



## President's Message:

### "A Resolution for Resolutions"

Every January I find it interesting how the membership at my fitness center swells. Come January 3<sup>rd</sup> there are all these new people, new smiles, shiny new gym bags received as Christmas gifts, and new work out clothes. What is even more interesting is the end of January. What happened to all of those new smiling faces? By mid-February all of us seasoned regulars chuckle as we settle back into our workout routines minus the crowds until next January.

The PR Newswire released the results of the top resolutions that people made and failed at in 2007:

1. Increase exercise – 51% failed
2. Eat healthier – 58% failed
3. Save money – 52% failed
4. Spend time with family – 57% failed
5. Enjoy leisure – 54% failed

Why do so many people fail at what they set out to accomplish? The answer is very simple and has

been the subject of many wise sayings. My favorite: "Those who fail to plan, plan to fail". For those of you who fall into the failed resolution category, MAPACA just saved you a lot of money in self-help books and a lot of time by not having to read those books. Membership has its benefits!

In our December newsletter I explained that a number of initiatives would be introduced by your Board. My feeling is that every person on the Board joined because they felt they could bring ideas that would improve MAPACA. I challenged each Board member to prepare a plan around their ideas, present them, defend them, and make them happen. This year you will see a group of individuals who are accountable to the membership for the activities they have each decided to lead. What I lay out for you now will be presented in greater detail at each general membership meeting, where we are succeeding and where we are failing. Actually, there will be no failures because we have *planned*.

Once you are familiar with our goals and how we plan to achieve them, our hope is that you will join us in making improvements to MAPACA by way of our committees. I want to thank JoAnn Wood of Fishwood Farm Alpacas and Kristie Smoker of Sweet Valley Suris for being quite generous with their time and working with us in the development of our initiatives. You will be hearing much more from them also, as JoAnn is the Chair of our Membership Committee and Kristie is the Chair of our Education Committee.

This is going to be an exciting year for us all.

**Happy New Year,**

**Wayne Robinson**  
**MAPACA President**

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## Jubilee April 24 – 27, 2008 Update

### Spin Off

The Jubilee Spin Off forms are available online at the MAPACA website [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org) and they have been included in this edition of the Newsletter to encourage your participation. As we've said, this is the first year for the Spin Off and one of the ways we'll determine success is through the number of participants. If you've never taken part in a Spin Off, I strongly suggest you do. I can't think of an easier way to promote your breeding program and farm than to grab a zipper type bag, insert a few ounces of fiber and ship it off with the registration form, ARI certificate and photo of the alpaca and PRESTO ... you're in!

When it is received the judge will wash it, spin it and judge it. And after the Jubilee, you'll get to take home a beautiful skein of your alpaca fleece ... and hopefully ... a ribbon! You do need to act quickly because your entry **must be postmarked by January 24, 2008** to qualify for judging.

### Judging & Judges

The 2008 MAPACA Fleece Show will be judged by Shannon McConnell and Nard Mullan. The Spin Off, Fiber Arts and Skein competitions will be judged by Wini Labrecque.

The judging criteria to be used at the 2008 MAPACA Jubilee Halter Show will be 60% fiber and 40% conformation using a comparative method. We have contracted with the industry's best judges – Jude Anderson, Peter Kennedy and Tim Lavan in the halter show rings and Linda Hayes in the performance ring! Please pay attention to the judging assignments that will be posted on the Jubilee website. The AOBA Show Rules require that you sign an Exhibitors Disclosure statement and send it in with your registration.

The Performance Classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday so that children participating in these classes have an extra day for school on Friday ... I can hear your kids groaning right now ☺

We expect to get about 1500 entries into the Halter Show in 2008. Our plan is to begin bright and early Friday morning with the Suri and Huacaya Production Classes – Bred & Owned, Produce of Dam, Get of Sire and Breeder's Best Three. This will provide our exhibitors an opportunity to see some of the best alpacas at our show from day one! And it will give the winners the entire weekend to display their winning banners and answer questions about their farms' breeding programs.

