



New York Guernsey Breeders

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GOLDEN GAZETTE

REMINDERS:

- Don't forget to vote for the new District I Director.
- Committees will be forming for the 2017 National Guernsey Convention.
- NYSF entries will be coming out soon!

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CALENDAR:

June 20th: Director Ballots due to AGA
 June 30th: AGA Annual Meeting
 July 26th: Annual Picnic
 August 28th: NYSF Junior Showmanship
 August 29th: NYSF Junior Show
 August 30th: NYSF Open Show

DAVID COON FOR DISTRICT ONE DIRECTOR



New York is honored to have David Coon from Coon Brothers Farm LLC, home of Smithfield Guernseys, running for a seat on the American Guernsey Association Board of Directors.

Coon, who currently serves on the New York State Guernsey Board of Directors, understands how important it is to serve the local community

and be a voice for agriculture. Currently, he serves on the Dutchess County Soil and Water Board, Dutchess County Agricultural Com-

mittee, and has been a leader for the Northern Dutchess 4-H Dairy Club.

Winner of the NYS Environmental Stewardship Award in 2000, Coon Brothers Farm LLC milk 120 Guernsey cows alongside 250 Holsteins and manage 2,000 acres of land. The farms milk is purchased by Hudson Valley Fresh who sell all their milk locally.

When asked why he would like to be elected to serve the American Guernsey Association, he states, "I would like to help guide the AGA to be financially stable and to provide services that are needed for the future."

At the last New York Guernsey Board of directors meeting, David ensured that if given a position on the AGA Board, he would ensure that changes would be made to better the Guernsey Breed and that he wouldn't be afraid to make sure those changes take place.

In support of Coon, don't forget that all active members can vote via mail-in ballot that have been mailed out by the AGA!

AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The annual meeting of the American Guernsey Association will take place on Monday, June 30th at 8am in LaCrosse, Wisconsin held in conjunction with the 2014 National Guernsey Convention.

During this time the election of both District I & IV Directors will take place in addi-

tion to voting on the approval of changes to the AGA bylaws.

All active members of the American Guernsey Association are eligible to vote. However, to be an active member, one must presently own at least one registered Guernsey that has been registered in the past two years and it has to be in their

own name. In addition to owning a Guernsey, an active member must be a member of the AGA.

Voting takes place by secret ballot which have already been mailed to all active members. Ballots are due to AGA and are to be received no later than June 20th.

2017 NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK



Want something to go in the Newsletter, Website, or on Facebook? Email Mary Foote at footem921@outlook.com!

NEW YORK STATE GUERNSEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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President:**
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President:**
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After lots of discussion over the past months, the New York Guernsey Breeders' Board of Directors have officially voted that New York will host the 2017 National Guernsey Convention pending approval from the American Guernsey Association at the Annual Meeting.

At the directors meeting held in May, both the Central and Capital District Guernsey Breeders made proposals to host the convention and it decided that if given approval, the convention would be held

in historic Saratoga, New York located just 20 minutes north of Albany in the Capital District.

In the proposal to the board, the Capital District Breeders showcased the variety of agricultural and historic landmarks that are special Saratoga. Some that were mentioned include the Saratoga Battlefield and Saratoga Race-track in addition to local Guernsey Farms—Toolite Farm, Coon Bros., Welcome Stock, and Monument View Farm.

In addition to deciding the location of con-

vention, directors nominated the 'Foote family' as the chairpersons of the sale.

The Foote's stated that, "We are excited to host the National Guernsey Convention in New York! We believe that Saratoga holds the potential to host one of the best National Guernsey Conventions to date and are excited to move forward with planning!"

If you are interested in assisting with convention please contact Mary Foote via email at

footem921@outlook.com.

2014 SPRING SALE AVERAGE HIGHEST, EVER!

When the last Guernsey crossed the shavings at the 2014 New York Spring Guernsey Sale, sale crew knew that the average was going to be one of the best in recent years. No one expected this year's Spring sale to yield the highest average in the sales history, averaging \$2,612.

