

2010 Information Day Descriptions of Classes

Ongoing All Day-

Llama Hardware Display featuring:

Llama & Alpaca Halters and Leads

Grooming Tools

Books & DVDs

Packing & Driving Gear & Accessories

*Barb will be in the booth all weekend except when helping Jim with the Packing classes from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Paradise Found Fiber Farm

A farm located on Whidbey Island and home to a herd of llamas, alpacas & pygora goats, all fiber producing animals. They are not a breeding farm but a fiber farm. A tent will set up for this event and have hand made fiber items for sale, yarn, hats, scarves, felted tote bags, roving ready for spinners in natural & dyed colors and much, much more.

Spinning & Fiber Arts All Day Ongoing- Cement Pad by Garage

8:30-8:55

Check-in & coffee-Courtesy of Starbucks Coffee - Don't forget your release form!!!!

9:00-9:45

Dr. Michael Anderson/Kulshan Veterinary Clinic

GENERAL SESSION (Management of the normal camelid):

Including: Overview of the care and feeding of the llama and alpaca, teeth and foot care; parasite control and vaccination program, common problems and how to use your veterinarian effectively. This will be a repeat for previous attendees - **Outside Large Tan Barn**

Toes 101- w/ Pete Brands & Jeff Kuklenski

Learn the basics of toenail trimming and watch actual trimmings. Both of these professionals will show you some of their tips and tricks for getting this often difficult job done! - **Inside Large Tan Barn**

Get Connected Demonstration- w/Jim Krowka

Do your llamas or alpacas stand calmly with you when you want them to and walk freely with you when you want them to...even off lead? Wouldn't it be awesome if it took one-tenth of the time to establish a 10-times-better relationship with your llama or alpaca? Learn some secrets and fundamental principles to "natural" training and relationship with llamas

in this demonstration preface to Sunday's Get Connected Natural Partnership training workshop. - **Round Pen Near tan Barn**

10:00-10:45

Dr. Michael Anderson/Kulshan Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Mike Anderson Misc. Topics for Longtime Camelid Owners. Dr. Anderson will cover a wide range of topics such as parasite control, teeth floating, geriatric care and other important aspects of camelid ownership. Includes teeth floating demonstration. - **Meets Inside Large Tan Barn**

Farm Insurance Presentation by Beacon Insurance- w/Lynda Williams

Attend this presentation on what farm insurance is and how to determine if you need farm insurance. Having animals on your property exposes a homeowner to greater liability risks and many home insurance policies do not have the ability to cover the exposures generated by farming. Whether you have a hobby farm or a full on farm operation, it's important to know what options you have and how you can use your insurance as a tool to protect yourself and your property. We will review the basic differences between home and farm insurance and endorsements that may be able to be added to your home policy to help broaden coverage to protect you if you're not at the point of needing farm insurance. The class helps raise questions that you should ask your agent and also helps you decide if you should be carrying a farm insurance policy. Lynda has been in the insurance industry for almost twelve years and primarily represents Grange Insurance, who has been selling farm insurance for over 100 years. She tries to use her education and experience to help simplify insurance and make it more user-friendly for the average person. – **Seated Area Outside Tan Barn**

An Animal Control Perspective On Protecting Your Animals w/ Jessica Friedt Whatcom Humane Society

A general discussion on livestock care, management and emergencies from an animal control officer viewpoint. Livestock safety, your obligations if your animals get out and how to make your barn area easier for emergency responders. Basic requirements for livestock and pets. Question and answer period to follow talk. – **Meets in Driveway Area Where Check-In Occurred.**

Locker Hooking 101 a.k.a. A Fun & Fast Technique to Use YOUR Fiber (Part 1) w/ Lisi Ott
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free opportunity to learn such a simple yet addictive technique and get your start up supplies. Don't forget to let me know you're coming so I can have the supplies you need to start ~ pre-register! Instructor is Lisi Ott backfire@wildblue.net This is a two part class back to back. - **Cement Pad Near Garage**

11:00-11:45

Gelding/Castrations w/ Dr. Michael Anderson

Why and when to castrate, use of sedatives and anesthesia.

The effect of castration on behavior, growth plate closure and urolithiasis. – **Inside Back Part of Large Tan Barn**

Shearing 101- w/ Kelly McWhorter & Mikie Morris

Kelly and Mikie share tips about handling your animal while shearing so you both are safe.

Demonstrates how to properly use shearing equipment. - – Inside Red Barn - **Meets Inside First Part of Large Tan Barn**

Conservation Basics w/ Chuck Timblin, Whatcom Conservation District

Being a good farmer and a good steward of the environment should go hand in hand.

Learn how to trouble shoot your farm for potential environment impacts. Learn how improving forage productivity is the key to greener fields and a greener environment. –

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12:00-12:45

LUNCH-

Eat, wander around and visit!

1:00 -1:45

Heated Waterers, Gates and Feeders w/Barb Reilly of Behlen Country

Learn about the differences between all the choices of gates, panels, feeders and waterers.

Learn about the advantages of using automatic waterers.

