

# Welcome to GALA Conference 2001

## LAMAS EN MASS A Lamas Owner's Manual



LAMAS EN MASS was named for the first GALA conference ever to be held in Massachusetts. Conference Committee 2001 is pleased to welcome you to the Bay State. The subtitle "A Lamas Owner's Manual" refers to the guidebook, or Owner's Manual, you are now reading. We hope you will find the information provided both at the Conference and in this Owner's Manual to be a valuable guidebook and resource in your life with lamas.

GALA is excited to announce that our Conference is now considered the longest running continuous educational llama conference. We are very honored that our slate of prestigious speakers graciously accepted our invitation to be here this weekend. Also, we have many talented GALA members that enhance our program.

We welcome all of you as participants. Whether you are brand new to lamas, are attending your first conference, or are a seasoned conference attendee, we are sure you will find many opportunities to network, to acquire new information, to evaluate medical research, to make new friends, and to renew old friendships.

GALA's continues to be strong because of the memberships' great diversity and willingness to come forward and volunteer when needed. As Conference Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers who helped make this event a reality. When accomplishing a job of this magnitude it takes many hands, and there is no insignificant job. Please take the time to thank the speakers and volunteers who gave of themselves to make Conference 2001 a success.

Have a wonderful time!

Sandy Page  
Conference Chair



# Conference Program at a Glance

Friday, October 26, 2001

**8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Keynote Address,** Location: Grand Ballroom  
Speaker: Dr. William Franklin  
What is Natural? Herd Structure and Behavior of Wild Llamas.

## 9:30 - 10:45 SESSION 1

1. Introduction to Reproduction (B) Speaker: Dr. Norm Evans, Location: Salon E
2. Advance Reproduction (A) Speaker: Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room
3. On Farm Emergency Treatment of Lamas (GI) Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room
4. Needle Felting (F) Speaker: Isabel Krebs, Location: Executive Room
5. Fiber Room Activity: Spinning: Gayle Garrison

**10:45 - 11:00 BREAK**

## 11:00 - 12:15 SESSION 2

1. Birthing and Cria Care (B) Speakers: Dr. Norm Evans, Hilary Ware, Location: Salon E
2. Congenital Defects: How Researchers Conduct an Investigation into Birth Defects on Farms. (A)  
Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room
3. Vaccination Protocol (GI) Speaker: Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room
4. Triangle Weaving (F) Speakers: Gayle Garrison, Isabel Krebs, Location: Executive Room
5. Fiber Room Activity: Combing, Carding, Blending: Patti Conboy, Mary Ann Hoffay, Marty Pulver

**12:15 - 1:45 LUNCH in the Tropical Courtyard** (Vintage Camelid Fiber Fashion Show & Silent Auction)

## 1:45 - 3:15 SESSION 3

1. Veterinary Panel (GI) Location: Salon C & D  
Dr. Norm Evan, Dr. William Franklin, Dr. David Pugh, Dr. George Saperstein
2. Fiber Room Activity: Weaving: Isabel Krebs

**3:15 - 3:30 BREAK**

## 3:30 - 4:30 SESSION 4

1. Fleece Processing From Sheering to Spinning (F) Linda Brust, Location: Directors Room
2. The Making of a Farm Jackpot (GI) Sandy and Marc Page, Location: Chairmans Room
3. Marketing Through Events (GI) Phil Feiner, Paige McGrath, Jane Grillo, Location: Executive Room
4. Llamas as Therapy (GI) Gail Sanborn, Location: Salon E
5. Fireside Chat with Dr. Norm Evans (GI) Location: Fireside Room

**4:45 - ? GALA Annual Meeting,** Location: Salon E (Fiber Room Closed during GALA Annual Meeting)

## SESSION 5 (Immediately following GALA Meeting)

1. Fiber by the Fire (F) Isabel Krebs, Marty Pulver, Gayle Garrison, Linda Brust, Location: Fireside Room
2. Rope Making: (F) Lars Garrison, Location: Executive Room
3. Fiber Room: Open to Browse and Work on Projects.

