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Although Valentine’s Day can be a cheesy money-making stint to most people, it’s a day of expressing love across the world. It doesn’t have to only be between lovers, but by telling a friend that you care, or even an old person that they are still appreciated.

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Valentine Treasures

Valentine treasures are people who have often crossed your mind, family, friends and others, too, who in your life have shined the warmth of love or a spark of light that makes you remember them; no matter how long since you've actually met, each one is a luminous gem, who gleams and glows in your memory, bringing special pleasures, and that's why this Valentine comes to you: You're one of those sparkling treasures!

By Joanna Fuchs

From Your Director

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Director's Message

Dear D8 Friends,

Welcome to the new D8 Monthly E-Newsletter! It's a bit later than planned getting started, but I'm happy to see it reality now. The primary purpose is to help improve communication throughout our District by keeping our members informed. Though intended primarily for D8 members, ARBA members throughout the US, Canada, and the world are welcome to subscribe.

The redesigned D8 Website took a little longer than planned to get completed due to a variety of technical issues. I held off doing the newsletter until the website was up so that I wouldn't be asking too much of our Web Team.

Our D8 Web Team consists of Amanda Behee and Jane Burt. Amanda will be primarily responsible as the actual Webmaster and Social Media contact while Jane will be primarily the D8 E-Newsletter Editor. The Web Team may be contacted at arbad8website@gmail.com.

Speaking of the website, it has been down for a few weeks. When the new ARBA website went live, it took down many of the district websites as well as the youth website. Tonight I received word that the D8 Website is back now but with a new address. Please make note of the new address which is <https://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/>. The old address will no longer work. I'd appreciate your assistance in helping to get this new address out to all of our D8 family.

I won't go into detail on the website now as I believe Amanda will be covering these issues in her letter, but I do want to touch on a few items. Judges and registrars, please email the web team with approval to list you. Show secretaries, please submit your show flyers to be listed...plus send us a Club Spotlight Article to help your club attract new members and more exhibitors to your shows. Club officials, please submit your website addresses and sanction information to us. All of this publicity is free, please take advantage of it.

From late 2018 until March 1 of this year is a busy time for the ARBA office and we directors. Multiple contacts are sent out to judges and

registrars as reminders to renew their licenses and to club secretaries to renew their charters. The deadline to renew charters was January 1 with a grace period until March 1. However, c h a r t e r renewals received on February 1 or after are charged an additional \$25 fee.

With the spring show season beginning in our District, I'd like to touch on a subject that I've done before. Finances can be a challenge for many clubs, especially the smaller ones, when it comes time to planning a show. An idea I picked up from a friend was to approach the local convention & visitors bureau for financial assistance. Most bureaus won't be able to afford a grant, however some will offer to purchase an advertisement in your show flyer. The local club I belong to receives enough to basically pay for one judge. Perhaps your local bureau won't offer this, but it doesn't hurt to ask. Clubs can only increase entry fees so long before shooting themselves in the foot. Any funds received from the bureaus are a big help to the clubs while costing the exhibitors nothing.

Speaking of club finances, it's always a sound business policy to have the club books audited periodically. It's not saying anyone is doing anything wrong, but it's protection for all involved.

Condolences go to Glen Carr on the loss of his wife and to Dave Hauser on the loss of his mother. I ask our members to please keep both Glen and Dave and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

So far this year we have two official ARBA judges conferences scheduled in District 8. The first is in Lansing, Michigan on Friday, March 1 in conjunction with the MSRBA Convention.



The agenda is listed elsewhere in this issue. The second conference will be on Friday, May 3 in Columbus, Ohio in conjunction with the OSRBA Mini Convention. As soon as I receive the agenda I will see that it's posted. While the primary purpose of these conferences is for the continuing education of our judges, they are open to all interested members. I especially recommend these conferences to registrars about to begin working for their judges license and for our youth who will be participating in the various competitions. For our judges needing credit for attending, please be sure to stay for the entire conference and sign in and out. Otherwise, no credit will be issued.

Each year the ARBA loses many clubs due to lack of active and/or new members. Clubs need a stream of new members joining in order to replace those who decide to retire or are unable to do the heavy lifting anymore. D8 members have long become accustomed to a large number of large, quality shows. If we want to keep this happening, new members are needed for so many clubs. And in turn, clubs need to be open to accepting these members. Following the March 1 charter renewal deadline, the ARBA website listing of clubs should be current. Visit www.arba.net and look for a club near you. Or if there are none, I'll be happy to talk with you about forming one!

Along these same lines, how about volunteering at the shows you attend? Most clubs will gladly accept assistance in sorting cards on show morning. And if you have a few free moments, how about writing for a judge? It not only helps the club, but it's a great learning experience. And... it helps us understand what it takes to run a show.

At the 2018 ARBA Convention in Massachusetts, our D8 youth members once again did us all very proud. As I did in the past, I will again be offering an amount from our district's education budget to those official state/province youth teams upon their request to help them prepare for the 2019 Convention competitions.

I am currently finalizing the representatives to the District 8 Youth Advisory Council. As before, this will be comprised totally of youth members to help advise me on youth issues throughout D8. Along these same lines, I'd like to congratulate Mandy Girdler of Indiana on her appointment as the D8 Youth Representative. This is separate

from our Council and is a position recently created by the ARBA Board to basically act in the same capacity as our Council does here in D8.

