



**Meet Me In The Woods**

October 29 - November 1  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

**conference  
notebook**

# welcome

Greetings!

Now is the time that we can finally see all of our hard work come together in one final, grand event. We hope you will be as pleased as we are with the extensive programming and speakers. New friends and old friends can enjoy learning about the greatest creatures we know - our llamas!

No successful event can be possible without volunteers. This year's committee has been extremely dedicated. They have given up much of their time to make GALA 1998 the mega event of the year. Dick and I would like to give great thanks to these individuals, we hope you can do the same.

Enjoy the conference, take time to spend with friends, relax, and most of all let's work to keep GALA strong.

Karen and Dick



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# displays

## animals

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Crossnecks, New Jersey

Lars and Gayle Garrison  
West Mountain Farm  
Stamford, Vermont

Todd and Karen O'Neill  
Charming Forge Farm  
Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania

Gordon Cucullu  
East Brook Farms  
Walton, New York

Marj Gerhart  
Northwest Farms  
Lititz, Pennsylvania

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Scattered Oaks  
Leola, Pennsylvania

Hilary Ware and Talie Brown  
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Falling Creek Llamas, Myersville, Maryland

Jim and Amy Logan  
Snow Ridge Llamas  
Chattaroy, Washington

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Judy Morgenstern  
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Crossnecks, New Jersey

Marc and Sandy Page  
Sputtermill Ranch  
Petersham, Massachusetts

Don and Laura Riddle  
Homestead Llamas  
Davidsonville, Maryland

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Firethorn Farm  
Avella, Pennsylvania

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Rocky Run Alpacas  
Malvern, Pennsylvania

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Berry Acres  
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Lars and Gayle Garrison  
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Stamford, Vermont

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Slate Rock Farm  
Orchard Park, New York

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Lithia Llamas  
Goshen, Massachusetts

Doug and Carol Reigh  
Buck Hollow Llamas  
Birdsboro, Pennsylvania

Doug and Denise Caldwell  
A. L. Paca's Farms  
Hinckley, Ohio

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## Thursday, October 29, 1998

- 1:00 p.m.- ? *Arrival, check-in, vendors, animals and farm displays*
- 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. *Registration*  
Main Lobby of Inn
- 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. *Relax, Eat supper, Go for a swim, Take a walk around.*
- 7:00 p.m.- ? *Icebreaker/No Host Bar and Horsd'oeuvres* (not intended to substitute dinner)  
Grand Ballroom

## Friday, October 30, 1998

- 6:00 a.m.- *Coffee Pot on for early Risers.*  
Main Lobby
- 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. *Breakfast on your own* - Continental  
Breakfast available for Inn Guests
- 7:00 a.m.- 8:15 a.m. *Registration*  
Grand Ballroom Lobby
- 8:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. *Opening Remarks-Welcome*  
Conference Co-chairs:  
Karen O'Neill and Dick Snyder  
*Keynote Address:*  
*Historical Evolution of the Lama Industry*  
Kay Patterson-Sharpnack  
Grand Ballroom
- 10:00 a.m.-10:15 p.m. *Break*
- 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Click and Reward*  
Jim and Amy Logan  
Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit  
A revolutionary way to communicate and teach your lamas how to learn. The Logans teach an easy to learn, reward based system called Clicker Training. Come watch and learn how to catch your lama 'doing it right' instead of spending your time correcting what the lama is doing wrong.
- New Owners/Buyers Seminar*  
Kate and Pat Bars  
Sandy and Marc Page  
Marco Polo Room  
There are many facets to owning

llamas. Whether your goals are to own a couple of companions, a breeding herd, or a string of pack animals, there are some basic management considerations that you need to think about. This talk will explore some of the tried and true options in raising your animals.

### 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. *Nutrition of Camelids*

Dr. David Pugh  
Presidential Room  
General discussion of nutritional practices and recommendations for Eastern breeders. Find out the latest in the world of camelid nutrition based on experiences within herds and research done on the Auburn Resident Herd.

### *Fiber Program*

Spinning: Judy Eberly  
Empire Room

### 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. *Male Lama Reproduction*

Dr. David Pugh  
Presidential Room  
This session will provide information about the reproductive anatomy of the male lama, as well as the sexual behaviors and practices related to male breeding activities. Discussion will include infertility, congenital defects, and infertility related to management practices. Find out the latest research on male reproduction.

