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From the desk of the LRBA President

As I am writing this article our 2010-2011 show season is just getting started. The new South Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association held the first show of the season. The turnout was great and I believe everyone had a very nice time despite the dust. There

were lots of new exhibitors showing rabbits at this show as well as a good number of long time members. This is encouraging and I hope we will continue to see a large number of exhibitors throughout the show season.

A few of our club members have plans to make the trip out to Minneapolis, Minnesota to the 87th ARBA Annual Convention and Show. I sure wish I was able to join them. To all who have never attended one of the ARBA Convention Shows I would highly recommend it. Do not be scared to compete at this level. If your rabbits are good enough to win at the LRBA shows, they will not embarrass you at an ARBA convention show.

Please take the time to read the profiles of the members nominated for LRBA awards and to cast your vote for the ones you feel deserve these awards. Remember that your ballot must be postmarked by December 31st for your votes to be counted.

I would like to take a moment to encourage each club to send in an article to our newsletter editor for each newsletter. In this article they should tell the rest of us what their club is doing. By promoting your activities you will boost membership numbers and attendance at your clubs' events. This is not a new idea. A few years ago all of the local clubs sent in articles to be published in the newsletter. I think this was a good practice that we need to start following again.

May God bless you all.

Lynn Hebert, LRBA President

From the Desk of the Vice-President:

What a great time of the year! The heat is gone (well at least the steaming hot days), our first show of the fall is behind us, fur is flying as the bunnies try to find a new coat, and nest boxes are filling. It just doesn't get any better than this as we head into the 2010/2011 show season.

It looks like South Louisiana got off to a good start with their first show on October 2nd. I hope that Doug and the SLRBA club have continued success in the upcoming years. Just one thing, a little water will go a long way. Really did enjoy talking to the Texas breeders that came to the show.

Remember the ARBA Convention on November 7-11 in Minneapolis, MN. For those of you going, good luck and those of us staying home, maybe next year.

I would like to thank Karen Guillory, Stacey Vincent, Amy Lukaszewski, Ariana St. Pierre, and Dale Latham for stepping up to help in some key spots. In closing, if everyone lends a helping hand, the burden is lighter on all.

Totally enjoying the rabbit hobby,

Kevin LeBlanc, LRBA Vice President



Calendar of Events

November 13, 2010

LRBA Youth
Scholarship Show – Addis, LA
Ariana St. Pierre, Secretary
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November 20, 2010

AARC Double Open/Double Youth
Breaux Bridge, LA
Shirley Rome, Secretary
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November 27, 2010

Youth/4-H Show – LSU-A Livestock
Barn, Alexandria, LA

Entry forms available at

www.lsuagcenter.com/rapides

December 4, 2010 - South Mississippi
RBA- Double Open/Double Youth -
Poplarville, Mississippi
Marge Drake – Secretary
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January 8, 2011 - Bonne Terre RA -
Double Open/Double Youth -
Raceland, LA - Lance Gendron,
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January 15, 2011
Ag Expo (hosted by SLRBA)
Single Open/Double Youth
Monroe, La
Sheila Spillers, Secretary
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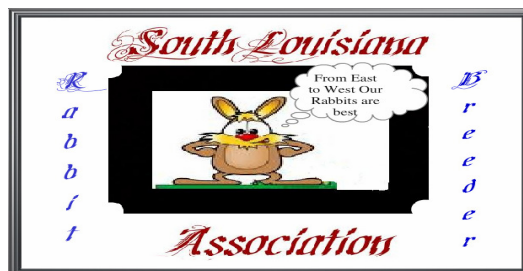
February 12, 2011 - Magnolia State
RBA - Double Open/Double Youth -
Collins, Mississippi - Marge Drake,
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March 12, 2011 – LRBA Annual State
Show – Raceland, LA – Gwen Himel,
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April 9, 2011 - Southern Show
Ariana St. Pierre, Secretary
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Baker, LA

LRBA Memorial Day Weekend Show
March 27, 2011 - Single Open/Single
Youth
March 28, 2011 - Double Open/Double
Youth
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****Specialties to be added later****



The SLRBA hosted it's fall show on October 2nd and besides a few minor problems everything seemed to have gone well. We want to thank everyone who worked hard in making our first show a success. Also want to thank all the exhibitors who showed up in support of the show.

We will be hosting a second show at the Ag Expo in Monroe on January 15th. If you have any questions on the next show feel free to contact Mrs. Sheila Spillers.

We hope everyone has some prospective bunnies in their barn and can come out and support all the clubs for their show. Our local clubs cannot do it without the support of the exhibitors, so please make plans to support all the clubs out there. By doing this, it allows us to show off our prize rabbits and visit with our fellow rabbit breeders whom we only see for the most part a few times a year.

