

# 2006 Alpaca Canada Conference

## Timetable of Events

### Fibre Daze - Select-A-Session & Hands-On Fibre Workshops

Fibre Daze: \$125/person (members' price)

Hands-On Fibre Workshops: \$40/workshop (members' price)

#### Friday, 10 November 2006

Date & Time	Title of Workshop (Instructor)	Description
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Meet Your Alpaca Canada Fibre Community</b>	Panel will include any Fibre Committee members in attendance along with representation from CANCAM and a Fibre Mill (Christopher Porter). Panel will provide an overview of what we think our committee focus should be, where the Canadian fibre industry is heading, followed by an open forum with AC members about what they would like to see happen in terms of committee focus and future of the Canadian fibre industry. Christopher can answer processing questions from both a CANCAM and Mill/Processing perspective. Discussions to continue on Sunday, 12 November 2006 (11:30 am to 1:30 pm)
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee Break	<b>Sponsorship opportunity for Mills, Individual or Group of Farms, etc. Sponsors will be invited to greet folks at sponsored coffee break</b>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Session A: Fibre Sorting Jill MacLeod</b>	Workshop will cover how to sort after shearing (show fleece, fibre processing, etc.) and how to prepare a fleece for a fleece show.
	<b>Session B: Natural Fibre Centre Ruth Elvestad</b>	Overview of the Natural Fibre Centre in Olds, Alta., including what the Centre does, how to read your fibre test results and what those test results mean.
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own)	<b>Possible sponsorship opportunity.</b>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Session C: Natural Fibre Centre Ruth Elvestad</b>	Overview of the Natural Fibre Centre in Olds, Alta., including what the Centre does, how to read your fibre test results and what those test results mean.
	<b>Session D: Growing your Market at the Farm Gate Dorene Collins</b>	Direct Farm Marketing and Agri-Tourism are experiencing both growth and challenges for farmers across Canada. This session will provide participants with up-to-date information and resources regarding starting, sustaining and growing an agri-tourism business. Focus will be given to best practices and lessons learned regarding leading edge customer sales and marketing techniques, trends in the sector, working with our local municipality, and ensuring proper insurance coverage.
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee Break	<b>Sponsorship opportunity for Mills, Individual or Group of Farms, etc. Sponsors will be invited to greet folks at sponsored coffee break</b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Session E: Fibre Judging Jill MacLeod	<b>Two small classes of white and coloured fleeces will be judged during the workshop (mock fleece show). Points, reasons and placing for each fleece will be thoroughly discussed and participants will have the opportunity for 'hands-on' examination and questions.</b>
	<b>Session F: Growing your Market at the Farm Gate (Dorene Collins)</b>	Direct Farm Marketing and Agri-Tourism are experiencing both growth and challenges for farmers across Canada. This session will provide participants with up-to-date information and resources regarding starting, sustaining and growing an agri-tourism business. Focus will be given to best practices and lessons learned regarding leading edge customer sales and marketing techniques, trends in the sector, working with our local municipality, and ensuring proper insurance coverage.
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Alpaca Canada Wine & Cheese	

## Saturday, 11 November 2006

8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Session G: Fibre Sorting Cathy Merkley</b>	<b>Workshop will cover how to sort after shearing (show fleece, fibre processing, etc.) and how to prepare a fleece for a fleece show.</b>
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Session H: What do I want my fibre turned into now that it's sorted and graded? Alice Groeneveld</b>	Participants will learn what types of products can be made from various grades of fibre. Handouts will include yarn sample cards from mills across Canada.
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>Sponsorship opportunity for Mills, Individual or Group of Farms, etc. Sponsors will be invited to greet folks at sponsored coffee break.</b>
10:30 am – Noon	<b>Session I: Fibre Judging Cathy Merkley</b>	Two small classes of white and coloured fleeces will be judged during the workshop (mock fleece show). Points, reasons and placing for each fleece will be thoroughly discussed and participants will have the opportunity for 'hands-on' examination and questions.
	<b>Session J: What do I want my fibre turned into now that it's sorted and graded? Alice Groeneveld</b>	Participants will learn what types of products can be made from various grades of fibre. Handouts will include yarn sample cards from mills across Canada.
<b>Noon – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Fibre Design Competition Celebration Luncheon</b>	Luncheon to showcase winning designs from the AC Student Design Competition 2006 (cost of luncheon to be included in \$125 registration fee for Fibre Daze). Technical drawings from all competitors will be exhibited. <b>Sponsorship opportunity for Mills, Individual or Group of Farms, etc. Sponsors invited to greet folks at the door.</b>
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Llama Canada AGM (coffee included)</b>	
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4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Llama Canada Board Meeting</b>	
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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Cocktails, Banquet &amp; Fashion Show</b>	<b>Fashion Show to feature winning Student Design Competition entries, garments from Yarn &amp; Garment Competition and various alpaca products provided by local artisans and/or alpaca vendors. Winners of Yarn &amp; Garment Competition will also be announced and overall winner presented with a trophy (glass-etched trophy similar to Student Design Competition trophy).</b>
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	<b>CLAA Annual General Meeting</b>	

**Sunday, 12 November 2006**  
**Hands-On Fibre Workshops**  
**4 separate workshop (includes all materials and supplies)**

9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Alpaca Purses</b> <b>Cathy Merkley</b>	Participants will knit a small alpaca purse that they can take home and felt. Limited enrolment (maximum 8 participants) All skill levels
9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<b>Beginner Crochet</b> <b>Trudy McCall</b>	<b>Crocheting, not just for grannies anymore!!...</b> Come on out and try your hand at crocheting. You will learn how to read a pattern, how to check your gauge, change colours and several different stitches. We will begin a hat or scarf. All materials will be supplied Limited enrolment (maximum 8 participants) Beginner Level
11:30 am – 1:30 pm	<b>The Future of the Canadian Fibre Industry</b>  <b>Sponsored luncheon for all workshop participants and Vet Conference attendees</b>	Discussion is a continuation from Friday morning: Meet Your Alpaca Canada Fibre Community. The informal session is an opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our industry. <b>Sponsorship opportunity for a group of farms (not mills due to perceived favouritism).</b>
1:00 am – 4:00 pm	<b>Thrum Knitting</b> <b>Alice Groeneveld</b>	<b>Line your mitts with the alpaca fleece knit on the inside for the softest, warmest and cosiest feel ever!</b> Participants will learn several different methods of thrum knitting that can be used for mitts, slippers, socks, headbands, etc. Limited enrolment (maximum 8 participants) Beginner level
1:30 am – 4:30 pm	<b>Needle Felting</b> <b>Jill MacLeod</b>	<b>’Twas the month before Christmas...</b> Learn the basics of needle felting while creating a petit holiday theme wall hanging. Needle felting is a simple craft that can be learned quickly but holds potential for challenge as your skill level increases. This fun little Christmas project will inspire your creativity and get you in the holiday spirit too! Participants will need to bring a piece of foam approx. 1 ft square and 1.5 – 2” thick. Felt, coloured rovings, embellishments and needles will be supplied.  Limited enrolment (maximum 8 participants)