



HIDDEN GEM NEWS

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Interesting items

We expect to end the BIG sale at the end of the month. If you have been thinking about or are interested in purchasing some quality animals at or near half price, be sure to contact us.

The results of our January survey regarding this newsletter was omitted from the last newsletter. We did not receive any comments or suggestions. So we are continuing with the current format. Feel free to send us requests or comments for improvements and/or topics that you would like covered.

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Southern Select show results

The Southern Select show was held on March 6-7. This show is the largest held in the southeast and there were almost 400 alpacas participating. We took Juliet, Serafina, & Eclipse. All 3 won ribbons with Juliet getting 6th place, Serafina 2nd, and Eclipse 2nd. We were quite pleased with the results. In addition, 2 other of our farm born (Vinnie and Ember) and 1 "previously owned" (Blizzard) boys won ribbons. Vinnie got 6th, Ember took 2nd, and Blizzard got 5th in the spin off. Hidden Gem Ranch is starting to become known in the alpaca business and we are proud to know that we are producing award winning animals in such a short time.



Spring Cria Time!

It is the time of year when spring comes alive and most of us are on cria watch. Our first cria due this year will be a Romeo baby due on March 25th. The mother is Rodie (featured last month) and we can't wait to see what these 2 will make. With cria time here, it is important to make sure that your cria kit (see March 2009 newsletter) is well stocked and ready for action. Additional crias scheduled for this year are Vanity-due on 4/30, Bella -due on 5/1, Patty-due on 8/8, Halle-due on 9/3, and Amber-due on 9/5. All of these girls were bred to either Navigator or Forest who are from Ohio and we had use of last year. Both of these boys are award winners and grey (one huacaya/one suri), so we are looking forward to see how they paired up with our girls.

Happening at the Ranch

Spring is here! We just love it when the cold is gone and the crias start to arrive! Time seems to have flown by and we just finished our first show of

Upcoming activities

Shearing at the ranch – March 26

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Our first 2010 cria

Shearing season

the year at the Southern Select. We are starting to feel like veterans at going to the shows. We remember last year that we didn't even know how to put our numbers on! Anyway, with spring time, some extra chores need to be done around the ranch. We need to oversee the pastures, clean out the shelters, repair fencing and gates, and work on setting up some shade/shelter for the summer heat. We also need to start getting ready for the annual shearing which is going to be March 26. Last month, we obtained a new suri, Conquistadors Crown Cristo, a true black male. He will be starting his breeding career this year. See him below.

Featured alpaca(s)

We have 2 alpacas to feature this month. The first is Trinity. Anyone that comes to the ranch knows her as she is the greeter and the easiest to handle. She is just about old enough to start her breeding career and we are looking for a proper herdsire for her. If you are interested in her let us know as once she is bred, her price will go up.



[Hidden Gem Trinity ARI#31344272](#)

The next featured alpaca is our new male, Conquistadors Crown Cristo. Cristo is a beautiful true black suri with great locks and luster. We're looking forward to adding his awesome color to our suri herd. He's turning two in May and our girls are lined up at the gate

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