Good luck and a big thanks to everyone.

South Louisiana Rabbit Breeders
Association....

SHOW RESULTS

BONNE TERRE RABBIT
ASSOCIATION – RACELAND

JUNE 26, 2010

OPEN:

BIS – Kevin Leblanc, MR white sr.
doe

1st RUP – Toria (Shellie) Gruenwald,
silver black sr. buck

2nd RUP – Lynn Langley, ND rew sr.
buck

Best BOS – Lynn Langley, ND
chestnut sr. doe

YOUTH:

BIS – Tyson Dempsey, Californian
sr. doe

1st RUP – Tori Carriere, HL broken
sr. doe

2nd RUP – Melody Loupe, Havana
black sr. buck

Best BOS Tyson Dempsey,
Californian sr. buck

AARC Double Open/Youth

October 30, 2010

Open winners:

Best in Show - Gayle Zimmerman -
Mini Rex

1st Runner Up - Austin Trosper –
Himalayan

2nd Runner Up - Christina Broussard
– Californian

BOBO - Christina Broussard -
Californian

Youth winners:

Best in Show - Dave Clemons -
Netherland Dwarf

1st Runner Up - Caroline
Zimmerman - New Zealand

2nd Runner Up - Gabrielle Graybill -
French Lop

BOBO - Shelby Jeane - Mini Rex



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

Newsletter article from AARC:

We will be having our AARC Breaux Bridge show on November 20th. I hope to see everyone there. It's always nice to get back into the show season!

We have our sanctioned breeds list on the LRBA website. We will have an awesome raffle table, run by Ms. Yvonne. Mr. Wallace will be cooking up his tasty Crawfish Etouffee again this year!

I'll be taking phone and email entries up to 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. We'll charge a \$3.00 entry fee for all entries received by Wednesday. There will be a \$4.00 late entry fee for all entries received Thursday, November 18th on. We'll start checking in entries at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Remember....it's a Double Open/Double Youth show!

We'll also have a 4-H show that will start around 10:00 a.m. Mr. Lynn will be doing the entries and Ms. Amy will be judging. Remember...you can't show the same rabbits in the 4-H show that you show in the ARBA show. Entries for the 4-H show will be \$1.00.

We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. I'm glad we have the show season to be able to visit and celebrate together! We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Shirley Rome
AARC Secretary

A/C BLOWER FANS FOR THE SUMMER

Now is the time to contact your local Air Conditioning and Heating contractors to get blower fans. They are going to start changing out heaters, which is where the blowers come from. This is why I had such a hard time finding them in the summer. Call and reserve yours before they send the units to the dump!

Hello Fellow Rabbit Breeders

It is time for our Annual Banquet that will be held after the State Show at the Ag Building in Raceland on March 12, 2011.

Cast your vote for the meal you would prefer:

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn and Bread Pudding

OR

Chicken/Sausage Gumbo with Potato Salad and Bread Pudding

Please include how many people will be attending and how many plates are needed. We are thinking approximately \$8.00 per plate. Once we have feedback from everyone and know how many people will be attending, we will know exactly how much each meal will cost.

It is important that we get responses from everyone interested in attending.

If we do not have at least 50 responses, we will not be able to have the banquet.

Anyone interested in joining us for the banquet, please send an email message to Angelle Kraemer at kraemerscajunbunnies@yahoo.com by December 31, 2010.

Hope to see everyone there!!! Thank you,

Angelle Kraemer



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Tips for Sweepstakes points

1. To keep your points accurately for the state sweepstakes, please enter each show the same way.

2. Make sure that your membership does not lapse. For the time period a membership is lapsed you cannot earn points.

3. Please read the CBL section on how sweeps points are calculated.

4. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you feel the points posted are incorrect.

Sweepstakes awards for 2009-2010 are in. I will try to hand them out at the shows I attend. If you know you should have one, please come ask if I haven't gotten to you yet!

Ariana St. Pierre

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YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR

ALYSSA LLOID:

Thank you for the honor of being nominated for Youth Breeder of the Year!

I'm Alyssa Lloid. I'm a freshman at Pineville High School. I live just outside the city limits of Pineville, Louisiana with my mom, dad, and many, many pets! I have one dog, four fish, a turtle, nine cats, and about eighty rabbits. I play the bassoon in the Pineville High Rebel Band and I'm on Flag Line. I'm in Key Club and Girl Scouts. I have been in 4-

H since 4th grade. In 4th grade I only had a few rabbits and went to only one show. The next year I went to two 4-H shows and one Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association (LRBA) show. I learned a lot and got more rabbits and started entering more LRBA rabbit shows. Now I have about eighty rabbits.