**6:30 - 7:30 Social Hour, Shopping, Cash Bar.** Location: Grand Ballroom

## 7:30 Dinner and Keynote Speaker

Dr. William Franklin, Guard Llamas: The Quiet Revolution, Summary of 10 Years of Research

# Conference Program at a Glance

**Saturday, October 27, 2001**

**8:00 - 9:15 Welcome and Key Note Address** Location: Grand Ballroom (Photo Contest Results)  
Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein Global Issues with Livestock.  
Foreign Animal Diseases- What are they, how do we keep them out, and why do we care.

## **9:30- 10:45 SESSION 1**

1. Nutrition (GI) Speaker: Dr. Norm Evans, Location: Directors Room
2. Contagious Diseases & Bio Security Issues (GI) Speaker: Dr. David Anderson, Location: Salon E
3. Meningeal Worm for the New Owner (B) Speaker: Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room
4. 4-H Fiber Projects (F) Speaker: Isabel Krebs, Location: Executive Room
5. Fireside Chat with Dr. George Saperstein (GI) Location: Fireside Room
6. Fiber Room Activity: Locker Hooking: Kate Bars

## **10:45 - 11:00 BREAK**

## **11:00 - 12:15 SESSION 2**

1. Geriatric Lama (GI) Speaker: Norm Evans, Location: Directors Room
2. Larva, Worms and Other Critters (I-A) Speaker: Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room
3. Fireside Chat with Dr. David Anderson (GI) Location: Fireside Room
4. Beginner Obstacles (B & GI) Speaker: Lynne Pomerleau, Location: Tent
5. Needle Felting (F) Speaker: Isabel Krebs, Location: Executive Room
6. Fiber Room Activity: Knitting: Pam Lohr

## **12:30 - 2:00 LUNCH** Location: Grand Ballroom

## **2:00 - 4:15 SESSION 3 GALA HANDS ON PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON "Full Session Workshops"**

1. How to Present Handmade Garments for Judging (F) Speakers: Alyson Denette, Location: Governor's Parlor
2. Basic Training from Nose to Toes (B) Speakers: Shari Templeton, Marc Page, Location: Tent
3. Cart Driving (B-A) Speakers: John and Patti Conboy, Location: Outside Tent
4. Performance Packing (B-A) Speaker: Viv Fulton, Location: Tent/Side lawn
5. Fiber Room: Open to Browse and Work on Projects.

## **2:00-3:00 GALA PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON (Cont.) "Split Session Workshops"**

1. Beginners Showmanship (B) Speaker: Paige McGrath, Location: Tent
2. Body Scoring and Pre-Purchase Exams (GI) Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Tent
3. Costly Management Misconceptions (GI) Speaker: Dr. Norm Evans, Location: Directors Room

## **3:15-4:15 GALA PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON (Cont.) "Split Session Workshops"**

1. Intermediate to Advanced Showmanship (I-A) Speaker: Paige McGrath, Location: Tent
2. Body Scoring and Pre-Purchase Exams (GI) Speaker: Dr. David Anderson, Location: Tent
3. Fireside Chat with Dr. William Franklin: (GI) Location: Fireside Room

## **4:15- 4:30 BREAK**

## **4:30- 5:30 SESSION 4**

1. Labeling & Marketing Your Handspun Yarn (F) Speaker: Alyson Denette, Location: Governor's Parlor
2. Fecal Float Demonstration (GI) Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Executive Room
3. Nutrition (GI) Speaker: Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room
4. International Camelid Institute and Current Research (GI) Dr. David Anderson, Location: Directors Room

## **5:30- 6:30 SESSION 5**

1. Fiber by the Fire (F) Isabel Krebs, Marty Pulver, Gayle Garrison, Linda Brust, Location: Fireside Room
2. Rope Making (F) Speaker : Lars Garrison, Location: Executive Room
3. Lama Welfare Discussion (GI) Speaker: Terry Beal, Location: Chairmans Room

