



# Exploring Llamas

## Conference Schedule

### Thursday October 24, 2019

<b>1:00</b>	<b>Animal set up begins/ Vendor set up begins</b>	
<b>3:00-7:00</b>	<b>Conference Registration</b>	<b>Outside Ballroom</b>
<b>5:00-7:00</b>	<b>Dinner on your own</b>	
<b>5:30-7:00</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>Buford</b>
<b>7:30-8:30</b>	<b>Ice Breaker (greet old friends and make new ones)</b>	<b>Gov Mifflin</b>

### Friday October 25, 2019

<b>7:15-7:40</b>	<b>Conference Registration</b>	<b>Outside Ballroom</b>
<b>7:45-9:00</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Keynote: Annie Peters, CEO Pet Partners "How Animals Heal and the Power of Animal Assisted Intervention"</b>	<b>Main Ballroom</b>

**9:00 Light Break and Shopping**

#### **9:10-10:15 Session 1**

**Behavior and Instinct in the Prey Animal (Repeat) Chamberlain A**

**John Mallon**

Learn all about Camelid behavior and instincts and how they relate to training.

**Conformation: Form and Function Governor Mifflin**

**Kristy Brown, DVM**

Come learn about correct conformation when looking at a llama. Explore how form influences function.

**How to Take a Good Picture of Your Llama Chamberlain B**

**Nick Hauptly**

Nick will show how a good animal can be ruined by a bad picture and how to take a picture to accent your animal's strengths. In this age of digital information, a good picture of an animal you want to sell is imperative.

**Tips on Saving Points in Show Performance Classes****Tent****Michael Sheridan**

Various handlers from the audience will have an opportunity to maneuver a llama through a short obstacle course. Mike will observe the exercise and critique the performance to the audience, pointing out potential faults that could lead to loss of points in a show situation. The objective being to learn how to reduce the needless loss of points in a show through the repetition of small handler and llama error.

**Eco -Dyeing****Patton A****Roxanne Eklund**

Once you visit Roxanne's booth, you will want to learn all about how she creates these magnificent, one of a kind pieces. She will explain the process and the dyeing effects on mixed fibers—llama and sheep breeds.

**Tunisian Crochet: The Basics and Beyond****Patton B****Barb Baker**

Come learn this simple but elegant type of crochet. Needles and yarn will be supplied for the class with the opportunity to purchase the needles after class.

**10:30-11:45****Session 2****Camelids against Cancer:****Governor Mifflin****How lama blood is used to generate novel therapies to cancer and beyond****Jessica Miller, PhD**

Camelids have unique proteins in their blood that are being used in the development of therapies to cancer and other diseases. We will discuss the use of camelids in the biotech sector and how these novel proteins from llamas are isolated and used for therapy

**How Llama Fiber Works for the Animal and for You (repeat)\* Ebel****Chamberlain A**

Understanding this exemplary fiber will make you more comfortable, a better marketer and a better llama manager.

**Running Your Farm as a Business****Chamberlain B****Robert and Jewels Rice, CPA**

Learn the steps necessary to make your farm a business and the tax advantages of doing so.

**Intro to the Round Pen and Cooperative Haltering (Repeat)****Tent****John Mallon**

Learn how to use a round pen while training and teaching your llama to accept the halter.

**Beginner Needle Felting: cookie cutter ornaments Make and Take****Patton A****Charlotte Sankey**

You will learn the basics of needle felting. Fiber, foam pads, and needles will be provided. There will also be cookie cutters available for your use or you may bring your own.

**What Spinning Wheel is right for me?****Patton B****Sara Bixler**

One of the hardest hurdles for any new or seasoned spinner is making the difficult decision as to what wheel is best suited for them, and their specific needs. There will be a large variety of wheels from Schacht Spindle Company, Lendrum, Ashford and Kromski to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each make and model. Discussions will cover anatomy of each wheel, scotch tension vs. double drive, portability, maintenance and much much more. Bring your questions and a comfy pair of socks to try out a wheel at the end of the lecture.

