

*Midwest Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association*

# MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show & Mid America Alpaca Challenge

March 22 - March 24, 2024



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**2023**

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## Welcome Everyone!

On behalf of the Midwest Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association (MOPACA), the Board of Directors, Officers, and the entire Show Committee, we would like to welcome you to our third double show. We are happy to be back for the 19th MOPACA Invitational Alpaca Show (also known as "MIAS") and to the 3rd Mid America Alpaca Challenge ("MAAC").

Our Show Committee has been working hard preparing for this event. As the Event Coordinators, we would like to take a moment to thank them for giving so much of their time and expertise to make this another fantastic show. The Show Committee members are noted on our website ([www.mopaca.org/mopaca-show](http://www.mopaca.org/mopaca-show)) and listed in the digital show book. If you enjoy the show, please let them know. And thank you to the many volunteers that work throughout the weekend to keep the show running smoothly for even though this is a smaller show it just meant they had to work extra hard.

A Big "Thank You" to our Sponsors. Without whose continued generous financial support, we would be unable to produce the high-quality show that we enjoy year after year. They have been here for us year in and year out.

Thanks also to our show veterinarian, Dr. Kelsey Walker. Dr. Walker, as many of you know, comes from the University of Missouri and several other colleges whom she has been associated with as both a teacher and practicing veterinarian. Dr. Walker is with us for her first year. She is very knowledgeable, friendly and accessible. Dr. Walker will be hanging out here at the arena all weekend. Thank you, Dr. Walker.

Our AOA Certified Halter Judges this year are Wade Gease and Kevin O'Leary. Beverly Brehm will be judging our Walking Fleece entries. Our Show Superintendent, this year, is Elizabeth Bernard (Buffy). This year's Walking Fleece Superintendents are Brian and Sharon Heimes. Thank you for your hard work throughout the year and this weekend.

Don't miss our Silent Auction. (P.S., bid often – proceeds go to support important alpaca education for owners and veterinarians.) While strolling through the arena, you will see many volunteer fiber artists demonstrating many different forms of fiber art, be sure to take some time to check them out!

Along with the entire 2024 Show Committee, we would like to welcome you all to the American Royal-Hale Arena, and to Kansas City; hope your stay is enjoyable; and hope to see you back next year. If there is anything we can do to improve your stay, please track one of us down and let us know. Also, good luck to all exhibitors and participants – go for the purple!!!

Best Regards,

**Ron Cosner Rensoc Alpaca Farm**  
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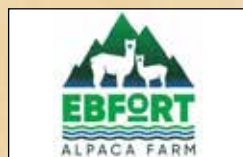
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## 2024 Schedule of Events for Exhibitors

### Friday, March 22

9:00am - 5:00pm	Halter & Walking Fleece Shows	See alpacas in competition with judging based on fleece and conformation and in the walking fleece show, on fleece only
9:00am - 5:00pm	Fiber Demonstrations	See demonstrations of spinning, weaving and other fiber arts
9:00am - 5:00pm	Alpaca Farm Stalls	Visit alpaca ranchers at their stalls for education and information about raising alpacas
9:00am - 5:00pm	Concessions Open	Located in the hall between the Governor's Building and Hale Arena.
9:00am - 5:00pm	Vendors Open	Shop for a wide variety of unique alpaca gifts and products

### Saturday, March 23

9:00am - 5:00pm	Halter & Walking Fleece Shows	See alpacas in competition with judging based on fleece and conformation and in the walking fleece show, on fleece only
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6:00pm	Silent Auction Ends	Bid often! Proceeds benefit education about alpacas and alpaca care.

### Sunday, March 24

9:00am - 3-ish	Halter & Walking Fleece Shows	See alpacas in competition with judging based on fleece and conformation and in the walking fleece show, on fleece only
9:00am - 3-ish	Concessions Open	Located in the hall between the Governor's Building and Hale Arena
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# Meet the Judges

## MOPACA Invitational - Halter Classes



**Kevin O'Leary**

Committed to the alpaca industry, Kevin has served on various AOBA committees including the Affiliate, the Nominating, the National Conference Planning, and the Judge Advisory Committee.