The Halter Show Color Classes should begin sometime Friday afternoon depending on the number of entries in the Production Classes. Since we traditionally have more Huacaya entries, the judges will proceed by judging Huacaya entries and may not begin Suri Color Classes until Saturday morning. With that in mind, we're preparing for exciting

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## **2008 MAPACA Initiatives**

*By Wayne Robinson*

**2008 Infrastructure and Enhancements:** Wayne Robinson, Emelise Alpacas.

As part of the overall information flow amongst the MAPACA Board of Directors, a standardization of software and equipment is necessary for the Secretarial position as well as the ability for the Board members to communicate efficiently and seamlessly during transition periods.

Process improvements & workflow standards, Purchasing Procedures (drafted in conjunction with Treasurer), and a Secretary Responsibilities/Procedure Manual update (in conjunction with Secretary) are also a part of this initiative.

**2008 MAPACA Jubilee:** Monica Kline, a Suri Farm, Ltd.

The MAPACA Jubilee has grown over the years to become one of the most prestigious alpaca events in the world. The plan for 2008 is to add to the successes of prior shows and to set a new standard for customer service in the alpaca industry by an emphasis on improvements in professional show management, maintaining the value of a class ribbon and/or Championship, expanding participation in the show events, enhancing educational offerings and knowledge of the events among breeders, and providing opportunities for sponsorship.

**2008 Website and Accounting Service Re-development:** Chuck Gulotta, Arcadia Hollow Alpaca Farm.

A major initiative this year is to enhance member benefits through the re-development of the MAPACA Website. This will be implemented in several phases, leading to a full website makeover.

In addition, efficiencies will be brought to the Treasurer's function by the implementation of a streamlined accounting service such as acceptance of credit cards by using a virtual merchant account in addition to implementation of an electronic check scanning service.

**2008 Membership Committee:** JoAnn Wood, Fishwood Farm Alpacas, and Kathy Schwartz, Blue Earth River Farm Alpacas.

It is important for MAPACA to continue to increase its membership for the support and growth of the alpaca industry in our region. The Membership Committee will

put forth efforts to increase the membership by 10% by the end of 2008 in addition to providing additional membership benefits and establishing a presence at a number of shows throughout the region.

**MAPACA 2008 Alpaca Veterinary Promotion Program:** David Moran, Crimson Shamrock Alpacas.

The objective of this initiative is to promote development of enhanced veterinary medical resources in camelid medicine through information, outreach, institutional cooperation and financial support.

**MAPACA 2008 State Affiliate Communications:** Bill Johnson, Abenaki Acres Farm, LLC.

This initiative will detail research and potential improvements to MAPACA's communication with the 7 MAPACA affiliate states.

**MAPACA 2008 Communication and Marketing:** Rachel Shearer, Chocolate Hollow Alpaca Farm.

The specifics of this initiative are focused on a rework of the newsletter design and assessing additional avenues for obtaining content. This initiative also outlines the development of a marketing strategy for the organization.

**MAPACA 2008 Education Committee:** Kristie Smoker, Sweet Valley Suris.

The MAPACA Education Committee will identify the educational needs of the region and provide seminars, workshops, and other relevant and useful educational opportunities to meet the needs of the MAPACA members by:

- Serving as a strong advocate for MAPACA members by gaining a greater understanding of the educational needs and opportunities;
- Developing a top-quality seminar series for the 2008 Jubilee;
- Planning and implementing educational opportunities for the 2008 MAPACA Membership meetings;
- Exploring various opportunities to offer education/information to the MAPACA members;
- Soliciting the MAPACA Membership for those that may be interested in being involved in the Education Committee



# Plan Ahead Be Prepared

Natural disasters such as flash floods, hurricanes or forest fires and man-made problems, such as gas explosions, leaking tank cars, and terrorist incidents can arrive with little, if any warning. By developing a disaster action plan for yourself and your animals, you can improve the chances that all of you can make it through a disaster safely. The nature of the emergency may determine whether to shelter in place or evacuate the area. Contact your County/Local Emergency Management Coordinator and/or Agricultural Extension Specialist for the most current update and recommendations. Their numbers can be found in the blue pages of your phone book. Public service announcements during a disaster may also instruct you on the best course of action. If a disaster should occur, remain calm and follow your disaster action plan.

