Dr. Franklin is a Professor in the Department of Animal Ecology, College of Agriculture, Iowa State University. Dr. Franklin is renowned for his research and work in Patagonia studying the behavioral traits of guanacos and the other South American Camelids. He is currently the Director of the Patagonia Research Station and the Director of the Patagonia Research Project. One of his on going studies that has drawn much attention from outside the llama industry has been his research on using llamas as guard animals to protect sheep from predators. Dr. Franklin also leads an expedition of camelid enthusiasts to Patagonia every year to aid him in some of the research work and experience South American Camelids in the natural environment.

Tamara "T" Girod: "T" purchased her first female llamas (one of whom was Levi's great great grandmother) in 1981. She is a native Oregonian who in 1988 moved herself and her 16 llamas to Walden, VT to establish OOOH AHHH Baby Llamas. Her herd currently numbers 30+. Coming from a 4-H background where she grew up showing horse, "T" also enjoys showing her llamas. She especially enjoys showing in the halter and the showmanship classes, and also is happy to help other individuals exhibit their llamas to their best advantage. She can always be counted on to offer sound advice to novice llama owners.

Dan and Dale Goodyear: Dan and Dale began Berry Acres Llamas in 1989. Since then the farm has grown to close to 100 llamas. Presently they split their time between their careers and the farm, but they anxiously await a time in the near future when they will devote their full energies to their farm. Currently, Dan is president and CEO of

Pennsylvania Steel Foundry and Dale teaches High School English. They devote much time to the llama community. Dan is on the Board of Directors of ILA as treasurer, and is Director of the PLAA. Both were very instrumental in organizing the first Eastern Llama and Alpaca Festival.

LaRue Johnson, DVM: Dr. Johnson received his degree from the University of Minnesota, served for 10 years on the Faculty at the University of Minnesota, and spent one year working for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at the National Autonomous University in Mexico City. For the past 15 years significant time has been spent in camelid medicine teaching and research, with principal emphasis on herd health, reproduction, and nutrition. Currently his llama research involvement's include male fertility evaluations, the immunodeficiency syndrome, response to enterotoxemia vaccination and continued nutrition studies. Dr. Johnson and his wife, Mary, are owners of llamas as well as being involved in packing, racing, reproduction, spinning, and weaving.

Howard Levine, DVM: Dr. Levine received a Masters Degree in Animal Science from the University of New Hampshire in 1970 and a DVM degree from Purdue University in 1980. He became board certified in Theriogenology, veterinary medicine's reproductive specialty, in 1991. He is currently an Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in the Ambulatory Service.

David Matsas, DVM: Dr. Matsas received his BS from the University of Connecticut, DVM from Purdue University and completed a Residency in Large Animal Medicine in the Ambulatory Clinic at Cornell. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine where he is a clinician in the Ambulatory Farm Services section. Dr. Matsas is a Diplomat in the American College of Theriogenologists. His clinical and research interests are reproductive problems of dairy cows, small ruminants, and llamas, and he has published a number of scientific articles in this area.

Tony Matuzas: Tony and his wife Lisa own and operate Victorian Gardens Llama Farm. At the farm they raise llamas, guanacos, various goats, sheep, and birds, and share the forest with natural wildlife, including a herd of deer. Their main interest is studying intelligence with llamas and guanacos.

Sandy Page: Sandy and her husband Marc have been raising llamas at their woodland farm in Central Massachusetts for almost four years. They started their herd with four young males as livestock companions. Pleased with the change in focus and

lifestyle that raising llamas brought to them, their herd quickly grew to 8+, with a commitment to breeding and educational promotion of llamas. To further public education, she spends many hours volunteering her time to GALA, MARICO, and doing public education programs. In her non-llama life, away from Sputtermill Ranch, Sandy can be found working as a seventh grade Special Education Teacher.

Jim and Kari Prichard: Jim and Kari have resided in York, Maine for the past 8 years, and have had llamas for the last six. Two years ago they began crafting exquisite felt products using both camelid fiber and sheep wool. Jim's background as an artist and Kari's background as a seamstress have blended perfectly to make everything from interesting felt balls to one of a kind pieces of wearable art like hats and vests. The products can be seen at their new retail store at the Windsor Hollow Farm, at a few boutiques, and at art gallery exhibits. They also conduct workshops teaching the art of felting.

Gail Sanborn: Gail has been raising llamas for eight years at A-Llama-Dam-A Farm. She purchased her first 3 females, and the rest of her current 9 breeding females have all been home bred. She enjoys showing her animals, finding the obstacle class the most challenging and fun. She has also been noted for some creative looks for her and her llama in the costume class. She enters the halter class to keep a check on her breeding program. She continues to do well, producing 5 females that earned either Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion. Prior to llamas, Gail entered the ring with both AKC Collies and Cattle.