### *Fiber Programs*

Ropemaking: Gayle Garrison  
Weaving: Kathy Bright  
Empire Room

### 12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. *Lunch and Fashion Show*

Grand Ballroom

Fashion Show organized by : Ann Aydelotte

### 1:45 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. *Cart Driving*

Jim and Amy Logan  
Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit  
Demonstration and instruction on using Clicker Training to prepare your llama for cart driving.

### 1:45 p.m.- 2:45 p.m. *Heat Stress and Weight Loss*

Dr. David Pugh

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## Presidential Room

Problems, experiences, and ideas for handling heat in the humid Eastern States. Discussion of the weight loss problems in individuals.

## Fiber Programs

Drum Carding: Viv Fulton

Weaving: Kathy Bright

Empire Room

## Consult Forum

Kay Patterson-Sharpnack

(questions pre-submitted by participants)

Marco Polo Room

An hour of individual questions on lama management practices to be answered for the group.

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Consult Forum**

Dr. David Pugh

(questions pre-submitted by participants)

Presidential Room

An hour of individual questions on lama reproduction, nutrition, and other related medical issues.

## Fiber Programs

Spinning: Dolores Modera

Spinning: Kathy Bright

Empire Room

Creative Marketing

Lars Garrison

Gordon Cucullu

Marco Polo Room

Many creative and different ideas will be presented for handling marketing aspects of the camelid industry.

4:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. **Break**

4:15 p.m.- ? **GALA Annual Meeting**

Presidential Room

After the Meeting: Visit Vendors & the Animal Tent. Take a walk. Use the pool or hot tub.

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. **Social Hour/Cocktails/Shopping**

Grand Ballroom

7:00 p.m.- ? **Dinner**

## Grand Ballroom

After Dinner: Renew friendships, visit the disco, take a swim, use the hot tub.

## Saturday, October 31, 1998

6:00 a.m.- **Coffee Pot on for Early Risers**  
Main Lobby

7:00 a.m. -8:30 a.m. **Breakfast on your own - Continental**  
Breakfast available for Inn Guests

## Registration

Grand Ballroom Lobby

8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. **VETS ONLY SESSION Registration**  
Grand Ballroom Lobby

9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. **VETS ONLY SESSION**  
Parlor Rooms

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. **Keynote Address: Ethics**

Dr. Bernard Rollin

Grand Ballroom

Dr. Rollin will offer a thought provoking presentation on ethic within the animal industry.

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Click and Reward (Repeat)**

Jim and Amy Logan

Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit

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10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. **Nutrition of Camelids**

Dr. David Anderson

Presidential Room

General discussion of nutritional practices and recommendations for Eastern Breeders. Find out the latest in the world of camelid nutrition based on experiences within the Ohio State University's teaching and research herd.

## Suri Fiber Characteristics

Gordon Cucullu

Susan Tellez

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Linda Berry Walker

Marco Polo

Discussion and information on specific characteristics relative to suri-type fiber on alpacas and llamas.

### *Fiber Programs*

Drum Carding: Marj Gerhart

English Combs: Viv Fulton

Empire Room

Basic Packing Skills

Lindsay Chandler

Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit

This workshop is designed to give you an idea of what is involved in packing with your llamas. Topics to be covered are selecting a llama for packing, specific equipment that is needed and training your llama to accept a pack.

11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. *Common Lama Diseases*

Dr. David Anderson

Presidential Room

Discussions will center on Meningeal Worm and current research on Fatty Liver Disease. Recent clinical data suggest that the cause of Fatty Liver Syndrome may have been overlooked. Talk will discuss diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

### *Coat Color Genetics*

Shari Templeton

Marco Polo Room

Join Shari in this interactive workshop which will take you through a quick refresher of basic genetics before diving into the world of coat color. Manipulatives and handouts will be used to guide you to a working knowledge of how various hues appear in your herd.

11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. *Fiber Programs*

Spinning: Judy Eberly

Weaving: Kathy Bright

Empire Room

### *Pack Trials*

Lindsay Chandler

Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit

The idea of a Trial is to test the llama

in as realistic conditions as possible on the trail. Pack Trials are a good way to get out with your llama. Learn what the requirements are for presenting in the official Pack Trials.

