

Workshops offer "life long learning"

*3 Sisters Workshop success lies in instructors
"Carting with llamas" and "Fleece processing" hit the mark*



So far, so good - in the endeavor of offering workshops on the farm through 3 Sisters Workshop. Tim Kolhoff and Tammy Duensing both did thorough and admirable jobs teaching llama carting and fleece processing. Look for Fiber Dyeing and Beginning Spinning next!
From top: Michelle works with the llama, Mr. Miller, as Tim jogs alongside; getting ready to cart; bucket of fiber soaking; Michelle and her female suri llama Sylvia Rose practice ground driving; Becca adjusts the harness on her llama, Hawke; Tammy explains "skirting a fleece" to Dianne and Tom; Rob and Denise work with Don Tomas.

Coming Events

- April 9: Monroe County Sheep Festival, Waterloo at the Fairgrounds. 8 - 4 p.m.
- April 16: 3 Sisters Workshop Fleece Dyeing Seminar; 10-3 p.m., \$75, potluck lunch
- May 4: Providence Christian Academy kindergarten farm visit
- May 7: Willoughby Farm Heritage Days, Artisan Guild of S. IL., Collinsville
- May 7: O'Farmers Market, 10-2:00 p.m., Marie Schaefer School, O'Fallon
- May 23-26: Shearing Days at Wier World, 8:30-5 p.m. each day. potluck lunch, please bring soft drinks; volunteers welcome. Fleeces for sale for \$10 per pound.
- June 11: 3 Sisters Workshop Beginning Spinning class, 10-3 p.m., Wier World Farm, \$75, potluck lunch
- July 22-23: 3 Sisters Workshop "Kids Camp."

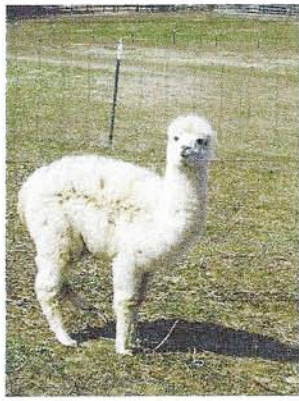
It's All About the Fiber: Pendleton Mills possible purchase of alpaca fleece



"Pendleton Woolen Mills recently contacted the Alpaca Blanket Project about the possibility of ABP supplying them with several thousand pounds of American alpaca, grade 2 in light colors," according to Peter Lundberg of the Alpaca Blanket Project. Pendleton prefers to purchase American fiber if it meets their standards and price needs. ABP currently has about 10,000 pounds of sorted, graded fiber in grades 1 through 5 slated to be processed by Pendleton into blankets for ABP.

ABP will take your fiber as well. ABP is paying \$5 per pound for all usable Huacaya under 26 micron and \$3.50 for Huacaya 26-31 micron. Suri is paid at a somewhat lower rate. Currently, ABP has over a dozen collection sites around the US where your fiber ships for free to ABP. ABP will also have a collection site at most shows. For more info contact: alpacablanketproject@yahoo.com. Tell them I sent you!

Special DEALS before shearing!



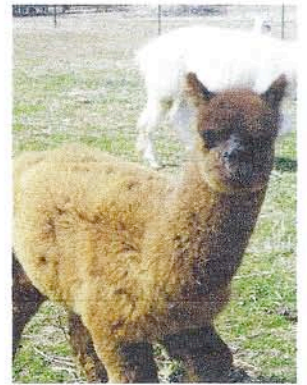
Glimmer - \$900 (unregistered)



Pink Pinafore - \$1800 (ARI)



Dorothy - \$1000 (CAN)



Hadley - \$500 (unregistered)

Prices include 3 months FREE boarding; halter and lead; prices do not include this year's fleeces of these animals.



Whitman - \$500

BTHS-East students learn about Agri-business at Wier World Farm



Students visited the farm in March to learn all about agri-business and possible job opportunities when they graduate high school. They also visited in the pasture with the animals, made Native American walking sticks and brought brown-bag lunches while they watched fiber being spun into yarn.



Abscess! Wanted to share the look of an abscess when it bursts. Yucky stuff. She was treated by my veterinarian and it has healed.

Celebrating unsung virtues of llamas:



March's llama attribute is "easy to transport." Many llamas can be transported in a mini-van. A "taller" vehicle is better -- but these compliant animals will jump right into a mini-van to head to



their new homes or to a show. Two examples: Michelle brought Sylvia to the carting class in an Astro minivan; the Commean family took Mr. Miller home in their Town and Country.