## **Linda Pierce Memorial Award**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the llama community lost the irreplaceable spirit of Linda Pierce. 2004 was the first year for the Linda Pierce Memorial Award to be given at Grand Nationals and was presented to Maggie Schuler. The award, a stunning piece of Steuben crystal etched with Linda's favorite llama, "Lucchese", will be given at the ALSA Grand Nationals Show annually to a recipient chosen by the Linda Pierce Award Committee.

The committee is composed of Michael Pierce, Dan and Dale Goodyear, Veryl Knigge, Kay Patterson-Sharpnack, and Nina Pedersen, Chairperson. Contributions to this annual award may be made to ALSA, designated for the Linda Pierce Memorial Award.

The recipient of the award must be an ALSA member in good standing as well as being a volunteer and/or sponsor for local and national ALSA events. Additionally, the person must exemplify Linda's exceptional attributes as a llama lover and show person with respect to dedication, perseverance, integrity, being a good role model, and striving to do their personal best while creating a positive experience for others in both their lives and in the show ring.