

## **NECC 2006 Speaker Schedule**

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All speakers are industry qualified.

### **Saturday, October 14, 2006 – Marketing and Husbandry**

#### **10 am – 11 am – Barns and Fencing 101 –**

Presenter: Ryen Munro

If you are researching in raising alpacas and have questions on barns/fences this is the seminar for you. General Q&A on what works, what doesn't, what's affordable and what's a waste of time and your investment.

#### **11 am – noon – New Owner/Breeder Panel –**

Moderator: Angie Bertram. With Lana Nickerson and Jan Wanggaard

Learn from brand new to a few years from owners of alpacas. Discuss the positive and negatives of alpaca ownership and how these folks got started. Open forum Q&A with new breeders and interested future breeders.

#### **12 noon – 1 pm – Breeding for Success –**

Presenter: Cindy Lavan

Learn from an industry breeder with more than 13 years of breeding experience with alpacas. Learn what the judges are looking for in the show ring and what cottage industry is looking for from a fiber standpoint versus commercial production. Enhance the quality of your breeding program with effective and efficient breeding methods and selection.

#### **1 pm – 2 pm – NEAOBA – Learn more about how this organization can help you**

Presenter: Liz MacEachran, NEAOBA President

Learn about the New England Owners and Breeders Association. What are the benefits of being a member of this growing organization? Learn how they can help you market, promote and show your alpacas in the future.

#### **2 pm – 3 pm Selecting Quality Breeding Stock Alpacas**

Presenter: Tim Lavan, AOBA Halter, Fleece Performance Judge and Judge Trainer

Interested in breeding alpacas and raising but have not a clue on what to look for when purchasing your stock? Ask a judge who has been breeding Championship stock for over 13 years. Discuss the pros and cons of Huacaya and Suri traits. Learn what makes each alpaca a building block for the next generation in a successful breeding and show program and in turn, market.

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### **Sunday, October 16, 2006 – Fiber Day at NECC**

#### **11am – noon – Your Fiber Options**

Presenter: Laura Busky

Now you have your fiber, what to do with it? Learn about the options available to you and how you can turn your fiber into product. From having your fiber processed into yarn or product, learn what to ask and what to look for. Quality assurance is key in developing a good product.

#### **noon – 1pm – Non Breeding Alpacas – Geldings – The Fiber Greats**

Presenter: Nancy Durst

"Why Non Breeders? This lecture will focus on the affordability for those that are considering starting their own alpaca farm, as well as sharing experiences of what these wide eyed soulful creatures have to offer other than breeding stock. From herd companions, guards and fiber sources, the uses of the alpaca on many levels to benefit an agricultural production will be discussed.

#### **1pm – 2 pm – Fiber Spinning Clinic –**

Presenter: Laura Busky, Alane Baker

Bring your wheel bring your fiber. An hour spinning clinic for anyone who wants to work with fiber, learn more about spinning by hand and wheel.

#### **2 pm – 3 pm – General Fleece Oral Reasons for NECC**

Presenter: Lisa Shimeld, AOBA Fleece Judge

After judging is complete, learn from the judge herself what she was looking for versus what you showed her. Possible Q&A on general fleece questions time pending.