

Vicki Donley – MidWest Region

Alpaca Pines llc Farm and Fiber Mill – Polar Grove, IL

The journey with camelids and Fiber arts began in 2011. My husband and I started out with two suri alpacas. Since that time the herd has grown. The farm has 36 alpacas and a llama. Many of the animals are rescued, from one reason or another. The fiber mill began on 2016. The fiber arts world is huge! I enjoy knitting, crochet, felting, weaving and spinning. For the last 7 years I have lead the alpaca show at the Boone County Fair in Illinois, the addition of McHenry was three years ago. The demand for a fiber art and camelid 4-H group was great enough. Leading the 4-H group has been a great experience as well. Education to others about fiber arts and camelids is of great importance to me. The kids are the future of both. I have enjoyed serving as the alpaca committee with ALSA. Alpacas and Fiber art need to be focused on more. As a board member that is what my focus will be. Education in regards to fiber arts, camelids with stress on alpacas. Working with other board members and committees to allow ALSA to grow. Also there is a huge need to focus on USA produced products that we create. Our animals are amazing fiber producers, they need to be showcased as such.

Thank you



Brianna Evert – Rocky Mountain Region

Llamarado – Westcliffe, CO

I am Brianna Evert and I am interested in running for a position on the ALSA Board of Directors. I am a Masters prepared Registered Nurse with a Certification in Case Management where I have specialized for 12 years. I live on a 630-acre ranch in Westcliffe, Colorado with my husband John and two daughters Aubrynne, 12 and Kailynne, 7. I received my first llama in 1995 when I was 11 years old. This is also when I began showing in ALSA youth classes. A short time later I started showing in Open performance classes as well as youth. I was very active in ALSA as a Youth and achieved my Ultimate and Supreme Awards. At present I raise and train llamas, specializing in performance and pack llamas. I own a successful llama trekking business that I started in 2019 and enjoy sharing my love for llamas with people who many have never even been close to a llama. In the spring and summer I donate the use of our llamas to local youth who use them in 4-H and compete at the county fair. I the county 4-H llama leader coaching the kids 1-2 times per week for several months out of the year. Currently my daughters and I attend as many shows as possible around the Rocky Mountain Region. I have 5 performance champions under my belt and am working on getting more. My daughters both love showing and I hope to see more kids become involved in ALSA in the near future. I would like to run for the Board of Directors to bring new ideas to the organization to enhance youth participation, offer improved awards for owners to showcase their winning llamas, and overall build a stronger organization with increased memberships and increased number of shows, as well as strengthen our llama community as a whole. If selected to the ALSA Board, I plan to be a member advocate so that all members have a voice. ALSA has been a big part of my life for almost 30 years. I feel that together we can make ALSA one of the most elite show organizations in the world. Please reach out with any questions you may have about me.

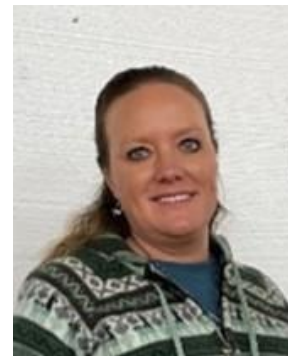
Respectfully,

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Harvey Pool – Southeast Region

Rock Creek Farm and Llama Co. – Abbeville, GA

Good day fellow ALSA members,

I come to you asking for your “vote of confidence” to allow me to serve YOU on the ALSA Board of Directors. I have been an ALSA member since purchasing my first llama in 2009. The ALSA membership is blessed with a member base from all walks of life and professional backgrounds. Committees that utilize these assets can best help ALSA serve its members. I am a firm believer in committees that include members with expertise in the committee’s assigned area. We have a wealth of knowledge in our membership, and we need to utilize it. As the old saying goes “Hire good people and let them work”! My tenure with llamas may be brief compared to some, beginning by purchasing our first llama in 2009. Rock Creek Farm and Llama Company was created at that time and has grown to a high of 75 llamas. Prior to llamas, I have been involved with raising show pigs, show calves, show lambs, show goats and miniature donkeys. I have been showing livestock for over 60 years. I showed cattle and swine through high school and then attended ABAC and UGA. While at UGA I participated on the Livestock Judging team in 1978 and served as Chairman of the Board of the National Junior Polled Hereford Association. I started teaching Agriculture in 1983 in Worth County, GA. My experience will benefit me in serving you on the ALSA Board of Directors. I don’t have a personal agenda besides the 4-H Motto “To Make the Best Better”. Thank you for your consideration. It would be an honor to serve you on the ALSA Board of Directors.

Harvey Pool



Kelly Squires – MidWest Region

Ollendick Farms – Tomah, WI

My name is Kelly Squires (Ollendick) and I have been involved in the Llama Industry since the early 90's with my parents John and Marcia Ollendick. We have been breeding and showing Llamas for going on 30 years. My husband Todd and I along with our two daughters Morgan and Macy own Squires Show Stock where we raise show lambs and llamas. We raise and show our llamas in conjunction with my parents at Ollendick Farms. Growing up raising and showing llamas with my parents and now continuing to raise and show llamas with my parents and my children has been a blessing. We love being a part of the Llama Industry and showing as a three generation family as well as welcoming the many new families that have joined our industry over the years. I love the idea of getting the youth of our llama community more involved in the industry. I feel it so important to help the youth jump the gap between raising and showing performance animals to breeding and showing their own breeding stock. The future of our industry is right in front of us at every show and many just need encouragement and mentoring to get them to be our next generation llama breeders. I believe it is so important for us as breeders to support our newest members of our industry by mentoring them through the process to help them be as successful as they can be. I love bringing in some of the best ideas from the huge livestock show industry we have in our country to our llama community. The livestock show industry has so much to offer us in the way of ideas to make our industry stronger. I know that we can continue to come together as a llama community and make our industry the best it's ever been and I am happy to help with that. I really enjoy contributing my thoughts and ideas to improve the show industry for all livestock and showmen but my first love has always been llamas and the people in the industry!

Kelly Squires