## **6:00-7:00 Social Hour, Shopping, Cash Bar, Grand Ballroom**

## **7:00 Dinner with Fundraiser to follow.**

# Conference Program at a Glance

Sunday, October 28, 2001

## 8:00-9:15 SESSION 1

1. Preliminary Survey Results on Camelid Congenital Defects in North America (I)  
Speaker: Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room
2. 4-H & Llamas More Than You Ever Imagined! Speaker: Heather Ware, (GI) Location: Governor's Parlor
3. Regional Response Plan for Animal Health Emergencies and its Effects on Camelids (GI)  
Speakers: Dan Goodyear, Marsharee Wilcox, Location: Chairmans Room
4. Photographing Your Animals (GI) Speaker: John Conboy, Location: Executive Room

## 9:30 -1045 SESSION 2

1. Your Link to State and Federal Regulations: What Your Farm Bureau is Doing for You. (GI)  
Speaker: Douglas Gillespie, Location: Chairmans Room
2. Geriatric Lama Owner (GI) Speaker: Lars Garrison, Location: Fireside Room
3. Fleece Processing From Sheering to Spinning Speaker: Linda Brust, (F) Location: Governor Parlor (repeat)
4. New Owner's Educational Seminar (B) Speaker: Dale Goodyear, Location: Directors Room

11:15 - Brunch, Final Shopping, Farewells, Grand Ballroom

Vendors, exhibitors, and farm displays may break down after brunch.

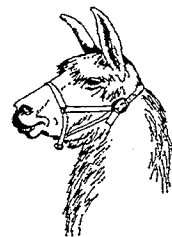
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**B=Beginner, GI=General Interest, I=Intermediate, A=Advanced, F=Fiber**

*"This grand show is eternal.  
It is always sunrise somewhere;  
the dew is never all dried at once;  
a shower is forever falling; vapor ever rising.  
Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming,  
on seas and continents and islands,  
each in its turn, as the round earth rolls."*

*John Muir, John of the Mountains, (1938).*

# CONFERENCE 2001 PROGRAM



**Thursday, October 25, 2001**

**1:00 p.m. Check-in for Vendors and Animals.**

**4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

**Registration & Farm Display Set Up**  
Location: Tropical Courtyard  
Hotel Check-in, Go Swimming, Meet Friends.

**5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Supper On Your Own**

Barclay's Restaurant, just off the Tropical Courtyard, is offering 3 *Dinner Specials for GALA*. State you are with GALA when ordering.

**7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.**

**Icebreaker with Cash Bar and Appetizers.**  
Location: Tropical Courtyard. Not to substitute dinner.

**Friday, October 26, 2001**

**6:00 a.m. Coffee Pot on for Early Risers, Grand Ballroom**

**6:30 a.m. Breakfast On Your Own in Barclay's Restaurant**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration, Front Lobby**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**

**Welcome and Keynote Address**  
Location: Grand Ballroom

**Dr. William Franklin**  
**What is Natural?**  
**Herd Structure and Behavior of Wild Llamas.**

**9:30 - 10:45 SESSION 1**

**Introduction to Reproduction (B)**  
Dr. Norm Evans, Location: Salon E

This session will cover the reproductive anatomy, physiology, and sexual behavior of the male and female llama. Discussion will include when intervention is appropriate and necessary, and how to assess a cria upon birth. Workshop continued next session.

**Advance Reproduction (A)**  
Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room

Workshop for the experience breeder. Discussion of breeding programs that include good farm management, diagnosis, sterility, infertility, immunizations, and parturition.

**On Farm Emergency Treatment of Llamas (GI)**  
Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room

Identifying common problems and knowing what to do about them are important components of good livestock management. This session will highlight ailments that are commonly seen on the farm, those most likely to have your vet make a visit, and what to do about them until your vet arrives.

