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## 'Paca Parade

January 2012

## Membership Join or Renew

**IT'S A MAP YEAR!**  
All Farm Members  
will get a Map to their  
farm/ranch in the  
membership  
directory.

[Click here](#) to Renew or  
Join online

or

[Click here](#) to download  
the forms and mail your  
renewal. Be a part of one  
of the best affiliates!

You can also fill out the  
form at the next quarterly  
meeting and pay there.

Mailed forms must go to  
ABR  
P.O.Box 1965  
Estes Park, CO 80517

Any questions contact  
[Ron Hinds](#), membership  
chair

Thank you



## Presidents Message

Hi All,

Welcome to 2012!!!! ABR has a lot of great things planned for this year and we know you will want to be involved. The first thing on our agenda is to make available to the membership a video series produced by Kansas State and the Mid America Alpaca Foundation. The videos are very informative and cover everything from alpaca handling, to giving shots, birthing and more! Stay tuned!

As we start 2012, many of you will be participating in the National Western Stock Show. It is such a great venue and great exposure for your alpaca business. Over 500,000 people visit the Stock Show each year! This is your opportunity to expose the public to these great animals. If you're not signed up to show, stop by the first weekend to support your fellow breeders.

The Great Western Alpaca Show will be upon us again before we know it. I hope we can make GWAS the largest

ABR Membership  
Committee

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Alpaca Breeders of the  
Rockies

**Annual Membership  
Meeting**

February 4, 2012  
(Saturday)

Embassy Suites  
4444 Havana Street  
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

**General Meeting**  
**9:30am Start**

**Welcome**

***Denise Haines***

**Introduction of New  
Members/Guests**

***Ron Hinds***

**Member forum for  
bulletins**

*Events not sales - please  
submit your events to Denise  
Haines before the meeting.*

**The program is being  
finalized... Watch your  
email for an update.**

## **The Calendar**

on the ABR website  
has been updated  
with many of the

show in the country this year. Remember, if you volunteer, you will be listed in the 2013 directory. Yep, that is free advertising for those who volunteer their time to help the organization be successful. Make sure your name is listed. Our organization does not grow and thrive if we don't have volunteers.

Remember to **SAVE THE DATE** of February 4th for our next membership meeting. Details for the meeting will be coming out the first week of January.

I hope 2012 is a better year for everyone and that the economy starts to look upward. People still want to own alpacas. I have not seen that desire fade, only their ability to access the funds needed to make it happen. So don't give up!

Your board of directors will be having a retreat in early March. We will be discussing things to help our members grow their businesses and other ways to help you be successful. If you have an idea you would like us to put on the agenda, please present it to me in written form by March 1, 2012. We encourage your ideas and suggestions!

Here is to a great 2012!

Denise Haines  
President, ABR

## **There is a plan in the works....**

Everybody knows that ABR operates on the backs of its volunteers. ABR has always needed enthusiastic volunteers, but in recent years, ABR has had somewhat of a struggle filling volunteer positions, from the smallest to the highest positions. Remember the old phrase that 90% of the work is done by 10% of the members. Lately one would think that the ratio is closer to 95% - 5%!

In the hopes to remedy this situation, the question was brought up that asks 'what can ABR offer to the membership that would encourage members to get more involved?' ABR has offered money in the form of volunteer gifts and gift

alpaca related events in 2012. Just click on '**Show All Events**' at the top of the page to see them all. To get your event on there.. Send it to the Calendar Chairperson !

certificates in recent years to encourage participation, with little improvement to the ratio.

Next to money all alpaca owners can always use one thing (especially these days).. and that is 'marketing'. Although marketing advertisement has no real monetary value it is a benefit to everyone that own and raise alpacas. And ABR has, through the use of it's publications and website, the means to produce some type of incentive to encourage more volunteers.

So beginning this year -- ABR will implement a section within the 2012 membership directory to list the ABR volunteers for the past year. It will be a special highlight to all who worked hard, came to the meetings and put up with the complaining to just get the job done in 2011.

To prevent this from becoming a popularity contest, the list will be made up of the volunteer lists (and their duties) that are published in the showbooks and on the website as volunteers to shows, special events, committee members and chairs.

