

# 2007 Canadian Natural Fibre Fair & Alpaca Showcase

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The third weekend in October in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan is an alpaca hot spot. This town on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border plays host to the top breeders and the best quality alpacas in Western Canada. Over 165 alpacas from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba competed for ribbons, prize money and trophies. In addition, the fleece show had more than double last year's participants and with entries coming from as far away as Quebec and Vancouver Island. The Lloydminster Alpaca Showcase is organized by an energetic, business-oriented group of women dedicated to the success of the industry. Their enthusiasm is supported by many more volunteers who put in countless hours to ensure the show is a success. It was clear they melded as a team once more and created a very successful show again this year.

This year's judge was Sharon Loner from Colorado. She put in long hours to



get the 116 fleece entries assessed before heading into the show ring to find the 'Best of the Best.' Her remarks were very complimentary regarding the fleeces and the alpacas she had seen on her first judging trip to Canada. She commented several times that she was very impressed with the consistent fineness of the alpacas being shown and, in particular, the fineness of the mature alpacas.

There was the usual fun and frivolity to accompany the show. Friday night's wine and cheese social was casual and relaxed. The banquet on Saturday evening was action packed and well supported was the Bling Balloon Game and the silent auction. Cathy Newby and Jill MacLeod, Directors on the Board of the Canadian Fibre Co-op, gave an informative and very upbeat presentation regarding plans for some exciting new possibilities for the Co-op. They also presented the fabulous young male, donated by Amber Autumn Alpacas, that was auctioned at the Odyssey Sale in Edmonton in early November.

Sunday's agenda included the awarding of prizes for the fleece show and the conclusion of the halter show. Frieda Clark was on hand to present the Allen Clark Memorial Get of Sire Trophy to Ev and Rick Derksen for their HLFA Super Sam entry.

Each year, the Alpaca Showcase gets bigger and better. The competition continues to amaze us as the Showcase becomes the autumn 'must attend' event. The organizers and volunteers are grateful for the continued support of breeders across the country and the generous sponsors, without whom the event would not be possible.

The question now is, "How are they going to top this?"



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# ALPACA SHOWCASE '07

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Judge: Sharon Loner - U.S.A.

Supreme Female	Supreme Male	Supreme Fleece
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<b>Birchleaf Cassie</b> <b>BIRCHLEAF ALPACAS</b>	<b>HVPA Accoyo Accoyo Antonio</b> <b>HERITAGE VALLEY PERUVIAN ALPACAS</b>	<b>High Plains Hurricane</b> <b>HIGH PLAINS ALPACAS</b>