

Event Agenda - Saturday April 23, 2022

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9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks by Ted Pickering & Alison Kelly
9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<p>Alpacas Worldwide - European Perspective - Robin Näsemann, Germany</p> <p>Robin comments on the world of alpaca from a global perspective. The alpaca industry is changing like never before. Hear first-hand how the global alpaca community is responding. An inspiring way to start the day-long event!</p> <p>Moderated Q&A to follow</p>
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	<p>In the Show Ring - Robin Näsemann, Germany</p> <p>Show Judging includes years of training and certification. Join Robin as he outlines his approach to show-judging alpaca from around the world. Everything you need to know to ready an alpaca for the show-ring!</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>Fibre & Fleece - Robin Näsemann, Germany</p> <p>A look at the adjudication process when judging fibre & fleece. Learn to benchmark your fleece against others in this rare opportunity to be up-front and personal with an international fibre judge.</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>Selling Fleece to Ontario - The Business of Farming - Karen Fischer, OMAFRA - Canada</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
12:00 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Geronimo! - The Most Famous Alpaca in the World! - Miss Helen Macdonald - UK

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	<p>For all the wrong reasons - Geronimo is a headline-hitting story that needs to be shared. Hear from Geronimo's owner about the alpaca unnecessarily put to death by the UK government. A story of caution for all alpaca owners!</p> <p>Moderated Q&A to follow</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p>Sanctioned Shows and the Role of Alpaca Canada - Paityn Eidt, President, Alpaca Canada - Canada</p> <p>What is the status of in-person sanctioned shows in Canada and what role does Alpaca Canada play in those shows? Hear from Paityn Eidt, President of Alpaca Canada, as she outlines the value of membership in this national organization.</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	Afternoon Break
2:10 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	<p>All About Yarn - Nancy Carr - Canada</p> <p>An exploration into the complexities of alpaca yarn including what yarn weights are suitable for what grade of fleece, explaining terms such as ply, yarn weights/grist, yarn labels, communicating with a fibre mill, and how to market yarn.</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
2:50 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	<p>Keeping our Crias Healthy and Strong - Dr. Sherry Smith - Canada</p> <p>Join Dr. Sherry Smith as she discusses on Alpaca gestation and all things Cria health.</p> <p>Q&A to follow</p>
3:40 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Alpaca 101 - An Introduction to Alpacas & Alpaca Farming - Heather Candler, Oak Hills Alpacas - Canada</p> <p>Considering raising alpacas and want to know more? Join Heather Candler, a 13-year alpaca farmer who has helped more than 25 farm families launch their alpaca farms to learn more about why we raise alpacas, basic care, shelter, nutrition, breeding, and how the business of alpaca farming works.</p> <p>Q&A to follow.</p>



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<p>4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Keynote Introduction by Ted Pickering & Alison Kelly</p> <p>COVID-19 & Alpaca - Ben Murrell, Assistant Professor - Sweden An alpaca's bloodstream may seem like an unlikely place to search for COVID-19 treatment, but Swedish researchers say their unusual approach has uncovered a minuscule antibody with the ability to block coronavirus from entering human cells. Join Dr Murrell the Author of the research paper in this informative session.</p> <p>Moderated Q&A to follow</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing Remarks by Ted Pickering & Alison Kelly</p>
<p>5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Alpaca After-Hours Virtual Cocktail Reception</p>
<p>6:15 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Expo Closing Remarks by Ted Pickering & Alison Kelly</p>
<p>6:20 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Entertainment & Virtual Networking</p>