## **Take Steps to Protect Your Livestock**

**Take a careful look at your property.** Identify the best place for your animals in each type of disaster you can foresee. Make arrangements with a trustworthy neighbor for horse and livestock care and/or evacuation procedures in the event that a disaster occurs when you are not home. This person should have access to your animals and be familiar with them.

**Check for alternate water sources** in case a disaster causes power outages, and pumps and automatic watering systems stop working. Test-run backup generators and make sure they are full of fuel. **Have enough fresh water and feed for 48 to 72 hours.** **Prepare for the possibility that you might have to evacuate your horses or livestock from your property.** Find several alternative locations and check the entry requirements for each. Locations that could be used for emergency evacuation include private stables, racetracks, fairgrounds, equestrian centers, private farms, and humane societies. During an emergency, your local or county Office of Emergency Management may be able to provide you with a list of available animal shelters or locations.

**Make arrangements** for your animals in advance with the proper facility. Logistically plan how, and with what, you will relocate your animals.

**Keep trailers and vans well-maintained,** full of fuel and ready to move at all times.

**Permanently identify each animal** by tattoo, microchip, brand, tag, photographs (front, rear, left and right side) and/or drawing. If a disaster strikes before you can identify your animals in these ways, paint or etch hooves, use neckbands or paint your telephone number on the side of the animal before you move it.

**Place a permanent tag on each halter.** Include your name and phone number along with the animal's name.

**Prepare an ID packet** that contains a record of each animal's age, sex, breed, and color, special feeding instructions; documentation of any medicines with dosage instructions and the name and phone number of the veterinarian who dispensed the drug; and any other identification you can take with you when you evacuate.

**Be sure all vaccinations and medical records are in writing**

**and up-to-date.** Check with your veterinarian as to what other immunizations are advisable. Keep copies in a re-sealable plastic bag, in the disaster travel kit, along with the name and phone number of your animal's veterinarian.

## **Prepare an emergency disaster travel kit consisting of:**

- Plastic trash barrel with lid, a water bucket
- Leg wraps, fire-resistant non nylon leads and halters, cotton rope
- First aid items, portable radio and a flashlight with extra batteries, a backup generator
- Sharp knife, wire cutters, tarpaulins, lime and bleach
- ID (photos from all sides, microchip, tattoo, and/or registration papers) in the re-sealable plastic bag. Place duplicates in travel trailer.
- Medical records and medications or special diets, emergency cash.

**Keep your insurance coverage current** on your property and animals for the types of disasters you may encounter.

**During disasters you may wear different or unusual clothing,** so condition your animals to strange appearances ahead of time. Acclimate your horses and livestock to trailers and vans.

**Develop a priority list of which animals to save if all cannot be saved.** Familiarize all farm personnel with the list in case you are not there when a disaster occurs.

**Listen to the Emergency Broadcast System station** on your portable radio for information about how to locate horse and livestock care providers offering services during the disaster and for any special instructions on how to protect your animals.

**If you evacuate and take your animals with you, take all records, the animal's emergency disaster travel kit and sufficient feed and water for a minimum 48-hour period.** Call ahead, if possible, to make sure that your emergency location is still available.

**If you must leave your animals unattended at home,** leave them in the area most appropriate for the type of disaster anticipated, such as high ground in a flood.

**Leave enough water for the length of time you expect to be gone.** Automatic watering systems will fail if power is lost.

## **What to Do When an All-Clear Sounds**

- **Be careful about leaving your animals unattended outside after a disaster.** Familiar scents and landmarks may be altered and your animal could be easily confused and become lost.
- **In addition, sharp objects, downed electric lines, fallen trees and other debris, or contaminated water could present real danger to your animal.** Raccoons, skunks or other wild animals may have entered the area and could present danger to your animals.
- **Place your animals in a secure area.** Be sure fences have not been damaged.
- **If any animals are lost during the disaster,** contact veterinarians, humane societies, stables, racetracks, equestrian centers, surrounding farms and other facilities

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that might house animals. Be prepared to identify and document ownership when claiming lost livestock. The United States Department of Agriculture Missing Pet Network at [www.missingpet.net](http://www.missingpet.net) may be of assistance.