George Saperstein, DVM: Dr. Saperstein obtained a Bachelors Degree in Animal Science and a DVM degree in 1978 from Kansas State University. He has authored numerous scientific articles and textbook chapters on congenital and hereditary diseases in animals, often collaborating with the late Dr. Horst W. Leipold. He is an Associate Professor and the holder of the Amelia Peabody Chair in Agricultural Sciences from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine where he has been the head of the Ambulatory Service since 1984.

Horace Stillman and Annette Thaler: Located just 1 mile from the Civil War Battlefield of Antietam, Annette and Horace own and operate a Victorian Bed & Breakfast in a very historic area of Maryland. In 1988 they bought their first llama as a companion for their goats. Quickly they found that one llama was not enough and currently have 15+ animals. Shortly after finding llamas they started Ground Squirrel Holler Bed & Breakfast, which they operate on weekends along with both holding down full time

jobs (Annette in catering and Horace in construction). During spring and fall weekends, they run llama day hikes along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

Hilary Ware: As current president Hilary, of Hill and Gully Llamas, is no stranger to the GALA membership. She has devoted much time and energy to making GALA a well run and enjoyable organization. She and her husband Don have been a friend of the llamas since 1983, when Don bought Hilary her first llama, Tupac, as a Christmas gift. She has made a great contribution to the llama community by inventing and creating the first life-size hands-on Teaching Llamas, which have been an invaluable educational visual aid during llama presentations. She also manages to fit in teaching Childbirth Education classes in her spare time.

Faith Wight: Faith is a master spinner and knitter, residing in North Sitate, Rhode Island where she owns and operates the Textile Fibers Arts Studio. The Textile Fiber Arts Studio is a retail store for everything from textiles, books, looms, and fiber. Faith also gives spinning lessons, and the Studio is a regular gathering place for the Rhode Island spinning Guild. Her expertise in all areas of handworking fibers and textiles is extraordinary and her finished pieces are truly works of art.

Alan Witkin: Alan is well known to many for the endless hours he devotes to the llama community. He is currently a District Representative for GALA and Secretary of the ILR. He was very instrumental in starting the MARICO Llama & Alpaca Association, serving as president for its initial three years. He and his wife Pat have been raising llamas at Harmony Acres since 1987. Since then they have been constantly busy filling requests for visits to schools, nursing homes, and community events. He is also an accomplished pilot and avid photographer, who can often be seen with his camera at both llama and social events.

Joan Yeaton: Joan runs a Bed and Breakfast with her husband Leon. They have been raising llamas for fourteen years, and Joan uses their llamas to aid in her work with deaf and blind adults. She has noticed that the heightened tactile awareness of the people she works with gives them an advantage in feeling the true fineness, or "hand" of the fiber when they help Joan sort the harvested fleece. Recently the Yeaton's traveled to Australia with a group to learn from Australia's strides in the camelid fiber industry, and to establish goodwill relationships between people with common interests.

Following is a listing of speakers for the GALA Conference's Children's Program:

Linda Fenner: Linda especially enjoys the community work that she does with her llamas. She works mainly with children; at story hours, libraries and nursery schools. She and her children enter their llamas in numerous parades and often open their farm to visits by children with disabilities. She currently has eight llamas.

Janice Fuqua: Janice and her family have been raising llamas at Tall Pines Llama Farm in Westfield, Ma since 1990. She has a degree in Physical Education and is presently the herd manager for an alpaca farm in Westfield. She still teaches but it is not always in the classroom. Janice is very involved with bringing llamas to the public by visiting nursing homes, schools, parades, libraries, and shows.

Lars Garrison: Lars and his wife Gayle are well known to the entire llama community. Many of us can trace our current involvement with llamas to a meeting with Lars. West Mountain Farm is host to the annual Memorial Day Llama Bazaar that has a emphasis on educating new buyers. When not working with his extensive herd of llamas and alpacas, Lars keeps himself busy with maple sugaring, and growing apples and blueberries.

Susan Houston: Susan, her family, and about 30 llamas share a scenic hilltop in Craftsbury Common, VT. She has worked with kids of all ages as far back as she can remember. Now having many bags of colorful llama fleece available, she is always ready for new projects and ideas. Currently she is really into felting and is still hoping to convince the "Herd of Northern Vermonters" to felt a yurt.

Diane Lis: Diane is an educator with the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development Program. She has worked with 4-H'ers in several livestock projects and has personally shown dairy cattle and llamas. Diane has successfully shown Crestland Llamas at Eastern States Exposition and the Topsfield Fair. She plans to stress what's important in showmanship including training, attitude, patience, and sportsmanship.

Kim Miczek: Kim has been working with the natural combination of llamas and children for 5 years on her farm and as a leader of a 4-H club. Her full time farming family raises 12 llamas in Leicester, MA on Breezy Bend.

Ellen Zepp: Ellen, in partnership with husband Mike, and children Talia and Pat, own and operate Orchid Patch in Southbridge, MA. The llamas, along with a gelding alpaca and Nubian goats, serve as ambassadors for the Heifer Project International in the MA area. Ellen is serving as youth program coordinator for this conference.