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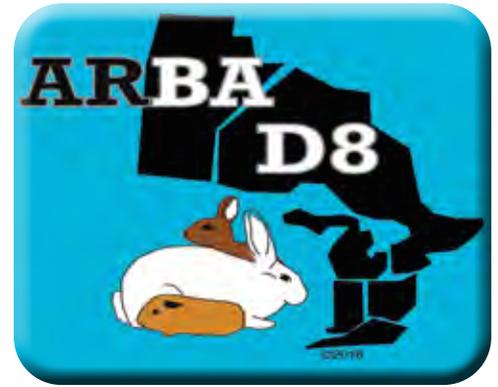
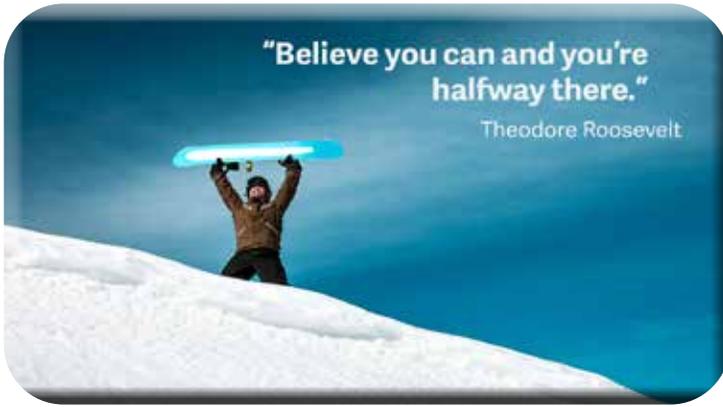


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*Life is like a blanket of snow.
Be careful how you step on it,
every step will show.*



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Director's Message

Howdy D8 Friends!

I hope everyone had a super Christmas and New Year. Amanda and I spent NYE at the Lafayette, IN show. What a great way to bring in the new year with your friends and everyone doing what they love.

With 2020 now here, please take a look in this issue of the biographies for the folks serving as state/provincial reps. As I normally do, I rotated some new members in to these positions. I've also done the same with the youth appointments. Rotating in new folks to serve is one of the ways I attempt to get more members actively involved. My thanks to those who served last year and to those who have agreed to do the same this year. I urge our members to take a moment to speak with their state/provincial reps at the shows. And to our youth members, please spend a few minutes speaking with your state/provincial youth reps. And as always, I'm only an email or phone call away should we not meet up at a show.

D8 Webmaster Jane Burt is doing some work on our district's website. So if you notice some changes, that's why! As a reminder, the D8 website's address is www.arbadistricts.net/district/8. You're invited to visit the website often to see what all is offered. And please, help get the word out to those not currently registered for this newsletter that they may do so on the website.

Judges and registrars, please remember that your license renewals were due on January 1, and the 30 day grace period is just about over. So, if you haven't renewed yet, you may wish to do so on the ARBA website at www.arba.net or over the phone to speed up the process. We don't want to lose you!

Club secretaries, your club charter renewals were also due on January 1. Your grace period ends on March 1. Besides via snail mail, this year charters may also be renewed online. Before renewing, please check with your officers

and board that their ARBA memberships are current. Many renewals are pending each year because of this issue. Clubs that have not renewed by January 1 "disappear" from the ARBA and D8 Website along with any sanctions they hold until the renewal is completed.

I'm sure most of you have seen the various posts and articles about the new rare breed sanction. For those into promoting the rare breeds, this new sanction should help you accomplish your goal.

With the new year now here and the show season about to begin, I'd like to once again stress the importance of volunteering. Almost every club out there appreciates folks stepping up and offering to help. Not everyone is physically able to do the heavy lifting, but there are so many other things one can do to help...such as sorting cards, helping take entries at the entry table, and writing for judges to name a few. Just look up the show superintendent or secretary and ask what you can do to help. All of these things can help shows run smoothly and end on time. Most clubs have a bare minimum number of members to help with the shows, and almost always the clubs truly appreciate all the help they can get. Besides that, volunteering helps our members realize a bit more about what it takes to run a show. Thank you!

Should you wish to join a local club but aren't sure if there is one in your area, please visit the ARBA website as you're able to search for local clubs there. And if there isn't a local club nearby,



I'll be happy to discuss with you what it takes to form one!