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Regarding our cavy members, a BIG congratulations goes to Jim Hupp of Indiana on being awarded his lifetime judges license. This is a huge accomplishment that few judges are ever able to accomplish. And I remember a few years ago presenting him with the ARBA Distinguished Service Award. Good job, Jim!

I received word from Ohio State Rep Cheri Schubert that the Ohio Cavy Club has submitted a bid to host the 2021 ACBA National Specialty Show in the Cleveland area. The Ohio club last hosted the national in 2015, and I wish them good luck in this attempt. I will keep you posted when I hear more!

On Christmas Eve the Dubbink Family of Michigan had a house fire. The cavy community rallied around their friends and helped raise over \$3,000 to assist the family via a Facebook auction. Also, the annual Michigan Cavy Congress will be in Lansing on July 20. I hear this is an AWESOME event! Thanks to Ontario provincial rep Mary Lou Eisel contributing.

Indiana state rep Joy Griffin is attempting to gather information on any upcoming commercial shows in D8 to help promote them. Anyone involved with or attempting to organize such a show please contact Joy at grif3horses@gmail.com.

For those eligible registrars wanting to take their judge license exam, I have tentatively scheduled an exam to be administered in Shipshewana, Indiana on March 15. I will also most likely be giving another exam in Columbus, Ohio on May 3. Please remember that per ARBA regulations at least 2 applicants must apply before I am able to schedule an exam. If you're interested, please contact me ASAP.

Webmaster's Message

Howdy District 8!

After a few years hiatus, I am back as your ARBA District 8 Webmaster. The re-designed website was released on January 7, 2019. Yes, it was released later than anticipated but it was a situation of designs and Murphy's Law.



Approximately three weeks ago, ARBA made an upgrade to their website which made it more mobile friendly. Unfortunately, during the process of the upgrade, the ARBA District

websites went down. During the down time, I remained in contact with the proper individuals within ARBA in effort to get the district websites back up. As of February 10, 2019, the district websites are back up! Please note they have a new website address!

ARBA District 8 Website - www.arbadistricts.net/district/8

I encourage everyone to visit the ARBA District 8 Website as we keep our website updated. This includes notices of breed club secretary changes. Over the course of the last few weeks, I have received numerous club secretary changes. Please note these changes.

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Friends, I've attempted to include all news items submitted to me. If I somehow missed something you submitted, please let me know in a nice way, and I'll be sure to include it in next month's issue. Thank you to the Johnson County RBA of Indiana on being the first Club Spotlight Article. I appreciate your contributions!

As you check out the D8 website and this e-newsletter, I encourage you to give me your feedback. If there's something you especially like, I'd like to hear it. But if there's something you'd like changed, I do want to hear that too. And please...help get the word out to other members to subscribe to this newsletter. All they need to do is visit the D8 website or Facebook page to subscribe...or if that fails, let me know. I am very careful with our subscribers' email addresses. Should anyone want to unsubscribe, they may do so at any time. And when I leave office, they will have a final chance to unsubscribe before I turn the list over to my successor.

My friends, thank you for registering for this newsletter. Without you, it could not be a success. It is indeed my pleasure to represent you. Many thanks!

Please look me up at the shows you attend. Should we not meet up face-to-face, I'm but a phone call or email away. I can be reached by phone at 937-364-2133 or by email at havanaman@earthlink.net. I do my best to respond promptly. If it concerns you, I want to know about it.

Stay warm!

Take care,

Terry Fender

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I would love to keep the ARBA D8 website as a useful resource for our district but I need your help. Please help me serve you! All submissions shall be sent to arbad8website@gmail.com

- ARBA Registrars and Judges may send us their contact information to be listed on the ARBA D8 website. Just like the ARBA website, those wishing to be listed must send us an e-mail of consent to post their information. The current list includes, Name, City and State, E-mail Address and Phone Number. Please include if you are registrar, rabbit and or cavy judge and indicate if you are a specialty judge.

- Show Officials are welcome to submit their show flyers to the ARBA D8 Web Team. We request that show flyers are submitted in PDF format.

- We are ready to place your club website on the ARBA District 8 website! In addition to Local All-Breed; State/Provincial All-Breed; State/Regional Breed Specialty Clubs, we are accepting Cage Dealer websites within ARBA District 8.

- Breed State and Regional Clubs are welcome to submit their sanction information to be published on the ARBA District 8 website. ARBA D8 will not be responsible for accuracy of information. Each specialty club is responsible for seeing their information is kept current. It is very important that information is submitted to us by breed club officials only. Breed club officials must send information to us via e-mail only for consent and record purposes.

- We are ready to accept your club article spotlight!

From ARBA D8 Director: A topic that I'd like to add is a Club Spotlight article featuring chartered clubs from throughout D8. This includes cavy, local, state/provincial, and specialty clubs. The goal is not only promote these clubs but to hopefully help give them an opportunity to gain new members and help attract new exhibitors to their shows. However, this is dependent on clubs taking part

and sending in those articles. I'd like to invite our D8 clubs to send in articles to be printed. Articles can be e-mailed to arbad8website@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from everyone as they send their submissions!

Amanda
D8 Web Team
Webmaster
Social Media

"E Newsletter" Editor's Message

*G*reetings from your E News Editor,

I am truly humbled to have been asked by Terry to serve on the D8 Web Team, which also includes publishing the D8 E Newsletter. This is something that I enjoy and I just so happen to have a little experience with creating newsletters. For over 14 years I served as editor for the Michigan Rabbit News and for 6 years I have been a member of the ARBA Domestic Rabbits Committee.