I raise and show Dutch, Mini Lops, Satins, Netherland Dwarfs and Californians. I also show one Jersey Wooly and one New Zealand (Calypso is BIG). The smaller rabbits are a lot easier to carry around!

I belong to the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA), Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, South Louisiana Rabbit Breeder's Club, Tri-Parish Dutch Club, Tiny Town Rabbit Club, Texas Rabbit Breeder's Club, Texas Mini Lop Rabbit Breeder's Club, Mini Lop Rabbit Club of America and American Dutch Rabbit Club. I'm serving on the board of directors of two Louisiana rabbit clubs this year - Tiny Town Rabbit Club and Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeder's Association. Rabbit friends like Richard Smith, Zoe Patton, Lance Gendron, and Mr. Joel Petrus have helped me improve my knowledge and skills.

I was honored by the membership of LRBA by being chosen as Louisiana Rabbit Breeder's Association Youth Rookie of the Year for 2009. I was surprised to be nominated and thrilled to be selected. Being nominated for Youth Breeder of the Year is a wonderful honor, too!

One of my best achievements so far is breeding rabbits that earn Grand Champion legs. One Mini Lop rabbit (Trumpet) that I bred has two grand champion legs and another (Nativity) has three grand champion legs. I can't wait to see what kind of bunnies I get from them when they are old enough to be bred.

My rabbits have come in handy for school, too. They are great science project subjects! I won first place in Animal Science at my school science fair both years of junior high. For the past three years I've taken some of my 4-H rabbits to Palm Sunday children's activities at my church. The kids (and grown ups) can hold bunnies and take pictures. The rabbits are really popular! One of my rabbits will walk on a leash - people are always surprised to see a bunny hopping around on a leash! My bunnies have visited the local children's museum, schools and the Alexandria Zoo for educational programs.

I love to sew and cook too. I volunteer with the Alexandria Zoo, Food Bank, Kent House (a local state commemorative area), Salvation Army, 4-H, and my church.

I am so excited about this nomination! Again, thank you for the honor of being nominated for LRBA Youth Breeder of the Year!

ALYSSA LLOID

EASTIN RABBITRY
New Zealand White Californian
Meat & Show

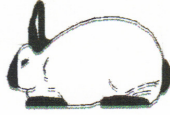


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YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR

NICOLE JACKSON:

Hi, my name is Nicole Jackson and I'm currently a freshman at Quitman High School. I started in rabbits when I was nine and had just joined 4-H. My mother had raised rabbits before and suggested I start with Mini Rex. I followed my mother's advice and started with a trio. But one day while at Ms Mollie Gardner's house I came upon and met my "true love" – Polish! I started my Polish herd with a pair of blues and I have been non-stop since. For the last two years I have been competitive on the national level with my Polish and I am currently ranked in the top 10 nationally.

As a freshman at QHS, I am active in our FFA chapter and I am starting my work on my Small Animal Production Proficiency Award using my rabbit "hobby" as the main focus. I have recently reduced the number of shows I am attending during the year to really focus on my breeding program. Thanks to many adult breeders, I have been able to develop a lineage that I can proudly say belongs to my rabbitry. I no longer show rabbits purchased from someone else – I only show those that I

have raised and I have actually started to build a client base.

Besides showing and raising rabbits, I am also very active nationally with my horses. I currently have a Paint gelding and a Palomino gelding that I show competitively at the APHA and PHBA World Shows. I am also a member of the Palomino Horse Breeders Association Youth Executive Board.

I am honored to have been considered and nominated for this award.

Thank you!

NICOLE JACKSON

YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR

AMBER ROSE LATHAM:

Thanks for nominating me for Youth Rookie Of The Year.

My name is Amber Rose Latham. I am 16 . I go to Doyle High School and I live in Livingston , Louisiana. My parents are Michael and Dale Marie Latham.

I have always had rabbits in my life. I showed my very first rabbit when I was 4 years old at our local fair. From then on I have always showed at our local fair with my rabbits and I still do.

I joined LRBA and ARBA in 2008. I am also members of the American Checkered Giant Rabbit Club and The National Lilac Rabbit Club. I really love being in LRBA.

With my rabbits I get to learn more about them. I get to meet new people and different rabbit breeds.

I got my Checkered Giants one year ago. This would be my favorite breed to raise and show. I LOVE THIS BREED. I just added the Champagne D'Argent's this past spring. I love watching this breed change colors. I show both of these breeds and I help my mom raise other breeds and I show them too.

I am the new 2010-2011 LRBA Youth President. I am a member of my school's FFA and 4-H. I am trying to get with the Livingston Parish 4-H and hoping we can add a rabbit show to one of the Livestock Shows.

