



NSAA News

A message from the President's Paddock...



Summer is such a busy time of year for us, but I hope you'll take a moment to read your monthly e-news from NSAA. There are lots of opportunities you will want to know about!

Want to tour an actual fiber mill? Here is your chance! Join fellow NSAA members and alpaca friends on July 21 at our Summer Social. Crimping River Fiber Mill will be hosting us and will be offering tours of their operation.

Also at the Summer Social we'll be casting our votes for Board members. We have 3 positions that need to be voted upon. Interested in being more involved with the planning and organization of NSAA? It's not too late to throw your hat in the ring! I encourage you to consider running for a position on the board. It's a fun way to get involved and help keep NSAA moving in a positive direction.

Be sure to read about our upcoming seminar on Color Genetics and EPDs. Dr. Andy Merriwether is an expert in this interesting field as well as being a wonderful teacher. And one of the best things about this seminar is that he will speak to you about your animals! Mark your calendar - it's a seminar you won't want to miss!

Finished shearing? What will you do with all of those fleeces?

[Read More . . .](#)

LeeAnna Jorgenson,
NSAA President

NSAA Election

Our summer social on July 21 will include voting to fill three vacancies on the Board of Directors of the North Sound Alpaca Association.



The Election Committee is proud to announce that the following individuals have agreed to run for office in this election:

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- * David Capocci of Paca Pride Guest Ranch
- * Rod Nelson of Snow Mountain Alpacas

We welcome any other NSAA farm members to join these awesome folks who are willing to serve our alpaca community by running for office.

We hope you will consider running for a position on the board - it is fun, rewarding, and the only skill required is enthusiasm for seeing our organization thrive!

Board members generally serve for 2 years and meet once a month either in person, on the phone, or using Skype or similar on-line meeting. Typically items of discussion involve simple administrative tasks and the brainstorming for, and planning of, upcoming events.

Contact Director [Marlene Presser](#) to volunteer, & for more info.

Meet
this month's

featured
NSAA Farm Member



Sunday, July 21 at 1 pm

NSAA's Annual Summer Social and Potluck

at

Crimping River Fiber Mill

1190 Arrowhead Road

Camano Island, WA 98282

206-948-8382

Owner: Cheryl Elliot

Join us for wonderful food, lots of fun socializing, plenty of networking opportunities with area farms, and updates on Fiber Fusion!

Take a tour of a fiber processing mill.
Bring your fleeces for processing and avoid shipping costs.

Cast your vote for NSAA's new Board of Directors.

Bring:
a dish to share
folding chairs

Your Board of Directors will supply the basics such as plates, cups, napkins, etc.

We hope to see you there!

Members, & all those interested, welcome

Color Genetics and EPDs for Alpaca Breeders

Saturday, August 17, 2013

10 am - 4 pm

Our instructor is Industry expert, Dr. Andy Merriwether, PhD



Join us in this 6 hour workshop as we learn more about the fascinating world of color and EPD's (Estimated Progeny Differences) in camelids. It will follow-up on the class taught in 2011 and will bring new info to the table with the discussion of EPD's. Bring your ARI certificates and questions!

Visit the website for more information and to register for this informative class!

<http://www.northsoundalpacas.org/news--events.html>



Each year, Team Fiber Fusion works to make Fiber Fusion bigger and better than the year before. This year is no exception - a fantastic show is in the works!

How Fantastic?

Awesome instructors teaching over 20 fiber related classes,
Including well-known & respected, instructor Amelia Garripoli

Alpaca Fleece Show - Low cost entry fees
PLUS... additional discounts for NSAA members
Enter your fleece before August 1st, and you may
win free admission

to

NSAA's Color Genetics Seminar.

Alpaca fleece show registration is now open!

Exciting vendors - new & returning

Online, easy registration & payment

Business building weekend - Involve YOUR Farm!

Many local livestock farms work, visit & network at Fiber Fusion NW

Volunteer opportunities abound

[Volunteer Needs List](#)

Lend a hand!

Keep up-to-date

visit often

www.fiberfusion.net & our facebook page!

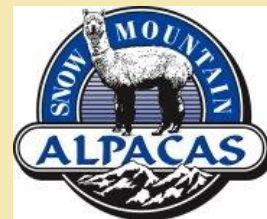
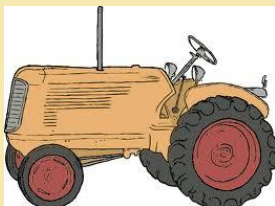
Next Team meeting

July 15 at noon

The Farmhouse Restaurant in Mount Vernon

Please join us!

Welcome Tractor



NSAA Welcomes New Farm Members, Snow Mountain Alpacas

Snow Mountain Alpacas began its existence in 2006 in Washington with three foundation females. Six months after starting, we made a big decision and moved to Colorado, during what turned out to be the fourth largest snowstorm in the state's history. The alpacas followed us four months later.

During the following years, we learned how to build fences and barns, hang gates, plant pastures, weed pastures, give shots, trim nails, trim teeth, birth babies, and on and on and on...transforming ourselves from 'greenhorns' to alpaca ranchers.

