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Jubilee Update!

By Anne Hallinan

A show the size of the Jubilee would not be possible without the help and generosity of many individuals. **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered their time, ideas and assistance. We couldn't have done it without you!

And to those of you who saw a need and jumped in to help on the spot without my knowing, please accept my apology if I missed you on the list. Drop me a note and let me know you helped. I'd like to thank you personally.

Have a great summer. Hope to see you all next year!

Anne Hallinan

MAPACA 2006 Jubilee Volunteers

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Candidates Needed!

Bob Ciszewski and Barry Prokop are looking for people who would like to run as candidates for the MAPACA Board of Directors. If you would like to run for election or you know someone who would like to run, please contact Bob at: almsthvn@frontiernet.net or Barry at: suris@alpavistasuris.com

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A Big Thank You to all those that volunteered their time and efforts to make the MAPACA Jubilee 2006 a great success!

Editor's Ramblings:

Have you ever heard of a "Camelid Kitty?" We have one at our house. Her name is Kylie and she is our one and only barn kitty. We got her from a shelter a few years ago and she has been a real asset to our farm dynamics. It is interesting to see how Kylie has learned about alpacas.

One thing Kylie has learned is to avoid certain animals in our herd. For example, our number one herdsire, Virtual Vicuna, will try to stomp her if she gets near to him. I figure he has taken it upon himself to be protector of his herd. So, Kylie Kitty has learned to stay away from him.

Kylie has also learned what orgling means! She knows that whenever she hears an alpaca orgling, it is time to go socialize with her people. She knows that her people will be sitting near by the orgling alpaca quietly waiting for the orgling to stop, whether it takes 15 minutes or 45 minutes, the entire time that the alpaca is orgling, the people will be seated either in lawn chairs or on the grass, quietly waiting. Kylie Kitty takes this as her personal time to sit on laps and get petted. It is also a time to have any ticks removed that she may have picked up in her travels through wood and field. Yes, you can count on it at our farm. Whenever there is a breeding going on, as soon as the male starts orgling, Kylie Kitty hears it from where ever she is and she will come running to hop on a lap and get petted, until the orgling is over!

Hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee and that you will enjoy the stories I wrote in this issue. If any of you have any Jubilee stories to share, please send them my way. As a matter of fact, if you have any alpaca story at all that you would like to share, please send it to me.

Right now MAPACA is looking for candidates to run for the Board of Directors. There will be three vacant seats, so please contact Bob Ciszewski (at almsthvn@frontiernet.net) or Barry Prokop (at suris@alpacavistasuris.com) if you would like to run for the Board of Directors, or if you know someone who you would like to see on the Board.

Enjoy all your spring babies and keep those males orgling. Imagine, most humans have no idea what the word orgle means, but Kylie Kitty knows!

Best, Alice Brown

A Big Thank You to Our Jubilee Auction - Herdsire Breeding Do- nors

**CPeruvian Accoyo Express, Stan
& Chris Shepherd, Alpacastock
Farm, Grand Blanc, MI**

**MFI Peruvian Eternal Flame,
Amy & Arlin McCroskie, A and A
Alpacas, Greenville, Texas**

**PPPeruvian Royal Fawn, Barbara
& Ernest Kellogg, Double "O"
Good Alpacas, Gainesville, Virginia
co-owned by: Robin & Mike Tier-
ney, Maple Brook Farm, Westfield,
MA**

**Snowmass Invincible, Nancy Jo-
hanson, Brookhollow Farm, Boon-
ton, NJ , co-owned by:
Barbara & Ernest Kellogg, Double
"O" Good Alpacas, Gainesville, Vir-
ginia**

Stories From the MAPACA Jubilee 2006

By Alice Brown, *Forever Precious Alpacas, Vineland, NJ*



Anne Stachowski and friend-
Photo by Alice Brown

I'm sure many of you recognize who this lovely lady is. But, how many of you have had the opportunity to sit down and chat a little with Anne Stachowski. I had the opportunity to do that at last year's Jubilee and never got around to writing up the story to share with everyone. On seeing Anne again this year, and amazed at how unchanging she is, and impressed with her charisma, I decided I better write that story this year.

As of this writing, Anne is 82 years young and still going strong. In 1940, Anne immigrated to the United States from her homeland of Holland. The family actually had to escape from Holland to England, Belgium and France.

