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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Region 1

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana



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After my career in fund-raising for non-profit arts organizations, including public television, art museum and symphony, my husband Richard and I fulfilled our dream of retiring to a small town at the Southern Oregon coast. Richard left a long career in outside sales and sales management. Too young to retire completely, we purchased a retail business which I enjoyed tremendously. Richard, on the other hand, discovered alpacas and after almost 10 years of living at the coast, we moved to the Medford area to rural property in 2002, added 29 alpacas to the initial six (18 of the 29 new alpacas were pregnant females!) and became active alpaca breeders. Richard is in charge of the animals' care while I have assumed primary responsibility for overseeing business operations.

From the beginning, we knew it was important to make use of the animals' fleeces by having it processed into yarn and products. Next to welcoming new crias and training them, the fiber aspect is my favorite part of the alpaca business!

Region 2

California, Nevada, Arizona

Diane Hoschler

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Info coming soon!

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Region 3

Wyoming, Utah, Colorado

**Currently looking for a Board Member in this region.

Email info@naafp.us if interested!!

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Region 4

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin,
Iowa, Nebraska



Bobbi Runge

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Hi, my name is Barbara "Bobbi" Runge, also known as Grandma Pacas. David (my better half) and I have been raising alpacas for about 4 years now, I guess.

I went to a Coarse Broads seminar soon after we got our alpacas. I was very impressed and decided to go with it. After attending the class in Sandpoint and one in New Hampshire, I still have a ways to go. Although I have sorted enough Suris and Huacayas to reach my qualifications, there was a little step I sort of overlooked that has to do with completing sort records with samples. Whoops. Hopefully I can get that accomplished in the very near future and then complete my test. I find it very challenging with all of the other stuff that goes along with raising alpacas. Like when your fence gets washed out and you look out the window to see your alpacas going on a field trip. Plus, I am a nurse and I work full time 3rd shift. I don't think one ever adjusts to reversing days and nights. I am usually walking around in zombie mode. It's not a good idea to sort fiber in zombie mode. Anyway, we are all busy. I guess they call that life.

I love my alpacas and I really enjoy being able to sort my fiber and that of surrounding farmers. I am hoping that someday in the fairly near future I am able to cut back hours from my nursing job and spend more time sorting and taking care of my animals. I have found serving on the BOD to be most interesting and have met some really wonderful people.

Region 5

Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi

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When my parents and I began researching alpacas, I was tasked with finding a fiber based business model that was profitable. That research became the foundation of our business.

We began our business in 2006 with a bred huacaya female and agisted her and her offspring until our ranch was ready for animals. We now have a breeding program including both suri and huacaya, concentrating on black alpacas, as well as fiber boys of both genotypes. Our herd has grown to over 100 alpacas over the last 4 years. We opened our ranch store in the fall of 2010 that includes a fiber workshop. We value add NAAFP yarn as well as create felted outerwear on our 66" FeltLoom.

To promote the commercial fiber industry, I have been involved with the Alpaca Fiber Symposium, the Alpaca Alliance, the NAAFP fiber cooperative and I am currently going through my apprenticeship as a Certified Sorter™.

I look forward to working with the leadership of NAAFP and welcome any feedback from the membership. There are exciting changes in the future of the North American Alpaca industry and believe that NAAFP can play a significant role in shaping the success of the industry.

Region 6
Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana

Vivian Cadwallader

Term Expires 01.2014

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My husband, Curt and I own Zia Ranch Alpacas, located in beautiful Southern New Mexico.

We are members of AOBA, NAAFP, and the Small Alpaca Farmers of America (SAFA). I am an apprentice alpaca fiber sorter in the Certified Sorted system.

For most of our post college lives, my husband Curt and I have worked as civilian Program Managers and Test Engineers for the U.S. Air Force. We married in 1998 and first started researching alpacas the following year, but decided to watch the industry further develop. In 2006 we took the plunge, purchasing two pregnant huacaya females.

While Curt remained working full time for the Air Force, I pursued a second career as a Registered Nurse, hoping this change would provide the time needed at home to care for our growing number of alpacas. It did for a while, but as our herd increased, we decided my full time job would be caring for and managing the alpacas as well as the other animals on our ranch – horses, cattle, goats, sheep, chickens, turkeys, dogs, cats and even a pet pig.