I am pleased to announce that there will be an official ARBA D8 judges conference held in conjunction with the OSRBA Mini Convention on Friday, May 1 in Columbus, Ohio from 6-9:00 PM. More details to follow shortly!

The D8 Youtube Channel, named [ARBA D8 Website](#), has several videos recorded at a variety of the D8 Youth Workshops held throughout the fall of last year. Please check them out and enjoy...and who knows...maybe learn something, too!

There are currently three D8 Youth Workshops scheduled so far for the Spring 2020 Series. On February 22, Judge Kim Weems (MD) will be speaking on the Satin Angora in Canton, Ohio. Judge Caleb Thomas (IN) will be speaking in Lafayette, Indiana on April 4 about Commercial/Market Classes. And on May 9 Judge Mary Lou Eisel (ON) will be speaking on "Cavies: Colors & Terminology" in Chesaning, Michigan. Start times for all of these will be 8:15 AM. Please remember that there is no pre-registration or fee required, simply show up, learn, and enjoy! Adults are also welcome...all I ask is that the youth in attendance receive priority space. Flyers for these three events are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. More workshops are being planned, so please check back to the D8 Facebook Page and Website often. The D8 Web Team and I will attempt to record as many of these workshops as possible. Many thanks for the host clubs and judges for helping to make these workshops possible.

D8 clubs are again encouraged to submit their show flyers to us to be listed on the D8 Website. In addition, when submitting a show flyer, the clubs are also invited to include a Club Spotlight Article which can bring positive attention to them. Both of these may be submitted to arbad8website@gmail.com.

I did receive a concern about underage youth exhibiting in youth shows. As a reminder, here is SECTION 52 from the ARBA show rules:

"SECTION 52. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of

five (5) and eighteen (18) years. An adult We are also trying something a little different as far as an educational component in the newsletter. We are also trying something a little different as far as an educational component in the newsletter. ot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors must be able to handle their own animals. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table. If stated in the show catalog, a show committee may require all youth entries be carried by a youth."

I hopethishelps clear up any misunderstandings that some members may have.

Friends, it looks to be another busy spring show season here in our District. I look forward to seeing you on the show circuit. As always, should we not meet at a show, I'm only a phone call or email away. I may be reached by phone at 937-364-2133 or by email at havanaman@earthlink.net. I may not be able to always give you the answer you want, but I will research the issue and give you an honest answer.

Best wishes to everyone, safe travels, and good luck on the show circuit!

Take care,

Terry Fender
ARBA D8 Director

Editor/Web Message

*G*reetings from cyberspace!

As Terry mentioned in his message, during this time each year, there are sometimes issues with a charter renewal which then requires the ARBA to pend the club's charter and any show sanctions that they may have already obtained. When a show is removed from the ARBA website, it is then removed from the D8 website. As the charters are approved and the sanctions returned to active status, they will be added back to the D8 website. Due to this constant changing status of shows at this time we are not including a shows listing as we have in past issues. We are however, providing a hot or active link to the web page on

the D8 website for each state so you can get the most current status.

We have tried to make our newsletter educational as well and informational by including content that is appropriate for breeders at varying experience levels. We understand that not all members of D8 are seasoned breeders so some articles might be basic while others may contain more advanced information. Seems like no matter how long you have been in the hobby, you can always learn something. In this issue, rather than an article on breeding rabbits, we have a hot (active) link to a video on breeding rabbits that also contains a couple of short videos on palpation. The video is actually a PowerPoint from a 4-H Workshop.

Included in this issue are flyers for all the D8 Youth Workshops that Terry has set at this time. All flyers are also on the website. If you would like a copy to share at an event, you can find them included with the show listing for the show where the workshop is held.

We include on the website all show flyers that are sent to us. Please, if you are a part of a club hosting a show in our District, send me your flyer. We continually get requests for show information. Totally free advertising. It is our way of assisting our clubs to have successful shows. Email to: arbad8website@gmail.com

As Terry mentioned, there will be some changes to the D8 website. As I continually add content I am finding challenges with the coding so adjustments are necessary. Not omitting any content that is currently on the site, just doing a face lift and restructuring. Hopefully it will make for a better user experience for all website visitors. and easier for me to do updates. Unfortunately, this will not be an overnight project but including time for testing I hope to have it completed by early spring.

