

# 2025 GALA Conference Tentative Schedule

(subject to change)

## Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

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| 1:00-7:00: | Check in for Vendors and Farm Displays |
| 3:00-7:00: | Registration                           |
| 5:30-7:00: | Board of Directors Meeting             |
| 5:00-9:00  | Dinner on Your Own                     |
| 7:30-8:30  | Ice-Breaker with Cash Bar Appetizers   |
| 8:30 - ?   | Corn Hole                              |

## Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Please visit the Fiber Arts Room to add your special touch of creativity to this year's felted project, the Abbey Road rug/wall hanging, to be auctioned off on Saturday evening.

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| 7:00-10:00: | Breakfast on Your Own(included in your room cost)                                    |
| 7:45-9:00   | Welcome & Keynote: Dr. Andy Niehaus, DVM<br>"Exotic Insights from a Farm Animal Vet" |

9:00-10:15:

**SESSION ONE**

**FAR: Fiber Arts Room**

Making a Small Felted Pouch

Laura Harrawood

**FAR**

Spinning on a Drop Spindle:

Mary Casey **FAR**

When the Vet Can't Get There

Dr. Char Arendas,  
DVM

Beginning Performance Training

Tami Lash (classroom)

Camelid Chiropractic

Dr. Lisa Fox, DVM

**10:15-10:30: Morning Break & Shopping**

**10:30–11:45**

**SESSION TWO**

Making a Small Felted Pouch (con't)

Laura Harrawood **FAR**

Drop Spindle, Part 2

Mary Casey

“Colic to Cuts: Critical Care in Camelids”: Dr.Niehaus

Trailer Safety, Part One: Ohio State Patrol (**Instructor TBD**)

Performance Training, Part 2:

Tami Lash (tent)

**12:00-1:15:**

**Lunch and Shopping**

**1:15-2:30:**

**Session Three**

Performance Scoring, A Brief Guide: Tami Lash (tent)

Blending & Spinning Plain Brown Llama Fiber: Paula Janu

**FAR**

Trailer Safety, Part Two: Ohio State Patrol (outside)

Making Your Farm Fiscally Feasible: "When & How to

To Scale Up Your Agritourism": Andrea Parent

Needle Felting (make'n take) Charlotte Sankey **FAR**

**2:30-2:45: Break and Shopping**

**2:45-4:00 SESSION FOUR**

Spinning with Beads: (**must** know how to spin!)

Laura Harrawood **FAR**

Standing Strong: Camelid & Orthopedic Conditions:

Dr. Andy Niehaus, DVM

De-sensitizing Your Camelids: "Ears, Mouth,

Tails & Toes" Jeff Kuklenski (tent)

Ice-Dyeing Your Yarn Deb Gaskill **FAR**

**4:00-4:15 Afternoon Break**

**4:15-5:30**

**SESSION FIVE**

Continuous Strand Weaving: Barb Baker

(supplies provided) (make and take) (FAR)

What's New from Peru?; Advances in

Alpaca Nutrition: Dr. Robert Van Saun

Tips for the Trail: Niki Kuklenski

Needle Felting: Charlotte Sankey

(make and take) FAR

A Method to Measure Microns of Alpaca Fiber:

Kendall Wild

**5:45-7:30:**

**Dinner Buffet**

**7:30-8:30**

**Elvis Enters the Building**

## Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00-11:00

Breakfast on Your Own

8:00-9:15

Keynote Address: Kendall Wild

“Training My Blind/Deaf Alpaca for Obstacle  
Classes”

9:30-10:45

### SESSION ONE

#### **FAR: Fiber Arts Room**

How to Organize a Fiber Sort: for the Llama Fiber

Cooperative North America Kathy Gwynn **FAR**

Make Your Barn “Smart”: Ben Rook

From a Judge’s Perspective Tami Lash

Nutritional Effects on Camelid Fiber

Production and Quality Dr. Robert Van Saun

Chiropractic Manipulation for Camelids!

Lisa Fox, DVM

10:45-11:00

**Morning Break and Shopping**

11:00-12:15

## **SESSION TWO**

Rug Hooking: Laura DiDonato **FAR**

Determining When and How

to Scale Up Your Agritourism Andrea Parent

Barn Efficiency & Convenience Ben Rook

First Aid: On the Go & at the Show Dr.Char Arenda

**12:15:**

**Parade Participants first for Lunch**

**12:30-1:30**

**Lunch**

1:30-2:00

Llama Parade

2:00-3:00

Public Meet and Greet: Kids' table, Lead a Llama

Spinning Demo (drop and wheel)?

Obstacle Class Judging Tami Lash

**2:15-3:30**

## **SESSION THREE**

Forage: Key to Feeding Camelids Dr. Van Saun

How to Organize a Fiber Sort for the Llama Fiber

Cooperative of North America Kathy Gwyn **FAR**

Iridology: Window to a Camelid's Soul Dr. Lisa Fox

**3:30-3:45**

**Afternoon Break**

**3:45-5:00**

**SESSION FOUR**

Nutritional Effects on Camelid Fiber And Quality

Dr. Van Saun

Baubles, Beads, Flowers to Embellish Your Felt Pouch

Laura Harrawood **FAR**

Camelids and Therapy

Niki Kuklenski

Developing a Method to Measure

Fiber Microns

Kendall Wild

Help From the Round Pen

Jeff Kuklenski

## Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00-11:00: Breakfast on Your Own

7:30-7:50 Yard Sale Items to Organizer (TBD))

**7:45-9:00: Session One**

Batik Demonstration: Cindy Millard **FAR**

Fiber Analysis: Bring a Bag of Niki Kuklenski

Fleece and Have a Fleece Judge Explain Why “There’s

Fleece for Every Use and a Use for Every Fleece

10:30-10:45: Yard Sale (TBD) Tent

10:45-12:00 Brunch and Farewells Dining room