My goal is to have this newsletter available around the middle of each month. That said, I request that all material be submitted no later than the 5th of each month. Email to: arbad8website@gmail.com

Each issue will include a listing of shows for the current month and the following month, so there will be a repetition of listings from the previous issue. I will not be including all the show flyers, however as you will see in the listing in this issue I have provided a "hot link" to the specific page on the D8 website where the flyer is posted. I will also include information from each of the State and Provincial Reps.

In an effort to provide an educational component, I will also be including articles on many different aspects of our hobby written by judges and breeders from within our District as well as from across the country. If you have a wonderful article swirling around in your brain, please consider submitting it for publication.

Keep the nest boxes full, and enjoy the shows!

Jane

Cavy Health Care

By: Mary Lou Eisel

I cannot stress enough the importance of keeping your cavy healthy rather than treating an ill one. Cavies require at least one square foot each of living space. Ideal room temperature is 65-75F. Ideal humidity is 40-70%. Cavies are very sensitive to heat and should not be kept in direct sunlight. Cavies should be kept draft free. Cages need to be kept clean as well as water bottles and feed dishes. To avoid injury to legs, do not keep them on a wire floor esp babies with those tiny legs. Mice and rats can carry diseases that cavies can get so it is best not to keep them with your cavies. Some rabbit diseases also can be transmitted to cavies.

Cavy feed should have a protein level of 16-18 and a fiber level of 35%. Cavies do require vitamin C in their diet. Symptoms of vitamin C deficiency include hemorrhages (especially gums), malocclusion, joint swellings, and respiratory infections. Cavies with serious deficiency will hop in the hind end. Ensure you are feeding fresh cavy food with vitamin C added. You can supplement with vitamin C in the water and/or supply fresh veggies and fruits. In acute cases you can use human pediatric vitamin drops.

Lice and mites. Lice are easily visible with the eye. Best treatment is a cat flea powder. Mange mites burrow in the skin and cannot be seen with the eye. Best treatment is ivermectin or revolution. Fur mites adhere to the hair shafts and not readily killed with ivermectin or revolution. I find that the cat flea powder will kill them and a good bath a few days later will wash them off the hair shaft. It is wise to treat the entire herd 3 or 4 times a year as a preventative. If you attend a show where there are cavies that show signs of parasites it is recommended that the cavies who attended the show be dusted with flea powder before going back in the caviary.

Fungus eg ringworm. Not seen as often as lice and mites. The lesions are very typically round. Ointment for the treatment of human ringworm can be used. It has to be continued two weeks after all symptoms are gone.

Diarrhea – again prevention is the best approach. No sudden changes in feed, introduce fresh greens

gradually, etc. One of the best treatments is good grass hay. Kaopectate can be used as well – about 1 cc for an adult and less for babies – twice daily.

Impaction is found in boars. It is easy to clean out as a rule, tough cases may require warm water compress and/or Vaseline to help soften.

Prolapsed penis – seldom seen. Needs to be washed with mild saline solution and returned to position. Some need some lubricant and/or topical antibiotic ointment.

Respiratory issues – mild cold can be treated with children's cold syrup (½ - 1cc twice daily). Pneumonia requires antibiotic treatment but never penicillin.

Kidney and bladder stones – a diet high in alfalfa is often associated with stones. Surgery is often the only way to remove.

Eyes – it is common in some breeds for the babies to develop irritation in the eyes from the hairs rubbing on the surface. The eyes need to be kept open and free from crustiness. A warm compress helps open the eyes. Severe cases can be treated with an ophthalmic ointment. A white milky discharge in the eyes is a natural occurrence and is completely normal.

Overgrown teeth – the front teeth can be trimmed easily but seldom is this seen. More common are overgrown rear molars. This requires trimming under sedation by a vet. It is hereditary and they will grow back in a matter of weeks.

Bumble foot is caused by bacteria. Prognosis is not always the best and the foot is often left deformed. The affected foot needs to be kept clean. Soaking in a mild saline solution is beneficial. Treat with topical antibiotic ointment.



Corns – horny growths on the feet. Not an issue to worry about.

Polydactyly – it is best to snip off those extra toes at birth as they can bleed badly if they tear as an adult. Since it is hereditary, I would not suggest putting those animals in the gene pool.

Nail care – neglected nails can be torn, they can twist around and grown into the skin.

Stress lumps are also caused by bacteria. Once open the abscess needs to be flushed with mild saline solution and treated with topical antibiotic ointment.

Wry neck – generally a symptom of inner ear infection or upper respiratory infection.

Urine scald – diaper rash ointment works wonderfully.



Pregnancy issues – most important is to wait to breed your sow when she is old enough and big enough. Sows must be a minimum of 4 months old and 1 ½ pounds. Also make sure that older sows are not too overweight before breeding – this is a major cause of pregnancy toxemia. Make sure that the sow's diet is not too high in sweet feed or calf manna in the last 3 weeks as this can lead to toxemia as well. A sow who is quivering is suffering from hypocalcemia. You can obtain liquid calcium (give 1cc orally) at the pharmacy or use Tums crushed on the food. Keep an eye on the udder of the sow. Swelling or redness can develop into mastitis. If caught early, warm compresses may help. Pregnancy alopecia can occur and resolves itself by the time the litter is of weaning age. Vaginal prolapses occur rarely – the tissues should be cleaned with a warm saline solution and restored. Full uterine prolapse is a very rare occurrence and very difficult to treat. I do not recommend rebreeding a sow after a vaginal prolapse.