I am helping my mom bring back the Lilac rabbit breed it is Number 8 on the rare rabbit breed list.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU,
AMBER ROSE LATHAM ☺

YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR

EILEENE MAST:

My name is Eileene Mast and I show Netherland Dwarfs and Mini Rex. I like my Dwarfs all because of their tiny size! I like my Mini Rex even more because of their velvet fur. Even though the Mini Rex claws kill me, I still think their cool. I had my first Mini Rex litters this year. And, with my dwarfs and Mini Rex, I had more kits than my mom! I also think its awesome that I'm the only one in the family who does Mini Rex.

My favorite thing to do at rabbit shows is go behind the table and write for the judges. I especially like it when I can

write for Lori Neagle because she is fun and awesome! I like writing behind the table because then I don't have to sit there and be shy to talk to people who pass. I also meet people behind the table. Especially when I go behind the table I learn more about rabbits and how the judges judge them. I like going to shows to meet people and show my rabbits.

EILEENE MAST

YOUTH BREEDER OF THE YEAR

KRISTEN PETITJEAN:

My name is Kristen Petitjean. I'm a Junior at Rayne High School and I've been raising rabbits for several years now. My family has had rabbits for over 10 years, starting with my brother's project and then eventually mine. I currently raise Mini Lops and Dutch rabbits. I enjoy the challenge of breeding and rewards of showing the rabbits I've raised. I've had many successes through the years, and lots of setbacks as well. I am always trying to improve my herd and my skills as well. I submitted my rabbit project last year as my FFA SAE project and was awarded 2nd in the state. Raising rabbits has been a rewarding project for me. I am honored to have been nominated for Youth Breeder of the Year.

Kristen Petitjean

YOUTH ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

TORI CARRIERE:

My name is Tori Rae Carriere. I live in Carencro La. and I'm 14 years old. At a very early age, I became an animal lover. I entered the 4th grade and joined 4-H. At my school I became interested in raising rabbits. I started out with just a few rabbits and have a lot more. With a lot a lot of hard work and a great deal of research, I have achieved many of my breeding goals. Thanks to my friend's guidance and help, I now have 3 breeds of rabbits and 5 grand-champions! I take pride in my accomplishments. I know that I still have lots to learn. Hopefully one day I reach my biggest goal..... of becoming a Vet.

-TORI RAE CARRIERE


YOUTH ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

BRADLEY BABIN:

Hi my name is Bradley Babin and I am 11 years old. My family and I started raising rabbits when I was in 4th grade. It started out as just a few pet rabbits to show for 4-H. But after that first show I fell in love with the Mini Rex breed. June made our first full year showing and I am extremely happy with how far I've come. I couldn't have gotten to where I am without the help of my mom and the many opportunities to purchase great stock. But getting good stock isn't all there is to raising rabbits.

I strive to breed for the best Mini Rex I can. You have to look at your stock and decide which ones compliment each other. From there, I have learned to cull very hard. It's an everyday job to clean up the poop, feed, make sure the water lines aren't clogged, and grooming. I plan all my own breedings by researching pedigrees and putting my hands on the rabbits. My mom helps me keep track of the next steps using Evans software. I am in charge of getting ready for a show. I lead my brothers and sister in getting carriers ready and getting all the rabbits in the right holes.

I love raising rabbits and enjoy talking about them even more. Traveling to shows and meeting new friends is really cool. I hope to make it to convention in 2011 and Mini Rex Nationals in 2012. Working as a writer for shows has taught me many things about the judging process and about breeds other than my own. I one day hope to become a judge. Until then, I will learn



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all I can and be involved in this wonderful hobby we've found.

I appreciate being nominated for youth rookie of the year. It is an honor. Thank you for taking the time to read my short biography.


Bradley Babin

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OPEN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

KEVIN BREAUX:

My name is Kevin Breaux. I am from Lafayette and have lived here all of my life. I am married to Toni Breaux and we have 3 boys. Kolby who is 14, Kyle and Kollin which is 12 years old. My boys decided to join 4-H through their school about 5 years ago. Although we didn't have any animals for them to show at the time. My co-worker who is into showing and raising Satin rabbits, talked me into getting the boys each a rabbit to show for the 4-H shows. We started off with 3 rabbits and was showing for just the 4-H. The 3 ended up to a lot more as I got into breeding. We started going to other shows besides 4-H and decided to join the LRBA and SLRBA. I got into showing as well and really enjoy going out and competing. I have learned a lot since starting out with just 3 rabbits. I am running with about 25 rabbits now and it is still an ongoing learning process for me..

