



MOPACA

MIDWEST ALPACA OWNERS
AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Hello MOPACA members from your Board of Directors and Officers!

The board & officers of MOPACA have been working to organize its finances and at this time we are happy to announce completion. The funds are now with US Bank with the appropriate listed owner/signer on behalf of MOPACA, and relationship signers with limited access. US Bank was chosen because of its availability in so many states.

The board & officers have also been involved in finding a new Treasurer since Audrey Kruse resigned from the elected position due to personal reasons. Patti Jones silverjranchalpacas@gmail.com out of Elizabeth, CO is our new Treasurer and we look forward to working with her. Patti assumed the Treasurer's responsibilities on 1/1/17. The board & officers would like to thank Audrey for all of her hard work.

Hired to be the new Administrative Assistant is Stacey Blank staceymblank@hotmail.com out of Festus, MO. Stacey is replacing Gwen Wolff and is learning the new job quickly, kind of like running before learning how to walk! The board & officers would also like to thank Gwen for all of her hard work, especially in connection with the new website development. We've talked about our membership survey the past few months and are hoping to have it to you shortly so we know your desire for the future direction of MOPACA.

Ballots are being prepared for our latest election. For President, Beverly Stock is a candidate running for re-election and for Secretary, Stacey Blank is a candidate. Jeanette Campbell is to be thanked for all of her work as our outgoing Secretary. We are still looking to fill the open board seat, so if interested, please let Steve Rush steve.rush@y2yc.com know.

Finally, an ad hoc committee has been formed to find a 2018 MIAS Show Event Coordinator. The committee consists of Beverly Stock fireprairiecreekalpacaranch@wcblue.com, Sheri Jacoby lmbe@abbnebraska.com, Jeanette Campbell je.campbell@earthlink.net, Debbie Hoerl info@alpacasofmoosecreekranch.com and Sharon Heimes. Please feel free to contact any of these committee members if you are interested or know of someone who would make a good Show Event Coordinator.

Thank you,
MOPACA Board and Officers

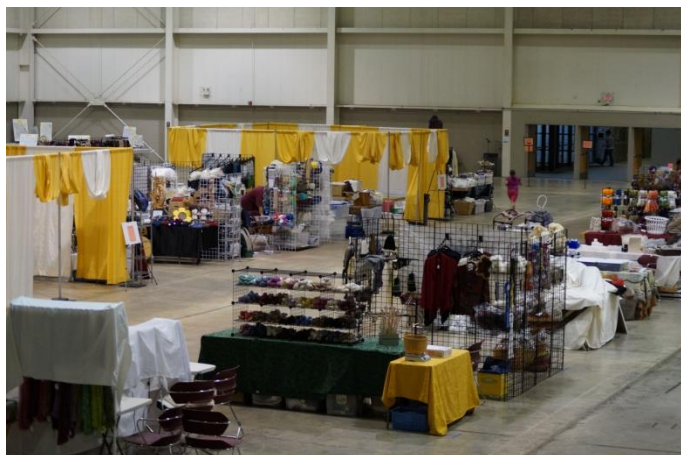
Committee Reports

Fiber “U” Update

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Fiber Arts

The 8th annual Fiber “U” will be held July 15-16, 2017 at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, MO. Be sure and put it on your calendar and plan to attend. This year we have 36 incredible classes (23 are brand NEW) taught by 31 talented instructors (5 new teachers to the Fiber “U” family), and 32 Vendors (5 new!) to enable you to continue learning about fiber. WOW! There will be something for everyone if you are a beginner, or an accomplished fiber artist.

Registration will open mid-March, so don't procrastinate—we have filled classes in the first couple of days. We keep our classes small so that students get hands-on instruction. We give Mopaca members and previous attendees a two week “head start” before all our advertising to the general public hits the first week of April.

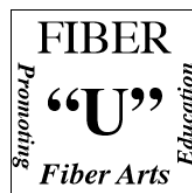


Why should you attend? If you are raising fiber producing livestock and you should educate yourself on this diverse facet of your herd. Attending a fiber event like Fiber “U” cuts your expenses—you only have to travel to one location and try various types of fiber arts without a huge investment (of time, travel or money) to see if you like it or not. If you do, you will have 32 regional vendors right there to help you select what you need to continue. Mopaca will also have its

summer meeting at Fiber “U” on Saturday at 5:15pm. You can also take advantage of free shipping to NEAFP from Fiber “U” (more are pending). Put something in the Fiber Artists Showcase, or stroll through and admire what others have done with their fiber. Visit the state tables, where you can put your information, or pick up info from other farms.

