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**Jubilee Edition of the  
Newsletter**  
*April 2006*

Deadline for inserts for the Jubilee Edition of the Newsletter will be March 22th. Please send any insert ads that you want to go in the Newsletter to:

MAPACA, c/o Alice Brown, 458  
Main Road, Vineland, NJ 08360.

MAPACA will be printing **750 copies of that issue**. Besides the mailing, that issue will be handed out to people as they enter the Farm Show Complex.

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erous Auction Donors!**

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*Snowmass Invincible*—Breeding donated by Barbara and Ernest Kellogg, Double "O" Good Alpacas and Nancy Johanson, Brookhollow Farm

**\*Proceeds from auction donations are earmarked for research projects, such as those sponsored by the Alpaca Research Foundation (ARF).**

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## Jubilee Update!

Well, registration is open and stall space is full! At this writing, the Hoberts are still sorting through and getting everything entered. This is shaping up to be another record setting MAPACA Jubilee!

Lots of new and exciting elements to look forward to this year. Highlights include presentations by international fiber expert Cameron Holt, sessions on biosecurity and protecting your herd, as well as tax and business planning from a CPA and an update on ARI from the ARI Administrator, Darby Vannier.

We have a slightly different selection of hotels this year. Be sure and check the website for updates. I'll try to add more if the ones listed start to fill. Helpful hint, be sure to make your reservation early and mention you're with the MAPACA Jubilee to get the special group rate. Most rates are only guaranteed until March 29. Staying at one of these hotels also benefits the show!

And remember, volunteering is a great way to learn new things and meet new friends. If you think you can spare a couple of hours, be sure to send your name and contact information to [mapaca@mhevent.com](mailto:mapaca@mhevent.com).

**See you in April! Anne Hallinan**

## Editor's Ramblings:

Winter's bite is easing again. Spring can't be far away. The other morning I heard the cardinal singing his spring song. Even though the cold weather and snow returned, the birds don't lie. They are telling me that ever so gradually the days continue to lengthen and the cold temperatures will gradually moderate.

I don't know about you, but at this time of the year I like to spend some time watching my dams that are due for the crias this spring. Often I will stand behind a pregnant female while she is eating and watch her side just behind the her ribs, where the new little cria resides. The other morning I was treated to seeing two of the little ones kicking in their nice warm cozy abode. This is always one of my favorite joys when taking care of my alpacas and fills me with wonder and hope and dreams for the up and coming birthing season.

On another note, I would like to thank all those that have sent articles to me and encouragement my way! It is always much appreciated to hear from members and to know that my labor of love doing the Newsletter is appreciated by so many of you. At the recent seminar on BVD held by the New Jersey Alpaca Community, it was nice to see so many there that I have come to know.

If any of you have ideas for articles, please send them my way as my backlog is quickly dwindling. I'm sure many of you have some good ideas to share with others. Remember, I will include your name, farm name and location when I give credit for the article, so this helps to get your business name out there as well. It is like getting some free publicity and you get to share your ideas with the rest of the growing MAPACA membership.

With the winter weather behind us and spring births ahead of us, I'm with you in welcoming all the new life of spring. May all our crias be happy and healthy.

Hope to see you all at the Jubilee. Please stop by my booth to say hello and bring me your articles for submission in the Newsletter!

**My Best to You All, Alice**

## MAPACA JUBILEE 2006 SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

### Jubilee Alpaca Donor ALPACA Donation

- **Full-page color ad** in the Jubilee program (back cover, inside front cover, inside back cover OR centerfold page)
- **Farm Name and Alpaca photo in 2-page Appreciation Ad from MAPACA in Alpacas Magazine**
- Special listing in auction catalog lot description
- **4 Friday night dinner tickets**
- **One free pen space** (above the five pen limit, if desired)
- Banner placements (Show ring & auction stage)
- Preferred stalling at show
- 2 extra parking passes
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Donor Banner to display at pens
- Farm Name on Sponsor Posters at show
- Animal Donor name tag recognition

### Diamond Sponsors \$1500

- **Full-page color ad** in the Jubilee program
- **2 Friday night dinner tickets**
- Farm banner in ring of choice
- Preferred stalling at show
- 2 extra parking passes
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Sponsor Banner to display at pens
- Farm Name on Sponsor Posters at show
- Diamond Sponsor name tag recognition

### Platinum Sponsors \$1000

- **Half-page color ad** in the Jubilee program
- Farm banner in ring of choice
- Preferred stalling at show
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Sponsor Banner to display at pens
- Farm Name on Sponsor Posters at show
- Platinum Sponsor name tag recognition

### Gold Sponsors \$500

- **Half-page color ad** in the Jubilee program
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Sponsor Banner to display at pens
- Gold Sponsor name tag recognition

### Silver Sponsors \$250

- **One-third page color ad** in the Jubilee program
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Silver Sponsor name tag recognition

### Bronze Sponsors \$100

- **Business card ad** in the Jubilee program
- Listing on MAPACA website as sponsor with link to farm website
- Bronze Sponsor name tag recognition

### **BANNER GUIDELINES** (MAPACA reserves final approval.)

Banner is furnished by farm.