– **Seated Area Outside Tan Barn**

Grooming for Showing &/or Fleece Usage- w/ Kelly McWhorter & Mikie Morris Part 1

Kelly & Mikie will demonstrate how to keep your animal clean throughout the year so it stays free of mats and heavy debris. Then they will show how to bathe your llama and keep it clean until you shear. Additionally, you will learn how to shear for maximum fleece production/usage - **Inside Back Part of Large Tan Barn**

Is My Llama Suitable for Packing?- w/Jim Krowka

My idea of a fun pack llama is a companion that can happily and ably enjoy carrying my gear into a nice place away from people where we can both relax, and who wants to do it again and again ... not a llama that can wear a pack but plops miserably in the middle of a mosquito-infested muddy trail, refuses to move, and not only doesn't want to do it again but makes ME not want to go packing either. Learn how to prevent getting stuck with the latter, and maximize your ability finding the former, whether already s/he resides in your pasture or is waiting for you to find him/her. – **Grassy Area Near Cement Pad Fiber Area**

Easily Weave Yarn Into A Rose- w/ Mary Donaty

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Please rsvp to Mary lamalou@whidbey.com if you plan to do this class.

Supplies you will need to bring for the class:

A scissors (to cut out stencil & cut yarn to finish project)

6 yards of any type yarn (to make your rose)

An 8x8 inch piece of cardboard (like on the back of a note pad)

A pencil for tracing the stencil onto your cardboard

1 paperclip (for weaving the yarn or a Large yarn needle)

1 large safety pin (for wearing the finished rose)

OR you can buy a pre package kit on site of the stencil, yarn, clip, & pin for \$1.50 (limited supply will be available-reserve ahead of time at lamalou@whidbey.com) Fun & simple for any age.

- **Cement Pad Near Garage**

2:00-2:45

Alpaca/Llama Feed & Nutrition w/ David Salmon Mazuri Feeds

A discussion of feeds and nutrition for camelids. – **Seated Area Outside Tan Barn**

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Evaluating a Llama Pack and Adjusting Your Pack Saddle Correctly HANDS-ON – w/ Jim Krowka and Barb Brady

Save money and enjoy the best performance your pack llama can give by choosing the pack that fits your llama the first time instead of spending more (and hurting your llama) with an endless series of hit-and-miss “bargain” packs. Learn the essentials for fit, function, and proper use: *The best pack saddle in the world will slip, slide, annoy your llama, dump your gear over the cliff, even be dangerous ... if it's not adjusted correctly.* Learn to make sense of all those straps and turn any hopelessly out-of-adjustment pack saddle into a properly-functioning one. – **Grassy Area Near Cement Pad Fiber Area**

FIBER PREP CLASS w/ Lisi Ott

Have you ever wondered how in the world you're supposed to prepare your fiber for the mill or do you just stuff it in a box and hope for the best. Having a final project that you can be proud of depends on the quality of the fiber that went into it. I will share my tips on getting the cleanest fiber to the mill so you can be assured that the yarn you get back will be the best quality your animals are capable of producing. - **Cement Pad Near Garage**

3:00-3:45

Dutch Oven Cooking w/ Jeff Fisker (a drop in ongoing activity)

This demonstration will cover the basics of Dutch Oven cooking, including charcoal management, Dutch Oven selection, care and cleaning, and some recipe resources. Other topics may include what leftovers a pack llama will eat (none), options for burned dinner (none), and ways to get your spouse to do the dishes (none). **Grassy Area Near Cement Pad Fiber Area**

Introduction to Delta Society's Pet Partners Program w/ Rachel Wright of The Delta Society Pet Partner Program

Learn what it takes for you and your animal to become a Pet Partners team (handler-animal therapy team)! Delta Society's Pet Partners Program trains volunteers, and evaluates/registers volunteers and their animals to bring compassion, joy, and comfort to clients in hospitals, nursing homes, schools and others in the community. Delta Society is a national organization that registers dogs, cats, and other domesticated animals such as llamas, rabbits, horses, miniature pigs, birds...and more – **Seated Area Outside Tan Barn**

Hands-On Toenails w/Jeff Kuklenski

A continuation of the 101 toenails class. These professionals will help you with actual trimmings and help you as you do trimmings under their watchful eye. Nobody will be forced to do nails that does not wish to, but you may participate at your own comfort level. – **Square Panel Pen Outside Tan Barn**

Obstacle Training- w/ Jim Krowka & Mikie Morris

Whether on the trail, at the show, out in public or on the farm, "obstacles" and task oriented activities are a part of life. In this "hands on" session learn how to approach obstacles and tasks naturally in ways that are fun and non-stressful for you and your llama or alpaca.

Learn to be attentive and understand what they are saying so that you can better communicate to them what you are asking them to do. BYO llama or alpaca. Animal partners will be available for those who didn't bring someone to play with. – **Meets Near Obstacles in Front of Property**

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Introduction to Camelid Companion Certification Program (CCC) w/ Jim Krowka

Camelid Companion Certification is an exciting new program designed to stimulate participation in performance related activity. Initiated through the ILR Show Division the CCC measures and rewards level of achievement performance ability through series of trials where human/llama or alpaca teams test their ability against measured standards rather than against other llamas. In this session Jim will explain and

provide a demonstration of this program.

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