**Needle Felting (F)**  
Isabel Krebs, Location: Executive Room

A dry felting technique using a barbed needle, fiber, and sponge.

**Fiber Room Activity: Spinning: Gayle Garrison**

**10:45 - 11:00 BREAK**

**11:00 - 12:15 SESSION 2**

**Birthing and Cria Care (B)**  
Dr. Norm Evans, Hilary Ware, Location: Salon E

Come join this dynamic duo with their guest "Indiana Bones". "Indy" will demonstrate the normal birthing process. If you have never seen this demonstration, *don't miss it*. Discussion will include when intervention is appropriate and necessary, and how to assess a cria upon birth.

**Congenital Defects: How Researchers Conduct an Investigation into Birth Defects on Farms. (A)**

Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room

Genetics plays an integral part in maintaining a healthy llama population. Learn the importance of investigating and reporting the occurrences of birth defects in the llama breeding population.

**Vaccination Protocol (GI)**

Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room

Learn about required yearly shots, doses, and regional differences. Covers protocol for pregnant females and newborn crias.

**Triangle Weaving (F)**

Gayle Garrison, Isabel Krebs, Executive Room

Learn how to weave and what can be made on a triangle loom.

**Fiber Room Activity: Combing, Carding, Blending**  
Patti Conboy, Mary Ann Hoffay, Marty Pulver.

**12:15 - 1:45 LUNCH in the Tropical Courtyard**

Vintage Camelid Fiber Fashion Show & Silent Auction

**1:45 - 3:15 SESSION 3**

**Veterinary Panel (GI) Location: Salon C & D**

Dr. Norm Evan  
Dr. William Franklin  
Dr. David Pugh  
Dr. George Saperstein

Find out the answers to your questions regarding the care, health, management, and behavior of your animals. This distinguished panel will answer questions that were submitted prior to the start of the conference.

**Fiber Room Activity: Weaving: Isabel Krebs**

**3:15 - 3:30 BREAK**

**3:30 - 4:30 SESSION 4**

**Fleece Processing From Sheering to Spinning**  
Linda Brust, (F) Location: Directors Room

This workshop will walk participants through the optimum ways to prepare and spin fiber for the highest quality final product. Fiber sent in for evaluation will be discussed and analyzed.

**The Making of a Farm Jackpot (GI)**

Sandy and Marc Page, Location: Chairmans Room

What is a llama jackpot? A jackpot is a natural trail competition for llamas and their handlers. Find out how to set up and hold a jackpot. Learn about the goals of a jackpot, what obstacles are used, what the judging criteria is, who can participate, and why one should participate. Slides will be shown of obstacles in use.

**Marketing Through Events (GI)**

Phil Feiner, Paige McGrath, Jane Grillo,  
Location: Executive Room

This seminar will focus on the various ways to market our Llamas and Alpacas, with an emphasis on show management. In addition, we will talk about additional marketing resources including school and nursing home visits, farmers markets, and open houses. This will be an open forum question, answer, discussion.

**Llamas as Therapy (GI)**

Gail Sanborn, Location: Salon E

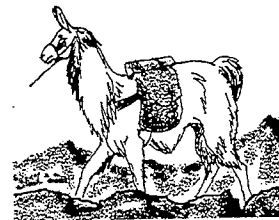
Learn how the Delta Society qualifies animals for therapy. Learn what kind of a llama makes a good therapy llama. What do they need to know? What you need to know? How you and your llama become qualified? Do you want to make the commitment?

**Fireside Chat with Dr. Norm Evans (GI)**

Location: Fireside Room

Informal question, answer, and discussion time with Dr. Evans. 7.

# PROGRAM



2:00-3:00 GALA PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON (Cont.)

## Beginners Showmanship (B)

Paige McGrath, Location: Tent

How to show your animal off to their best advantage. Even if you never plan to show, any time your animal is in halter they should be seen at their best. Showmanship is not just being in the ring.