If you'd like to be recognized, get a kick in the pants for your business, then step up and be counted! What is your speciality? Join a committee, help out, get involved, do a little work in the operation of ABR.

ABR needs some of those enthusiastic volunteers we once had to again raise to the occasion.

Volunteers that signup before Feb 15th (2012) will be listed in the front of the 2012 membership directory with BOD and other committee chairs/members.

Like to volunteer? Want to know where? From the table below, select where you'd like to help out and contact the BOD Liaison.

Committee	BOD Liaison	Need a Chair	Need Members
Breed Standards			
Fiber Arts	<a href="#">Barb Ziek</a>		
Communications			
Membership	<a href="#">Ron Hinds</a>	Yes	Yes
Website	<a href="#">Ron Hinds</a>	Yes	Yes
Newsletter	<a href="#">Ron Hinds</a>	Yes	Yes
Online Calendar	<a href="#">Ron Hinds</a>	Yes	No

<b>Scholarship</b>			
<b>Student Design Competition</b>	<a href="#">Barb Ziek</a>	No	Yes
<b>Camelid Health</b>	<a href="#">Denise Haines</a>	No	Yes
<b>By Laws</b>	<a href="#">Becky Zierer</a>		
<b>Long Range Planning</b>			
<b>Shows and Events</b>			
Fall Festival	Brent Holt	Yes	Yes
GWAS	Brent Holt	Yes	Yes
<b>Marketing</b>		Yes	Yes
Fall Fest	<a href="#">Wayne Dorband</a>	Yes	Yes
GWAS	<a href="#">Wayne Dorband</a>	Yes	Yes
NWSS	<a href="#">Wayne Dorband</a>	Yes	Yes
State Fair	<a href="#">Wayne Dorband</a>	Yes	Yes
<b>Nominating</b>	<a href="#">Denise Haines</a>	Yes	Yes
<b>Treasurer</b>	<a href="#">Mary Madison</a>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<a href="#">Sue Olson</a>		

**Your Alpaca Organization NEEDS YOU !  
THIS Alpaca Organization NEEDS YOU !**

Ron Hinds  
 Communications Director  
[ron@elzorroc Colorado.com](mailto:ron@elzorroc Colorado.com)

## NEWS FROM COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

Hello folks:

**2012 Membership renewals** reminders have been emailed out. No membership forms will be mailed as in previous years. Join/renewal information will be handled entirely on the ABR website.

Since 2012 is an even numbered year, which means a Map Membership Directory will be created and printed. All members will be in the directory if they joined before January 15th, 2012.

All Farm Members will get a Map to their location. *Of course, you can opt out if you wish.*

New Farm Members:>>> Look up your address in [Google Maps](#), if it is correct.. You're fine, if not.. send [me](#) your location you would like in the directory.

Need the ABR Membership list for your alpaca related marketing? Farm members can email [The Membership Chair](#) and one will be sent to you.

**The Calendar** on the ABR website has been updated with many of the alpaca related events in 2012. Just click on '[Show All Events](#)' at the top of the page to see them all. To get your event on there.. Send it to the [Calendar Chairperson](#) !

Ron Hinds (Communications Director, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, Website Committee Chair, Online Calendar Contact & Membership Directory editor -*whew!*)

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## Upcoming ABR Shows

### National Western Stock Show 2012

The 4th annual Alpacas at the Stock Show is January 7 and 8, 2012. We have over 200 alpacas entered in the halter and performance show. We will have an Afternoon with the Llamas and Alpacas on Saturday, January 7, beginning at 2:00 PM with the halter show beginning after that. Sunday, January 8, we will begin the Performance Show shortly after 2:00 PM.

We want to thank our 2012 Alpacas at the Stock Show sponsors, [Pamela Ray](#), [Xanadu Ranch](#); [Sharon and Marc Milligan](#), [Red Granite Ranch](#); and [Michel and](#)

**Michelle Swango, Eye of the Needle Ranch**. We are very appreciative of our sponsors who help ABR offer our shows and marketing events! Even if you don't have alpacas in the show, we hope you'll attend and support the alpaca community!!