**11:45-1:00 Lunch****Ballroom****1:15-2:30 Session 3****I see you have worms: Internal Parasites and FAMACHA Training****Gov Mifflin****Melanie Barkley**

Participants will learn parasite life cycle and how to use FAMACHA to assess anemia levels in their animals. This session will start in the classroom and the next session go out to the tent. Participants can purchase a FAMACHA card for \$15.

**What is a 501 (c) 3?****Chamberlain B****Jewels and Bob Rice**

Discover the pros and cons of a 501 c 3.

**Packing for the Beginner****Tent****Kristy Brown, DVM**

Learn all about the basics of packing from the fit of the pack to time on the trail.

**Dyeing Camelid Fiber****Patton A****Sara Bixler**

Sara will show before and after of dyeing llama and over dyeing darker fiber. You will learn tips on how to dye llama fiber.

**Beginner Spinning****Patton B****Laura DiDonato**

Now that you have learned which wheel works best for you, pick a wheel or bring your own and learn to spin.

**2:30 Break and Shopping****2:45- 4:00 Session 4****Understanding Massage Therapy and Essential Oils****Chamberlain A****Heather Wallace**

**Insurance can Prevent you from having a Financial Train Wreck****Chamberlain B****Phil Baker**

Our four legged lama friends can get into mischief without too much effort. We will discuss how the correct insurance policy will protect your financial interests as well as your current assets and future earnings. There will be plenty of time to answer the questions that an 800# will not address

**Leading on a Slack Lead****(Repeat)****Tent****John Mallon**

Teach your lama to lead on a loose lead, follow verbal and hand and foot cues.

**FAMACHA Hands on****Tent****Melanie Barkley**

This session is an extension of the previous lesson on parasites and how FAMACHE works. In this session the participants will actually examine the eyes and read results using the FAMACHA chart.

**Making Pre-felts with Llama Accents****Make and Take****Patton A****Roxanne Eklund**

What, how & why to make a pre-felt. Then using this as a canvas to paint a picture with your assorted fibers.

<b>4:15</b>	<b>PLAA Meeting</b>	<b>McKinney</b>	<b>Chamberlain A</b>
<b>5:00-6:15</b>	<b>Dinner</b>		<b>Ballroom</b>
<b>6:15-7:15</b>	<b>Surprise Entertainment</b>	<b>You Will NOT want to miss</b>	<b>Ballroom</b>
<b>7:15-8:30</b>	<b>GALA Annual Meeting</b>		<b>Gov Mifflin</b>
<b>8:30-?</b>	<b>Temple Grandin Movie</b>		<b>Chamberlain</b>
	<b>Corn Hole Tournament</b>		<b>Gov Mifflin</b>

**Saturday**

<b>7:00-8:00</b>	<b>Breakfast on your own</b>		
<b>7:30-7:55</b>	<b>Partial Package Registration</b>		
<b>8:00-9:25</b>	<b>Welcome and Keynote: Dr. Temple Grandin</b>		<b>Main Ballroom</b>
	<b>“Understanding Animal Behavior”</b>		

**9:25 Break and Shopping****9:30-10:45 Session 1****Book Signing by Temple****Vendor Area****Behavior and Instinct in the Prey Animal (Repeat)****Chamberlain A****John Mallon**

Learn all about Camelid behavior and instincts and how they relate to training.

**What a New Lama Owner Should Know****Governor Mifflin****Kristy Brown, DVM**

Kristy will go over how to prepare for the vet, data from the owner that is helpful in a diagnosis, and common medical issues to be aware of.

**Showing from A to Z**  
**Paige McGrath**

**Chamberlain B**

Want to show but don't know where to begin? Paige will tell you how to find shows to attend, how to manage the registration form, what to bring and much more.