## Body Scoring and Pre-Purchase Exams (GI)

Dr. George Saperstein, Tent

Learn how to assess body weight and over all conditioning. Know what questions to ask, and what to look for before you buy.

## Costly On Farm Management Errors (GI)

Dr. Norm Evans, Location: Directors Room

What happens when you breed, birth, and wean without considering your animals. Discussion of farm management for the animal.

3:15-4:15 GALA PERFORMANCE AFTERNOON (Cont.)

## Intermediate to Advanced Showmanship (I-A)

Paige McGrath, Location: Tent

Step into the show ring with confidence. Fine tune your skills. Watch, Practice and Learn the Winning Edge.

## Body Scoring and Pre-Purchase Exams (GI)

Dr. David Anderson, Location: TENT

Learn how to assess body weight and over all conditioning. Know what questions to ask, and what to look for before you buy.

## Fireside Chat with Dr. William Franklin: (GI)

Location: Fireside Room

Informal question, answer, and discussion time with Dr. Franklin.

4:15- 4:30 BREAK

4:30- 5:30 SESSION 4

## Labeling & Marketing Your Handspun Yarn (F)

Alyson Denette, Location: Governor's Parlor

How do I get my finished fiber products noticed? How do I get my products to market? What is the proper way to label them? Attend this program to find out answers to these questions and more.

## Fecal Float Demonstration (GI)

Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Executive Room

Observe/participate in fecal parasite counting. Learn when & how.

## Nutrition (GI)

Dr. David Pugh, Location: Chairmans Room

Presentation of the stomach structure of the camelid. Learn about the nutritional requirements of the adult male, female, newborn cria, growing yearling, as well as during gestation and lactation.

## International Camelid Institute and Current Research (GI)

Dr. David Anderson, Location: Directors Room

Learn about Mission and Goals of the newly formed International Camelid Institute at Ohio State University. An update of previous and current camelid research projects.

5:30- 6:30 SESSION 5

**Fiber by the Fire (F)** Isabel Krebs, Marty Pulver, Gayle Garrison, Linda Brust, Location: Fireside Room

**Rope Making (F)** Lars Garrison, Executive Room

## Lama Welfare Discussion (GI)

Terry Beal, Location: Chairmans Room

An open discussion concerning GALA's role in lama welfare.

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8:00-9:15 SESSION 1

## Preliminary Survey Results on Camelid

### Congenital Defects in North America (I)

Dr. George Saperstein, Location: Directors Room

Results of Dr. Saperstein's ongoing survey on Congenital Defects.

## 4-H & Llamas More Than You Ever Imagined!

Heather Ware, (GI) Location: Governor's Parlor

Learn some practical tips for starting, continuing and nurturing a 4-H program in your area. We will discuss the challenges and opportunities when you put youth and llamas together.

## Regional Response Plan for Animal Health Emergencies and its Effects on Camelids (GI)

Dan Goodyear, Marsharee Wilcox, Chairmans Room

A look at why the lama community needs to be familiar with current national plans regarding Health Emergencies. What are our roles and responsibilities for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.

## Photographing Your Animals (GI)

John Conboy, Location: Executive Room

Whether it is an animal or a stationery object, the basic photography techniques used are the same. Learn what a lens will do for you, understand perspective, and how to position yourself. Please bring your own photographs for discussion of what went right, what went wrong, and how you can improve your photographs.

9:30 -10:45 SESSION 2

## Your Link to State and Federal Regulations:

### What Your Farm Bureau is Doing for You. (GI)

Douglas Gillespie, Location: Chairmans Room

What are the functions and services of a Farm Bureau? How does your Farm Bureau help with state and federal regulations? A discussion of a number of issues of importance to our industry.

## Geriatric Lama Owner (GI)

Lars Garrison, Location: Fireside Room

As we approach 70, Gayle and I have a growing awareness of the necessity of finding ways to care for our animals when we are no longer capable of doing so. Come listen to the various options we have learned about from other owners, and share in an open discussion of other possible alternatives.