**10th Annual Great Western Alpaca Show May 6 - 8th**

The Great Western Alpaca Show is having a 10 year birthday party May 4, 5 & 6, 2012! Oh, yes, there will also be a halter, fleece, fiber arts, and performance show!! Early Bird Registration for a discount on stalls is now open, <http://www.alpacabreeders.org/gwas/index.html>. Register before January 30, 2012 so you don't miss out saving on stall fees!

Sponsorships are available and the information can be found on the Great Western Show website. If you have questions, please contact our Sponsor Coordinator, Billie Rogers, [billie@dutchvalleyranch.com](mailto:billie@dutchvalleyranch.com).

Any other questions about the show or the Birthday Party, please contact Becky Zierer, [lzbalpacas@aol.com](mailto:lzbalpacas@aol.com).

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**ABR Fiber Associate Proposal**

The Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies Board of Directors received a proposal for a new membership category: Fiber Associate. The Board approved this proposal but adding a new membership category requires an ABR By-laws change. Article IX, Section 1: Bylaw Amendment states that "bylaws may be amended or repealed"..."by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible Farm Members..." and "The Board of Directors shall mail or email the basis for a proposed by-law amendment at least thirty (30 Days prior to sending the official ballot." Watch for more information on this proposed new membership category in the coming months.



**ABR Education**

The Education Committee is very busy planning classes and Quarterly Meeting Educational Programs for ABR members and non-members through the end of 2013. We have already held several classes and here is a partial listing of classes either planned or in the planning stages:

**March, 2012**

3-4 - Marty McGee Bennett - 2 day seminar on Camelidynamics, Jefferson County Fairgrounds,

small arena

### **April, 2012**

Spring Neonatal Clinic - Dr. Kim Gardner-Graff at Arapahoe County Fairgrounds - Date to be determined

### **June, 2012**

Tentative - Two day seminar on EPDs by David Barboza and Brett Kayson.

If you have any ideas or specific needs for a seminar, please contact me via phone or email. We are always interested in knowing what types of classes and other learning experienced the ABR membership would like to see.

Regards,

Kathy Garrett, ABR, Director of Education

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joshkat@earthlink.net

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## **FIBER**

In February, ABR members will have the opportunity to vote for a Bylaws change which will create a Fiber Associate membership in ABR. The Fiber Associate Membership is for people who own a couple alpacas or perhaps a fiber farm, who are fiber artists who work with alpaca and maybe own a few. We feel fiber people who work with alpacas will bring new fiber knowledge, skills and excitement to ABR and ABR will offer owners of fiber alpacas the benefit of the alpaca knowledge of experienced alpaca owners - a win-win situation for breeding farms, fiber farms, fiber artists, alpaca owners who work with fiber and the alpacas themselves.



It's time for New Years Resolutions all ready! Make a fiber resolution this year to plan ahead to make progress on the fiber end of your alpaca business!

Vow to learn a fiber skill you don't know:

Learn to skirt a fleece, sort and grade, spin, knit, crochet, weave, felt - something you've never tried before

- To be inspired by the amazing things people do with felt, get a copy of 500 Felt Objects, edited by Nathalie Mornu, Lark Crafts, NY, NY 2011
- To find felting workshops and felting artists, go to [Feltmaker's List FAQ, members.peak.org/~spark/feltlistFAQ.html](http://members.peak.org/~spark/feltlistFAQ.html)

