



## A REAL, LOCAL HOLIDAY TRADITION RETURNS TO LANGLEY FARM: ALPACAS + ARTISANS AT KENSINGTON PRAIRIE FARM DEC 2 & 3

*Langley, BC- Nov 7, 2016* - **Kensington Prairie Farm**, will hold their annual Alpacas + Artisans Holiday Sale on December 3 and 4, at their award-winning alpaca farm in Langley. The event is free to the public. Proceeds from tours will support Quechua Benefit, a charity located in Peru that is close to Kensington Prairie Farm's heart.

**What:** Kensington Prairie Farm Annual Alpacas + Artisan Holiday Sale

**When:** December 3 and 4, 2016, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Where:** Kensington Prairie Farm, 1736 248th Street, Langley BC

"Visit our farm and enjoy a different kind of local holiday shopping experience," said Kensington Prairie Farm proprietor, Catherine Simpson. She is a certified fibre classer, and will be on hand throughout the weekend. At the farm's boutique, visitors can find unique holiday gifts from the Kensington Prairie collection, and from hand-picked local artisans.

*"People love the luxury of finding a truly local natural alpaca gift. It makes it extra special."*

Kensington Prairie farm has 54 alpacas. The youngest born in July, 2016 is still being hand fed by Simpson and her farm staff. Fibre shorn from Kensington Prairie alpacas this past spring has been transformed into hand knitting yarn, socks, scarves and throws.

*"Bring the whole family to meet our newest alpacas born this summer. Learn about the noble alpaca fibre and what it can be used for,"* said Simpson.

### **Local guest artisans include:**

Beelites - handcrafted pure beeswax candles and natural soaps from Kelowna

Duoly Noted - hand made and personalized stationery by two talented UBC students (new)

Flying Leaf Tea Company- healthy, organic, flavourful teas by certified blender from Kelowna

Glowing Positively - scented soy candles, fragrance cubes from Chilliwack

Miss Potter Knits - exquisite hand knits for kids by two very talented ladies

Offbeat Concrete - multi-media garden art from artisan studio in Similkameen (new)

To Dye For Designs - hand-dyed fashion and accessories

### **Giving back to Quechua Benefit Since 2011**

Kensington Prairie Farm encourages donations from farm tours to support the Quechua Benefit. This charity in Peru delivers medical care, warm clothing, shelter, food, and services with an emphasis on children. So far this year \$1,000.00 has been donated by Kensington Prairie Farm to Quechua Benefit.

*"Quechua Benefit honors your donation and is the process of delivering blankets and warm clothes to the families in the Colca Valley most affected by the recent disaster."* - Amanda VandenBosch, President of Quechua Benefit.

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For more information about us, our guest artisans, and to request images or to schedule an interview, please contact: Catherine Simpson, (604) 626-4395 [info@kpfarm.com](mailto:info@kpfarm.com)



### **About Kensington Prairie Farm**

Kensington Prairie Farm is a diversified farming operation, which includes breeding, raising and showing Huacaya Alpacas and Polled Hereford Cattle, honey production, and custom hay and silage production and sales. Kensington Prairie Farm markets and sells a variety of high-quality Canadian made and imported alpaca products from their on-farm boutique and online store. Kensington Prairie Farm is a member of numerous local, provincial and national farm and marketing groups, including the Canadian Llama and Alpaca Association, Alpaca Canada, Fraser Valley Llama & Alpaca Association, BC Llama & Alpaca Association and Alpaca Registry Inc. For more information, visit: [www.kpfarm.com](http://www.kpfarm.com) or [www.facebook.com/KensingtonPrairieFarm](https://www.facebook.com/KensingtonPrairieFarm).

### **About Catherine Simpson**

Catherine Simpson established Kensington Prairie Farm in 2000 on five acres of land in Surrey, BC in an area historically known as Kensington Prairie County. Home to 12 alpacas, the farm quickly grew to 30+ animals. In 2006, Kensington Prairie Farm relocated to Langley, BC and expanded its operations from 5 to 45 acres and now has approximately 54 alpacas. Catherine is board member of the Fraser Valley Farm Direct Marketing Association, Fraser Valley Llama and Alpaca Club and sits on a number of provincial and national farming organizations.

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