- **Listen to the Emergency Broadcast System** for information released by your local emergency management office about locating lost animals.
- **Check with your veterinarian**, the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association or the New Jersey Department of Agriculture for information about any disease outbreaks that may occur as a result of the disaster.
- **Consider establishing security measures** on your farm to protect it from looters and exploiters.
- **If you find someone else's animal after the disaster**, isolate it from your animals until it is returned to its owner or examined by a veterinarian.
- **Use extreme caution** when approaching and handling unknown or frightened animals. Work in pairs when handling strange animals.

*Editor's Note: This article was reprinted with the permission of Dr. Shari Silverman from the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force. Although much of the information is directed toward horse owners and other livestock, it can be adapted to use with our alpacas. You can find more information at the following link:*

*[http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/emergency\\_preparedness.html](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/emergency_preparedness.html)*

*Also other web sites to check include:*

*[www.NJ.gov/agriculture](http://www.NJ.gov/agriculture)*

*[www.NJ.gov/oag/dsptf](http://www.NJ.gov/oag/dsptf)*

*[www.hsus.org/disaster](http://www.hsus.org/disaster)*

*[www.njvma.org](http://www.njvma.org)*

*[www.NJHomelandSecurity.gov/animals](http://www.NJHomelandSecurity.gov/animals)*

*I'd like to encourage all to take this information seriously and to develop your own emergency preparedness plan for any possible disasters in your area. A few hours of time now may prove to be life saving for you and your animals if a disaster were to strike. Thank you to Dr. Silverman for allowing me to reprint this article in the MAPACA Newsletter.*



**Welcome Our New Members!**

**Paula & Robert Williams, Acopla Alpacas & Farm, LLC, Media, PA**

**Diane Beauchner, Shepherd Hills Alpacas, Wescosville, PA**

**Stephen & Agnes Gallo, Gallo's Alpaca Farm, Buena, NJ**

# Editor's Ramblings:

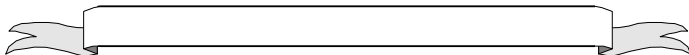
As I write, today is the shortest day of the year. From here it is an uphill trek towards Spring Time! It's no wonder the Romans celebrated the Saturnalia this time of the year to cheer them up. Ancients in other cultures, superstitious about the waning sunlight, developed varied customs to encourage the sun to return to it's springtime vigor! Personally, with the winter Solstice behind us, I'm looking forward to the days growing longer, at least by a few minutes with each passing day. As we face the prospect of shoveling paths to the barn through the snow, I like to keep the lengthening day idea in mind.

Hope you all have sent me your membership renewals and reminded any new alpaca owners to send in their membership for MAPACA. If you or someone you know needs a membership application/form, you can find it at: [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org). Click on the link in the upper right hand corner. The Board of Directors is working hard to make MAPACA a great organization to belong to.

Check out the new web site. It is becoming more and more useful and functional on a weekly basis.

Make plans now to participate in the new MAPACA Spin-off. I am.

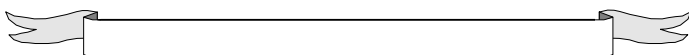
Keep warm and safe, Alice Brown



## MAPACA JUBILEE 2008 NEWS FLASH!

SPIN-OFFS have been added to the 2008 MAPACA Show. We are excited to announce this new addition to the show and to have Wini Labrecque as our judge. The forms are on [www.mapaca.org](http://www.mapaca.org) and please note the January 25th deadline. This is a fun, easy way to enter a portion of your fleece (only 2 ounces needed) and showcase your animal. We'll be watching for your entries!

**Al Beatty**  
**2008 MAPACA Fleece Show**  
**Superintendent**



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educational seminars to keep you enlightened and busy throughout the show but particularly on Friday afternoon for my fellow Suri breeders.

**Educational Seminars**

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, Marty McGee Bennett will be joining us for the 2008 Jubilee! If you've never had an opportunity to learn from Marty, please plan to do so in 2008 ... you won't be disappointed.

Kristie Smoker of Sweet Valley Suris is the chair of the Education Committee and she is interested in your suggestions for seminars. You can email her at

[Kristie@sweetvalleysuris.com](mailto:Kristie@sweetvalleysuris.com)

More details about our Seminar speakers and sessions will follow on the MAPACA website and in future issues of the Newsletter.