- Interweave, headquartered in Loveland, Colorado, [www.interweave.com](http://www.interweave.com) publishes a dozen magazines of interest to fiber fanatics and many how-to books that teach fiber crafts
- [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com) is a free website for knitters, crocheters, weavers, spinners and dyers which has forums, patterns, groups, help blogs, events, yarn info. Thousands of people worldwide belong to ravelry
- If you are interested in classes, pay attention to ABR's emails and website this year and check fellow ABR members. Many offer classes. Be sure to go to TACTile's website to see their offerings <http://www.tactilearts.org/index.html> (ABR is a TACTile member) TACTile is in Denver.
- Check your local yarn store. Here is a sample of yarn stores in our region that offer a large variety of fiber classes:
- Shuttles, Spindles and Skeins, [www.shuttlesspindlesandskeins.com/](http://www.shuttlesspindlesandskeins.com/) in Boulder
- Table Rock Llamas, [www.tablerockllamas.com/](http://www.tablerockllamas.com/) in the Black Forest near Colorado Springs
- Serendipity Yarns, <http://serendipityyarn.com/> in Buena Vista
- Fancy Tiger, <http://fancytiger.com/craftindex.html> in Denver
- Yarn Durango, <http://www.yarndurango.com/> in Durango
- Recycled Lamb, [www.recycledlamb.com/](http://www.recycledlamb.com/), Lakewood, CO
- My Sister Knits, <http://www.mysisterknits.com/> in Fort Collins
- Colorado Fiber Arts, <http://coloradofiberarts.com/>, Pueblo, CO
- The Fiber House, <http://www.thefiberhouse.com/>, Sheridan, Wyoming
- Three Wishes Fiber, <http://www.threewishesfiber.com/>, Riverton, Utah
- The Needle Point Joint, <http://needlepointjoint.com/> Ogden, Utah
- The Yarn Shop, <http://johndunnshops.com/TheYarnShop.html>, Taos, NM
- Village Wools, <http://www.villagewools.com/>, Albuquerque, NM

Be sure to google the Fiber Fiesta at GWAS (first weekend in May), Estes Park Wool Market (usually the third weekend in June) and the Estes Wool Market (first weekend in October). All offer an extensive list of fiber arts classes with locally and nationally known instructors.

Make it a point to join a fiber guild in your area. You will make fiber friends and, perhaps, customers. Guilds offer classes and many have fiber craft shows where you can sell your products.

- The following site offers a list of Colorado fiber arts guilds: <http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Colorado>
- Find Utah guilds: <http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Utah>
- New Mexico, your guilds can be located at <http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/New+Mexico>
- If you are from Wyoming, go to <http://fiberarts.org/directories/guilds/Wyoming>

Don't forget the co-ops and companies that are commercially making alpaca products and will use your fiber:

- AFCNA, The Alpaca Fiber Cooperative of North America: [www.afcna.com](http://www.afcna.com)  
(Cass Galloway of Big Hat Ranch is our contact)
- NAAPF if you belong to Robin Kuhl's organization: <http://www.naafp.us/>
- [www.neafp.com](http://www.neafp.com), the New England Fiber Pool

- The Alpaca Blanket Project with blankets made by Pendleton:  
[www.alpacablanketproject.com](http://www.alpacablanketproject.com)

Check out Farmer's markets now. Some of these agriculture sources include fiber and art resources. You may find a venue where you can sell your products in your area

- The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union has a list: <http://www.rmfu.org/co-op/project-list/>

Explore Colorado Local Sustainability: <http://www.localsustainability.net/>

Barbara Ziek  
Fiber Director  
719 495-6693

## ABR By-laws Review Committee

The ABR By-laws Review Committee has submitted their suggested updates to the ABR Board of Directors. The ABR BOD has reviewed the changes and the ballot to be sent out in January. Please read the information concerning the changes and cast your vote when you receive your ballot. Per ABR's current by-laws state:

### Article IX - Amendments

Section 1: Bylaw Amendment. These bylaws may be amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible Farm Members who may vote either by proxy or in person. Provision is hereby made for mail balloting on any bylaw amendment proposed by the Board of Directors and submitted to the eligible Farm Members.