Length: Min. 4 ft with at least 3 grommets across top

Max. 8 ft with at least 5 grommets across top

Height: Max. 32 inches

Banners shall be a lightweight material (vinyl, canvas, etc.)

Wood, plastic or metal banners will not be permitted.

**\*All advertising material must be submitted no later than March 15 to:**

Steph Pride

PO Box 1968

714 Poyntz, Suite B

Manhattan, KS 66502 Or email to: [info@llamabanner.com](mailto:info@llamabanner.com)

# Poisonous Plants: the Walnut

## Family

By James E. Perry, Ph.D., PWS, Ambler's Alpacas,  
Lanexa, VA

The walnut family includes two tree species common throughout most of North America: the walnuts and the hickories (including the pecan). Fortunately, only the black walnut (*Juglans nigra*), a tree common throughout forests in the eastern US, and other members of this genus planted as ornamentals, are known to be poisonous. The chemical responsible for toxicity has not been clearly identified and only horses have proven susceptible to date.

Laminitis has occurred in horses when they were bedded on black walnut shavings. There is also a report that horses may show mild respiratory signs from pollen or fallen leaves. The effect on camelids is yet unknown, so caution is advised when dealing with this genus. I recommend Camelid owners either remove walnuts from their pastures or keep their animals away from them. Make sure that your animals are not fed walnut leaves or are allowed to bed on walnut shavings. There is no evidence that hickories cause problems, but again, until proven safe I would use caution around these species.

Signs of Walnut Poisoning: Laminitis (inflammation of the laminae in the hoof of horses) can occur within 12 to 18 hours of contact with black walnut shavings. Consumption of the shavings may cause signs of laminitis as well as mild colic. Affected horses may become unwilling to move or have their feet picked up, are depressed, may exhibit limb edema, and difficulty breathing.

To learn more and see photos of the species discussed above, I recommend the following web sites: <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/index.html> (Cornell University Poisonous Plant site) and <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/factsheets.cfm> (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Forestry, an excellent site for a written description and distribution,

and photos of all North American trees.

(This article has been extracted and modified from "Friend or Foe: North American trees and Camelids", by J.E. Perry, Camelid Quarterly, June 2004, pages 1-6.)

### Editor's Note:

You can now read all of Jim Perry's articles at:  
[www.vims.edu/bio/faculty/perry\\_je.html](http://www.vims.edu/bio/faculty/perry_je.html).

## Camelid Humor:

### Spit Happens

By Alice Brown, Forever Precious Alpacas,  
Vineland, NJ

Some people say "Spit Happens!"  
True.

Some days spit rules the roost.  
True.

Some times spit is a welcome thing.  
True.

Some where spit is unknown.  
True.

Some pacas spit each day.  
True.

Some pacas never spit.  
True.

Some pacas spit at the drop of a pellet.  
True.

Some breeders agree, "Spit Happens."



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEM- BERS!

**Carole and Leslie Bacon—Stonewall Farm  
Alpacas, LLC—Searmont, ME**

**Nancy & Kevin Brandt—Sugarloaf Alpaca  
Co.—Adamstown, MD**

**Steven and Gwen Coltrin—Diamond Tri-  
ple C Ranch—Yardley, PA**

**Glenn & Shirley Dean—Oasis Alpacas—  
Sussex, NJ**

**Lena & Philip Galing—Lippencott Al-  
pacas—Waynesburg, PA**

**Chris McCue—Andean Tradition—  
Lawrenceville, KS**

**B-J Ellis & Fred Obenchain—Hollycroft  
Farm—Manassas, VA**

**Kevin Reynolds—Reynolds Hay & Straw  
Co.—Bordentown, NJ**

**Lynn & Rosalind Snively—Rolynn Hills  
Farm—Ruther Glen, VA**

**Ken & Kathy Valley—Vicuna Valley Al-  
pacas—Monkton, MD**

**Deb Wright—Wright Choice Alpacas—  
Castleton, VT**

**Alicia & Mike Young—Sweet Bay Farm—  
Charles City, VA**

## **Volunteers Needed!**

*If you would like to help out at the  
Jubilee and would like a great learn-  
ing experience at the same time  
please volunteer to help out at the  
Jubilee!*