**Wanted: A Few Good Builders**

In prior years, MAPACA has been fortunate to borrow the obstacle course items from the Pennsylvania Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association – PAOBA. While we greatly appreciate this inter-affiliate loan, we think it's about time we have some of our own fun equipment. We are actively recruiting volunteers to build the obstacles that will be used for the 2008 Jubilee and beyond! We know we have many talented builders in our ranks and we're asking for you to volunteer your time and skills to make the Jubilee Obstacle Course the best in the industry. MAPACA will pay for the materials, but we need your time and ability. If you'd like to participate, please contact Rachel Shearer at [hershevalpacas@embarqmail.com](mailto:hershevalpacas@embarqmail.com). We plan to publicly thank all who participate in this effort – one more good way to market your farm!

**We're All Ears**

Finally, I'd like to thank those of you who took the time to fill out our online survey following last year's Jubilee. It makes planning so much easier when we hear from you about what you liked and what we can improve in your Jubilee experience.

Because of your suggestions, we will continue to have the show rings in the Equine Arena. However, this year, the rings will be larger and placed in the four corners of the arena closer to the seating areas so that you'll be able to hear the judges' comments and observe the show rings in the comfort of the bleachers.

We also plan to run the check in process as we did for the first time last year through the Equine Arena and down into the Exhibition Hall. We received much positive feedback about how smoothly check in went at the 2007 Jubilee. Again, we have heard you and we are listening! Additional comments and suggestions are always welcome. You can email them to me at [info@asurifarm.com](mailto:info@asurifarm.com) or call me at 717-514-0022.

# Calendar of Events

**March 15, 2008—Alpaca Heritage Sampler for Success: Pasture Management Seminar and Introduction to Raising Alpacas**— Seminar to be held at Eco Complex in Bordentown, NJ—10AM-3PM—\$50 per person (includes lunch) - **Call 609-261-0696 for details and visit [www.AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com) to download a registration form.**

**May 4, 2008—Alpaca Heritage Budget Caper Halter Show (AOBA certified)** - Ringoes, NJ. For more information and entry form: [www.AlpacaHeritage.com](http://www.AlpacaHeritage.com). Halter Show Superintendent: **Ingrid Wood (609-261-0696 or [stormwindalpacas@comcast.net](mailto:stormwindalpacas@comcast.net))**, free seminars, free admission to public, small parking fee donation to Hunterdon County 4-H.

**May 2, 3, & 4, 2008—New Dates for the Eighth Annual Spring Fling Auction and Golden Fleece Futurity at WoodsEdge Wools Farm, Stockton, NJ.** Where Champions are bought and sold. New Dates, New Auctioneer. Mark your calendar and reserve these dates. For consignment consideration, send photos to **Star Events, LLC, Post Office Box 275, Stockton, New Jersey 08559.**

## **Treasurer's Report—Jan. 08**

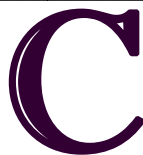
*By Chuck Gulotta*

MAPACA currently has \$217,718 in our Savings and Money Market account.

There are \$6,543 in fixed assets which include 1 desktop 1 laptop and 1 trailer.

This past year the Jubilee earned \$368,203 and spent \$382,899 for a loss of \$14,696. We added a lot of new features to the Jubilee this past year so some of the extra expense was due to the changes.

For the year we spent a total of \$75,000 which included expenses from the Type conference, membership meetings, speaker fees, IRS audit, web site upgrades, Newsletter, and Jubilee expenses.



## lassified Ads:

Any member may post an ad for alpaca and/or alpaca farm related equipment and items.

The ad may include a short description and contact information. This will be a free service to current MAPACA members ONLY. Please send your ads to Alice Brown, [fpalpacas@aol.com](mailto:fpalpacas@aol.com) or call 856-697-8127.