Until next issue, may your nest boxes be full of potential winners and the competitions be friendly and enjoyable.

Jane

"Every moment is a fresh beginning."

T.S. Elliot

Indiana Rep Report

Hello D8 Rabbit folk!!

Hope your year is off to a great start and everyone has looked at upcoming shows picking which ones to attend! I know my household has. We started off the year with Dylan winning a Satin Speciality in Lafayette IN! What a way to bring in the New Year. As I am anxious to see how we can help your rabbit experiences and share information please find me at a show and say hello. You can feel free to email me at dkscw@yahoo.com with comments, pictures or whatever that you feel maybe of interest for us. The breedings have happened in the barn, we now await litters and watching weather forecasts!

I would like to use this forum to remind folks about social media. Think about was there ever a time you used it to check on another person? Maybe an Ex or old high school friend? Well it is that easy for anyone to do the same to us as rabbit breeders and 4H families. Let's face it, it is so easy that we need to really think about accepting any friends request that we do not know. It is easy to secure most social media accounts so only friends see your information. In this day and age, it is so much safer for our hobby or even your children if you have them. We do not need the PETA or other agencies who are against our hobby seeing any information that they could use against us or cause a red flag with. I would like to remind each person, and if you have kids remind them too, that one person who seems harmless could be affiliated with any of those types groups. Do not accept requests from strangers, be careful that it is not a bogus person pretending but is actually from a group that could cause us problems. Just a reminder to be careful about your social media sites, have a conversation with your kids. Be safe and help protect the hobby we all love so much.

Hope to see you at some shows!

Sincerely,

Donna W, Indiana D8 State Rep



The Great D8 Youth Workshop *The Satin Angora*



Kim Weems
ARBA Judge
Frederick, MD



DETAILS



8:15 AM
February 22, 2020 - Canton, OH
Stark County R & CBA Show

**Providing Youth
Educational Opportunities**

D8 YOUTH Workshop

April 4, 2020 - 8:15 AM

Golden Priarie RBA - Lafayette, IN



Caleb Thomas

ARBA Judge

ARBA Commercial
Committee

Market/Commercial Classes



D8 Youth Workshop

May 9, 2020 - 8:15 AM

Heart of MI/Saginaw Valley Show - Chesaning, MI

Cavy: Colors & Terminology



**Mary Lou Eisel -
ARBA Cavy Judge Ontario, Canada**



THE GREAT D8

Representing Indiana, Kentucky,
Manitoba, Michigan, Ohio & Ontario

Breeding Rabbits

Click on the link below to view the video about breeding rabbits. This video also contains a couple of short videos on palpation.

<https://www.arbadistricts.net/district/8/Videos.html>

ARBA Rare Breed Sanction

The ARBA is working again with The Livestock Conservancy to support our mutual goals. The Livestock Conservancy (TLC) is a credible and professional organization dedicated to breed preservation and study. The ARBA Board voted to use the list generated by TLC for the breeds eligible to compete in Rare Breed Specialty shows. The data from ARBA Conventions, spring National Specialty Club national shows, and ARBA registration totals were submitted to TLC for the last 5 years. The ARBA data along with the TLC team's analysis resulted in the current list. One caveat to TLC's list is that the ARBA Board imposed a 10-year minimum recognition requirement for a breed to be eligible to compete in a Rare Breed Specialty shows; hence the Argent Bruns are not currently eligible even though they are listed by TLC. The ARBA Board's decision to partner with a professional, well respected, and trusted organization whose mission speaks directly to the subject of rare breeds was to best support rare breed enthusiasts. www.livestockconservancy.org is the link to The Livestock Conservancy and all questions related to how the conservancy professionals developed the list are clearly provided on their site. The list of breeds will inevitably change over time which is also addressed by the ARBA Board with the list in January each year dictating the eligible breeds during that calendar year.

The Livestock Conservancy will be launching a press release later this month and will be featuring these rabbit breeds throughout the month of February. This is an exciting partnership between our organizations supporting the promotion and preservation of rabbit breeds. —

*Posted on Facebook by ARBA President Josh Humphries



INTRODUCING

Rare Breeds
Specialty Show Sanction

Available to local and youth clubs

For complete details visit The Show Secretary Central section of the ARBA Website

Below is the list of breeds eligible for inclusion in the Rare Breed Specialty sanction beginning 1/1/20.

