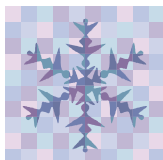


SeAA News And Notes

January 2008



Happy New Year

Membership Renewal Deadline Approaches

The deadline to renew membership and be included in the **2008 SeAA Membership Directory** is **February 15**. Annual membership dues remain the same: \$100 for Farm Member; \$50 for Associate Member. The new directory will be printed in time for distribution at Southern Select for those attending the show. Otherwise, copies will be mailed to members and thereafter available at each SeAA event.

Membership renewal forms may be downloaded from the SeAA web site. Click on "**About the SeAA**" located in the left side feature selection. Once that page comes up, the link to the form is found at the bottom of the **center** information section. Mail checks to **Carrie Gamblin, SeAA Treasurer, 209 Quarry Road, Glencoe, AL 35905**. Remember, SeAA members enjoy the benefit of discounted entry fees for fleece and halter classes at Southern Select.

New Web Site: Such A Good Thing

If you haven't taken the time to tour the new SeAA web site, now's the time to do it. We encourage all members to take advantage of promoting their farms on their farm page. Insert your logo and

submit pictures of your farm or alpacas. Let's see some of those great herd sires on the "Herd Sire Feature" as well as the Blue Ribbon and Championship winners in the "Award Winners" section. Don't forget about the "Photo Link" site for sharing those perfect shots of your alpacas. Does your farm have a special event coming up? Send us the information to list on the "Events" site.

Yes, the new web site is a pleasant place to visit, and it's also a very useful tool for SeAA members to get the word out about anything and everything alpaca at their farms.

*You are cordially invited to
attend the 2008 Southern
Select Alpaca Show*

Date: March 1 & 2, 2008

Place: Calsonic Arena

Shelbyville, TN

*We look forward to seeing you
there.*

Silent Auction and Raffle

Time is running out to get your name listed in the Southern Select show book by donating an item to the Silent Auction and Raffle. The information about and a description of your donation must get to Peggy Gamblin by **February 1** to meet the deadline for publication. Those attending the show may bring their donations with them. Otherwise, donations may be sent directly to Peggy. This event at Southern

Select generates tremendous interest among participants and visitors as well. The majority of the revenue gained is donated to the ARF (Alpaca Research Foundation). Additional donations are given directly to research being done at the university level. Needless to say, research is a vital aspect of the alpaca industry.

Vendor Announced For Southern Select

Quality Llama Products, Inc. from Oregon will have a full line of tack at Southern Select. Those attending the show are offered the convenience of picking up supplies and saving shipping costs as well. Show mats may be pre-ordered for \$39.00. This is a discounted price from the catalog offering. Contact Larry Deitsch to place orders and then pick up your mats at the show. (Larry@destinyalpacos.com) or phone: (706) 379 2361.

Volunteers Needed For Southern Select

Volunteers are still needed for trailer check-in. Several time slots remain open. We want the check-in process to move smoothly and swiftly. This takes man power. Alpacas arriving at Southern Select will have been riding in trailers, some for quite a distance, and need to be off loaded and stalled in a timely manner. If you plan to assist with check-in, please make it official by emailing John Richard at hunt4der@aol.com.

Another area of support needed is ring steward. Please contact Kay Kemp at kaykemp@earthlink.net if you can assist in the show ring. Volunteering is an excellent way to show your support of SeAA and produce a successful show.



www.southernSelectAlpacaShow.org

Dinner, Entertainment

AND An Auction

Yes, that's exactly what's on the agenda Saturday evening at Southern Select. First up is a bluegrass themed dinner providing good food in a social atmosphere with fellow "alpaca people." There's still time to get checks to Kay Kemp for dinner reservations. Following dinner, sit back and enjoy the bluegrass sounds of Ronnie Reno, the famed winner of The International Bluegrass Music Association's 2006 Distinguished Achievement Award. His performance is certainly something you don't want to miss. The grand finale of the evening is, of course, the Live Herd Sire Breeding Auction. The crop of herd sires being offered this year is exceptional. It's not necessary to attend the dinner and entertainment segments of the evening in order to participate in the auction, but we certainly would like the pleasure of your company.

Dine and enjoy

the music.



Then get ready for the high light of the evening as the Herd Sire Breeding Auction gets under way.

Herd Sire Breeding

Auction

The herd sire list for Southern Select Herd Sire Breeding Auction hasn't been finalized at this time. We can be certain that this list will contain nothing but impressive offerings. Stay tuned to your email for messages from Charlotte Goldston about the Live Herd Sire Breeding Auction as we move closer to the show date. The benefits of donating a herd sire for consideration are many. The deadline to get forms and information submitted is **January 30, 2008**.

Picture Perfect

Start sorting through your alpaca pictures for that special shot to enter in the photo contest at Southern Select. Pictures must be **emailed** to Jan Heinrich at jheinric@bellsouth.net by **February 22, 2008** for consideration. The categories for this year are as follows:

- ❖ Cria
- ❖ Humor
- ❖ Alpacas interacting with other alpacas
- ❖ Alpacas interacting with other animals
- ❖ Best portrait
- ❖ Judge's choice

First and second place winners in each category will be displayed in the dinner venue at the start of the show. The judge's choice award, however, will be presented at dinner Saturday evening.



Southern Select

Reminders

- Registration deadline is January 25, 2008. A late fee will be assessed after that date.
- Register on line; then mail a copy of ARI certificate, the new disclaimer form (for everybody), permission to show form, and checks to Peg Stephens for halter/performance and fleece classes.
- Dinner reservations may be made using the registration form
- Bedding will **not** be provided – another good reason to pre-order show mats through Larry Dietsch..
- Contact Carrie Gamblin by February 1, 2008 to donate items for the Silent Auction.
- Volunteers are still needed for check-in and ring steward
- Rooms may be reserved at Best Western or Country Hearth at a special rate. (Feb. 15 deadline)