



This is a pic of me as Show Super at the 2005 Monterey Pronk... vurry typical, talking all the time!

BIO: My previous careers were in the high tech industry and I had just been accepted to San Jose State in the Librarian Masters Program on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2001, when my 79 year old mum broke her leg closing the main barn door. That was the day I started my career in the alpaca business. Jan Davis – Derwydd Alpacas had been in business for 7 years, raising Huacayas and having a great time. I helped at the shows! But when she broke her I made the decision to step in and help Derwydd stay in business. I am now 1/2 owner of Derwydd Alpacas. And I have not regretted the decision a single day. Today Derwydd Alpacas raises Huacaya and Suri alpacas. We own anywhere from 50-65 depending on sales and cria births.

In the past 7 years, I have helped start 2 local California shows (Monterey Pronk and the California Classic) - My mother and I were the motivators in launching the UC Davis Camelid Symposium, and still serve on its planning committee. I have worked as both a paid and volunteer Show Superintendent and as a result ended up serving the past 3 years on the AOBA Show System Rules committee, and will be stepping down from this committee next year. (I spent a brief 5 months as the chair of the committee).

Both Jan & I are committed to mentoring, advising, supporting, any alpaca breeder that wishes our support. We both look for ways we can expand the reach of our efforts. I am talented at identifying problems that need to be solved and creating innovative solutions to solve them. I am committed to seeing the Alpaca Industry and Derwydd's business be successful - I perceive that serving on the Calpaca board is a great step in making both those goals a success!