



## Hope Farm Bio



Lee and Sally Frank got married on January 1, 2006, a second marriage for both, it was a new year and a new start. Shortly afterwards, however, Sally became gravely ill from a gall bladder attack, pancreatitis and fell into a coma. Lee promised her a “pony” if she would just wake up. After 6 ½ weeks she did wake up and said “she was too big for a pony.” Lee, who has Multiple Sclerosis, and Sally decided life is short and it was better to seize the day rather than fade away. A search for a property on a hill with a nice view commenced. In 2009 Lee and Sally bought a bean field on a hill in scenic Bloomfield, NY in Upstate NY Wine Country conveniently located between Rochester and Canandaigua, the farm is high enough to see both Canandaigua and the Bristol Hills and is adjacent to Bloomfield, NY’s antique mile (NY Route 5 and 20.)

Sally did get her “pony”, Ruby, a warm blood ½ Clydesdale ½ Thoroughbred sport horse that was trained in dressage. To keep Ruby from “getting lonely” a search was made for companion animals. We selected alpacas because of their quality fiber as well as they’re being “so darn cute.”

This led to us having the alpacas fiber made into yarn. All of our alpacas are raised (and sometimes born) here on the farm. We do our own shearing and skirting of fiber. We use a NY alpaca fiber mini-mill in Prattsburgh, NY (Autumn Mist Alpacas and Fiber Mill) to the spinning of our yarn. So from growing of the pasture grass and hay, compost of poop, care of the animals, shearing, spinning, to sale of the yarn is all done in NY State.

Eventually, we added a pair of full draft Clydesdales, and have added chickens, geese, and Merino wool and meat sheep, and Dexter cattle for milking and beef to the farm. We are not an organic farm, but we try and be “as organic as possible.” Besides fiber, yarn, and compost, we sell eggs and are starting to sell lamb and beef.

We do not have a storefront per se, but Lee is at the farm most days. Friends and customers can call for an appointment or just stop by to check out our stock of fiber, yarn, or visit the animals. Wagon rides are available by appointment weekends when Sally is home. If you are interested in fiber, yarn, compost, eggs, or meat, please contact us and we will add you to our customer list so and we will let you know when new products are available.

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