

## Shearing 2011: A tip of the hat to the volunteers



The May Madness Mayhem lasted for 4 days at the farm -- when over 160 llamas and alpacas got their summer haircuts, toenails trimmed and herd health inspections. Thank you to volunteers from BTHS-East; Artisan Guild of Southern IL; Ravelry friends; STL Zoo folks; home schoolers; 3 Sisters; and ALL who made this happen.

## The unsung glories of llamas: Therapy animals



Ben and his girl, Amanda

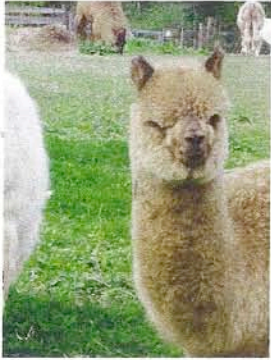
Camelids have long been reported as therapeutic for those struggling with depression, cancer, persons with disabilities, youth and the elderly. Llamas and alpacas seem to sense the vulnerability of the individuals. I know that I often credit my llamas for the health-related blessings that came after I experienced cancer in 1983. And I'm still here!



The '09 NAMI Walk; Fr. Jim Deiters w/Lumina



**MIX AND MATCH! - CHOOSE ANY ALPACA cria-\$100 off in July ONLY**



Whitman - \$350



Hadley-\$350



Andantino - \$400



Shima (female)-\$600



Dorothy - \$700



Zapato - \$750



Baxter - \$600



Glimmer - \$600

All of these crias are ready to leave their mamas -- except for Zapato. Their fleeces are amazing. Andantino, Zapato and Baxter can be registered.

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**New Arrivals!**

My grandkids welcomed the new llama mama and her baby to the farm. At top: Andrew, 5, with Serendipity's Angel; Brianna, 4, with female cria Namaste (na-mah-stay) - how gorgeous is she? at right: Little Isabella helps feed grain, she's 19-months old. Start 'em young!



**Coming Events**

July 22/23, 9-1 first day, 2-6 second day at Wier World farm: **3 Sisters Workshop Kids camp**. Learn all about camelids and end with an obstacle course!

Aug. 13 10-3:00, Wier World Farm: **3 Sisters Loom knitting 101**. Learn how to make hats, flowers and other awesome stuff.

Aug 20: **IL State Fair Llama Show**

Sept. 17: **3 Sisters Beginning Spinning class, 10-3**

Sept. 24/25: **Strange Folk Festival, O'Fallon Park**

Oct. 8: **3 Sisters Llama Packing workshop, 10-3** - You must bring your own pack

Oct. 15/16: **Native American Pit Firing (tentative)**

Will TRADE camelids for TRACTOR or ROUND BALER