Club Spotlight

Johnson County Rabbit Breeders

Johnson County Rabbit Breeders was founded in 2013, with our first show being held that June. We hold our shows at the Johnson County fairgrounds in Franklin, Indiana. We've held at least one show a year since 2013. In 2015 we hosted the National English Spot Show with a near record entry of 214 animals in open.

We've experimented quite a bit with our shows, we've mostly hosted normal morning entry shows, but we also hosted a night show. We've hosted a variety of specialty shows. We also like to keep changing up our judge lineup. Sometimes shows get a bit stale, hiring the same judges year after year. We like bringing in new faces every year so people can get the chance to show under judges from different areas.

This year we are hosting the National English Spot Show, as well as the National Harlequin show on April 27. We are hoping for large entries in both breeds, as there are many top breeders of both in D8. The following day, April 28, we will be hosting our first double all breed show. If that goes well, look for us to hold more doubles in the future.

Last year we were asked by Caleb and Jean Thomas if we would like to host the second show at the Indiana State Fair. We of course, jumped on the opportunity. Despite a minor printer incident, the show went very well and we are pleased to say that we'll be back hosting the "B" show in 2019.

Clubs always need more volunteers and we are no exception. We have a core group that usually gets things done, but it can be overwhelming at times. If you are looking to help out before, during, or after the show, please don't hesitate to ask where we can use you. Any small job can help us immensely, from table/coop setup to writing for a judge to helping sweep up after tear down to just picking up the area you sat/kept your rabbits for the day.

**MSRBA
Judge's
Conference**

March 1, 2019

5:30 – 9 pm

**MSU
Pavilion
Classrooms**

**OPEN to
ALL
**MSRBA,
ARBA,
& 4-H
Members****

- 5:30 pm ***"Should My Rabbit's Back Toes Touch His Nose?"***
Handling & Posing
by: Joel Marshall
- 5:50 pm ***"What Did The Judge Mean?"***
Giving Meaningful Comments
by: Michael Franke
- 6:10 pm ***"The Do's and Don'ts of Wool"***
Wool Breeds
by: Marcus Rhoden
- 6:30 pm Break
- 6:50 pm ***"The Sterling Breed"***
Silvers
by: Wade Burkhalter
- 7:05 pm ***"Rex Fur 101"***
Rex
by: Renea Slovak & Danielle Harubin
- 7:25 pm ***"How to Fine Tune Your Netherland Dwarfs"***
Netherland Dwarfs
by: Mark Jacobs
- 7:45 pm Break
- 8:00 pm ***"Californians 101"***
Californians
by: Nicole Bortz
- 8:20 pm ***"Mini Lops 101"***
Mini Lops
by: Bryan Shirk
- 8:40 pm Q&A Session

2019 ARBA D8 State & Provincial Reps

Indiana

I live in NW Indiana living in the town I was born and raised. I have 3 children, two daughters Natalie and Rachel who are attending Purdue University, and my son Austin attending New Prairie High School where he is involved with FFA. I have always been a farm gal, raising and showing many species of livestock over the last 45 years including Quarter & Paint Horses, Cattle, and rabbits.

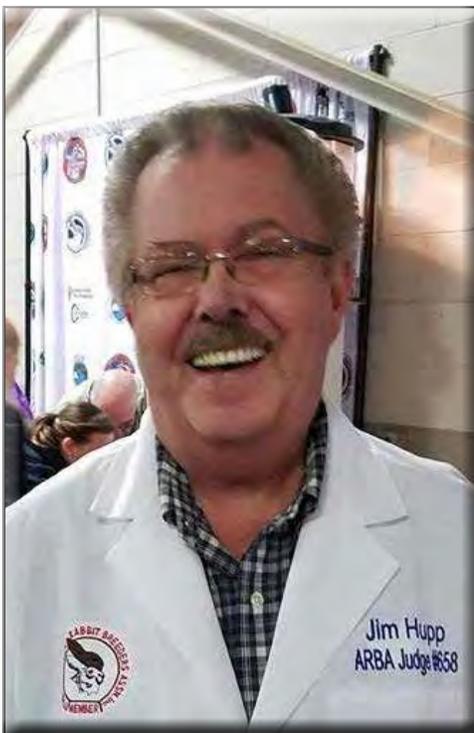
My main rabbit breed is Californians, although I do raise NZ White and have a few other breeds I show just for fun. My interest has always been the Commercial side of raising rabbits for meat, carcass evaluations, and Commercial (meatpen) Shows, although I do love to show the breed shows as well!

I dedicate my interest in the hobby to helping the Youth as much as I can, and I love to promote the Commercial side of raising rabbits and helping with shows. I have been very fortunate to surround myself with the many friends I have made in this wonderful hobby over the years! If I can be of any assistance please let me know.

D8's rabbit family is the best!



Joy Griffin



Jim Hupp

Jim Hupp is ARBA Cavy judge #658 from Kokomo, Indiana.