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|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Blanc de Hotot | American | Palomino |
| Silver Marten | American Chinchilla | Belgian Hare |
| Silver | Giant Chinchilla | Beveren |
| Checkered Giant | Lilac | Silver Fox |
| Crème D'Argent | Rhineland | |

**District 8 2020
State & Provincial Reps**

Indiana

Joy Griffin

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!

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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!

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Donna Whitmer

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.

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Wyleigh Thomas

D8 Indiana Youth Representative

Hello everyone! My name is Wyleigh Thomas, and I am the Indiana Youth Representative for District 8! I live in central Indiana and have been raising Rex and Rhinelanders for 7 years, and Argente Bruns for the last year or so, showing at local, state, and national shows.



I am currently serving as the Youth Director of the Indiana State Rex Rabbit Breeders Association, gladly

sharing my knowledge of rabbits with younger and older members of my club. I've also been a member of Team Indiana, competing in Breed ID.

When not working with rabbits, I work hard serving my FFA chapter as an officer, swim for my school's swim team, work as hard as I can to maintain good grades, and share my knowledge of rabbits with others.

I'm very excited to serve as the Indiana Youth Representative and meet many new people along the way!

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Kentucky

Tom Green

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Renate Michelle Padgett

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 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.

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Elizabeth Reichart

My name is Elizabeth Reichert and I live in Shelbyville, KY. I have been involved with rabbits



all of my life and got my first show rabbit when I was around 10. I started with Mini Rex, who were mostly overweight, moved onto to Dutch, and now show Palominos in the lynx variety. Rabbit showing is a wonderful lifelong

hobby that has taken me so many places and offered me the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. You will usually see me at shows with my Dad, Walt, who has been in the hobby around 50 years and is a wealth of information.

I work as a veterinary pharmacist for a large online pet company where I generally get forwarded all the rabbit dosage and drug usage questions, which makes things fun and interesting. I also have 2 horses and 2 dogs and enjoy spending time with them.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns or to celebrate a big win with you!

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Luke Brewer

D8 Kentucky Youth Representative

Hello District 8 friends.

My name is Luke Brewer, your youth Kentucky state representative. I live in Northern Kentucky and raise English Lops and English Angoras.

I have been raising rabbit since 2014, with my First show being in 2015. I decided to get serious about breeding and showing in 2016 and became an ARBA member.

I show at county level and Nationally with the ARBA. My goal is to get more youth involved with showing rabbits and I would like to become a judge with the ARBA in the future. Outside of rabbits, I am in our 4-H Livestock Club competing in state Skill A Thon and Livestock Judging competitions. I also enjoy fishing and kayaking at state parks and rivers.

I look forward to seeing you at they upcoming shows. Thank you,

Luke Brewer, Kentucky Youth Representative!



Manitoba

Geri Ganske

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.

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Pam Nichol

Hello D8 and ARBA Members! I was born and raised in a small town north of Winnipeg, which is ok if you like snow and cold winters. I have been mad about rabbits my entire life. What started with a mixed Dutch pet named Dimes grew into years of 4H projects, youth shows, and I now share Rex and English Spots with my family.

We frequently travel to shows in Minnesota, North Dakota, and beyond. Rabbit friends and family are the greatest people to travel with! As they say "Getting there is half the fun". ARBA has so many gifted and talented members which I am proud to call friends. Please reach out with any questions or to just say hello. Take Care! Pam Nichol

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Natasha Wilson

Hello, my name is Natasha Wilson. I am happy to be asked again to be one of the D8 representatives for Manitoba. I am the owner of TRex Rabbits & Poultry, a farm located near Fisher Branch, Manitoba. I currently raise rabbits, coturnix quail, chickens, turkeys, geese and Muscovy ducks.



The two main breeds of rabbits i am concentrating on are my Rex and my pedigreed Satins, but i also raise English Lops and New Zealands for fun.

I am always excited to meet new friends in this wonderful hobby and offer my experience and advice.