Thanks,

Kevin Breaux, KBR Farms

OPEN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

ARIANA ST. PIERRE

I would first like to say that it is an honor to be nominated for open rookie of the year. Our family hobby has come such a long way in a short time and it wouldn't have happened without the help and advice of other breeders. The children and I got started the summer before my oldest son entered 4th grade and 4-H. My mother in law insisted we needed rabbits because my husband had such fun with them when he was in 4-H. So we searched out a local breeder and purchased 5 rabbits. Four of the first 5 didn't survive the first year. It took months of research and lots of purchasing and selling before we really knew which breeds were right for us. Then it took time and effort and lots of traveling to find what we wanted in colors and quality we were looking for. Since that time, we've narrowed down the barn to three breeds: French Lops, Mini Rex, and Dutch. While Dutch and Mini Rex are predominantly for my children, I still take the time to educate myself on those breeds so that I can

help and teach my children along the way.

I raise French Lops and began showing in May 2009. Since then I am very proud to say that I've granded out one of the very first does I showed.

Persistence in showing this loveable breed has resulted in several other breeders as well as youth breeders beginning to show them. This is was and is still an ongoing goal-to get others interested and educated about my preferred breed. I also am working on bettering my chocolate and opal Mini Rex. I've shown them a few times but I don't believe they are up to competing just yet. A couple more generations then I'd say they'd be ready.

My second goal with rabbits is to ensure the future of youth in the hobby. With having 4 children of my own that show, this will always be very important to me. I am a very eager learner especially when it is something I am passionate about. I've currently undertaken the task of sweepstakes chair for LRBA. I feel this will strengthen my knowledge of this difficult to learn part of showing. I am a member of the LRCA (Lop Rabbit Club of America), NMRRRC (National Mini Rex Rabbit Club), LRBA, LMRRC (Louisiana Mini Rex Rabbit Club), BTRC and ARBA.

I truly feel that is essential to get involved in whatever you do. This is the main reason why most of you have seen me writing for a judge, helping out at the registration table, setting up or even cleaning up. I've hounded several members for help in learning to secretary shows and I'm very happy to say that I have volunteered to secretary

3 shows in the next year or so with the first of those being our 2010 Youth Show. I feel that if we as the "newbies" don't step up and take initiative to learn, then who will replace those who have been doing this for decades when they decide it's time to stop.

Another part of my involvement with rabbits has been to speak with Katie Wilcox, our local 4H extension agent about doing more with rabbits in my parish (Lafourche). She has agreed that this would be a good idea and we now have several rabbit clinics scheduled for the upcoming 4-H year. I also intend to get involved on a school level with my children who are in 4-H and use the rabbit knowledge I've gained to hopefully excite kids about our wonderful hobby.

In closing, if you feel I've earned the title of Open Rookie of the Year, I'd appreciate your vote. Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Ariana St. Pierre

OPEN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

DALE MARIE LATHAM:

First of all let me thank you all for nominating me.. Here is a little about myself. My name is Dale Marie Latham, I am 41 years old. I live in Livingston, Louisiana. I have been married to Michael Latham for 22 years. I Have one daughter Amber Rose Latham. I am a stay at home mom. I worked 15 year subbing at my daughter's school. But I do only my rabbits now. My rabbits are my job. I do raise other animals. It's like

a farm at my home. I got started in rabbits when I was 11 years old. My uncle went on vacation and I had to feed his rabbits. I fell in love with them, and then on I have always had rabbits in my life. Then he gave some to me to have as pets. They were just old backyard meat rabbits. But in my eyes I was in heaven . I had some rabbits to start showing at our local fair with my chickens. I showed my rabbits and I have won great on them. I showed up until I was out of high school. I missed the fun I used to have . That's why I started back showing. I have always had a rabbit in my backyard . I don't think I could go on with out looking out and seeing one..

I am volunteer for my local 4-H and FFA clubs. I help out with our 4-H rabbit show at the fair.. I have helped out with several rabbit clinics.

I joined LRBA and ARBA 2 years ago. I am in the AMERICAN CHECKERED GIANT RABBIT CLUB and NATIONAL LILAC RABBIT CLUB. This year I was nominated the LRBA youth advisory board chairman.. I really love being with kids and helping them learn and have fun. I hope we have lots of fun this year..

We raise 8 breeds , I got into the show breeds about 3 years ago. I got my first pedigreed English lop. I was so happy and on cloud nine, I had a pedigree rabbit and my favorite bunny rabbit.

My breeds I raise and show are English lops, jersey wooly and lilac. The lilac is a RARE BREED. They are slowly dieing out. I am trying to help bring this breed back.. The other breeds are my husbands and daughters.