Anne has always been an animal lover, so in 1959 the family bought a 62 acre farm where she could enjoy all her animals. Over the years, Anne has raised various kinds of animals, including rabbits, English hedgehogs, and even monkeys.

When asked to share with me her secrets as to

how she has remained so vibrant and active into her older years, Anne told me that keeping herself healthy and fit has been important to her. Genetic background may also be helping, as Anne said her father lived a good long life to the age of 97. She said he walked every day.

In Anne's marriage, she became mother to three boys, one born each in 1953, 1954 and 1956. Having three active boys who also liked animals, may have influenced the family's decision to have ponies and horses while the boys were growing up. All three boys were involved with 4-H as they were growing up. Anne has always loved horses and said as a young woman she had once won a trophy for competing in a 60 mile ride.

Many of you may know Anne's son Anthony. Anthony followed right in his mother's footsteps and is also an animal lover. Anthony has been an equine and camelid veterinarian for 22 years. He currently serves on the AOPA Board of Directors and is the founder of Stachowski Alpacas. On their 150 acre farm in Mantua, Ohio, the Stachowski herd of alpacas has grown from 30 alpacas in 1984 to over 600 alpacas today. Anne shares Anthony's enthusiasm for alpacas and is often seen showing them in the showring. Of course, Anne has not forgotten her horses. Her other two sons, Peter and Jim, are still involved with horses and Ann gets to spend time with the horses whenever she likes.

Did you see Cruella De Ville at the Jubilee and her friend the clown. There is a story there too. Jane Christie, of Thistledown Alpacas, Manakin Sabot, VA, shared the story of her daughters adventure in the costume class this year at MAPACA Jubilee 2006.

Jane's two daughters, Samantha Shedden age 8 and Katie Shedden age 11 placed first and second in the costume class this year. According to Jane, the girls had had this as their goal for the last four years. Up until this year, the girls have always showed their animals together in the costume class, In 2003, the girls placed 4th together, then 3rd in 2004 and 2nd in 2005. This year the girls were able to express their individuality, and they did not dress in matching costumes for the first time.

There is more to the costume class than just having fun. As Jane pointed out, she stayed up many

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nights designing the alpaca costumes that offered maximum coverage and a good fit for the animals. Samantha dressed as a clown with her juvenile female alpaca “Thistledown’s Nola Mavericka,” while Katie dressed as Cruella De Ville with her juvenile female alpaca “Thistledown’s Kerensa Compadre.” Kerensa tore the back leg off her costume with one swift kick the day before the show, so Jane had to put an extra strengthening seam in both back legs to try and avoid having that happen in the ring!

The nice thing is that Katie and Samantha’s grandparents came over from the United Kingdom for the MAPACA Jubilee this year. This is the first time they have ever been to an alpaca show, or even seen their granddaughters showing alpacas. As Jane said, “The girls did them proud, not only in the costume class, but in the other performance classes.” Katie placed second in a junior Obstacle class of 16, and Katie and Samantha placed first and third respectively in a junior Public Relations class of 12. Eleven year old Katie also showed two alpacas alongside adults in their halter classes. Katie received a ribbon in a class of 15 black juvenile females with Kerensa. She also helped out another breeder in the Get-of-Sire class and showed an alpaca she had never met before. Another of Thistledown’s alpacas (a 30 month old grey male) won the Reserve Champion Grey Fleece banner, with 20/20 for fineness and handle and only 1.5 points less than the Champion fleece, which was shorn from a 10 month old grey male. As Jane said, “Overall, we had a pretty exciting weekend, and look forward to MAPACA Jubilee 2007!”

Samantha Shedden age 8 and her alpaca Thistledown’s Nola Mavericka.

Photo by Jane Christie



Katie Shedden as Cruella De Ville with her Dalmatian alpaca, Thistledown’s Kerensa Compadre.

Photo by Jane Christie



Katie and Samantha Shedden together after their big win!

Photo by Jane Christie



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Patrick & Sherry McEvoy, Alpaca Pastures of Virginia, Inc. Beaverdam, VA

Jeff & Beth Hull; Terry & Donna Hull, Cherry Run Farm, Mercersburg, PA

Rebecca E. Jones, Celtic Knot Alpacas, Mechanicsburg, PA

William & Kathleen McDonald, Shooting Starr Alpacas, Warrenton, VA



Jubilee Scavenger Hunt Winners!