Kevin is one of the founding members and President of N.E. Alpaca Tours, a non-profit corporation that organizes the North American Alpaca Show. To date, N.E.A.T. has donated over a quarter of a million dollars to alpaca research and education.

Having successfully completed the AOBA Judge Training Program in 2004, Kevin received certification in halter, fleece, and performance judging for both Suri and Huacaya alpacas.

Kevin is currently judging alpaca shows throughout the country and is involved in speaking, consulting, and in the organization of alpaca shows and auctions.

## Mid America Alpaca Challenge - Halter & Production Classes



**Wade Gease**

Wade Gease is an AOA certified senior alpaca judge, judge training instructor, presenter, designer and consultant/mediator for the worldwide alpaca industry. He was the previous co-owner of LondonDairy Alpacas for 18 years. He now unveils his own wholesale/retail product line as The Alpaca Guy.

Wade has been honored to be involved with so many different activities in the alpaca world: presenting his personal educational seminars at pen sales, consulting, commentating, coordinating for auctions, and evaluating for private alpaca breeders. A favored activity has been leading yearly educational trips throughout Peru. In 2021 he will host a Fiesta Alpaca trip in April because of a scheduled alpaca show in Cusco. Contact him to be put on his notification list.

Wade was the first to produce a N.A. made alpaca bamboo fabric. Thereafter, he created an upscale clothing line highlighting alpaca fabric, Alpaca Couture. The company's vision was to gain greater attention from a discriminating consumer and help the industry gain greater recognition as an attractive fiber for fashion. Fashion shows were presented in Las Vegas, Orange County, and San Diego. The business transitioned into the accessory lines of The Alpaca Guy. Wade helps with Fashion Show/ Auction coordinations at different venues and shows like AOA.

Mr. Gease also forged ahead in making alpaca materials, designing alpaca products and has created a wet felting machine for home/farm use to empower ranches to make on the farm products, The Wet Felting Wizard. It has had over 25,000 views on YouTube and has sold as far as the Netherlands, France & South Africa.

Wade earned an Associate's Degree in Aeronautical Science, a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry, and a Masters Degree in Biochemistry. He is also a Camelid Fibre Sorter certified from Olds College Natural Fibre Centre, Canada. His past has given him experience in construction, was a certified flight instructor, chemistry instructor, co-owner of a gift and floral store, and a professional sales representative for multiple pharmaceutical companies. He enjoys scuba diving, home improvement projects, and anything related to alpaca fiber!



# Meet the Judges

## MOPACA Invitational - Walking Fleece Classes



**Beverly Brehm**

Beverly and her husband Jason, along with their 2 children, Christian and Julia, reside in the beautiful Southern Oregon Rogue Valley.

She has been an airport concessionaire since 2005 and currently owns and operates Sky House Bar & Grill inside the Medford Airport. This business experience has helped develop and create her desire to become an AOA Certified Alpaca Judge and to develop a herd with advanced suri fleece traits.

Beverly and her family started their alpaca adventure in 2009, with 12 suri alpacas. Their herd has since grown to more than 50 suri alpacas, and Beverly's daughter, Julia, has her own small herd of 3 huacaya alpacas. Their journey began out of necessity, as Beverly's son, Christian, was limited to excessive activities like sports because of a health condition. So their interest in livestock was a natural choice as both Beverly and her husband Jason were 4H participants as young adults.

Since 2009, Beverly and Jason have built a Nationally recognized quality suri herd, Rogue Suri Alpacas. Beverly enjoys all the wonderful things that the alpaca fiber allows her to create, from spinning to roving, yarn to crochet. She has also volunteered for various show positions such as Show Management, Herdsire auction coordinator, Gatekeeper, Ring Steward, Scribe and Fleece Room volunteer.