He has been in the hobby for 40 years and is the current chairperson for the ACBA Standards Committee and Chairman of the ARBA Cavy Sub Committee. Jim has been active on the ARBA Standards committee for 6 years. In 2002, Jim began serving as he ACBA Vice Present and in 2006 he started his service as the ACBA President until 2012.

He has served on the Cavy Liaison for several ARBA Conventions and was the show chairman for 2 ACBA National Conventions.

Jim has also served 18 years on the ARBA Continuing Judges study group!

Donna Whitmer lives in Indiana and is the mother of 5, all of which have shown rabbits. This started in 4H in 2000. The family quickly merged into the ARBA circuit where 3 of the kids attended their first Nationals in 2002 in Peoria Ill. She has since taken over as Superintendent of her local 4H rabbit club until recently stepping down to enjoy her youngest child, Dylan's last 4H year.

She volunteers at state and national levels with youth competitions. She enjoys doing showmanship judging as well as continuing to learn breeds and varieties. She has learned with her children. Some may know her youngest two boys, Dakota Whitmer, who is state youth leader in Indiana or Dylan Whitmer who is still enjoying his youth career. They have a hobby farm where Dylan not only has rabbits but llamas and alpacas, chinchillas, pot belly pigs, and more normal pets like cats n dogs too!

Outside of the hobby, she works as an office manager for a chiropractic clinic, enjoys camping, playing cards or board games, but truly loves spending time with her grandchildren and her rabbit family! She is also one of the Stewie Jr's #1 Fans! Feel free to look her up at shows or hit her up on Facebook messenger.



Donna Whitmer

Kentucky

My name is Oneda Lambert, and I am from Berry, Kentucky. Where is Berry, you might ask? Berry is about halfway between Lexington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio, and is about 20 minutes east of the I-75 corridor. Many friends feel like we live in the boonies, but it is wonderful rolling hills.

Bryan, my husband, and I have been showing Mini-Rex and Dutch for numerous years. We have had the opportunity to attend recent Dutch and Mini-Rex National shows, as well as ARBA Convention events. We primarily show in our region (KY, IN, OH, and WV). Our children are grown up, but Samantha, Joshua and Kimberly (who brings Elijah) do help us at shows or in the barn. They showed when they were younger, but do not currently. You will probably see them at some of the shows this year.

We have shown rabbits together since the early 1990s, including showing with our children. We had a short 5-6 year hiatus, but got back into it full throttle in November of 2013. With the support of a lot of friends, we went after 3 rabbits at the Haubstadt, IN show, and came back with 13. You will find that in the rabbit world, you can truly find those friends who are there when you need them.

I am happy to be a representative for Kentucky for District 8, and hope to be more active in 2019. We slowed down in 2018 due to some medical issues, but hopefully surgery has made that better. If you need to contact me, it's best to try email (onedalambert@gmail.com), Facebook Messenger (I do not get on Facebook a lot), or call me at 859-234-6361 in the evenings (home phone).

Send me pictures and details about the shows you are attending, especially you folks in Kentucky.

I look forward to seeing/meeting you.



Oneda Lambert

My name is Renate Michelle Padgett born and raised in Lincoln County, KY. I live on a small farm with my husband (Ben Padgett) and our three children. Gracie Padgett (15), Kasey Padgett (11) and Henry Padgett (9). Our oldest daughter Katie Phillips (21) is married and lives in Stanford, Ky with her husband Tyler Phillips. Our family has mainly raised tobacco, cattle and grain but over the years we have decreased our farm land to around 15 acres. When our third daughter Kasey wanted a pet bunny at the National Farm machinery show is what started our family on the rabbit journey. We searched and searched for a rabbit for this little 4 year old girl by this time her sisters were also interested in rabbits. We finally found a family that raised dutch show rabbits in Danville, KY. Show rabbits? We waited for the rabbits to be weaned we purchased one blue dutch doe and a black dutch buck. My oldest daughter bought a mini rex. We built 3 A framed rabbit houses and the children started learning how to take care of rabbits.

As we started to learn more about rabbit raising the children wanted to share their experiences with friends. This led me to start a 4H rabbit club known as The Bunny Scouts in Lincoln County. After years of researching and trying to read and learn about this show rabbit world I finally got up the nerve to take off to a rabbit show. 4H van loaded we headed off to our first rabbit show, five members and two parents. We had no idea what we needed to do at this first show. After almost being disqualified for not having tattoo's for the show rabbits. We ran over to the vendor table and bought a tattoo gun. That was the first fun learning day of showing. I will never forget those memories we made that day. So thankful for all the friends we have made that I know I drove crazy that first year of showing. Maybe that I still drive crazy but they still answer questions and help every time I ask.

The last six years has been so much fun in the rabbit showing world. The club has learned so much and taught me so much. We are more of a family than a club. It's awesome to be so close to great people. In 2016 I started The Lincoln County All Breed club with the help of The Bunny Scouts club. We have been attending rabbit shows all over the state of Kentucky spending a week at the Kentucky State Fair for rabbit shows. We started going out of state attending rabbit shows. We have so much fun with my Katie. Gracie and Henry have all decided to take on other interest, but, they still attend shows with me and Kasey.

Our club started hosting spring rabbit shows last year. The whole club helps and my entire family comes out to support the show. This is truly a hobby I don't think I will ever stop. At this time Kasey is raising Dwarf Hotot and Dutch rabbits with her working really hard to win Best In Show with her home grown Dwarf Hotot. Maybe this will be the year for her, we will see. I look forward to representing everyone the best I can and to meeting everyone at different shows. Please, mark your calendars for March 30, 2019 Lincoln County All Breed Rabbit Club Spring Show.