## Fleece Processing From Sheering to Spinning

Linda Brust, (F) Location: Governor Parlor (repeat)

This workshop will walk participants through the optimum ways to prepare and spin fiber for the highest quality final product. Fiber sent in for evaluation will be discussed and analyzed.

## New Owner's Educational Seminar (B)

Dale Goodyear, Location: Directors Room

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

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## *Special Features*

### *Conference 2001 Speakers*

1. DAVID ANDERSON, DVM
2. TERRY BEAL
3. LINDA BRUST
4. JOHN CONBOY
5. ALYSON DENETTE
6. C. NORMAN EVANS, DVM
7. PHIL FEINER
8. WILLIAM FRANKLIN, PhD
9. VIV FULTON
10. GAYLE GARRISON
11. LARS GARRISON
12. DOUGLAS P. GILLESPIE
13. DALE GOODYEAR
14. DAN GOODYEAR
15. JANE GRILLO
16. ISABEL KREBS
17. PAIGE MCGRATH
18. SANDY PAGE
19. MARC PAGE
20. LYNNE POMERLEAU
21. DAVID PUGH, DVM, MS
22. GAIL SANBORN
23. GEORGE SAPERSTEIN, DVM
24. SHARI TEMPLETON
25. HEATHER WARE
26. HILARY WARE
27. MARSHAREE WILCOX

## ALYSON DENETTE

Alyson has been weaving and spinning for 14 years. She has been a Fiber Judge for the Big E, the Massachusetts State Fair, along with judging the fiber events at numerous local fairs. She has taught knitting and weaving classes for the past 6 years, and has had original woven designs published by Handwoven magazine. For several years Alyson did custom sewing and hand work, including wedding dresses and bridal attire. She is the former owner of the Textile Traditions store in Chicopee, Massachusetts. Currently, Alyson and her children live in Granby, Massachusetts on her parent's llama farm.

## C. NORMAN EVANS, DVM

C. Norman Evans completed his undergraduate work from The University of Kentucky in 1964 and his DVM from Auburn University in 1968. In 1970 he started a veterinary practice in Madisonville, Kentucky. He has served on the board of the KY Veterinary Medical Association and various other veterinary associations while in his group practice. In 1986 Dr. Evans became interested in camelid veterinary medicine. In 1992 he left the four person practice which he had begun in 1970. His camelid practice now commands about 90% of his time. His Kentucky based mobile practice, *LAMA Wellness Service*, enables him to work in numerous states each year with alpacas and llamas. *LAMA Wellness Service* maintains a plasma bank and ships to much of the eastern United States. The practice provides nutritional services as well as llama and alpaca supplements. His chief interest lies in camelid reproduction, blood profiles, and nutritional analysis as it relates to herd wellness. *LAMA Wellness Service* regularly consults with both breeders and llama veterinarians on such topics as problem breeders and solutions to field problems. His veterinary seminars for owners and breeders are based on his sixteen years of work as a practicing camelid veterinarian. Notes from his seminars were published as *Veterinary Llama Field Manual* in early 1998.

## PHIL FEINER

Phil, along with his partner Larry Rothenberg, own and operate Maple Hill Farms in Stephentown, NY. Maple Hill Farms is home to 48 Llamas and 2 Suri Alpacas. Phil has been involved in showing Llamas for a number of years now, and is the Superintendent of the Northeast Llama Showcase in West Springfield, MA. The Showcase is brought to you by both Phil and his partner Jane Grillo. In addition to the Showcase, Phil is the Superintendent for the ALSA Eastern Regional as well as serving as a Director and Treasurer on the Board of GALA.

