

NEW MEMBER FOR THE BREED EDUCATION COMMITTEE

From Committee Chair, Kelly Neeley: We have asked Laurie Jeff Greer to serve on the Breed Education committee; she will be replacing Gayle Kaye. I have attached Jeff's bio for the board to approve.

Laurie Jeff Greer - How do you reduce almost 60 years in collies to a short bio? I started with dogs from Mrs. Louis P. Cummings (Arrowhill est. 1915), Mrs. Ada Shirley (Shirhaven), and the original troublemaker and third of this infamous trio, my grandmother, Nina Campbell. I have bred and finished over 60 of my own Collies and German Shepherd Dogs under the ARROWHILL Reg. and KAIMACHA Reg. kennel names, and literally hundreds of dogs as a handler. Until recently, my personal dogs held the records for "youngest GSD champion" and "#1 breeder/owner/handler GSD", as well as many ROMs, Champions, Specialty and All Breed BIS winners.

I have been a CCA member since the early 70's and recently attended my 51st consecutive CCA National Specialty and am a 50-year CCA member. I have been involved in all aspects of breeding, handling, and club events involving conformation, obedience and herding. I was the 2022 CCA Herding Trial Chairman. I have served on the National Show Rules Committee for many years and served on several CCA National Show Committees.

I have been a professional handler of all breeds since 1977 and handled many #1 and Best In Show winning Rough and Smooth Collies, GSD and Australian Shepherd. This past year I have finished 5 champions from the single litter I bred and completed Obedience and Herding titles and a Top Ten ranking on their dam. I have also exhibited in shows in six foreign countries and lectured at seminars in China as well.

My charges are known for retaining their happy temperaments and spreading their goodwill across the country. It has been my honor to serve these past several years on the CCA National Show Rules Committee.

CCA 2024 - UPDATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ROOM RESERVATION BOOKING FOR 2024

Reservations are not open yet for the CCA 2024 National hotel rooms. Sometime in the fall of this year we will be sending out the link to the Booking Service that you will use to make your reservations. Using this link, you will be allowed to have dogs in your room, and you will get the CCA negotiated rate.

I would suggest you cancel the rooms you currently have booked because we/you will not be able to transfer them to our negotiated block. You can then book through the Booking Service when reservations open in the fall.

This fall we will be sending out the info regarding hotel reservations and the links via the CCA Newsletter and it will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Thanks,
Jean Framke
CCA 2024 National Co-Chair

ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS FOR COMMITTEES 2024

Committee Bios – CCA 2024 – Peoria GROUP 2 - submitted 4/22/2023.

Pat Jung – Judges Hospitality Chair

I have been involved with collies since 1960. In the mid-70s I started in earnest to produce a nice line of collies under the Palary prefix, starting out with a bitch by Ch. BayMar's Coming Attraction ex a bitch primarily of San Lori background, and ended up finishing around 17 champions. Despite my rather limited breeding program, my foundation bitch, Ch. Palary's Star Spangled C.D., missed being ROM by one offspring. I have been a member of the Collie Club of Minnesota, holding various positions over the years; a member of CCA since 1983, currently serving as District Director, and am a board member for the Collie Health Foundation. I have served on the Judges' Education Committee, the Ethics Committee, as secretary for the Quarter Century Collie Group and as trophy chair for the National, and currently help with proofreading for the Bulletin. I am also an AKC judge, approved for collies, and 14 other herding breeds. In my personal life, I have worked 30+ years in biomedical research, first at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, and then at the University of Minnesota.

Nancy Anstruther – Facebook Futurity Chair

I've been involved with our breed since I was a teenager, and have attended many, many nationals. I currently work with our Public Relations committee, Quarter Century group and am the District Director for our International members. This year I'm looking after the Booths for the Fort Wayne national.

When Nancy McDonald first told me of her idea of a Facebook Futurity I jumped right in, and together we started it a few years ago. It's evolved and changed but has always been a great way to help raise funds to keep our Top Ten spectacular. I'm happy to be back with it now and look forward to helping to have another great fundraiser at Peoria.

Isabel Ososki – Facebook Futurity Co-Chair

I am a 45+ year member of CCA. I currently serve as a CCA Director for District 5 - Illinois and Indiana. I also chair the Operations Manual Committee. I have volunteered at several of the past CCA national shows most frequently as a steward both inside and outside the ring. In 2022 I achieved regular status as an AKC judge and now bring a better understanding of both the steward and judging roles in the ring. I have served my local all-breed club and the St. Louis Collie Club in many capacities over the years including president, treasurer, vice president, cluster committee member, and board member. Most currently I serve as the show chairperson, board member, and AKC Delegate for the St. Louis Collie Club. I served as chief ring steward for the Sandemac Kennel club all breed show for many years prior to hiring a Professional Stewards Group. I bring a strong sense of process to the table of any committee on which I serve and have experience serving in various roles on several specialty and all-breed show committees.