**In appreciation for your time and  
effort you will receive an original  
FREE MaPaca volunteer T-shirt!**

**Please contact Anne Hallinan—  
mapaca@mhevent.com**

## **Silent Auction & Raffle Do- nations Needed!**

Greetings to All,

The MaPaca Jubilee is just around the corner. Between reserving pen space and halter training please think about donating a special item for the silent auction or raffle. We are accepting donations of all types. Your donation need not be alpaca related. **What a way to advertise!!** Your name and farm name will be displayed with your donation. **Your donation will go to support the new Tuition Grant Program for Continuing Education for our Camelid Veterinarians.** Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

**Contact: George or Marian Sykes –  
Alpaca Ridge, LLC 973-827-3910 or  
sykesmarian@hotmail.com**

## MaPaca Meetings—2006

**April 27, 2006 (At the Jubilee.)**

**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.**

## **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.**

## **C**lassified Ads:

Any member may post an ad for alpaca and/or alpaca farm related equipment and items. The ad may include a one sentence description and contact information.. We will run your ad for one month, if you do not sell the item and wish to run it again, let me know. This will be a free service to current MAPACA members ONLY. Please send your ads to Alice Brown, 458 Main Road, Vineland, NJ, 08360 or fpalpacas@aol.com or call 856-697-8127.

1. **Alpaca Wire Mesh Show Panels**—Discounted from original price. 8ft panels-\$68, 10ft panels-\$78. Limited supply! Used panels may not be available at the shows this year, so get yours now while they last. For pick-up from Wild Rose Suri Ranch, Havre de Grace, MD. Call Patti Anderson 410-734-7084.
2. **Alpaca & Light Livestock Equipment**—in stock chutes, feeders, panels, and shearing table. Can be shipped or picked up at our farm. **www.lightlivestockequipment.com** or call Jay at (518) 524-0545 AuSable Valley Alpacas, Jay, New York.
3. **Alpaca Clothing Wholesale**—Thinking of starting a farm store? 2006 might be the year to do it! We have access to a brand new company outside Lima, Peru who does beautiful 100% alpaca clothing at very reasonable prices. **Call Dan Roberts at 540-663-2390** about receiving a clothing cd and a wholesale price list.
4. **Dungmaster 510—Manure vacuum.** Excellent for pasture cleanup. Originally \$1,795 plus shipping and tax. Will sell for \$750. Good condition. Can email picture. Respond to **paul@bigskyalpacas.com or call 856-223-0570.**
5. **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.**



## Calendar of Events

**March 18 & 19—WMAN Alpaca Farm Days**— 10AM—4 PM at Annapaca Farm. Hagerstown, MD. The Western Maryland Alpaca Network (WMAN [www.westernmdalpacanetwork.com/](http://www.westernmdalpacanetwork.com/)) is hosting this Open House with free seminars, spinning demonstrations, and with alpacas, raw fleece, yarn, and a wide variety of alpaca products for sale. **For directions go to <http://www.annapaca.com/>. E-mail Bert or Ann Kramer at [annkram@aol.com](mailto:annkram@aol.com) or [bertkram@aol.com](mailto:bertkram@aol.com) or call 301-824-2840 for further details.**

**April 8, 2006—Sedalia Spring Fiber Festival**—A new celebration of fiber animals and the fiber arts. Demonstrations, performances, exhibits, classes, fine arts and crafts vending, music, food. Over 40 vendors. Notes artists. Lots of alpaca breeders. A day of fun for everyone! The Sedalia Center, Bedford Co. VA. **Website: [www.springfiberfestival.com/](http://www.springfiberfestival.com/). For more information contact Marty Leist 540-587-9377.**

**April 9, 2006—Alpaca Heritage Budget Caper (ABC Show)**—Sponsored by Alpaca Heritage Events. The ABC Show is a fun and affordable one day alpaca halter show to be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship Maryland. Judge: David Friedman. Full Fleece, Performance, Costume Classes and a Fleece Show. Free seminars, parking, and admission. Entry fee is \$60 per alpaca. \$20 for a vendor booth. No stall fees, bring your own panels. **Entry DEADLINE: FEB. 15, 2006.** For more information go to: [www.AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com) or contact Ingrid Wood at: **609-261-0690** or [stormwindalpacos@comcast.net](mailto:stormwindalpacos@comcast.net). **See form in December 2005 Newsletter.**



## Calendar of Events

**April 28-30-MAPACA Jubilee 2006**—The MaPaca Jubilee will again be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, in Harrisburg, PA.  
**\* New! Skeins and Handmades Competition.** See the MaPaca web site at [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org) and read your MaPaca Newsletter, to keep abreast of current Jubilee information. Arrival and check-in date is April 27th: [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org).