## WILLIAM FRANKLIN, PhD

Dr. William Franklin has a Ph.D. in wildlife Biology and is a former Professor in the Department of Animal Ecology, College of Agriculture, Iowa State University. Dr. Franklin is renowned for his research and work in the southern Patagonia of Chile. His research specialties include large mammal population and behavioral ecology. He is an expert on South American Wild Camelids. Dr. Franklin's 30 years of research of guanaco behavioral ecology and population biology has been published widely in scientific journals, in popular literature, as well as featured in numerous television specials. During his field studies to the Falkland Islands he has been responsible for overseeing population surveys and baby guanaco capture. His research on using llamas as guard animals to protect sheep from predators drew much attention from both inside and outside of the llama community. He has compiled ongoing research statistics for over ten years. Currently Dr. Franklin operates Hidden Corners Inc, an Adventure Travel and Research Center based in Concord, Massachusetts. Hidden Corners Inc. is dedicated to exploring unique and remote ecosystems and cultures around the globe through adventure travel. Participants during 2001 have had the chance to work with teams of international scientists conducting field studies on the natural history of the Mongolian wildlife, Falkland guanacos, and coral reef fish in Belize.

## VIV FULTON

Viv and her husband Bob have owned llamas at Rhodie Hill Farm in Sherburne, NY since 1985 and now have one of the larger herds in the state. Founding members of GALA and NYLAA, she has served for many years on the Boards of each. In 1996, she left the pharmaceutical research world after 23 years to concentrate on llamas and sheep. Interested in rekindling the fun of packing with llamas, Viv & Bob organized GALA's first llama trek in 1987. She also completed the Pack Llama Trial Association's Certification Course at PLTA's Pack Llama Rendezvous near Boise, Idaho in 1998. Since then she has certified both basic and advance level trials out of state and has hosted the same in her home area. Recognizing the need for basic llama packing instruction, they teach workshops at their farm for others interested in learning about packing with llamas.



## ISABEL KREBS

Isabel has been knitting for over fifty years and spinning and weaving for ten years. Retirement from teaching has given her time to indulge her fiber hobbies and to acquire a spinning herd of five llamas. In the summer she is a demonstration weaver at the Hancock Shaker Village and helps with wool displays at several llama events. In the winter she teaches spinning, weaving and needle felting and catches up with her own rug weaving projects. She lives with her husband Neil at Glendouglas Farm, their tree farm where the llamas are learning to pack.

## PAIGE MCGRATH

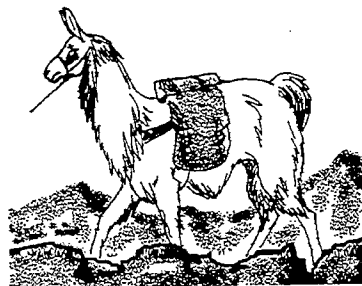
Paige is the manager of her parents' farm, Lower Sherwood, in Charlottesville, Virginia, where they have been raising llamas since 1986. She has 20 years of show experience starting with horses in 1981 and llamas in 1988. Lower Sherwood Farm has produced over 25 champions to date. Paige created and financed the first "stand alone" llama show in the country in 1994. Formerly known as the *Autumn Classic*, *The Virginia Classic* has been a successful ALSA-sanctioned Level III show that has grown 10-20 percent every year since its inception. Currently, she is the vice president of ALSA where she is serving her second term on the board of directors. She also is a Director-at-Large for the GALA Board. Additionally, Paige publishes Llama Life II news magazine along with her mother, Jo Ann, who serves as editor.

## SANDY and MARC PAGE

Sandy and Marc live in Petersham, Massachusetts where they maintain a herd of 20 llamas at Sputtermill Ranch. In their non-llama lives, Sandy has been in education for over 25 year, working as both a middle school special education teacher and a special education counselor. She graduated from The University of Massachusetts with a degree in psychology and has Masters Degrees in both special education and counseling. Marc has a degree in human services and is currently employed as a job developer for disabled adults. Coming from educational backgrounds they are both very committed to promoting llamas through public education, and consequently spend many hours volunteering their time to the llama community. They have been speakers at previous GALA Conferences, presenting a seminar for new owners and buyers. A major emphasis of their educational programs is training, herd management, and care for the overall welfare and well being of the llama. They have authored numerous articles and have been vocal proponents of the llama breeder providing new owners education when they sell animals. Sandy and Marc are Lifetime GALA Members. Sandy has been Advertising Editor for the Highly Acclaimed GALA Newsletter since 1996, and Marc is currently serving on the GALA Board as Representative of District 5. Since the inception of Jackpots on the east coast, Sandy has enjoyed judging many Jackpots, including the first one ever held at the Massachusetts State Fair. They have held Jackpot events on the natural Jackpot Course they have created on their Ranch.