I love showing and learning more about the rabbits, meeting new people, that I consider my rabbit family. I love to relax just by going out and watching my rabbits. My favorite quote would be "they listen to me and never talk ."

My rabbits are my passion as I tell all my family and friends "I only have one child but my rabbits are my kids too".

Well THANK YOU ALL I am honored to have been considered for open rookie of the year.

God Bless and thank you all,

Dale Marie Latham

OPEN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

LINDA BROWN:

Hi, my name is Linda Burkhart Brown and I have a bad case of rabbit fever. A year and a half ago, I never would have imagined taking rabbits to a rabbit show. Now I love it, and look forward to every show.

One beautiful spring day last year, I was outside watching some of the pets and remembered having a free range pet rabbit when I was a kid and how much I enjoyed him. I decided to get a pet rabbit. A few days later, I heard "Hoo Hoo " and looked up in a tall pine tree to see the largest owl I had ever seen. I thought "Its going to have to be a BIG rabbit or THAT will carry it away." I googled large rabbits and fell in love with the Flemish Giants. After many phone calls, I found Colette Waters, who said she might have some for sale at the next show over a month away. I didn't

want to wait that long, so I drove to Fort Worth and bought a pair. I still went to that rabbit show to meet Colette and see the rabbits. Everyone was so friendly and I really enjoyed it. From then on, I was hooked.

I've shown not only in Louisiana, but have attended specialty shows in Texas, Flemish Giant Nationals in Missouri, and I'll be attending the ARBA Convention in Minnesota. I've been very fortunate to start with some very good stock, and was very proud when my junior buck, out of those first two rabbits I bought as pets, placed first in his class at the Flemish Nationals. In LRBA, my rabbits were first place Flemish Giants in the Sweepstakes and first in Flemish Quality Points.

I really enjoy raising rabbits, and the help and support I've gotten from other breeders has been wonderful. Though I've made many mistakes, I've learned so much, and the Louisiana breeders have not only taught me so much, but have been there for me whenever I've needed help, and have gone far out of their way to do whatever they can for me.

I always remember their help when someone comes to pick up a rabbit. Whether it's sending a pet home with someone, or helping a 4-H child choose rabbits to start showing or breeding, I want the new owners to feel as welcome as I have. It was wonderful to see the joy on that youth's face when he shows his rabbits.

I'm looking forward to this show year, and am even going to try raising a second breed, smaller Holland Lops this

time. I look forward to seeing everyone at the shows and am very honored to be nominated for Rookie of the Year.

Thanks.

Linda Brown

OPEN BREEDER OF THE YEAR

FORD EASTIN:

I am Ford Eastin and I live in Picayune, MS, about 20 miles north of Slidell, LA. I am happily married (49 years) and have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. It is an honor to be nominated for Open Breeder of the Year.

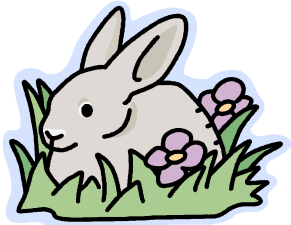
My start in rabbits, other than raising meat rabbits as a child, was with a mini-lop that my sons bought on the way home from church one Easter in the 1970's in Beaumont, TX. Wilbur, the yard rabbit, led us into raising Mini Lops (from Bruce Ford, GA), Netherland Dwarfs (from Sid Sigura, LA), and New Zealand Whites (from Rev. Herbert Lane, LA). After showing a few years I was forced to get out of rabbits due to city codes in the early 1980's.

Upon my retirement in 2001, my wife, daughter, and I moved back to Picayune and in 2003 I got back into rabbits with New Zealand Whites. I added Californians in 2004. I am a member of ARBA (life), AFNZRB (life), CRSC, LRBA (Life), Magnolia State RBA, and South Mississippi RBA.

Win or lose I always enjoy the fellowship with other breeders at the shows. While it is fun showing, the best part of rabbit shows is the people you get to associate and fellowship with.

I wish all breeders the best of luck on the show table and hope to see you at the shows this coming season.

Ford Eastin



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OPEN BREEDER OF THE YEAR

LYNN HEBERT:

I have been happily married to my wife Yvonne for 36 years. My wife and I have 4 children, ranging in age from 27 to 35. I have been a member of the LRBA and ARBA since 1997. I am presently the President of the LRBA, Inc. This is my fourth term as President of the LRBA. I have also served as vice-president for one term. I was a member of the Louisiana Dutch Rabbit Club for 2 years

and member of the Bonne Terre Rabbit Breeders Association for 3 years. I am currently a member of the American Dutch Rabbit Club and the Tri-Parish Dutch Club. I am also currently the president of the Tri-Parish Dutch Club and the president of the Acadiana Area Rabbit Club, which I have been a member of since it was founded 7 years ago. I have coordinated and judged the youth showmanship contest at a number of LRBA shows.