Happy showing everyone.

Tom Green



Michelle Padgett

“ assiduus usus uni rei deditus et ingenium et artem saepe vincit ”

Constant Practice Devoted to One Subject Often Outdoes Both Intelligence and Skill

Michigan



Janet Bowers

Hi, I am Janet Bowers, one of three District 8 representatives from Michigan. I am retired from General Motors and live on a 16 A. farm in Olivet, with one dog, four cats and 100 Dutch rabbits. I have three children and eight grandchildren, which am proud to say that four are actively involved in the rabbit hobby also. I myself have been involved in the rabbit hobby since 1987. Other breeds of rabbits have come and gone in the barn, but Dutch have always been my breed of choice. I am a member of ARBA, the Michigan State RBA, MSRBA Master Breeder, MSRBA Board Member. Member American Dutch RC, ADRC National Club Secretary and Treasurer, President of the Michigan Dutch RC, member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Central MI RBA, member of the Indiana Diamond Dutch RC.

I'm very involved with my local and state clubs and care about what is happening in the rabbit hobby today. If you have any concerns or questions about our wonderful hobby, please feel free to contact me, and I will do my best to answer your questions or concerns, or get the answers for you from whatever source is available.

Also, please send me your club's top winners if I am unable to attend your show. Looking forward to the 2019 shows.

Hello everyone,

My name is Susan E. Spaulding the owner of Hidden Hoof Hollow: A farm in Southeast Michigan. I am a thirty year plus UAW Ford Motor Company employee. I was very pleased to be asked to be one of the 2019 ARBA D8 State Representatives for Michigan!

We started with cavies and rabbits through the wonderful program of 4-H. My youngest daughter Shelby fell in love with the White Crested breed eight years ago and we were able to start our breeding herd thanks to the generosity of some of the country's top breeders! We also have a small herd of long haired breeds and I have been working on American roans for a couple years. We have a few Mini Satins free roaming on the farm. I started as the supporting Parent of my daughter showing youth cavies and two years ago decided it was time to start entering Open myself.

I have shown numerous varieties of animals over the years and have to say I have never experienced the wonderful comradery and friendships in any other showing experience. We really are a Cavy/Rabbit Family and I would like to let everyone to know that I am always here to support and listen to all concerns or suggestions to make our organization smooth running and stronger.

I wish you all the best of this show season,

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Susan Spaulding

John Soper

Ohio

I'm Susan Meier from the Lima area in Ohio. I've raised Netherland Dwarfs for over 20 years and shown them competitively. The Holland Lops have been part of my herd for over 16 years with my main focus on chocolates and lilacs. I've been an officer or director for the Ohio State Netherland Dwarf club for many years, happy to serve my club as best I could.

Showmanship has always interested me so I've spent some time learning about it and sharing that knowledge with our young people. I've done many 4H clinics on showing and showmanship, clinics on color genetics, and even had the honor of judging several Showmanship competitions. The youth here in Ohio are outstanding in their dedication and passion for this hobby and for producing top quality rabbits in many breeds.

I have two grown "children", a son and a daughter. They have blessed us with 6 grandchildren and 2 darling great grandbaby girls. Being retired, I am able to spend a lot of time with all the kids and am really enjoying that.



Susan Meier

Hello Everyone!

I am excited to represent Ohio as an ARBA State Representative for 2019. Looking forward to meeting more members, working with Terry Fender and traveling the show circuit for 2019.

This is actually my second time in the hobby, I started as a 4H Rabbit Leader in the early 90's in Lyon, County which is in the State of Nevada. We were about 50 miles east of Reno, in a small town called Silver Springs. I had a large group of kids for a small town and we did a lot of projects in which I taught the kids from the nesting box to the dinner table. We raised Mini Lops and Standard Rex for about 6 years until we moved to Ohio.



Cheri Schubert

Fast forward to 2010 and a trip to the Cuyahoga County Fair in the summer and the Guinea Pig bug bit me. I was in the city limits, I wanted to raise something small that could be housed in the house and that would be a nice pet for children and adults. I have worked with pigs a lot and have also had one as a pet, so I was excited to start this venture and share my knowledge. My dear friend, Berdeen, whom also had a daughter in my 4H group in Nevada, had moved here to the Cleveland area and she was going to get into the hobby with myself and my daughter KatyAnn. Crafty Cavies Caviary was born. I began raising Texel's and Silkies, shortly thereafter began showing. I had a wonderful friend and mentor in the breed, Carmen Temple. So I began learning everything I could and listening to all her experiences. As I was learning all the ins and outs, I began branching out to different shows in other parts of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, PA, New York, and Canada. What an opportunity to travel, make wonderful friends and test your talent for grooming, genetics, and breeding lines. Most recently in the last few years I have been to North Carolina and Massachusetts.

Currently I am serving my 4th year as the 2nd Vice President for the Ohio Cavy Club, I belong to the Ontario Cavy Club, American Cavy Breeders Assoc, and American Rabbit Breeders Assoc. I have attended and exhibited at 3 National Conventions and 3 ACBA specialties.

I look forward to serving all our members and reporting activities and issues happening around the State.