Over the years, our alpaca herd has grown to thirty one and we are now ready to begin selling, but our focus has always been on using and selling the fiber. We had done this privately until I attended the Course Broads fiber sorting class in the summer of 2010. It profoundly affected our breeding program as well as how we have decided to use our fiber. We immediately joined NAAFP and are excited about the prospects of marketing and selling a new line of products to even more customers!

I am committed to developing a successful alpaca fiber industry in North America and feel I can help to do this as a member of the NAAFP Board of Directors.

Region 7

Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky

Jody Hezoucky

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Jody and her family started raising alpacas in Hudson, Ohio in 1997. In 2004 they moved to a 53 acre farm in Carrollton, Ohio. Lana Bella Alpaca Farm is home to over 50 alpacas, 2 dogs, and 2 cats.

Jody's husband Frank is a project manager at Hendrickson during the week, but has managed to transform Lana Bella alpaca Farm into a showplace for visitors. She has 2 sons Derek and Deven. Derek is 18, a senior and, Deven 15 a freshman at Carrollton High School. Jody graduated from Kent State University with a BA in Marketing and a BA in Transportation and Logistics. She worked as a transportation specialist for over 15 years before being able to stay home with the boys and the alpacas.

In 2008 Jody was researching possible outlets for their fiber and was recommended by a client to research Coarse Broads and the NAAFP. That led to inviting Robyn and Carrie to their farm to give the Fiber sorting for maximum profit seminar to more than 20 local breeders. That was the eye opening experience she needed. Jody traveled to Harrisville, NH in spring of 09 for the sorting certification class and was certified by Aug. 09.

Jody current manages the product distribution for NAAFP members and enjoys applying her transportation knowledge to help keep freight cost to a minimum. She recently joined the Certified Sorted System team as a Teacher/Mentor and looks forward to educating and helping all breeders interested in getting their fleeces to market.

Region 8

West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York,
Maryland, Vermont, Maine, New Jersey, Connecticut,
Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island



Pam Harwood

President

Term Expires 03.2014

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Pamela Harwood has been breeding alpacas in Cumberland, Maine since April 2004. Her goal is to maintain a herd of 5-6 breeding females and up to 10 fiber males. Pam came to alpacas by way of their fiber, having learned to knit while undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer in 2003. A year later, a clean bill of health and an Open Farm visit lead to alpaca ownership. Pam's goal from the beginning has been to produce yarn that is as pleasurable to knit with as it is to wear. Mini-mill spun yarns that had been dehaired were lovely, but as her herd grew, the cost became problematic, so she joined forces with 2 other breeders to form Fiber Pieces, LLC. The call went out to breeders across the country to send their blankets to be processed into colorful knitting or rug yarns. Bags of fiber were sorted by feel: too short, strong, or hairy went to rug yarn and longer, softer fiber went to knitting yarn. Both were spun at commercial mills, bringing down production costs considerably. The yarns sold well, but the lack of commercial dehairing was noticeable.

Pam "saw the light" in January 2008 when she attended the 4-day fiber sorting certification class offered by the Coarse Broads. Properly sorting fiber by color, length and fineness was the missing piece of the puzzle of how to make luxurious alpaca yarns on a commercial scale. And it wasn't just yarn! Long-wearing socks and duvets made with stronger fiber and sending the strongest fiber to Texas convinced Pam that the North American Alpaca Fiber Producers Coop was on the right track. She is half-way to her goal of becoming a Certified Fiber Sorter, and looks forward to working with other fiber producers to build a strong and sustainable alpaca fiber industry in North America.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Region 9

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,
Alabama

Carolyn Hitchcock

Term Expires 03.2013

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My work experience is in primarily entrepreneurial situations. I've published a special-interest (business) newspaper where I learned something about selling, art production and public relations, been a manufacturers' representative (mostly books and gifts) where I gained perspective on retail operations.

I'm currently involved full time with our alpaca business with my husband, who is part-time. I enjoy everything from managing our web sites to advertising production to pedigree research to health procedures to performing fecal floats.

I have always kept detailed records of our fiber production; the efficient harvesting and processing of our fleeces is a high priority as we transition from a primarily breeding operation to primarily fiber production. I believe the certified sorter who worked through our backlog of fiber can confirm my recordkeeping. Just as a note, I plan to attend the sorting class in July and proceed through the certification process.

My hope is to be able to help with public relations, marketing and membership growth.