My love for raising rabbits began long ago. Just a few years after I got married, I decided to build a rabbit hutch and get a trio of rabbits. I raised New Zealand/California cross meat rabbits for many years, until our oldest child was old enough to join the 4-H program and needed a project. I bought him a trio of Netherland Dwarfs, but at that time we did not know of the LRBA or the rabbit show circuit so our son soon lost interest in this project.

When our two youngest daughters joined 4-H, we heard about the LRBA and the many rabbit shows held around the state. Our daughter, Amy, bought a pair of Mini Rex and our daughter, April, bought Mini Lops. Though our girls always fed and groomed their show bunnies themselves, I always helped out by tending the breeding stock. Our daughter, April added Holland Lops, American Fuzzy Lops, Jersey Woolies, Netherland Dwarfs, French Lops, and English Lops to our herd. April raised rabbits for 8 years, until she graduated from high school and got a job with work hours that kept her away from the rabbit shows.

After our youngest graduated from high school and her job kept her away from the show table and away from the rabbits, my wife and I decided to get rid of all the rabbits. We had sold all the rabbits, with the exception of a few Holland Lop rabbits. We went to the Southern University Annual Rabbit Show with the intention of trying to sell the rest of them. Judy Duthu had a few young Dutch bunnies for sale and Yvonne begged me to buy her two of them. So much for getting out of raising rabbits! With a couple of young Gray Dutch Does from Beth Babin and a young Tortoise Dutch Doe from Sherry Patton, we became Dutch rabbit breeders. We have since sold all our other rabbits and we are raising only Dutch. We have won several Best of Breed awards with our Dutch and in 2009 we won Best in Show at the LRBA Annual State Show with a Gray Dutch Buck and in 2010 one of our Gray Dutch Does won BIS at the South Mississippi Rabbit Breeders Association rabbit show in Poplarville, Mississippi.

In 2006 we drove up to the American Dutch National Show in Washington, Pennsylvania where our Gray Senior Buck placed 5th. It was a grand experience and we knew we would be going back! We have since exhibited at five other national shows. We exhibited our Dutch at the 83rd Annual ARBA Convention and Show in Fort Worth, Texas where our Gray Senior Bucks placed 4th, 6th and 7th. And our Gray Senior Does placed 4th and 7th. At the 2008 National Dutch Show in Bloomington, Illinois our Dutch Tortoise Senior Buck placed 2nd. In 2009 at the National Dutch Show we took 6th place

with a Tortoise Dutch Buck and 8th place with a Tortoise Dutch Doe. At the 85th Annual ARBA Convention and Show in Louisville, Kentucky our Dutch Gray Junior Buck placed 1st in his class. This year at the National Dutch Show our Gray Dutch placed 4th, 5th and 9th. We have had so much fun showing our rabbits and traveling to the rabbit shows.

We won first place in Sweepstakes points and Quality points on the state level and placed in the top ten in both varieties we show on the national level for the last two show seasons. Last year in the American Dutch Rabbit Club sweepstakes, we placed 3rd in the Gray Dutch variety, 4th in the Tortoise Dutch variety and 18th overall. We placed 12th in Award of Excellence which is like our quality points competition. We also finished in second place in the newest category of American Dutch Rabbit Club competition which is Herdsman of the Year. The object of this category is to have many different rabbits from your herd win BOB or BOS since points are given only for a rabbit's first three wins.

I would like to thank the folks who nominated me for this award and the executive board for voting to confirm the nomination. It is indeed an honor to be thought of in this way. Though I have always enjoyed showing rabbits, it is the friendships I have made along the way that makes this hobby an extra special part of my life.

Thank you all and may God bless.

LYNN HEBERT

OPEN BREEDER OF THE YEAR

WALLACE FONTENOT:

I'm Wallace Fontenot from Rayne, LA. I've been raising rabbits since high school days, and showing rabbits for the last 20 years. My primary breeds are Californian and New Zealand.

In the last 20 years of showing I had a grandson Koby who showed in the youth during his school years and continues to assist me with my rabbitry. I have recently helped my daughter, Gayle get started with raising and showing rabbits, and introduced 4 new grandchildren in showing, Caroline, Kayley, Jacob, and Brittney. I have also helped numerous 4-H children get started with rabbits and judged several 4-H shows.

In the past several years I have exceeded my own expectations with winning several BIS with both breeds. My recent big win was in Bloomington at the National Californian Show winning Best Senior Californian Doe. Through the years I had great accomplishments and honor to attend rabbit shows. Most important was the honor of developing relationships and friends.

