

Who is open for Christmas shopping, the next MAA meeting, lower membership rates, and more...

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## ***Christmas is coming - shop your local alpaca farm for winter warmth!***

Many MAA member farms have alpaca fiber products available for sale at their farms and at local holiday events. Alpaca garments are the very best at keeping us warm, and they make very nice gifts. Be sure to shop local for the holidays by checking out the list of MAA members at [www.mainealpacaassociation.com](http://www.mainealpacaassociation.com) to find a farm store near you. Give the gift of alpaca, and keep an item or two for yourself!



### **Maine Alpaca Association 2017 membership**

Annual dues for MAA membership are \$50. New members are welcome at any time. Just complete the membership form on the MAA website and send your check for \$50 payable to Maine Alpaca Association to Pamela Drew, MAA Treasurer, PO Box 1139, Kennebunkport, ME 04046-1139. 2017 renewals of current

### **MAA at the Maine Agricultural Trade Show in January 2017**

MAA will once again have a booth at the Maine Ag Trade Show on January 10-12, 2017 held at the Augusta Civic Center. MAA members will be available to talk alpaca+to all interested parties, so stop by to find out about both alpacas and MAA.

memberships will also be accepted  
at this time - just send your check  
for \$50 to the address above.

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### **MAA Annual Meeting – Nominations needed for MAA Board**

The MAA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017, at the Great Wall Buffet, 1 Anthony Ave, Augusta at 11:30am. Cost for the buffet lunch is \$8 for members and \$13 for non-members. The speaker will be Philip Doucette, an accountant from Austin Associates in Auburn. Mr. Doucette will speak about taxes and alpaca farming.

The annual election of Board members will also be held at this meeting. There are seven Board positions, and the terms for four are expiring this year. Each Board position is for a two-year term. Nominations for members to serve on the Board are needed. If you would like to nominate someone, or self-nominate, please contact MAA at [mainealpacaassociation@gmail.com](mailto:mainealpacaassociation@gmail.com).

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### ***A survey for alpaca owners – we need your help!***

Alpaca School 2016 held in March 2016 was a resounding success. Plans are now underway for Alpaca School 2017, and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension has created a survey to help design another successful program. Here is a link to the new survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpaca1718>

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If you are an alpaca owner, or are thinking about becoming an alpaca owner, please complete the survey by December 31, 2016. Thank you so much for your input!



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