**Youth teaching Youth**

**Tent**

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All young people will want to attend this session (and even Adults) to see these young people teach others what makes llamas so special to own and how to care for them.

**Beginner Knitting**

**Patton A**

**Kelly Ralph**

Kelly is an expert knitter who will teach you how to get started in knitting

**11:00-12:15          Session 2**

**Time with Temple for the youth**

**Nathanial Greene**

**Forty Years of Packing with Llamas has Taught me a lot**

**Gov. Mifflin**

**Stan Ebel**

Come see why the consummate pack animal is here to stay and what needs to happen to make llamas even more in demand. Stan will also give some handler tips for long distance and overnight trips.

**Acupuncture**

**Chamberlain A**

**Matilda Johansson**

Come learn about how acupuncture works in general and why it will probably work on a camelid.

**How to Start Your Hiking Business**

**Chamberlain B**

**Bev Vienckowski**

Your hiking business from inspiration to execution. SWOT—Assess your strengths & weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Booking reservations. Setting boundaries and keeping balance.

**Intro to the Round Pen and Cooperative Haltering (Repeat)**

**Tent**

**John Mallon**

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**Processing Your Fiber**

**Patton A**

**Sara Bixler**

Be enlightened to how to wash, card and comb your fiber (especially long fiber)

<b>Tying Flies with lama fiber</b> <b>Henry Ramsay</b>	<b>Make and Take</b>	<b>(Repeat)</b>	<b>Patton B</b>
We all know that lama fiber can be used to make many beautiful things, but did you know it can also be used to make flies for fishing? Join local fly tyer and fly fishing author, Henry Ramsay, in making a fly with fiber that will catch a fish. Henry will also have his books on hand to sell and sign. What a great Christmas present for the fly fisherman in your life! . If you have your own vice, please bring it. Limit 5			
<b>12:15-1:30</b>	<b>Lunch (Neil Armstrong Sponsors eat with Temple)</b>		<b>Ballroom</b>
<b>1:30-2:45</b>	<b>Session 3</b>		
<b>Birthing and Care of the new mom and cria</b> <b>Kristy Brown, DVM</b>			<b>Gov Mifflin</b>
What do I need to do to get ready for this birth? What do I do for the mom? Is this a normal birth? Is this baby normal? What should I do? Come find out all the answers and more.			
<b>An Adventure up to 30,000 ft with no fuel, no engine, all alone</b> <b>Ron Caruso</b>			<b>Chamberlain A</b>
Ron attempts to follow in the footsteps of a world-famous glider pilot and fly in the French Alps. You will learn how its's done, but there are some problems along the way.			
<b>Back Yard Maple Syrup Production</b> <b>Sherry and Mike Lynch</b>			<b>Chamberlain B</b>
What tastes better than your own maple syrup? From a couple trees in your yard to your pancakes and waffles, see what you can do with your maple trees (or birch or walnut).			
<b>Hands on Massage Demo</b> <b>Heather Wallace</b>			<b>Tent</b>
Discover the magic of massage as Heather demo's her healing hands on a llama.			
<b>Teaching your lama to do obstacles</b> <b>John Mallon</b>			<b>Tent</b>
Learn how to train your lama to load on a trailer, jump and do steps or change of pace.			
<b>Introduction to looms</b> <b>Sara Bixler</b>			<b>Patton A</b>
Sara will guide you through the differences between the rigid heddle, table top and small floor looms. This is your chance to get all your questions answered about looms.			
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**2:55-4:10**

**Session 4**

**Care of the Aging Llama**

**Gov Mifflin**

**Kristy Brown, DVM**

As our llamas age, they need special care. Come learn from Kristy what she recommends but also be prepared to share what has worked for you in caring for the elderly camelid.

**Tips on Shearing and Maintaining Equipment**

**Chamberlain A**

**Tabbethia Haubold-Mcgee**

Get some tips on how to shear from the best camelid shearer in the East. Tabbethia will share tricks of the trade but more importantly answer participants questions about shearing. She will also discuss how to maintain your equipment.

