

PROPOSAL FOR NEW CCA CHALLENGE TROPHY
From the National Trophy Committee Chair, Judy Pitt

We request approval for a memorial challenge trophy (description below) in memory of Helga Kane of Kanebriar Collies, to be awarded for BREEDER of BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF BREED, at the Collie Club of America National Specialty Show. The 2024 National is being held in her memory, so we find it fitting to offer her trophy beginning at this show.

Catalog Description:

CCA NATIONAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (valued over \$2500.00)

Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed - THE HELGA J KANE MEMORIAL TROPHY, Ceramic Figure by Laura Weiss offered by the friends & family of Helga Kane. This is a challenge trophy awarded to Breeder of Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, to be offered through the Collie Club of America Inc. at its National Specialty Show only, to be won three (3) times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows, for permanent possession.

Proposal from The Friends & Family of Helga Kane

The Ceramic Figure by artist Laura Weiss will weigh approximately 10 lbs and is about 10 inches tall and 10 inches wide. The trophy is to be valued over \$2500.00. Included will be a secure case from Star Case Company for its safe passage National to National /person to person. This one-of-a-kind piece will include a rough tri collie and a smooth sable collie together representing both varieties. The ceramic piece will be placed on top of a custom-made wood base designed to showcase is special piece of art by Laura Weiss.

As you all know our dear friend, Helga Kane, passed away on July 5, 2022. She dedicated a large portion of her life to the collie, her collie family, and our clubs. Helga bred and owned Collies under the “Kanebriar” prefix since 1967.

She purchased her first show dog in 1967 from Bill & Jidge Holbrook. The beautiful Ch. Kanebriar Holbrook Halloo “Holly” became the foundation bitch for Kanebriar Collies.

Holly was the dam of Ch. Kanebriar Keynote “Chris”. He won several Working Groups and Best in Show making him an outstanding winner of his era.

Helga was the type of person that would not hesitate to help and encourage a novice, as well as lend an ear to even the most experienced. Helga believed that no matter how long you are in collies there is always more we can learn. Sometimes from where you least expect it. Kanebriar Collies can be found in countless pedigrees as well as the foundation for many kennels like Gambit and Keepsake just to name a few.

She was passed President of the Collie Health Foundation, Inc. and dedicated over two decades helping find cures for diseases that affected purebred collies. She was a lifetime member of the Collie Club of America, Inc. and the founding member and longtime member of South Bay Collie Fanciers. Helga has

held office and/or serviced on just about every committee/board you can imagine for all these organizations.

She had a gifted eye for dog confirmation and moved from breeding to judging dogs nationally and occasionally internationally. She was an AKC Judge for 37 years, judging the prestigious Collie Club of America National Specialty multiple times:

Collie Club of America, Inc National Specialty

1988 in Colorado Springs, CO - bitches

2000 in Wichita, KS – dogs

2011 in Tulsa, OK – bitches

In 2005, Helga was presented with the prestigious “Quarter Century Group Right Stuff Award”. The words engraved on her plaque are just as fitting today as they were back then.....” Big Fancy words could be used to describe Helga Kane, but it would just be.... words. She is much more. She is a feeling each one of us gets when we speak her name. A feeling words cannot truly describe. In the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions, we see her as a friend, breeder, mentor, judge, and role model to all!”

Her friends remember her as a talented breeder, fabulous mentor, brilliant judge and friend to many. She truly was one of a kind and always did it "her way".

Here are some of the highlights of Helga’s dedication to the collie:

Lifetime member of the Collie Club of America Inc.

National Trophy committee member and then Chairperson

National Show Rules committee member and then Chairperson

Started the “Celebrity Corner” column in the CCA Bulletin

Founding and lifetime member of South Bay Collie Fanciers.

She served as the President of SBCF for over multiple decades. Helga hosted the monthly club meetings at her home for over 30 years.

Member of the South Bay Kennel Club Inc. for over 50 years.

Member of the Collie Health Foundation, Inc from conception in 1986

Recipient of the Collie Health Foundation, Inc President’s Trophy Winner in 1994

President of the Collie Health Foundation, Inc. from 2004 – 2008

Served as Vice President of the Collie Health Foundation, Inc.

**NEW
COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA
AWARDS**

The Public Relations Committee announces two new Collie Club of America (CCA) awards. Award # 1 recognizes CCA members for their outstanding service to CCA. Award # 2 recognizes local collie clubs for their outstanding collie promotion and outreach. Local collie clubs are located throughout the country. The foremost ambassador of collie promotion and outreach is the local collie club. With several social constraints that we have dealt with the last few years, it is paramount that we promote the collie and reach out to our communities. We want to honor CCA members and local collie clubs that are doing outstanding jobs.

Award # 1: "Certificate of Appreciation"

Nominations are open throughout the year to a CCA member who is recognized for his/her assistance in making the wheels of our organization turn so well. Some of our unsung CCA members contribute and go without recognition. We want to show our gratitude throughout the year with awarding the Certificate of Appreciation. The Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded quarterly.

Award # 2: "Outstanding Local Collie Club"

"Two local collie clubs will be recognized annually for outstanding collie promotion activities. To allow all clubs to participate, there are two tiers based on membership and resources.

- Tier 1 Clubs with membership of 25 or less
- Tier 2 Clubs with membership more than 25

Nominations will be accepted January 1 – January 31 (deadline).

Both local collie club honorees will receive recognition at the national and receive the coveted Collie Club of America Loving Cup. CCA will donate a Loving Cup to each honored club to be used for their Conformation show only and to be offered as their trophy for their Best of Breed prize or Best Opposite to Best of Breed or Best of Best of Winners ONLY."

Refer to the CCA website for more information and the Nomination Forms. Honorees will be determined by the Public Relations Committee.