Thank You,

Wallace Fontenot

OPEN BREEDER OF THE YEAR

ALLEN CREDEUR:

Allen Credeur has been raising rabbits for some 20 plus years now. He has attended many conventions and breed Nationals throughout the US over the years. He is being nominated for breeder of the year.

He is a very active breeder and has won countless BIS over the years. He resides in Lafayette with his

Girlfriend Joyce Dore. Together they stayed active in the Lafayette Parish 4-H group by giving tattoo clinics and volunteering to judge for the last 15 years. He has given many youths start up rabbits to get them interested in the hobby. He has done countless things for many of us at one time or the other. He currently raises Florida Whites, Satins and Mini Lops. It would be a great honor for him to be the Louisiana Open Rabbit Breeder of the year.

Submitted by Doug Girard for Allen Credeur

LRBA HALL OF FAME

LEONARD MUSK:

At the age of fifteen, I purchased a pair of cross bred rabbits that grew into a commercial business. In September of 1979, I joined the ARBA and purchased a trio of Californians. My first show was in December of 1979. In February of 1980 I joined LRBA and the Californian Rabbit Specialty Club. I have been a member of the LRBA for over thirty

years. In 2005, I became a life member of the ARBA and the CRSC.

I have served as the Show Superintendent for the Cal-Cam Fair for ten years and the Iowa Rabbit Festival for eight years under the South West Rabbit Breeders Association. I served as the Director for the LRBA until 1994 when the Old South West Club closed. I have been a member of the Texas Rabbit Breeders Association for the past twenty-five years. I joined the Champagne d'Argent Rabbit Federation two years ago and the South Louisiana Association in March of 2010. I am at the age now that I will have to slow down for health reasons. Please keep the club going.

Leonard Musk

LRBA HALL OF FAME

GWEN HIMEL:

Hi everyone,

I am writing this but am not sure that it is an award that I am worthy of. I started out in rabbits with my son Eric. It was a 4-H project with an animal smaller than him. After separating a knee twice, we had to find something other than pigs. Eric started with meat rabbits and then got some other breeds. When he started raising Dutch, I was hooked. This became a project we could do together. I just watched him for a time and then he talked me in to getting my own rabbits. I got my first gray Dutch and did well. I started my own breeding and had a lot of fun. After some time, I

too moved to other breeds. I have raised Hollands and Havanas.

Through the years of raising rabbit, the most important thing for me was the shows. They were so fun because of the people I met. I loved talking with everyone and discussing their rabbits as well as just getting to know them. I especially liked talking rabbits to the younger exhibitors. Working with the youth is very fun but also very rewarding. I loved having a new exhibitor come to the house and get their first bunny and then watching as they showed and grew in the hobby. Helping them to grow as rabbit breeders as well as people is something I find very special. This has also given me the opportunity to learn a lot as I did things to teach them. Helping out with all the youth activities as shows has taught me as well as the children. This is one thing that is so fulfilling to me.

I have also been given the opportunity to hold office in our state club as well as local clubs. I learned a great deal about the rabbit world though these opportunities. I am still serving as secretary for Tri-Parish Dutch Club and Bonne Terre RA. I have also been the show secretary for many shows. I love doing this. It is a job that allows me to interact with the exhibitors as well as the judges. It has been a great learning tool especially with the Netherlands. It has taught me so much. I have also spent many hours working behind the show table. This has been very special hours for me. It is the place you learn the most. It allows you to learn from the judges and to touch many rabbits. The time I spent learning lead to my next step in the hobby, getting my registrar's

license. It was something Eric wanted to do and I studied with him. I never really intended to get the license, I was just helping him. I did not think that I would pass the test. With lots of encouragement and support from my friends, I passed. What started out as helping Eric has become another part of this great hobby that I love. Being a registrar gives me the chance to look at more rabbits and talk with the owners and learn more. The more I learn the more I love the hobby.

Could a judge's license be in my future? Maybe. This is just a dream right now but you never know.

Through all the time I have spent in this hobby, the most important thing is the friendships I have made. Learning, breeding and showing the rabbits was great but it was more about being around friends and having a good time. The people at the shows are as important as the rabbits. I have attended show here in Louisiana as well as several others states. I have attended a National Dutch Show as well as two ARBA Conventions. The people that I have met and the friendships that I

have formed will always make me smile. I look forward to meeting more rabbit breeders and making more friendships in the future.

I would like to thank you for the nomination. Just the nomination is a great honor.

Thanks!

Gwen Himel

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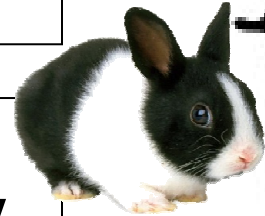
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