The information on the changes is listed below:

### By Laws - Proposed Revisions

#### 1. Article III, Section 1 to be changed.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: Definitions.

1.6 "Quarterly Meetings" means those meetings of the Membership held during the 4 (four) consecutive three-month periods of the fiscal year of the Association. The fourth Quarterly Meeting held **on the first Sunday** in November shall also be the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

*Reason for Change: To take the designation "on the first Sunday" out since we now hold the ABR sponsored Fall Festival Show on the first week-end of November. This change removes the requirement to have the Annual Meeting on the first Sunday in November and designates that the Annual Meeting shall be any time in November.*

#### 1. Article III, Section 3 to be changed.

### Article III - Membership

Section 3: Non-Voting Members. An Associate, **Business or Fiber Associate** membership in the Association shall be granted upon application to the Association and the payment of membership dues in an amount to be set by the Board of Directors. The payment of dues shall entitle an Associate, **Business or Fiber Associate** Member to attend Association meetings and functions; receive Association newsletters and correspondence; advertise products, but not breedings or animals, in the Association newsletter at Associate/Business Member/**Fiber Associate** rates; a listing in the Association Membership directory in the respective category; and serve as a volunteer at Association-sponsored events. Associate, **Business or Fiber Associate** Members shall not be eligible to vote on any issues before the Association, including the approval of budgets and assessments, nor shall an Associate, **Business or Fiber Associate Member** be eligible for election to the Board of Directors of the Association or appointment to the chair of any committee. **Fiber Associate Members would also be eligible to place their alpaca products in the ABR Alpaca Product Booth.**

*Reason for change: The ABR Board of Directors approved a new Non-Voting Member - Fiber Associate. To further the knowledge of Alpaca fiber and its uses, it is necessary to embrace those fiber artists/crafts people to make a place for them in the Association.*

#### 1. **Article III, Section 6 to be changed.**

### Article III - Memberships

Section 6: Prorated Membership Dues. Membership dues for new Farm, Associate, **Business or Fiber Associate** members shall be prorated **on a monthly basis** for the balance of that fiscal year at the time of their application for the first year of membership dues. Membership shall be effective on the first day of the month following application. Membership dues shall then be billed annually on **or before** January 1.

*Reason for change: To add the Fiber Associate membership to this Section and to take out "on a monthly basis" since this defines the proration process to a monthly basis and gives no leeway for the later months of the year. ABR currently mails out renewal information in November of each year for the following year so added the phrase "or before" to match what currently is being done.*

#### 1. **Article V, Section 3 to be changed**

### Article V - Board of Directors

Section 3: Term of the Directors. **Vice-President elected in 2008 will carry one year term for 2009.**

The term of any director whose absence from two (2) **consecutive** meetings of the Board of Directors is unexcused shall terminate automatically. An excused absence must be accepted and approved by the President and duly noted in the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors.

*Reason for change:*

*To delete the noted paragraph since the years referred to have past. To take out the word "consecutive" since it has been found that a director could miss every other meeting under this rule and still serve on the BOD and that is not to the*

*advantage of the Association and its members.*

Beck Zierer  
ABR Vice-President  
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## **Advertising in the PacaParade:**

'Paca Parade advertising opportunities consists of classified ads for services including stud services, and alpaca-related products. Please no classified ads for male, female, cria or gelding sales.

Ads in color .jpg format may be e-mailed (under 10mb) or mailed using CD - Mac or Windows. Photo ads should be optimized for web viewing (72 dpi) to reduce size of the newsletter when e-mailed. Payment is made by check payable to ABR or via PayPal.com. Direct your PayPal payment to the email address: [newmember@alpacobreeders.org](mailto:newmember@alpacobreeders.org) Please send your contact information with your ad.

Your feedback is important, so please contact the '[Paca Parade advertising specialist](#)' to voice your thoughts on offering advertising in this newsletter.

Thank you,

Costs, ad sizes and deadlines:

Classified ad	- \$2.00	(up to 30 words)	\$0.05/word over 30
Business card ad	- \$5.00	(full year \$17.50)	3 1/2" x 2" horiz or vert
Quarter page ad	- \$10.00	(full year \$35.00)	3 3/4" x 5 " horiz or vert.
Half page ad	- \$25.00	(full year \$90.00)	8" x 5" horiz only

All ads must be .jpg format. Add an additional \$10 if you provide hardcopy and the 'Paca Parade staff scans your originals. Discuss your advertising requirements today!

Newsletter is mailed out: 1/1, 4/1, 7/1 & 10/1. Ads must be submitted 2 weeks before dates above.

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**Sincerely,**

Ron Hinds

'Paca Parade Editor



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