Michigan

Julie Aversa

My name is Julie Aversa and I currently reside in Wales Twp MI. I am a wife and mother. My rabbit journey started 18 years ago when we thought we

would get the girls a pet rabbit. Fast forward 18 years and we have a barn full of rabbits. I am currently barn manager for my daughter Lindsay until she finishes college in May. We have traveled to many states over the years showing. Many laughs have been enjoyed on these travels and great



friendships have formed. This hobby has enriched our lives in so many ways. Our current goal is to go to some shows we have never been to before. So, I hope to see some of you on the tables soon

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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 2020 shows.

sheepwoman57@yahoo.com

Susan Spaulding

Hello everyone,

My name is Susan E. Spaulding the owner of Hidden Hoof Hollow: A farm in Southeast Michigan where I raise a menagerie of animals. I am a thirty year plus UAW Ford Motor Company employee where I am a Paint specialist and a Dirt/Defect Analyst. I was very pleased to be asked once again to be one of the 2020 ARBA D8 State Representatives for Michigan!



I started as the supporting Parent of my daughter showing youth cavies and three years ago decided it was time to start entering Open myself. As my daughter had been first in

the nation for the White Crested breed for many years as a youth it was a very hard choice for her as she started College this year and did not have the extra time to show any more. I took over the

breeding choices and daily care of our beautiful herd of White Crested. All the years of hard work paid off last year when I was awarded the honor of first place in the open sweepstakes point program; proving to both of us that our herd is top quality not just the best in youth! I also have a few Mini Satin rabbits adding some colorful fun while they free roaming in my goat pasture on the farm.

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,

hhsue@icloud.com

Jacelyn Royer D8 Michigan Youth Representative

Hello everybody,

My name is Jacelyn Royer and I am from Michigan.

I have been raising and showing rabbits for twelve years now. I have been raising Holland Lops since I first started showing rabbits, and recently I just started raising Florida Whites with my brother as well. Ever since I started showing I instantly fell in love with it



as well as the people. I have ran several shows as well as held several offices for the Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Youth Association which I am now the president of. I also love helping the new Youth and encouraging others to get involved. I am also involved with other activities such as early college, FFA, 4-H and play several sports. I am honored to be able to have this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jacelyn Royer

Ohio

Susan Meier

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.

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Cheri Schubert

I am excited to represent Ohio as an ARBA State Rep 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.

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.

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Nita Butler

Hello, my name is Nita Butler from Newark Ohio. I am very happy to serve as an Ohio state representative for 2020 in District 8.

I have worked at a local veterinary clinic east of Columbus for going on 22 years and currently hold the position of Business Manager/HR. Throughout the 1990's and into the early 2000's I showed Rex. I

then spent several years serving as a show registrar at many local shows and judging 4H fair shows. I got the rabbit fever again, and in 2011 I obtained my ARBA judge license. I normally judge throughout Ohio and the other states of D8 as well as in the eastern states. I've also been to Ontario! I have lots of fun during the summer county fair circuit.



I really enjoy the people I meet in this hobby. I'm happy to help represent our Ohio members as a state rep. Please email me at nitarex@yahoo.com or look me up.

Jarrett Ingle D8 Ohio Youth Representative

My name is Jarrett Ingle. I am 17 years old. I am the son of Curry and Taressa Ingle. I am proudly from Mount Orab, Ohio. I am currently a senior at Grant Career Center studying Veterinary medicine, I am also a student at Southern State Community College. I am a member of FFA where I am currently working on getting my State Degree. I have been a 4-H member for 11 years. 4-H is where I started with rabbits, since it was my first project. Next year I am going to be a student at The University of Findlay where I will be majoring in Pre-Vet. At home I have multiple animals; I have rabbits, chickens, goats, miniature donkeys, and miniature horses. I currently raise Mini Rex, with the varieties of black, broken, castor, himi, opal, otter, red, and white. In the future I really would like to become a register and a judge.

Ontario

John Curk

I have held positions as Director at the Eastern State Flemish Giant Club for six years; Director on the Giant Chin Board of Directors; President, Vice President, and Treasurer for the Forest City Rabbit Club; and Vice President of the Ontario Council of Rabbit Clubs in Ontario.

I have bred and shown Flemish Giants, New Zea-

land Whites, Californians and Giant Chinchillas for many years.