Jennifer Weiner – Fundraising Chair

I am a second-generation breeder, exhibitor and AKC Judge. Our family run kennel, Edenrock Collies, has spanned 3 generations for more than 65 years. I had the pleasure of owning MBISS Ch. Edenrock The Mask Of Society ROM, the number one smooth in 2005 and CCA Best Opposite Sex to Breed winner in 2007. I bred/owned his ROM sire, MBISS Ch. Edenrock Of Ages. I also bred and personally exhibited MBISS Ch. Edenrock It's Good To Be King, ranked in the top 10 Hawkins system for several years, as well as several other top ranked dogs. In 2019, MBISS GCH. Edenrock I Feel Like A Woman won her Veteran class and received an Award of Merit at the National Specialty. I have an active breeding program and continue to exhibit my own dogs. I have served as a breed mentor at our National Specialty and at Royal Canine.

I am an attorney, licensed in California, with more than twenty years' experience. I have been an adult member of the Collie Club of America for 25 years. I previously served on the CCA Constitution Committee under Presidents Pati Merrill and Mike Van Tassell. I also served as the welcome party chair and grooming chair for the 2017 CCA National Specialty in Sacramento, CA, welcome party chair and fundraising for the 2022 CCA National Specialty in Salt Lake City and was on the National show committee for the 2021 CCA National Specialty in WY. I am also the Secretary of our local specialty club, Sacramento Valley Collie Club.

Kate Long - Assistant Ring Steward

I am a member of the Collie Club of America, The Tampa Bay Collie Club, The South-Dade Kennel Club and The Southeast Stewards Association. In 2019 I was the inside ring steward for Harry "Butch" Schulman at the last CCA National in Peoria IL. I also assisted in 2022 and plan to do so this year 2023. I am also a District Director for District 8 (AL, MS and FL) in the CCA. I have been actively stewarding for 6 consecutive years.

Kara Gossage & Braelynn Gossage – Trophy Co-Chairs / Ring & Building Décor Co-Chairs

Braelynn & I are 2nd & 3rd generation breeder, owner, handlers. We were born into the breed through my mother Lenise Adams (Donlen Collies). I had the privilege of handling CH. Tsunami's Silver Surfer ('01 #9 Rough Collie) & CH. Donlen's Spirit of An Angel ('02 #5 Smooth Collie) through my Junior Handling career along with my Miniature Pinscher CH. Valdon's CEO (MPCA '03 Community Service Dog Award). Although most of my breeder accomplishments have been in partnership with my mother, my personal favorite is piloting CCA '03 Smooth RWD Donlen's American Idol at age 15.

My love for collies & the sport has spilled onto my daughter, Braelynn, who just retired her heart dog from juniors after 4 years, CH. Cadenza's Don't Cha Know. We are forever grateful to Cathy & Robert Meier for finding this connection. Fun adventures and challenges begin as she finds a new partner for the remainder of her Junior Handling career.

When Braelynn & I are not at a dog show, we are usually on the ballfield or on a court somewhere. Both Braelynn & my daughter, Kinsley, play travel softball with my husband who enjoys coaching them.

Braelynn values her education as a High Honor student all while participating in her school's sports programs and travel softball.

We are honored to be a part of the 2024 Collie Club of America National and hope through our contributed efforts we create a memorable one for you!

Louise Palarik – Merchandise Co-Chair

I purchased my first brood bitch in 1979 and bred my first litter that year. Since then, many litters and many Champions have been produced from my Carousel Collies line.

In 1995, I was approved to judge Collies and J.S. Currently, I judge the entire Herding Group and most of the Hound Group as well as BIS.

Throughout the years, I have been involved in Specialty and All-Breed Clubs. I have been a member of the CCA since I began in Collies. For the past 6 years, I have been the President of Chicago Collie Club and am a life member of Central States Collie Club. I have also held various offices in the clubs as well as Board Member, Show Chairman, etc.

At this point in my life, I am retired and, whenever possible, am enjoying my 9 Grandchildren and 2 Great-Grandchildren.

Kathleen Krause - Reserved Seating Co-Chair

After a love of collies since childhood, I got my first collie from Jereco Collies in April 2020. Soon after we acquired another collie from Jerry and Cheryl Sulewski (Jereco).

I'm looking forward to co-chairing reserved seating with Cheryl Sulewski who has had previous experience at two other CCA Nationals.