**May 12, 13, & 14, 2006 Star Events' Spring Fling Alpaca Auction**—WoodsEdge Wools Farm, Stockton, New Jersey. Meet and mingle with breeders from across the country at the Sixth Annual Spring Sling Alpaca Auction, where top quality huacaya & sure alpacas will sell! Educational seminars at this 3 day event will focus on fiber, so mark your calendar and plan to attend! For more information or to request a copy of the auction catalog, please call the **Star Events' office at (609) 397-2212.**

**June 4, 2006—Bare Naked Halter Show**—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.**

**Pennsylvania Health Requirements For the MAPACA Jubilee 2006**

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and microchips will be checked before alpacas will be admitted into the facility. (NOTE: microchip numbers must be WRITTEN on the CVI. The stick-on labels containing the printed microchip number are not acceptable.)

**ALL ALPACAS TRAVELING FROM INSIDE PENNSYLVANIA MUST HAVE:**

- A Veterinary Health Certificate (CVI) completed and signed by a licensed Veterinarian from Pennsylvania within 30 days of the show.
- CVI must also include the microchip number of the animal it covers.

**ALL ALPACAS TRAVELING FROM OUTSIDE PENNSYLVANIA MUST HAVE:**

- A Veterinary Health Certificate (CVI) completed and signed by a licensed Veterinarian from the state of origin within 30 days of the show.
- CVI must also include the microchip number of the animal it covers.

**ADDITIONALLY, ALPACAS FROM OUTSIDE PENNSYLVANIA MUST HAVE:**

All Alpacas, 12 months of age or older, the CVI must also include:

- negative results of brucellosis-test given no more than sixty (60) days prior to the event.
- negative results of tuberculin-test given no more than ninety (90) days prior to the event.

**All alpacas entering the venue must be micro-chipped.** The microchip number must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, and verified by the inspecting veterinarian.

Should you have any further questions regarding the health requirements, please refer to the office of:

Dr. Bruce Schmucker  
Chief, Regulations and Compliance  
PA Dept. of Agriculture  
717-783-9550

**The MAPACA JUBILEE 2006 will require that ALL alpacas entering the show venue be tested for BVDV in addition to the mandated state health requirements.**

For a complete listing of the health requirements for the MAPACA Jubilee, please go to the MAPACA ([www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org)) and click into the Jubilee pages.

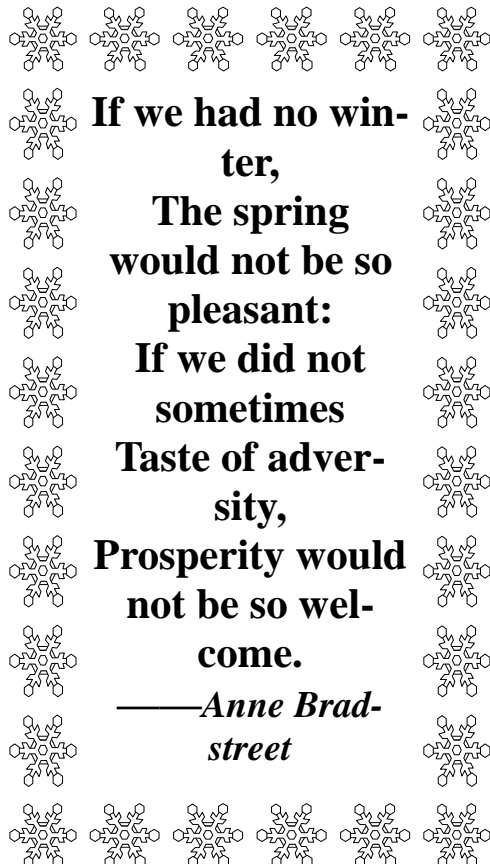
**BVDV Testing:**

Acceptable BVDV tests include either a negative PCR test or a negative VI test. (PCR = Polymerase Chain Reaction VI = Virus Isolation)

The test results must be written on the CVI by a licensed veterinarian. Although not required, please bring a copy of the test results with you – it will speed up the check-in process.

Please contact Carol Pfister (908-303-3670 [cell]; [whirly71@earthlink.net](mailto:whirly71@earthlink.net)) with questions about BVDV testing or the health requirements.

Please go to the ARF (Alpaca Research Foundation) website for more information on BVDV in camelids. ([www.alpacaresearchfoundation.org](http://www.alpacaresearchfoundation.org))



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