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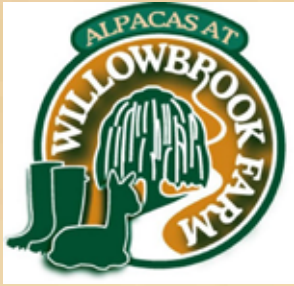
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**SIRE:** Snowmass Matrix  
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**3rd Shear**  
**Histogram:** 15.5 AFD, 2.8 SD, 0% + 30, 100% CF & 72.9 MC  
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**SIRE:** Snowmass Lovers Legacy XX  
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**3rd Shear**  
**Histogram:** 17.2 AFD, 3.1 SD, 0.2% + 30, 99.8CF & 58 MC  
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## Snowmass Dire Straits

**SIRE:** Snowmass Oblivion  
**DAM:** Snowmass River of Love  
**3rd Shear**  
**Histogram:** 16.7 AFD, 3.4 SD, 0.2% + 30, 99.8 CF & 55.6 MC  
We've added this outstanding Snowmass Oblivion son to our herd sire lineup.  
He is the ideal balance of the best of Snowmass genetics to add to our breeding program and match with our Xanadu Foundation females.



## Xanadu One Singular Sensation

**SIRE:** Snowmass Defiance  
**DAM:** Xanadu Althea (Aristide's full sister)  
**2nd Shear**  
**Histogram:** 14.1 AFD, 3.2 SD, 0.2% +30, 99.8 CF and 69.7 MC  
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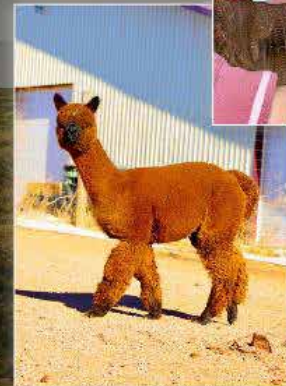
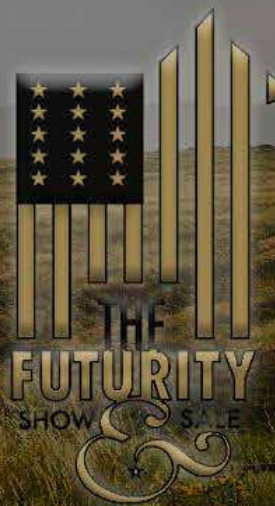
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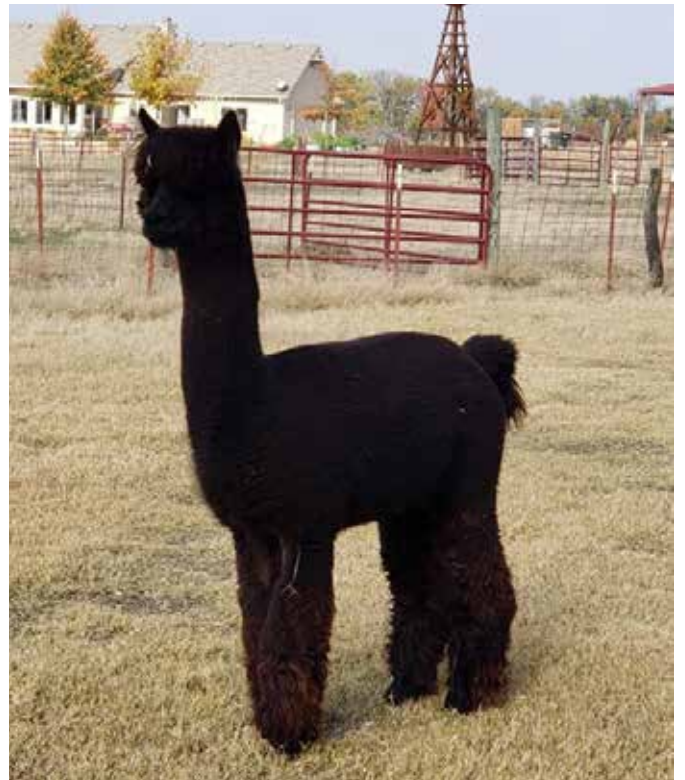
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# About Alpacas



Photo by Tasha Knoblock

Alpacas were a cherished treasure of the ancient Incan civilization and played a central role in the Incan culture that was located on the high Andean Plateau and mountains of South America.

