## Mary Jo Miller

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Mary Jo and her husband of 47 years met showing horses so it was a natural progression to llamas. They purchased their first two llamas in 1989 and have been involved in the llama community ever since. They reside on a small farm in Bardstown KY with a modest herd of 30 llamas and alpacas.

Mary Jo's has been judging for ILR-SD since its inception and for ALSA since 2000. Mary Jo is a certified llama judge in halter, performance, youth and fiber. She has enjoyed judging large and small shows throughout the U.S. and has been blessed with judging in Europe as well. She is also a certifier for the ILR Camelid Companion Certification program.

Mary Jo is past President and Vice President of the International Lama Registry, past Chair of the ILR-Show Division and past representative on the ILR-SD fleece committee. Mary Jo has participated as an instructor for several ILR-SD Fleece, Halter and Performance judging seminars/clinics. Mary Jo has served as the President as well as on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Llama Association and served on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Llama & Alpaca Association.

Mary Jo superintended the North American Llama and Alpaca Show in Louisville, KY for several years as well as co-chaired the ILR-SD Gathering of Friends and Champions. She also started and ran the Kentuckiana Llama Show for the Kentucky and Indiana Llama Associations. She and husband Larry have hosted fleece clinics at their farm and youth clinics at llama functions. The Millers enjoy sharing their llamas for exhibition or teaching seminars by taking them to Farm Days, College Education Days, State Fairs, schools in the Louisville, KY area and even a local Bass Pro Store.

Before retirement, Mary Jo worked in the insurance industry both in sales in the agency setting and in product marketing and development in a home office setting. Mary Jo and Larry are the proud parents of two daughters and 6 almost perfect grandchildren.

Mary Jo believes her judging abilities are broadened by also exhibiting her llamas in halter, performance and fleece classes. She is an avid spinner, knitter and felter.