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. *Lunch*

Report on Camelid Research  
Grand Ballroom

2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. *OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*

*(Tent, Vendors, Fiber Room)*

2:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. *Cart Driving (Repeat Session)*

Jim and Amy Logan

Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit

Demonstration and instruction on using Clicker Training to prepare your llama for cart driving.

### *Birthing and Cria Care*

Kay Patterson-Sharpnack

Hilary Ware

Marco Polo Room

Join this incredible team for a presentations of basic birthing. Don't miss the opportunity to watch Kay, Hilary, and 'Indiana Bones' demonstrate the normal birthing process. Discussion will also include the care necessary for a healthy cria and how to assess a newborn cria.

2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. *Emergency Vet Care*

Dr. David Anderson

Presidential Room

Learn what you can do until the Vet gets to your farm. What is an emergency? When is it time to call the Vet? Unfortunately, accidents do happen. Find out what supplies you need to have on hand, and why.

### *Fiber Programs*

Drum Carding: Jackie Fleming

Spinning: Lindsay Chandler

Empire Room

3:15 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. *Consult Forum*

Dr. David Anderson

(questions pre-submitted by participants)

Presidential Room

An hour of individual questions on the

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current research, nutrition, and other medical issues related to camelids.

3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. **Fiber Programs**

Felting: Susan Houston  
Spinning: Gayle Garrison  
Empire Room

This will be your last chance to view the Fiber Room.

**THE FIBER ROOM WILL BE CLOSED AT 4:15 P.M.**

**IT WILL NOT RE-OPEN**

4:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **Break**

4:30 p.m.- ? **LAMA COSTUME PARADE**  
Parking Lot

**ANIMAL EXHIBITORS: Don't FORGET YOUR COSTUME FOR THE PARADE. REMEMBER THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.**

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. **Social Hour/Cocktails/Shopping**  
Grand Ballroom

7:30 p.m.- ? **Banquet and Fundraising**  
Grand Ballroom

## **Sunday, November 1, 1998**

6:00 a.m.- **Coffee Pot on for Early Risers**  
Main Lobby

7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. **Breakfast on you own** - Continental  
Breakfast available for Inn Guests

8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. **Reproductive Surgery in Females Including Sterilization**  
Dr. David Anderson  
Presidential Room  
Presentation of the latest research on medical procedures involved in reproductive surgery in female lamas.

### **Pasture Management and Poisonous Plants**

David Messersmith  
Marco Polo Room

Are you satisfied with your pastures? Could your pastures be improved? Learn basic management practices and basic guidelines governing the use of your pastures. Discussion will include identification and eradication of poisonous plants.

**How to Excite Your Vet about Lamas**  
Dr. Jeff Ott

Dr. Karen Miller  
Empire Room

Enthusiastic Lama Vets present ways to help you get your veterinarian excited about working more closely with you and your animals. Practical suggestions you can take right back to the farm.

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **The Sale: Before and After**

Lars Garrison  
Marco Polo Room

Learn what information new or prospective buyers should have before the sale. Also, discussion on what the buyer can expect from the breeder after the sale.

**Continuation of Sunday's Conference Program**

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **Veterinary Panel Discussion**

Dr. David Anderson  
Presidential Room

Find out the answers to questions regarding the health and management of your animals. This esteemed panel will be answering questions pre-submitted by participants.

### **Fiber Processing and Evaluation.**

Product Development  
Linda Berry Walker  
Empire Room

Discussion of specific techniques of processing your lama fiber, as well as what to look for in the evaluation of your fleece. Ideas on how to handle your fiber from start to finish to achieve the results you want from your fiber. Whether you have products you wish to market, or just want your products to look professional, this is the workshop for you.

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. **Basic Demonstrations**

TBA  
Grand Ballroom Lobby Exit  
Hands on demonstrations on haltering, toe trimming, giving shots. Questions welcomed.

11:30 a.m. - ? **Brunch and Farewell**



# speakers

## GALA 1998 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

(listed in alphabetical order)

### DAVID ANDERSON, DVM

Dr. Anderson has published multiple scientific papers on llama medicine and surgery. He has lectured nationally and internationally on llama medicine, surgery, and reproduction. He earned his DVM at North Carolina University. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons. He is currently the primary clinician performing medicine, surgery, reproduction, and consultation services for Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. He manages a teaching and research herd of 46 camelids (23 llamas, 23 alpacas). He is currently involved in approximately 20 research projects involving llamas. He chaired the veterinary continuing education course at OSU in March of 1998, and is chairing an owner, breeder, and veterinary continuing education course to be held at Ohio State University in December of 1998.

