

## 2009 Spring Celebration Llama Sale – Highlights and Awards

This year the high selling female (\$16,000) was lot # 69, M.R.S. SWEET MELODY, a suri female with an FFF Tapa de Seda suri female cria, “Stapa the Music”, by side. She is bred to Silver Moon Chiri Alluro. Melody was consigned by Dan & Marilyn Milton of Highland Llamas and purchased by Wil & Sherri Tallmon of Hidden Oaks Llama Ranch.

The second high selling female (\$11,000) was lot # 24, DULCE’S SOPHIA, a maiden suri female. Sophia was consigned by Jerry & Carolyn Ayers of Walnut Ridge Llamas and purchased by Dan & Marilyn Milton of Highland Llamas.

Male prices were very soft irrespective of the quality of the males. The high selling male (\$3,700) was lot # 34, “Champagner”, sold by Kay Patterson and purchased by Robin & Courtnee Benson and Shawn Norman.

The “top 20” llamas sold averaged \$7,115. The “top 50” llamas sold averaged \$5,120. The overall sale average for the 188 lots sold was \$3,214.

Two lots were scratched. Three lots were “no sale” (two sold on the way home). There were 12 buy backs (one sold on the way home). At the end of the sale, those that had lots that were “no sale” or the reserve price was not met, were invited to take those llamas into the show arena for hands-on for anyone still interested to look at the llamas and negotiate a price with the sellers. This proved to be successful as several llamas were sold after the sale.

The “People’s Choice Awards” went to the following lots:

- Lot 9 – East Fork Black Beauty (owned by Heather Bamford & Neil Josselyn)
- Lot 16 – GNLC Cornerstone (owned by Steve & Sue Roling)
- Lot 33 – M.R.S. Heavenly Rose (owned by Dan & Marilyn Milton)
- Lot 53 – HOLR Angels’ Surina (owned by Wil & Sherri Tallmon)
- Lot 55 – Pallar (owned by Randy & Dianne Sanders)
- Lot 68 – WRLF Cookies N Crème (owned by Jerry & Carolyn Ayers)

The buyers of a people’s choice llama were awarded a ribbon and dinner for two (each also had a one-in-six chance of winning \$500). The drawing was held at the end of the sale and the lucky winners of the \$500 were Tom & Barb Parsons. The People’s Choice Awards were a hit--many thanks to Bob & Monte Houseman for sponsoring the People’s Choice Awards.

The “Craig Wilkins Memorial Sportsmanship Award” created in memory of a great showman, who was always willing to lend a helping hand, this year went to Fred Rowley, an unsung hero who is always lending a helping hand.

The “Linda Pierce Memorial Award” presented to someone who loves llamas, loves showing llamas and has a positive attitude, this year went to Bob & Monte Houseman, definitely those who have the enthusiasm, style and class that Linda demonstrated throughout her life.

This year’s small breeder award, the one who accumulated the highest number of points for placing in the World Futurity ended in a tie. The winners were Mark & Celia Taylor of Meadow Dance Farm in Ellijay, Georgia and Rex & Dalene Reinecker of Wheatfield Llamas in Quinter, Kansas.

All Celebration Sale purchasers were given the stuffed baby llama, “Starburst”, from the 2009 HBO movie An American Girl -- Chrissa Stands Strong. All buyers were eligible to win the Martin Eichinger bronze “Winter Birth” (valued at \$2,900). John & Deb McDougall were the lucky winners for purchasing lot # 43.