Adam Schuller

Adam Schuller, ARBA Judge #995, is a student at the University of Akron studying Biochemistry and American Sign Language. After graduation with a B.S. degree in Spring 2019, he will attend medical school starting in Fall 2019. Adam has been active in raising rabbits for 10 years, starting as a 4-H member and gradually increasing his involvement in the hobby as a member of Team Ohio where he competed in youth contests at OSRBA and the ARBA National Conventions. Adam raises a variety of breeds of rabbits and has also raised a few different breeds of cavy. In addition to his participation in the hobby Adam enjoys skiing, traveling, and attending Deaf events in the community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Adam via Facebook, e-mail, or in person at a show!

Manitoba

Thank you for adding me to the District representative panel.

I have raised and shown pedigreed Rex (blue, black chocolate, lilac), New Zealand (white and black), Mini Rex (blue, black, chocolate, lilac and red), Florida Whites and Golden Palominos. I have bred the Blue American Rabbit and helped distribute bloodlines around North America in the American Drift 2010. I am the founder of The Show Rabbits of Manitoba. My next project is going to be Blue New Zealand.

I have been raising CKC registered boxers for 32 years. I am the founder of the Manitoba Boxer Club. I also raise and show white homing pigeons and chickens Bantam and large fowl.

See you at the shows.



Geri Ganske

Pam Nichol

Natasha Wilson

Ontario

I obtained my first show cavies in 1985 and have been showing in Canada and the US ever since. It was through the cavy fancy that I met and married Bruce. Over the years I have raised all breeds of cavies accepted by the ARBA and all varieties but Dutch. My focus for the past few years has been Tan Pattern Americans and Pink-eyed Broken American Satins having added Cal, black and white Americans in recent years.

I started judging cavies for the Ontario Cavy Club in the 1990's. I obtained my ARBA cavy registrar license 2001 and ARBA cavy judge license in 2004. I have been very honoured to have judged ARBA national convention show seven times and the ACBA specialty show twice.

I am very humbled to be back as a provincial rep, a position that I have had for over a decade now!



Mary Lou Eisel

Hello I am Betty Fletcher



Betty Fletcher

I am in Ontario Canada breeding and showing mini rex (tri variety) for the past 6 years . I have been a ARBA and Mini Rex. Club member for the past 10 years and member of the Forest City Rabbit Breeders Club .I live on a century old + working farm with my husband of 46 years - raised 3 sons and have 4 Grandchildren.

I have held the offices of President-and treasurer .FCRBC

I am at present time president of OCRC (Ontario Council of Rabbit Breeders .)

My goal with my mini rex is to try to help restore the variety back to its standard and beauty = having them compete on the show table .

I run a 60 hole Rabbitry but for the most part only half the holes are filled at any 1 time.

My plan for the next year is to attend all of our Ontario ARBA. Shows and continue to also attend some USA shows.

We in Ontario Canada extend a invitation to our US friends to cross the border and attend some of our shows - our shows are small but we do our best to make them fun and friendly.

Please do not hesitate to drop me a line with any questions and be sure to say hello at shows. I feel very blest regarding all of the friends I have made in both Ontario and in the USA. In the rabbit hobby.

My name is Brittany Johnston and I live in Eastern Ontario Canada. I have owned rabbits for over 25 years. I always had a pet rabbit or two as a child and when I was 11 years old I started breeding Netherland Dwarf rabbits with my parents' help on a small scale.

As a teenager I joined ARBA and started to learn about rabbit shows and breeding to a standard. Currently I have a small rabbitry of about 30 holes and raise Holland Lops exclusively. Because of this hobby I have met so many wonderful people and lifelong friends. I love the challenge of producing the 'perfect rabbit' and strive to improve my breed.

I enjoy travelling to shows in my home province of Ontario and to shows in the States. Helping new breeders and sharing my knowledge is something I enjoy also.

I look forward to serving another year as ARBA District Rep for Ontario.



Brittany Johnston

ARBA Youth Committee

Hi, My name is Mandy Girdler I reside in rural Indiana. This year I am representing as the District 8 Youth Representative. I am 17 years old. I am currently the Indiana youth president and have served as vice president the past two years. I am very active in showing rabbits and learning about cavies. I have been showing rabbits since 2012 I attend my first convention in 2012 (Wichita, Kansas) and have been to each one since. I show standard chinchillas and have recently started showing mini lops and britannia petites. I have been apart of Team Indiana actively competing in the judging, breed ID, and the royalty contest. I also am very active in many other things including playing golf ,showing sheep, cattle, and llamas. I raise Border Cheviot sheep with my little brother and my Grandpa. I am also very involved in my FFA chapter. I am currently serving as the chapter sentinel. I compete in animal science demonstration CDE and Livestock Judging LDE. I hope to attend an agriculture school and major in agriculture education.

I am very excited to be serving as the Youth Representative for District 8 and hope to meet many new people along this road ahead!



IT'S SHOWTIME!