I bred and showed the # 1 and the # 7 Flemish Giants in the NFFGRB Sweeps in 2015. I have earned Best Display at Flemish Nationals and won numerous Flemish Specialties, as well as All-Breed Bests in Show. I've also won Giant Chin Nationals and Specialties. My Flemish have also been awarded Top Flemish in Ontario at ARBA sanctioned shows for multiple years.



I look forward to assisting our District 8 Director, Terry Fender, in any capacity.

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Mary Lou Eisel

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 eight 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!

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Betty Fletcher

Hello I am 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.

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Paige Fletcher D8 Ontario Youth Representative

Hi! My name is Paige Fletcher and it is a true honour to be asked to sit as Youth Representative for A.R.B.A.'s District 8 - Ontario! I am 11 years old and I am in Grade 6. I live really close to London, Ontario in Southwestern Ontario, Canada. I have been involved in the rabbit hobby for as long as I can remember. What started with a single American Holland Lop buck named "Chubbs" from my Nana, has resulted in a hobby and a passion for producing quality Hollands that I like to show all over Ontario, Canada. My rabbitry is called "Paige's Hill Top

Hollands" - you may see me at shows with my "hot pink" cages!

Over the last few years, I have contributed to our local rabbit club, the Forest City Rabbit Breeders Club (FCRBC), by assisting with the various shows they sponsor and deliver each year including helping with set up and take down, assisting with the prizes and raffles, and assisting with the Food Booths. It takes a lot of work to make shows happen - I encourage each of you to offer to volunteer with a show in your area. Every little bit helps! Most recently, I have really enjoyed learning how to clerk for judges.



When I am not working with my rabbits, I love spending time riding horses, being artistic and crafty and figure skating competitively with my synchronized skating team.

I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming shows. Thank you for this chance to bring a youth voice to the A.R.B.A. table for Ontario, Canada.

Emma Early ARBA Youth Committee

Hello, my name is Emma Early and I am your 2020 District 8 Youth Representative. I am 16 years old and I live in Ohio. Currently I raise Holland Lops and I have been the Ohio State Rabbit Breeders Association Duchess and now Queen for 3 consecutive years. I'm also the Vice President of the OSRBA Youth and working on obtaining my registrars license. I'm active in the rabbit world and I love helping others and participating in youth contests at state and national levels.

Outside of rabbits I ride horses and have a passion for photography, I also have a dog I'm hoping to start agility with.

Thank you so much for this opportunity, I'm very excited to see what the future holds.

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Somewhere in Time

Moon Breeding A Popular Misconception

Two highly contradictory beliefs or statements led our inquisitive efforts to the end, we checked the kindling results in our rabbitry to determine which of the statements were more nearly correct.

On the one hand-elaborate tables are prepared with actual dates of a month given, wherein rabbit does introduced to a buck on one of these days will more nearly conceive and bear a fine large litter. The contradictory statement, which appeared in one of the text books our son was studying for a college course-stated "Of all the strange, the modern and the ancient beliefs about the moon, probably 99% are erroneous."

With this in focus, we set, about to prove or disprove one of these statements. Ours was a two pronged attack or search. First we delved into our breeding records and results for the preceeding 12 month period. Second, we continued this revelation from current breedings and continued this for 12 months. Hence, for a 24 month period, we summarize the following findings.

The results of findings from records, that is the previous twelve month period, wherein our schedule of breeding was such, that when the does were ready for breeding, i.e. they were open, of sufficient weight and condition, they were bred. We did not check for favorable breeding dates as per moon charts. Likewise, we did not purposely or actually avoid these dates either. Ours was a normal breeding schedule, to secure as many rabbits to market size and age as possible.