6 & 7 Year Olds:

Tyler Young, Hilltop Alpacas

8 & 9 Year Olds: Tie

Megan Chryst, Cynjim Alpacas

Briana Burt, Fragglerock Farm

10 & above:

Alexis Spence, Dry Ridge Alpacas

MaPaca Meetings—

2006

July 16, 2006

October 15, 2006

*Please mark your calendars for these dates and plan to attend. Watch the Newsletter and the web site for announcement of the meeting times locations. The locations will vary.

Classified Ads:

Any member may post an ad for alpaca and/or alpaca farm related equipment and items. The ad may include a short description and contact information. This will be a free service to current MAPACA members ONLY. Please send your ads to Alice Brown, fpalpacas@aol.com or call 856-697-8127.

1. **Farm and alpacas/herd dispersal**—Forkbridge Alpacas is for sale. Due to my wife's unfortunate passing I am moving and unable to keep my herd. Email with your interests/intentions to sam@forkbridgealpacas.com and I will send you the particulars or phone **Sam Perez at 856-358-1613. View the herd on our web site, www.forkbridgealpacas.com.**
2. **Alpaca Cria Sweaters**—Made of 100% alpaca. Warm, durable, lightweight, soft! Small to 25lbs. Large to 35 lbs. Assorted colors. \$50.00 each + tax, S&H. Free shipping with purchase of 3 or more. **Mountain Meadows Alpaca Farm. 540-586-1745.**
3. **Manure Spreader.** Pequea Model 70, ground driven, excellent condition (used 10 hours total), paint faded. 70 bushel capacity. If new \$2,900—asking \$1,500 or reasonable best offer. Pictures available. Contact: **Paul at Big Sky Alpacas—856-223-0570.**
4. **New Alpaca Photos Website-** www.alpacaphotosonline.com 100s, soon to be 1000s of photos of alpacas and products. No charge to submit photos. Contact: **Nancy Lake, info@alpacaphotosonline.com or 301-393-5878.**
5. **Wanted. Long term boarders** (one or two Huacaya females) fair rates, excellent pastures, spacious barn, and plenty of TLC, **call 609-261-0696 or visit Www.stormwindalpacas.com**
6. **Cover-It Shelter**, 12 feet X 20 feet. Grey Rip-stop covering. House style. Great for storing hay or small tractors—or as a quarantine shed. FREE, just dismantle and take away. **Call Jovi at 908-806-6255.**
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8. **Stall Mats**, 4 X 6 feet, 3.4 inch thick. Indestructible. Half-price at \$20 each. **Call Jovi Larson. 908-806-6255.**



Calendar of Events

June 4, 2006—Bare Naked Halter Show-Columbus, NJ—Alpaca Heritage Events, Inc. “A Cool Show for Hot Alpacas!” Show includes a fiber competition, 100% conformation judging on shorn alpacas, costume, showmanship, and agility classes. A fun show for breeders of all ages. **Go to [www. AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com) or contact Ingrid Wood at 609-261-0696.**

June 24-25, 2006-High Production Factors-Alpaca Breeders Fiber School Course-A Suri Farm, Ltd., Myerstown, PA. Dr. Julio Sumar and Diana Timmerman will instruct this course. Two days with these industry experts discussing the relationship between nutrition and high quality fleece and healthy crias, along with breeding procedures to ensure high fertility in your herd. **For details: [www. asurifarm.com/](http://www.asurifarm.com/) or call Dennis Balbac and Monica Kline at 717-514-0022.**

June 24, 2006– 8AM-6PM—Seminar—Steve Hull and Tom Cameron– The speakers will cover a myriad of issues such as BVD, pasture management/fertilization, ruminant nutrition, parasite prevention/control, cria/adult vaccinations, West Nile Virus, breeding/birthing/weaning, and other subjects relating to the latest alpaca husbandry and veterinary medicine perspectives. Tap the brains of an animal scientist and a veterinarian at each lecture unit and the “stump the chump” session! Restraint techniques, blood drawing, injections, toenail/tooth trimming, microchip insertion demonstrations. **Contact: Jay Ward, AuSable Valley Alpacas, Jay, NY, 518-524-0545 or Jay-war@AuSableValleyAlpacas.com.**