February-March ARBA Shows

*** Click on a highlighted club name to view their show flyer on the D8 Website.

INDIANA

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
2/23	Danville	Great Eastern Britannia Petite Fanciers	Britannia Petite (O)	Janice Bowles bowles.marie88@gmail.com
2/23	Danville	Hoosier Florida White RSC	Florida White (O & Y)	Patti Byerley hutchnbunch@aol.com
2/23	Danville	Indiana Diamond Dutch	Dutch (O & Y)	Kelli Slack kellislack@gmail.com
2/23	Danville	Indiana Mini Lop Club	Mini Lop (O & Y)	Judy Todd hjtodd0060@att.net
2/23	Danville	Indiana State Mini Rex	Double Mini Rex (O & Y)	Dawn Fnsler dawn21859@yahoo.com
2/23	Danville	Indiana State Rex RBA	Rex (O & Y)	Thereas Thomas tmthomas425@aim.com
2/23	Danville	Sycamore Satin Assn. of Indiana	Satin & Mini Satin (O & Y)	Gina Cavendar bhsatins@gmail.com
2/23	Danville	Indiana State RBA	All Breed (O & Y)	Luke Vickrey isrbasecretary@gmail.com
2/24	Danville	Indiana State Mini Rex	Double Mini Rex (O & Y)	Rebecca Fansler beccadawn5@yahoo.com
2/24	Danville	Indiana State RBA	All Breed (O & Y)	Luke Vickrey isrbasecretary@gmail.com
3/09	Columbia City	Hallmark Holland Lop Country Club	Holland Lop (O & Y)	Cheri Bushee cheri48@aol.com
3/09	Columbia City	Hoosier Dutch	Dutch (O & Y)	Gary Brandon
3/09	Columbia City	Indiana State Mini Rex	Double Mini Rex (O & Y)	Rebecca Fansler beccadawn5@yahoo.com
3/09	Columbia City	Sate Of Indiana New Zealand RB	New Zealand (O & Y)	Randall Embry randallemby@aol.com
3/09	Columbia City	Whitley County 4-H RB	All Breed (O & Y)	Pam Sherbahn minirex@embarqmail.com
3/10	Columbia City	Indiana State Mini Rex	Double Mini Rex (O & Y)	Rebecca Fansler beccadawn5@yahoo.com
3/10	Columbia City	Hoosier Dutch	Dutch (O & Y)	Gary Brandon
3/10	Columbia City	Whitley County 4-H RB	Californian (O & Y)	Holly Nisley tnisley@comcast.net
3/10	Columbia City	Whitley County 4-H RB	All Breed (O & Y)	Pam Sherbahn minirex@embarqmail.com
3/16	Shipeshawana	Northern Indiana R & C Club	Mini Lop (O & Y)	Tammy Stark starkrabbity@gmail.com
3/16	Shipeshawana	Northern Indiana R & C Club	Mini Rex (O & Y)	Tammy Stark starkrabbity@gmail.com
3/16	Shipeshawana	Northern Indiana R & C Club	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Tammy Stark starkrabbity@gmail.com
3/30	Greencastle	Putnam County RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Dawn Overbay overbayo@tds.net

KENTUCKY

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
3/30	Stanford	Kentucky Rex RBA	Rex - Open Only	Gary Bunch coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com
3/30	Stanford	Lincoln County All Breed Club	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Michelle Padgett renatepadgett@yahoo.com
3/31	Crittenden	Kentucky Rex RBA	Rex - Open Only	Gary Bunch coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com
3/31	Crittenden	Kentucky State Mini Rex Club	Mini Rex (O & Y)	Christy Frey freysrabbits@hotmail.com
3/31	Crittenden	Northern Kentucky RBA	Dutch (O & Y)	Gary Bunch nkrbashowsec@gmail.com
3/31	Crittenden	Northern Kentucky RBA	Lionhead (O & Y)	Gary Bunch nkrbashowsec@gmail.com
3/31	Crittenden	Northern Kentucky RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Gary Bunch coyotehillfarmrex@gmail.com

MICHIGAN

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
3/02	Lansing	Michigan State RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Andrea Perez
3/03	Lansing	Michigan State RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Andrea Perez
3/23	Lapeer	Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Beverly Hillard bbthillard@gmail.com
3/30	Mason	Michigan State Satin and Mini Satin BA	Satin & Mini Satin (O & Y)	Holly Mercer hollyfrogs@gmail.com
3/30	Mason	Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy Shows	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Bryan Shirk shirk_123@hotmail.com

OHIO

DATE	LOCATION	CLUB	BREED	SECRETARY
2/23	Canton	Stark County RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Debbit Knight proudgranny03@yahoo.com
3/09	Eaton	Preble Co. Ag Society Rabbit Advisors	Dutch (O & Y)	Kami Schooley schooleyrabbits@gmail.com
3/09	Eaton	Preble Co. Ag Society Rabbit Advisors	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Kami Schooley schooleyrabbits@gmail.com
3/16	Millersburg	Tuscarawas Co. RBA	New Zealand (O & Y)	Sarah Bosio jbsteam@hotmail.com
3/16	Millersburg	Tuscarawas Co. RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Sarah Bosio jbsteam@hotmail.com
3/17	Wapakoneta	Alugaize County RBA	Polish (O & Y)	Carl High
3/17	Wapakoneta	Alugaize County RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Carl High

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3/17	Middleburg Heights	Ohio Cavy Club	Cavy Double (O & Y)	Sue Daives daviessgrin@att.net
3/23	Portsmouth	Portsmouth RBA	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Tonya Coriell tcoriell@yahoo.com
3/24	Chandlerville	Buckeye Satin Raisers	Satin & Mini Satin Double (O & Y)	Theresa Young theresaayoung@yahoo.com
3/31	Greenville	Drake County 4-H Youth RR	Double All Breed (O & Y)	Holly Daugherty hollyjbohio@hotmail.com