**Leading on a Slack Lead**

**(Repeat)**

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Teach your lama to lead on a loose lead, follow verbal and hand and foot cues.

**Hands on: injection, oral dosing, toenail trimming, and body score**

**Tent**

**Dr. Anne Hallowell and Dr. Hanninen**

**The Eyes have it!!**

**Make and Take**

**Patton A**

**Pat McKinney**

This is an advanced needle felting session. Learn how to create those perfect 3-D eyes. Needlefelt eyes on dryer balls, keep them for examples or use them in your dryer.

**Fireside Chat with Temple**

**Hancock**

**4:10**

**Break and Shopping**

**4:20-5:35**

**Session 5**

**Insights Regarding Typical and Non-typical Packing Situations**

**Gov Mifflin**

**Stan Ebel**

Freighting, back country construction, hunting, and extended through hiking have different considerations than day hiking or overnight camping. We will discuss the necessary adjustments and preparations.

**Barn Tips and Tricks**

**Chamberlain B**

**Becky Willhite**

This is a session which Becky will moderate as people share tips that work on the farm. This will be an informal time of sharing and learning from each other.

**Blending fiber on a blending board**

**Patton A**

**Roxanne Eklund**

Learn to mix, match and card llama and assorted fleeces on a blending board. Create new textures and colors for particular uses.

**Dorset Buttons****Make and Take****Patton B****Kathy Kenworthy**

Hearsay has it that Dorset Button making can be traced back to England in the 1600s. In this workshop, we will cover the steps to casting, slicking, laying and rounding to make a Dorset Button of your own. We will be making a basic Cartwheel design. You do not need to know how to knit. Limit 8

**Fireside Chat on Strategies on Herd Dissolution****Marian Bragg****Hancock**

**6:30** Cocktails/Shopping/Silent Bidding/ Voting for centerpiece

**Main Ballroom**

**7:30** Dinner ( Attire is Casual to fancy) and Auction

**Main Ballroom****Sunday**

**7:00-8:00** Breakfast on your own

**7:30-8:00** Yard Sale Items to Tabbethia

**Nathaniel Greene**

**8:00-9:00** Keynote: Stan Ebel

**Main Ballroom****9:15-10:15 Session 1**

**Barns, Pasture Design and overall farm set up**  
**John Mallon**

**Gov Mifflin**

**25 Mistakes I have Made Along the Way**  
**Andrea Parent-Tibbetts**

**Chamberlain A**

Guides and Tips to consider when taking an animal out in public.

**Tips on hosting "llama yoga" on Your Farm**  
**Llamaste**

**Chamberlain B**

Llama yoga is the next generation of "goat yoga" which has taken the country by storm. Learn how you can be the best host and make money at the same time. This session will include a mini yoga session as a demo. Feel free to dress in yoga clothes and sample the experience.

**Time to finish your project**

**Patton**

This is time to finish any project that is incomplete and possibly purchase any leftover supplies

**10:25-11:35 Session 2**

**How Llama Fiber Works for the Animal and for You**  
**Stan Ebel**

**(repeat)\*****Gov Mifflin**

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**Tips on Showing Your Llama**

**Tent**

**Paige McGrath**

This expert show woman will give you pointers on how to show your animal to make it look its best. She will also give tips on how to do well in showmanship

**Teeth Issues**

**Chamberlain A**

**Dr. Anne Hallowell and Dr. Hanninen**

Why does my animal look like it has a golf ball in its mouth? Poor teeth can cause major illnesses and even death due to lack of nutrition and poor body condition. Come discover what is causing it and how it can be treated.

**11:45- 12:15 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GALA Yard Sale**

**Nathaniel Greene**

**12:30 Lunch and Good Byes! ☺**

**Ballroom**

***Safe Travels!***