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July 29 & 30, 2006—Silvercloud Farm, ABFS/ Alpaca Fiber Production, Gibsonia, PA—with AOBA & IAJS certified judge Diana Timmerman. A hands-on course, teaching students about alpaca fiber, character, density, uniformity, fineness—recognition and understanding of the factors that make “good fiber.” Learn how your hear health impacts fiber characteristics, how to make breeding choices and select alpacas for the show ring from your own herd. Be sure to bring your newly shorn fleeces for skirting. One “lucky” registrant will receive 50% discount on a breeding to any herd-sire owned or co-owned by Silvercloud Farm! **For more information contact: Helen Humphreys at 1-877-MY ALPACA. To register for this course visit www.abfschool.com**

From the Education Committee:

There are still spaces available at the four (4) Alpacas 101 course locations throughout the MaPaca region this Summer. The first course is in Central Maryland on Saturday, June 10. These are very affordable, hands-on courses for beginning and prospective breeders. Course information and registration forms can be found on the MaPaca website (www.mapaca.org) under the Calendar of Events tab.

- Experienced breeders should consider:
- a. taking part as an instructor in one of the courses near you,
 - b. giving the course as a thank you gift to a new-breeder customer.

Bears Are Out of Hibernation!

By Alice Brown, *Forever Precious Alpacas, Vineland, NJ*

A new release on March 30, 2006, for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) advises New Jerseyans to be aware as black bears emerge from hibernation this spring. Many of us in the MAPACA region have not had to deal with the threat of bears, while some have. As the black bear population continues to grow and spread, this is something that alpaca breeders might want to take note of to protect their herds, especially during birthing season. The DEP Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson urged residents to take simple precautions now to discourage the animals from becoming a nuisance when she said; "Nothing brings black bears into backyards faster than an opportunity to raid a garbage can or a bird feeder. But feeding these animals—either intentionally or unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage—can have serious consequences for residents, their neighbors and the bears." "Not only is feeding black bears dangerous, it is illegal. Violators face a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each offense," she added.

During 2005, the NJ Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Agriculture reported 1,104 bear-related complaints in New Jersey. Of that number, 832 (75%) were nuisance, garbage, and bird feeder incidents.

Currently most of the black bears in New Jersey live in the northwestern areas of the state. However, their range is reportedly expanding to the south and east and sightings have been reported in all of New Jersey's 21 counties. During the summer months, when bears breed, they range long distances searching for a mate.

What should you do if you encounter a bear? The DEP recommends remaining calm. Then they add, "Do not feed the bear, and do not run. Make sure the bear has an escape route. Avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and speak with a low, assertive voice." They also said that "black bear attacks are extremely rare; should an attack occur, however, residents are advised to fight back. Do not play dead. Black bears are easily intimidated, and fighting back might discourage the animal's aggressive behavior and cause it to break off the attack."

The following precautions are suggested by the DEP:

1. Never feed a black bear.
2. Use bear-resistant garbage containers, or store all garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids and place them along the inside walls of your garage, or in the basement, or in a sturdy shed.
3. Put out garbage on collection day only.
4. Wash garbage containers with a disinfectant once a

week to remove odors.

5. Avoid feeding birds.
6. Do not place meat or any sweet foods in compost piles. (This would include placentas. Dispose of them in double plastic bags where bears cannot get the scent.)
7. Clean up after pets. Feed during the day and remove any leftover food at night.
8. Clean outdoor grills after each use.
9. Report bear damage, nuisance behavior or aggressive bears to the local police department or to the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Advertise in the MAPACA Newsletter!

No ads will be accepted that include the PRICE of animals for sale. Stud Service prices are acceptable.

We will insert one-page ads for members in MAPACA Newsletters. Ads cost **\$40.00** for one 8 ½" by 11" ad, on 24 pound paper or less, if you supply ALL the copies (they can be in color and two sided if you like). If your ad is on heavier paper than 24 pound, the cost will be **\$60.00**. If you would like us to copy your ad, supply us one copy and we will have it copied in black & white, one sided, for **\$70.00** total.

If you know any business that sells products or services relating to alpacas or farming in general that would benefit alpaca farmers, that would like to place an insert AD in the MAPACA Newsletter, you can recommend them if you are an existing MAPACA Member. The costs for businesses would be an additional **\$100.00** added on to the regular member fee for an insert AD. Thus it would be either **\$140.00, \$160.00, or \$170.00**. Please send copies, along with payment, to Alice Brown, 458 Main Road, Vineland, NJ 08360 by the 20th of the month you want your ad inserted. Make check payable to **MAPACA** and include check with inserts. **Any questions, email Alice Brown: fpalpacas@aol.com or call: 856-697-8127.**

Please send your comments to

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