In the meantime we grew our herd and after 5 ½ years in Colorado, decided it was time to come home and start all over again. Therefore, we sold the property, packed the house, packed the alpacas in multiple trailers and made the move back to Snohomish, WA. We have been back in Washington for just a year and today we have twenty-two alpacas, with eight cria due this year (starting in June).

[Read More . . .](#)

Fiber Fusion NW Sponsorship

Fiber Fusion relies on the support of our Sponsors. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals that are already sponsoring Fiber Fusion this year.

- **Gold Sponsor: Alpaca Adventures & Camelot Ranch**
- **Silver Sponsor: American Livestock Magazine & Dina Blackstone**
- **Bronze Sponsor: Los Flores del Altiplano & NW Handspun Yarns**

As sponsors of Fiber Fusion, these businesses have the opportunity to be acknowledged in multiple media formats including: recognition on the Fiber Fusion website (and NSAA newsletter), advertisements and listings in the free tote bag that will be handed to all show attendees, show signage, and live show announcements.

Learn more about promoting your farm or business and supporting Fiber Fusion at the same time by viewing the [Sponsor](#) page on Fiber Fusion's website.

Become a Sponsor Today!

Calendar

July 13 - Camelid Owner Herd Health Conference, Oregon State University

July 21 - Annual NSAA Summer Social, Crimping River Mill, Camano Island

August 15-17 - Suri Network Summer Symposium , Estes Park, CO

August 17 - Color Genetics & EPD Seminar with Dr. Andy Merriwether
The Farmhouse Restaurant hosted by NSAA.

Aug 22 - 25 - Education with Destination, Bend, OR

September 14 - Permaculture on a Mountain, Paca Pride Guest Ranch, Granite Falls WA

October 12 - 13, Alpaca Mania, Eugene, OR

October 13 - Alpaca Affaire NW Fleece Show, Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Elma

October 19 & 20 - Fiber Fusion Northwest, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

Alpaca Mites



During shearing season, we have the opportunity to look at our alpacas skin closely. Read the following article by alpaca farmer Michael Morack for a better understanding of identification, and treatment, of this common alpaca ailment.

[Mites - Problem or condition?](#)

[Make your own Fipronil \(frontline\) Spray - recipe](#)

from Dr. Steve Hull

*Note: Frontline Spray was not available for a time. Dr. Hull shared this recipe. Check with your Vet for current availability. The Frontline called for this recipe is available at Costco, and other pet supply stores. Dr. Hull instructs you to use an empty Frontline Spray bottle. If you do not have one, another empty, clean, spray bottle can be used. Be safe - LABEL the bottle. This liquid is clear and can easily be mistaken for water.

Fiber Fusion Bookmarks Available NOW!

Plan to pick up your supply

at

NSAA's Annual Summer Social & Potluck

Display a stack in your farm store

Pass out to farm visitors

Deliver a supply to your local yarn shop

Drop off a bundle at your favorite farm supply store

Share some with your library

Give to family & friends

Leave some at the local craft store during your next visit

Bring some to your Vet's office



Help promote your show!

Have you herd ???

Are you aware of ARI's Summer Discount offer? If you have unregistered animals over 1 year of age that you would like to register, now is a great time to do it! ARI usually charges \$75 - \$150 to register animals over one year of age, but from now through Sept 15, ARI is offering \$50 registration for animals of any age. Learn more about it (and how to draw blood for your DNA blood card) here:

http://www.alpacaregistry.com/public/articleviewer?article_id=2254

Have goods or services to offer? Consider a classified ad on NSAA's website! This service is FREE to Farm members. See what other members are advertising and learn more here:

<http://www.northsoundalpacas.org/classified-ads.html>

Help Wanted

NSAA is in need of an e-newsletter editor. Our e-newsletter is published once a month using Constant Contact (although we are currently checking into a similar service). The e-newsletter editor performs the following tasks:

- gathers content from Directors/Members
- creates e-newsletter layout
- distributes e-newsletter via email
- maintains contact lists

Helpful skills include:

- MS Word, notepad or other word processing familiarity
- Image & pdf file management
- Good writing skills
- willingness to learn template creation software, such as Constant Contact

If you have questions or can help, please contact [NSAA](#) today!

AFCNA Fiber Collection at Fiber Fusion NW

Help AFCNA reach it's goal of collecting

85,000 pounds

of good quality, healthy, useful American raised alpaca fiber !

What fiber is AFCNA calling for in 2013?

- Skirted, or unskirted/as shorn fiber that is Grade 5 (32 micron) or finer.
- All colors, both Huacaya & Suri.
- All fiber should be between 2" and 6" in staple length.

Depending upon each alpacas unique fiber characteristics, this could come from the blanket, britch, leg or neck areas.

How to pack fiber for Fiber Fusion NW AFCNA collection?

It is best to bag each section separately. For example, the blanket in one bag, the neck in another.

For AFCNA members, be sure to include a [Member Contribution Form](#) inside EVERY bag. This assures your farm receives credit for the fiber you submit.

Fiber donations from non-cooperative members will be accepted. No member contribution form is needed in this case.

[Read More . . .](#)



Questions? Contact local AFCNA Director, [Carol Boswell](#)

Find complete cooperative membership info at www.afcna.com

NSAA welcomes newsletter article submissions, educational workshop suggestions, and your comments or feedback.

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