Suzanne Steiner - Vendor Co-Chair

I started in collies over 30 years ago when our son, Bradley, wanted to show dogs. He started off showing a beautiful smooth bitch from Foxbride Collies.

When Bradley went off to college, I was left with the desire to continue showing. With several years under my belt I have finished rough and smooth champions over the years. I have not lost the desire to show and breed these wonderful dogs. I have helped with setup at a couple of Nationals and it is always an exciting time. I am also active in my local collie club serving in several different areas. I have taken over as the Show Chairman of our two day, four show, Specialty.

I look forward to working with Kathy for the 2024 CCA National in Illinois.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE LIBRARY OF CHAMPION BOOK COMMITTEE

Note from Karen as she is looking for Club information on the following: "I am inquiring to see if the CCA has a subscription or other access to photo processing software such as Adobe Photoshop. The LOC

committee will either need to have access to it, or I will have to purchase the software. I hate to spend the extra money, if it is available through the club.” If anyone would like to contribute or knows details regarding this software availability, please contact Karen. Also, if you’d like to join the committee and work on the project, please introduce yourself along with your credentials. Below are the details for contacting: **Karen L. Anderson, PO Box 1681, Atascadero, CA 93423. Phone: (805) 460-7227 or by email: NordicKLA@att.net**

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Library of Champion Books

Karen L. Anderson, Chair (previous chair)

Member CCA- 34-year member, Collie Health Foundation Treasurer

Current Committees –

Library Of Champions Committee Chair since 2003

Treasurer of 2024 National

Adding the following:

Pati Merrill

Member CCA- 51-year member, CHF and Greater Jacksonville Collie Club

President CCA 2004-2008, 2012-2014 VP

Current Committees:

Breed education

Bulletin

2023 Trophy chair

President CHF 1997-2004

Presently VP, auction, and Sunnybank committees

Linda Chesson

In the Beginning

I received a Journalism Scholarship to the USC School of Journalism right out of High School. I attended for the duration of the scholarship and finished up my education (now married) at Long Beach City College (much closer to home and definitely less expensive), majoring in Anthropology with a minor in English while also continuing with a second language (Spanish 5).

After graduation I worked for the Long Beach Press-Telegram as a Copy Editor, which has always been my strength.

In 1969 I bought my first Collie and became a CCA Member. I have been breeding and exhibiting and was an All-Breed Handler up until 2007 when I received my Judge's License for Collies, which was the only breed I was interested in doing. Assignments were lonely however, and I found that breeding, handling and doing historical research into the breed were, for me, preferable to judging. So, although I am still a judge, I am not active, by choice.

My skillsets lie in writing, composing, formatting, editing, scanning, computer work, research and staying up late!

As a former breeder of American Saddlebred Horses, I am also a member of the American Saddlebred Horse Association with a huge amount of historical data on that breed as well, which I have archived over the years.

I was also fortunate enough to have owned the rough collie, Ch. Chris Mik's Jack Daniels, #2 Hawkins in 1978 and #16 Hawkins in 1979.

Hoping I can lend a hand with this very important project.

Sincerely,
Linda Chesson
Warwick Collies

Chandra Flaim

Qualteri Collies
AKC Breeder of Merit - Bronze Level

Member:

Collie Club of America – Communications Committee Co-Chair

Collie Health Foundation – 2nd Vice President/Promotions Committee Co-Chair

Cheyenne Kennel Club – Vice President/2023 Show Chair

Objectives – I wish to work to better the future of the Collie in a variety of areas including breeding, showing, performance events, and volunteer work.

Abilities - I am capable of managing large projects, supervising people, independent work, and event planning. I have experience in web design, Microsoft programs, social media, and monthly newsletter publishing and graphic design.

Employment – Proceeding Team Member 12/2016 VIN – Veterinary Information Network, Cheyenne WY

I work remotely for the VIN Community reading, formatting, and editing Veterinary proceedings papers to be posted online on the VIN website.

LETTER FROM AKC OF CONGRATULATIONS

Copy of Special letter of the Notification from AKC for this honor

March 10, 2023

Bill and Lois Hall
59 Mossy Rock Court
Ellijay, GA 30540

Dear Bill and Lois,

We are so pleased to tell you that your dog, Calder, was the first dog of any breed
To earn all three of AKC's new AKC FIT DOG titles ---the Bronze, Silver, and
Gold.

You can officially say Calder has earned the triple crown in AKC FIT DOG!

Congratulations and thank you for participating in this new AKC program.

Sincerely,

Mary R. Burch

Mary R. Burch, PhD
AKC Family Dog Director

The Collie Club of America, Inc. is very proud of Calder and his family and the honor they have worked so hard to achieve. The CCA adds our congratulations and thank you for being the first dog, not just the first collie, but first dog to receive this award. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.