We hope you will join us this July in the air conditioned comfort of the Civic Center located on Historic Route 66. Do something with your fiber! Do you want to volunteer and help before or during the event? Let us know, we'd be happy to have help with pre-event promotions, fiber collection and fiber artist showcase.

Liz Mitchko and Audrey Kruse
Fiber “U” Co-coordinators
www.Fiber-u.com



July 15-16, 2017
July 21-22, 2018
at the
Cowan Civic Center
Lebanon, MO
Classes
(Registration opens mid-March)
Vendors

Open to the Public
Free Admission!

Saturday: 8 am - 6pm
Sunday: 8am - 3pm

Visit:
www.Fiber-U.com
to pre-register for classes
or call 309-838-8825
or 417-533-5280

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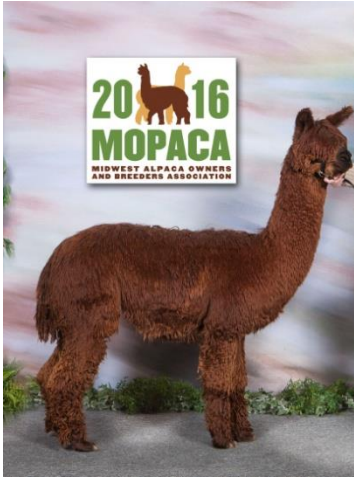
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Carded
Blended
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Crocheted
Woven
Felted
Dyed
Braided
Hooked

Join us at Fiber “U” to learn how YOU like your fiber!

Promoting fiber arts education in the Midwest

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MIAS Update



Calling all members! MOPACA Needs YOU!!!

Ready to save some money and get feedback on your alpacas and products? Missing your alpaca friends? Needing a boost for your farm business?

We have listened to you and have created many ways for you to participate in the upcoming MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show with significant member discounts. Our annual show is being held at The American Royal in Kansas City on April 1-2, 2017. Look over the list below for ways that you can participate. Everyone can find something of interest and value, even if you can't be there in person or don't want to bring alpacas to the show. We hope to see you there! There's many ways to volunteer!

Ready to spend some time with friends and bring your best alpacas for feedback?

1. Stall Fees: \$140 until 3/20/17 (Save \$15 each)
2. Halter Entries: \$40 (save \$5 each)
3. Become a sponsor to increase visibility for your farm! Free stalls, Ads in the Showbook, Announcements at the show, preferred stall location at the show, donate promotional materials for the show bags

given to each attendee! Every level discounted. See our website for info!

4. Rent a vendor space and setup your farm booth! \$120 (save \$10)

Can't get away from your farm???? Take advantage of these ways to get feedback on your alpacas and products as well as publicity for your farm!

5. Spin-Off Entries: \$25 (save \$5 each, plus Enter 3 get 1 free) – **DEADLINE February 1!!!**

Never entered a spin-off? Contact Theresa for more information (info below)

6. Fleece Entries: \$20 (save \$20 each, plus Enter 3 get 1 free) – no need to bring your alpaca!
7. Fiber Arts and Hand Spun Skeins: \$15 each (save \$5) – enter your latest project!
8. Purchase a business card size ad in the show book for \$100!!!
9. Send a promotional item / flyer to be included in the show bag given to each exhibitor for FREE!
10. Sponsor packages available for advertising and other benefits even if you can't attend.

If possible – VOLUNTEER your time! We appreciate all help! See you in Kansas City! For more info, check out our website: <http://www.mopaca.org/mopaca-show/>

~ Theresa Kaiser, MIAS 2017 Event Coordinator
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Winter Educational Seminar Coming Up – Don't miss out!

Sharon Heimes sharon.heimes@gmail.com, our Education Committee Coordinator, has organized a seminar on "Keeping a Healthy Alpaca Herd" with Dr. Signe Balch.

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The MOPACA Winter Seminar will be held Jan. 28 at the Super 8 motel in Bonner Springs, KS. Dr. Balch, from Colorado, is very knowledgeable about herd health and will be going back to some of the basics of keeping your herd healthy with the latest information about breeding, parasites, nutrition, and more!

The cost for this valuable seminar is \$65 for MOPACA members, \$75 for non-members and includes lunch. Registrations must be received by **Jan. 23, 2017.**

Go to the MOPACA website www.mopaca.org home page for a link to the registration page. Questions?? Contact Sharon Heimes at Sharon.heimes@gmail.com