In this 12 month period there were 65 adult size producing does utilized. Does that were not of the first litter category, in any instance. Our breeding schedule calls for 4 litters per year, per doe. The grand total that could be anticipated, per said schedule would be 260 litters. Our actual number of litters successfully kindled, totaled 190 a pleasing 73%. Of the 70 actual litters failing for one reason or another, including

complete misses; failure to properly nest or nurse a litter: death of doe, etc., the 27% failures were as evenly divided between those does that were bred on corresponding so called, good moon breeding dates as those does whose date of breeding to buck were not favorable days according to the moon system. The actual difference was less than 1% between the two groups of thought-that is the moon date bred doe and the non-moon date bred doe. During this same period of question there were 30 replacement does placed into production. At and during various times of the year these does were bred for their first kindling. Out of a possible 112 litters, we successfully kindled 91 litters. This is a whopping 81% positive results and only 19% negative actual litters missed 21. The results of the newly producing does as far as favorable percentage was slightly higher. This was we feel due to the fact that none of the replacement does were placed in first production during a severe 6 week period in January. Otherwise the results, relative to moon breeding improving percentage of litters, size of litters, whether the does be older production does or virgin replacement does, from first breeding on. The ratio or percentage of difference was negligible and of less than 2%.

The phase of the study and check on the following 12 month period. That which was kept on a current basis, day to day-the results only finalized or proved the findings of the initial 12 months. Our conclusion. The breeding of rabbits for a higher percentage of conceptions, by following prescribed so-called favorable moon breeding date is absolutely not founded upon fact, in the tests and studies that we completed.

MOON BREEDING INTEREST OCCURS IN CYCLES

This popular misconception of the value of moon breeding dates, occurs, it seems on almost a regulated plan. That is, there are higher percentage of belief or interest in such breeding tables for awhile. Then the interest seems to

wane, then die, only to reoccur in and among a new group of breeders, that possibly weren't around the rabbit breeding scene the previous cycle of moon breeding popularity. In 1947, various exaggerated claims regarding the value of this moon breeding scheme, reached such proportions that George S. Templeton, Director, United States Rabbit Experiment Station, Fontana, California, wrote an article, "Forget the Moon In Your Rabbit Breeding Plans". This appeared in the Small Stock Magazine.

George Templeton, immediately began a study and in 1948 published a report:- "Moon-Breeding Problems Again." This was a most comprehensive study and report. In fact, the most complete such study made on this date. The study covered an 11 year period. We wish to include this out of print article.

MOON-BREEDING PROBLEMS AGAIN

Quote from George Templeton- The article, "Forget the Moon in Your Rabbit Plans," that appeared in the rabbit periodicals about a year ago created a lot of interest on the part of the breeders as indicated by the correspondence that we have received at the Station. These letters were not confined to this country, for four continents were represented- one letter came from as far away as Cairo, Egypt.

"Breeders who are keeping records on a large number of matings will be impressed with the fact that from time to time matings on one day result in a 100% conception and on another day the reverse will be true. On other days the percentage of conception will vary between these two extremes. Moreover, these variations occur throughout the year. Season is a factor in percentage of does that will conceive, for the spring is the natural breeding time for this species and for the Fontana, California area the highest percentages of conceptions occur in February and March. September, October and November are the months when the lowest percentages occur. If one were interested in determining for himself whether or not making matings according to the zodiac schedule would be any benefit, he would have to include in his sample studying the problem a very large number of rabbits in order to eliminate the element of chance selection and

cover sufficient period of time to compensate for seasonal variation.

In view of the fact that the Station's extensive records make it possible to throw light on a subject of this kind we have tabulated matings for the period 1937-1947, 11 years of records. The method of procedure was to tabulate all of the zodiac matings (moon date) for the 11 year period and to tabulate a comparable number of non-zodiac matings for the same period of time. All of these records are for one breed of rabbits and the only variable between the two groups was one lot of does was mated on zodiac dates and one on non-zodiac dates. There was a total of 2,090 matings in each group. Of the 2,090 does that were mated on the zodiac dates, 1,314 or 63.87 percent conceived and 776 or 37.13 percent failed to conceive. Of the 2,090 that were mated on non-zodiac dates 1,339 or 64.07 percent conceived and 751 or 35.93 percent failed to conceive.

It will be noted that the percentage of conception and failures to conceive are very close for the two groups. In the case of the non-zodiac group 1.2 per cent more does conceived. Statistically this figure of 1.2 per cent is not significant and consequently there is no practical difference between the percentage of does that conceived in the two groups. Therefore, on the basis of these extensive data, the conclusion may be drawn that the moon did not have any effect on the percentage of does that conceived". Unquote.

