

BCOA 2020 National Specialty Judges Biographies Sweepstakes

Loretta Binder-Wheeler ~ Oaxacaretta ~ Sebastopol, CA

I was fortunate to have a sister who got 2 borzois when I was 8 years old; I have not wanted another breed since. I didn't know I was witnessing history when I was on the field with Lyle Gillette as he ran lure courses using a bicycle wheel. I have owned borzoi since 1972, breeding my first litter in 2009- and celebrating my 10th AKC conformation champion this year; several have performance titles as well. My experiences have led me to appreciate the variety of styles, all correct, in our breed. I consider them living art. I love them.

Suzanne Deghi ~ Oronzova ~ Sebastopol, CA

I acquired my first show dog, a standard poodle, at age twelve. Soon after I fell in love with Borzoi and purchased my first dog, CH. Aristoff's Ileana from Edd Abblett. In my forty four years as a breeder/owner/handler and loving borzoi, I have bred fewer than ten litters. Yet, many Oronzova dogs have ranked in the top 10 for performance and conformation with seven specialty winners including four consecutive generations. Thank you, I am honored to be considered for your 2020 BCOA National Specialty Sweepstakes judge. I would love to judge your puppies and veteran dogs.

Virginia (Ginger) Jones ~ Rivervue ~ Brighton, MI

My first borzoi in 1991 from Majenkir Kennel attained his AKC and CKC Championship and JC titles piloted with my novice skillset. His fabulous personality and this success ago have endeared the breed and the sport to me. In the 27 years since, I have produced 6 litters. I've judged specialty and supported sweepstakes, always judging to the standard. Soundness in movement and temperament are a priority. Their grace, elegance and unprecedented sense of humor leaves a mark in my heart and soul forever. It would be a true honor and an absolute thrill to judge sweepstakes at our National Specialty Show.

Barbara Tyler Lord ~ Warwind Farm, Reg'd. ~ Forest Junction, WI

I am honored to be placed in consideration to judge the 2020 BCOA sweepstakes. Warwind, which besides myself includes my husband and 3 grown children, is proud to have produced nearly 30 champions since our first litter in 1984. These have included national specialty best in show, specialty best in show, best in futurity, best in sweepstakes, dual champion, and group-winning Borzoi – primarily owner-handled. With my focus on soundness and structure, a respect for our standard, and an appreciation of many kennel styles, if selected, I would look forward to finding the very best of this newest generation of Borzoi youngsters.

Sandra Moore-Doby ~ Avalon ~ Quebeck, TN

My love affair with Borzoi started in 1985. Since then my dogs have participated in most activities available to the breed, and have been number one in many performance areas. Most of those dogs were also conformation champions. I have judged a number of supported entry and specialty sweeps for many regional Borzoi clubs, and some other sighthound breeds. I am an all-breed lure coursing judge, and a lifetime BCOA member. I served on several BCOA committees and currently am BCOA's ASFA delegate. I would be honored and excited to judge the 2020 BCOA national sweepstakes. Thank you all for your consideration.

Kitty Sawyer ~ Katz ~ Seminary, MS

I was in my thirties when I met my first borzoi. I was mesmerized. They were meant to be in my life. Extreme good fortune meeting mentors who are true caretakers of the breed led me to breed a National BOB winner, several AOM winners as well as placements in Futurity, Brood Bitch and several ROM-C Champions. After a lot of study and commitment, I take the ethics of breeding and placing pups seriously. Temperaments, structure, and health are important to me. I also treasure the friendships I have made in the past 35 years. To have the possibility to judge Sweeps in 2020 is as special as our breed.