### KATE AND PAT BARS

Kate and Pat having been raising llamas at Hindsight Farm since 1981, with an average herd of 25 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. They recently created Premier Llama, a commercially woven llama fabric from which they produce custom finished vests, coats, and capes. Pat is an accomplished woodworker as well as a highly skilled herdsman. Kate, who is an Early Childhood Educator and Artist, displays her talents in a second business called Blue Heron Creations. She creates beautiful etched glass products, graphic designs, and hand painted clothing. They were founding members of the MARICO Llama and Alpaca Association and have scheduled many training, fiber, and veterinary clinics at their farm.

### LINDSAY CHANDLER

Lindsay and her husband Geoff, owners of Northern Vermont Llama Co., bought their first llamas, Ben and Justin, in 1986. It was true love and within a year they had purchased 2 females and 6 more males. Lindsay has a degree in Environmental Biology and is currently running their Llama Trekking Business and servicing llamas through her Traveling Shearing Operation. When she is not busy felting, spinning, or weaving, she can be found helping out in the family Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Operation. Lindsay recently attended the first Pack Llama Trail Association Certification Course held at the Baumgartner Hot Springs Campground near Boise, Idaho.

### LARS GARRISON

Lars and his wife Gayle discovered llamas after Lars retired in 1985 and they were looking for farming alternatives for their 100 acre farm in Southern Vermont. They purchased their first llamas in 1987. Currently, they care for a herd of llamas and alpacas numbering between 75 and 100 animals. In 1991 they started the first Llama Bazaar at West Mountain Farm with the primary focus of public education. With the Bazaar continuing for eight years, it has also become a successful sale event, introducing many new owners to their first llamas. Lars has served on the GALA Board for many years, and is member of many local and all the national organizations.

### JIM AND AMY LOGAN

Jim has been working with and training llamas since 1985. He and Amy have a training business in Washington State and have trained llamas from all over the United States. They have shown llamas since 1987 and their first llama, Apollo One, earned the country's first ALSA Supreme Championship. The Logans have designed, built and sold llama carts, harness, and other driving equipment suited specifically for llamas. In 1993, the Logans adapted operant conditioning for use in llama

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training. This method uses a small plastic clicker as a signal to tell the llama 'that is exactly what I want you to do'. They have written numerous articles on the many aspects of llama training, and have given seminars and clinics on cart training, llama communication, and behavior modification throughout the United States. They have a herd of approximately 20 animals, and offer breeding, boarding, and training services, and have produced a llama training video, 'Click & Reward, Clicker Basics'.

## **DAVID MESSERSMITH**

David earned a Bachelors degree in Agronomy in 1991 and a Masters Degree in Weed Science in 1997, both from Penn State University. He has worked as a crop consultant in North Central Pennsylvania and as a research technician at Penn State conducting weed control research. Currently, Dave is an Agronomy Extension Agent with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Wayne County where he provides forage and crop production information to producers and dealers in four counties in Pennsylvania.

## **KAREN MILLER, DVM**

Dr. Miller is currently in veterinary practice in the Buckeystown Veterinary Hospitals in Maryland.

## **JEFF OTT, DVM**

Dr. Ott is currently practicing veterinary medicine at the Franklin Vet Associates in Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

## **SANDY AND MARC PAGE**

Sandy and Marc began Sputtermill Ranch Llamas in North Central Massachusetts in 1992. So pleased with the change in lifestyle that raising llamas brought to them, their farm quickly grew to a herd average of 18 animals. Presently they split their time between full time careers and running the farm. In their non-llama lives, Sandy is a middle school Special Education Teacher, and Marc is employed in the Human Service Field as a Job Developer for Disabled Adults. They are committed

to breeding quality animals and in educationally promoting llamas. To further public education, they both spend many hours volunteering their time to llama organizations and in doing educational programs for the public and talks for new owners and buyers. Currently, Sandy is advertising editor for the GALA Newsletter, and is past Secretary of the MARICO Llama and Alpaca Association.