## LYNNE POMERLEAU

Lynne has had a passionate relationship with animals her whole life. Horseback riding lessons began at age 9 and quickly grew to her first job at a local Morgan riding stable, a place she never left. Lynne's ability to "communicate" with horses led to her elevation as a professional trainer by age 18. Her desire to share the exhilaration of a close animal bond made her a natural as a riding instructor. Llamas entered Lynne's life in 1996, opening up the opportunity to learn a whole new language. She became a lifetime member of GALA and began carefully breeding and raising llamas at her farm, Harmony Hill, in Groveland, MA. Lynne's joy with animals is infectious, whether the task is re-establishing trust after an abusive past, refining skills for national competitions, or fun and games while playing together. Lynne enjoys helping others expand their pleasure with their llamas by sharing her experiences. She always reminds her audiences that there are no training sessions that are failures. Some just teach the human more than the llama.



## HEATHER WARE

Heather is currently the Director of Agriculture and Education for New England Heritage Breed's Conservancy at Hancock Shaker Village. Prior to this position she was the Agriculture Manager at Eastern States Exposition, a position which she held for twelve years. As a life time 4-H member she has had varied experiences in 4-H project work, public speaking, leadership, and international 4-H programming. She leads a Heritage Breed's 4-H Club at Hancock Shaker Village and assists with Hill N' Dale Livestock Club in Huntington, MA. Heather is the first women member of the 146 year old Massachusetts Agriculture Club. She is on the board of Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom, Massachusetts FFA Foundation and an associate member of Massachusetts Farm Bureau. She resides with her husband Alexander and children in Becket Massachusetts. They raise their llamas and dairy goats on their 32 acre farm.

## HILARY WARE

Hilary has owned llamas since 1982 when her first gelding, Tupac, became a family member. Hill and Gully Llamas, presently caring for 12 llamas and expecting 2 more, specializes in nutrition and birth education. Hilary has a BS in Nursing and has worked in intensive care, med-surgery, obstetrics, school and office nursing and childbirth education. Her contributions to the lama community are past president of GALA, current member of the Llama Medical Research Group, and creation of "Indiana Bones", the first life-sized, hands-on teaching llama model. "Indy" can give birth, have toenails "trimmed", show body scoring, tolerate haltering and demonstrate "fang removal", all without a single hum of concern. The Indiana Bones concept was a natural extension of Hilary's human childbirth education classes and first appeared in an article for *Llama Life II* in 1996. Hilary has spoken on normal lama birthing (to humans- the llamas don't need this!) at previous GALA conferences as well as the LAMAS Conferences in 1997 and 2001.

## MARSHAREE WILCOX

Marsharee Wilcox and her husband, Wellington Cleaver, Jr. own Eden View Llamas, located in Hampstead, Maryland. Eden View is home to a well loved herd of 27 llamas, 42 cats, 5 miniature donkeys, 3 sheep, 3 goats, 3 ducks, 12 chickens, a bunny and a kangaroo. Marsharee is active in working with new and existing llama owners on the various aspects of llama health and care. She is currently serving on the LAMAS Board of Directors as President, is a cofounder of the Chesapeake Llama and Alpaca Expo, serves on the advisory counsel for the International Camelid Institute and is a GALA Life Member.

## FIBER ROOM PRESENTERS

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**Patti Conboy**

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**Mary Ann Hoffay**

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