Alpacas were first imported to the United States in 1984. Alpacas are now being successfully raised and enjoyed in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, England and many European countries. There are even herds in Japan and South Africa. There are two types of alpacas – the Huacaya and the Suri.

The life span of the alpaca is about 20 years and gestation is 11.5 months. Alpacas eat grasses. Brome and orchard grass is best. Adult alpacas are about 36” tall at the withers and generally weigh between 100 and 200 pounds. They are gentle and easy to handle. Alpacas don't have incisors, horns, hooves or claws. Clean-up is easy since alpacas deposit droppings in only a few places in the paddock. Alpacas can be pastured on small acreage.

Why do people in so many countries call alpacas “The world’s finest livestock business”? For any business asset to be valuable, it must possess certain qualities that make it desirable. They are scarce, unique, and the textiles produced from their fleeces are known in the fashion centers of New York, Paris, Milan and Tokyo. There are excellent profit opportunities and tax advantages available to alpaca breeders.

Alpacas produce one of the world’s finest and most luxurious natural fibers. It is clipped from the animal once a year without causing it injury. Soft as cashmere, warmer, lighter and stronger than wool, it has 22 basic colors with many variations and blends. This cashmere-like fleece, once reserved for Incan Royalty, is now enjoyed by spinners and weavers around the world.

Alpaca owners enjoy a strong and active national organization, the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA), with a number of regional affiliates and AOA sanctioned national committees addressing every aspect of the industry.

There are several fiber cooperatives and fiber buying groups available for U.S. alpaca growers to access. Some of these groups pool the fiber together to make finished garments and then allow farms to purchase those garments at wholesale prices. A great model for those interested in setting up a farm store with alpaca products made in the U.S.A.!

Others pool the fiber and sell it to companies with branded products that are looking for alpaca fiber grown in the United States.

The Alpaca Owners Association also owns the Alpaca Registry, which was established to help ensure accurate records and has a state-of-the-art system to document bloodlines. Alpacas must be blood typed in order to be registered. A large majority of alpacas in the United States are registered.

The United States alpaca community has made tremendous strides since its inception in 1984. Today, we have a healthy and vibrant community of alpaca owners around the United States with a variety of business models. From those focused on breeding stock, to agritourism business operators, to pet owners, the alpaca community has grown and thrived for over 35 years! If you think you might have an interest in alpaca ownership, don't hesitate to reach out to a farm near you or contact any of our regional or national affiliates to learn more.




Photo by Tasha Knoblock



# THE VALUE OF MOPACA MEMBERSHIP

The Midwest Alpaca Owners & Breeders Association (MOPACA) is now accepting members nationwide! We are a dynamic organization of currently over 55 alpaca breeders. MOPACA also works toward the growth of the alpaca industry by providing a communication network for alpaca owners and breeders while sharing knowledge of husbandry techniques and marketing among its members. MOPACA strives to promote public awareness of alpacas and their fiber through sponsored educational seminars held throughout the year, including slideshow presentations that are exclusive to members.

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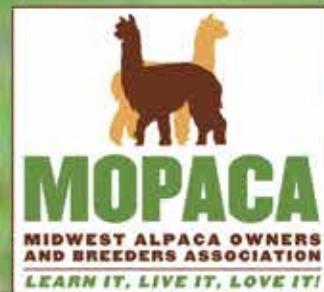


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