## **KAY PATTERSON-SHARPNACK**

Kay has been closely involved in the breeding and daily health care of over 6,000 llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and camels since 1965. She is a founding member of ILA and ILR (also past President of ILR), charter member of ALSA, organizer of the first llama medical seminar for veterinarians in 1981, member of the steering committee for the Heifer Project International Bolivian Llama Improvement Program, committee member of the first llama Strategic Planning Group (chosen at Llama Assembly '94), and on the Board of the Directors of The Patagonian Research Project. Kay is an internationally recognized and respected author and speaker. Love for animals, medicine, and the education of llama lovers on aspects of management, breeding, obstetrics, and neonatal care remain priorities as she continues caring for a herd of over 200 llamas at Hinterland where she resides with her husband Eric Sharpnack, DVM.

## **DAVID PUGH, DVM**

Dr. Pugh received a DVM from the University of Georgia. Upon graduation he practiced Large Animal Medicine in the Greater Atlanta area. He has held faculty positions at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A & M University, and the University of Georgia. He returned to Large Animal Practice and took a position with the prestigious Food Animal Section of the Department of Large Animal Surgery and Medicine, Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Although he works with all traditional food animal species, his clinical work and research is predominantly in the area of small ruminant

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nutrition and reproduction. He is currently the Director of Auburn University's llama research teaching herd and program. He is a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, and holds a degree M.S. in Ruminant Nutrition. He has authored over 80 scientific articles, abstracts and proceedings of scientific meetings, and over 100 popular press articles on animal production and medicine. He and his wife have three children and are part-time farmers in Waverly, AL.

## **BERNARD ROLLIN, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rollin is a Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics. He is the Director of Bioethical Planning in the Department of Philosophy at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. He is a nationally and internationally respected speaker. He has lectured around the world on animal welfare and other bioethical issues and is the author of four books - Animal Rights and Human Morality, The Unheeded Cry: Animal Consciousness, Animal Pain, and Science, The Frankenstein Syndrome: Social and Ethical Issues in the Genetic Engineering of Animals and Farm Animal Welfare: Social, Bioethical and Research Issues.

## **SUSAN TELLEZ**

A lifetime livestock breeder and judge, Susan has been involved with llamas and alpacas since 1986, as an ALSA Board Member, Judge's Training Instructor and Judge, including for the first ILA Llama show, first AOBA Alpaca Show, the first European Llama and Alpaca Show, first National ALSA Show, and both Canadian and U.S. Celebrity Futurity Shows. As a consultant for breeders, she evaluates 1,000+ animals annually in the U.S. and South America where she is involved with a camelid breeding project in Chile. She is founder of the Suri Network involved with studying fiber characteristics in llama and alpacas.

## **SHARI TEMPLETON**

When not tending to the Ridge Mist herd of 35 llamas she co-owns in Newcastle, Maine, Shari is teaching physics and biology at Wiscasset High School, as well as serving as the Director for the Union 74 Adult and Community Education Program. In addition, she is the co-editor of the Highly Acclaimed GALA Newsletter. In her free time she enjoys relaxing with her llamas, hiking, camping, and felting.

## **LINDA BERRY WALKER**

Linda has been breeding fiber producing livestock since 1976. She used the fiber in an international mail order textile business she created and ran. Through the years she has been a regular columnist in numerous professional magazines on fiber. She has also written articles for fiber, textile, and livestock publications. She is a well known and respected lecturer in the United States and Canada on topics related to the production and use of animal fiber. She is currently the President of MA-PACA.

## **HILARY WARE**

As current GALA president, Hilary is no stranger to the GALA membership. She has devoted much time and energy to making sure that GALA is a well run and positive organization. She has owned llamas since 1982, when her first llama Tupac became a part of her life. Hill and Gully Llamas specializes in nutrition and birth education. Hilary has a B.S. in Nursing and has worked in intensive care, med-surgery, obstetrics, school nursing and childbirth education. She has made a great contribution to the llama community by inventing and creating the first life-size hands-on Teaching Llamas, which has been an invaluable educational visual aid during llama presentations. The 'Indiana Bones' concept was a natural extension of human childbirth classes. She introduced Indiana in an article published in 'Llama Life II' in 1996 and was a keynote speaker at the L.A.M.A.S. Conference, 1997.