1. **Alpaca Care DVD**—shots teeth & toenail trimming, birth, breeding, comprehensive segment on shearing and shearing equipment and more. **Contact Kate Perez 301- 607-9129 or [www.mountairyalpacas.com/](http://www.mountairyalpacas.com/) .**
2. **Shearing Table.** Totara Grove Shearing Table that was developed in New Zealand. With a shearing guide and a “how to” video. Excellent condition. Asking \$850 OBO. **Call Bob or Lee of Almost Heaven Alpacas at 304-496-1073.**
3. **Shearing Table**—Excellent condition, used 1 season for 12 animals. Asking \$850.00. **Call 302-381-6062.**
4. **Boarding or Long Term Leasing of Farm Land For Your Alpacas**—The Farm at Rainbow’s End, located in Lafayette, New Jersey, in Sussex County offers Boarding or the opportunity of Leasing Land for your Alpaca Farm.  
With 60 Acres of pasture and Woodlands available, there are unlimited possibilities for structuring your own design or simply to integrate your herd with ours. We also have 75 acres dedicated to growing Premium Orchard Grass Hay. Our Complete Package is Full Care including Veterinary Services on the Farm. Facilities include a Maternity Barn. Dr. Lori Walker DVM co-owns and lives on the farm. Call or visit us and make the Farm at Rainbow’s end your alpacas home. **Contact Larry Scheer at 973-903-8624 or email [Larry.scheer@yahoo.com](mailto:Larry.scheer@yahoo.com) .**
5. **Big Sky Alpacas Ranch for Sale**—Downsizing and relocating to PA near our children. Magnificent 6 acre “Gentleman’s Farm”, home, barn and property in Southern New Jersey. MLS listing #4960739. Also available with part of our alpaca herd. **Contact Paul at 856-223-0570.** Recommendation fee for MAPACA member, commission on any alpaca sales.
6. **FOR SALE: Male weanling llama**, alert personality, potential guard, silky brown fiber, DOB 5/25/07. Price—\$800.00. Contact: **Aurora Farm—Cindi Hassrick, Ottsville, PA 215-795-2584.**

## Membership Committee

Membership dues for 2008 are due. We have added an additional membership level – the Associate Membership level. This level could be utilized by farms located out of our 7-state region, non alpaca owners, vets, vet students or anyone interested in all the benefits a MAPACA membership has to offer.

Our next Membership Meeting will be held on February 10, 2007 at the University of PA, New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, PA. You don’t want to miss *Alpaca Reproduction* by Dr. Walter Bravo. Please mark your calendars and R.S.V.P. early to Kathy Schwartz at (540) 908-7420 or [simplifyalpaca@aol.com](mailto:simplifyalpaca@aol.com).

### February 10th Meeting Schedule:

10:00am - 10:30am Registration

10:30am - 12:00pm Membership Meeting

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm – 3:00pm *Alpaca Reproductive Seminar* - Dr. Bravo

3:00pm – 4:00pm New Bolton Center/Hofmann Center for reproduction veterinarian speaks on what the New Bolton Center has to offer Alpaca Breeders of the MidAtlantic.

### Next Membership Meeting.... February 10, 2008

At the University of Pennsylvania,  
New Bolton Center  
Speaker: Dr. Walter Bravo  
“*Alpaca Reproduction*” Seminar

## Please Note:

### Camelid Veterinarian Continuing Education Grant Program

*The Veterinarian Continuing  
Education Grant Program for  
2006 and 2007 will no longer be  
accepting applications. For those  
that have already sent in  
applications for those years, all  
required paperwork must be  
received by MAPACA by February  
28, 2008 in order to receive  
reimbursement for their 2006 and  
2007 applications.*

Send all paperwork to:

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Vineland, NJ 08360

Please send your comments, articles, or  
submissions to  
Alice Brown at:  
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## 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.

**Any AOBA affiliate may advertise their  
event for \$200.** Any business that sells products  
or services relating to alpacas or farming in  
general that would benefit alpaca farmers may  
place an insert AD in the MAPACA Newsletter at  
a cost of **\$200.00**.

Please send copies of your ad, 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. When  
you send inserts, do not require that I have to sign  
for them! **Any questions email Alice Brown:  
fpalpacas@aol.com or call: 856-697-8127.**

**Laughter is the sun  
that drives winter  
from the human  
face.**

*Victor Hugo—French Poet*