Moon beam. Moon struck. Moon Madness. The old man in the moon that we like to see bright when we have our loved one out for romance and the same moon we like to see darkened when out on a watermelon raiding mission- seems to get linked up with us pretty solid. We are spending billions, yes, billions to land a man on the moon. However, it can be concluded in 1948 and 1967- Forget the Moon in Your Rabbit Breeding Plans.

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IT'S SHOWTIME!

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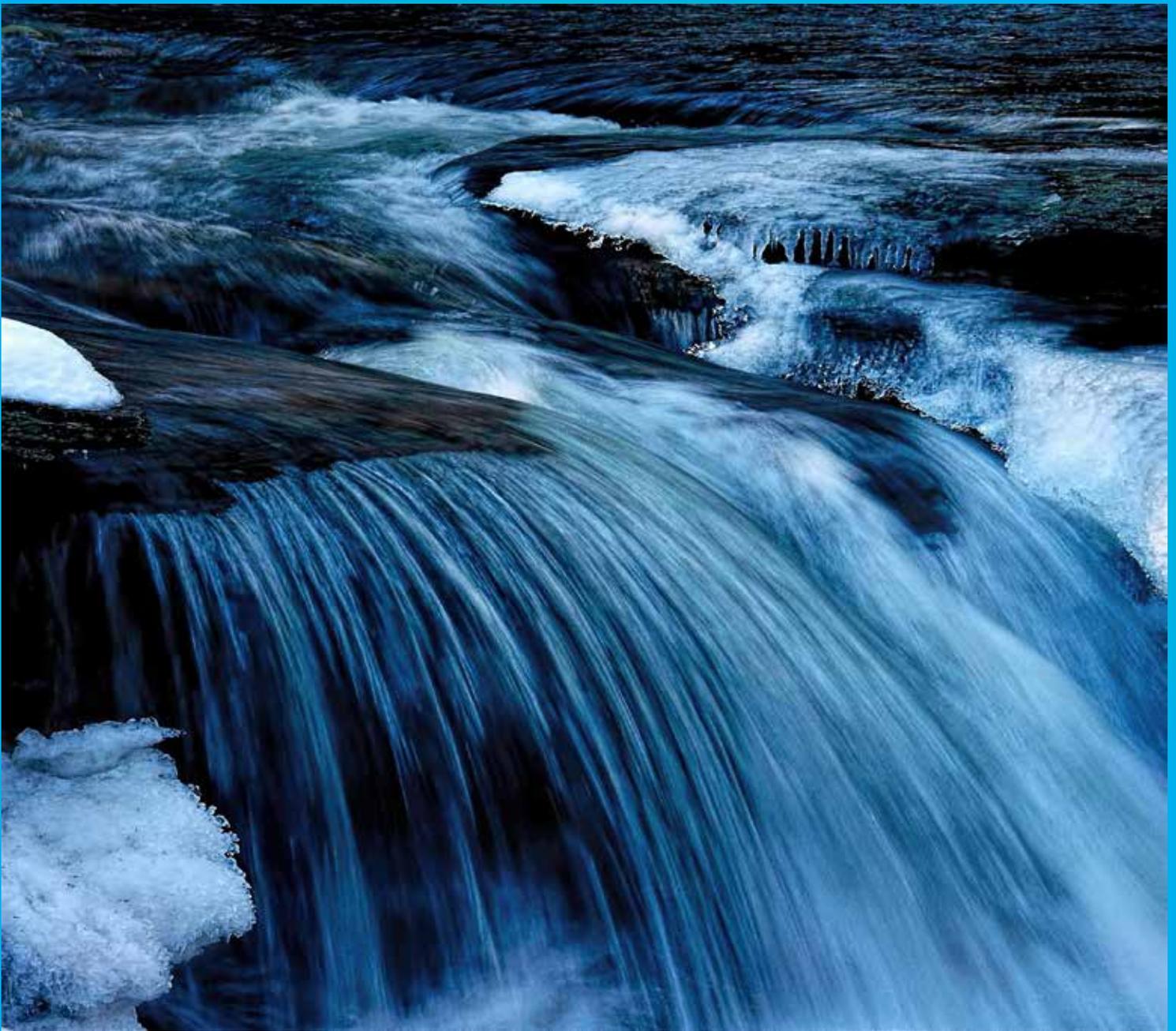
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