Topping the sale was Indian Acres Puddin Pie, lot 2, a granddaughter of the famous Pistachio Pie. Going to Mehoopany, PA, Autumn Henning finished out the bidding for \$6,000!

The second high-



est was lot 4, Femara Prada Gloria-ET who sold for \$5,000. Daughter of Cozy Nook H Gypsy Ex. 93, Gloria was sold to John and Marjorie Kuszlyk of Batavia, New York.

Rounding out the

the top three, Rex Warris of Soap Lake, Washington purchased Luckyvale Grumpy Kaz-ET for \$4,600, a choice out of Luckyvale Yogi Kiara Vg. 88.

MEET THE NYS GUERNSEY PRINCES. JENNY MCKENNA



Written by: Jenny McKenna

Hello, I am Jenny McKenna, proudly representing the Guernsey Breed as the New York State Princess. I have grown up on a small hobby farm in Albion New York where we own and raise Guernsey cows. My parents taught my three older sisters and I responsibility, hard-work ethic, and opportunities through raising Guernseys. I have been involved in showing my cows since I was eight years old starting at the county level

and working up to the state and national level. The New York State Guernsey Association and the National Association has provided me with opportunities that have helped me to grow and develop into the person that I am today.

This year was my freshman year of college, and I attended Roberts Wesleyan College with a major in Business Communication with a minor in photography. This upcoming year I will be transferring to the Cornell University majoring in Agricultural Business with a concentration in

Dairy Science. In the future I hope to serve as a liaison between the public and agricultural industry. Educating the public on the importance of agriculture along with helping them to see how farms operate and what farmers have to do to be successful.

As a dairy farmer one of the main priorities is serving the consumer the goods that are produced. There are a lot of misconceptions about the

Dairy Industry, and more specifically a lot of misconceptions of the Guernsey Breed. While I have been attending a non-agricultural school I have had an eye opening experience with how little people truly know about the dairy industry. With even a mention of the Guernsey Breed my friends did not know what I was talking about! They assumed that there was only one type of cow and that was the infamous black and white Holstein! The Guernsey Breed may be small in numbers, but they are high in quality. We need to make it a high priority to inform the public about our wonderful breed! Whether it is word of mouth, through social media, or news we need to be dedicated to informing the public. Every little bit counts, and there are plenty of people out there ready to learn something new and important. I challenge you to take the golden opportunity and focus on educating the consumers about our wonderful Golden Guernsey's that we all share a passion for!

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Jenny McKenna

NEW YORK GUERNSEY PICNIC

The annual New York Guernsey Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 26th at the Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural and Rural Life Museum in Auburn. Held in conjunction with The Big 6 Show and Picnic, the day will kick off at 4pm with a chicken BBQ!

Prior to the picnic, the Big 6 Show will take place where a number of dairy cattle will

cross the pine and youth will compete to be named Master Showman.

So come early and enjoy the show! The Museum is located at 6880 East Lake Road Auburn, NY 13021.



Jeff Thurston of Thurston Farms prepares his calf for the 2013 Big 6 Show and Picnic at the Ward W. O’Hara Agricultural and Rural Life Museum.

JUNIOR CORNER



Written by: Suzanne Foote

Hello New York Junior Members! It has already been a pleasure to serve you as your Junior Association President since my election at the Annual Meeting this past March in Saratoga! To all those who assisted in the Spring Sale and show thank you so much for all that you did and making this year's sale yet another success! As the spring harvest and the summer show season comes upon us it is a busy time for all Guernsey breeders across New York, and there are many important activities to keep in mind over the oncoming months!

With the National Guernsey Convention fast approaching it is essential for any junior members that are attend-

ing this June to be prepared for the opportunities that await you in Wisconsin. Through the tours and activities that are planned you will have the chance to learn and see things that may be completely new to you and meet people and make connections that will last a lifetime. Keep your eyes and mind open to these new opportunities as you travel to LaCrosse in a few short weeks!

For those junior members that may not be able to make it to National Convention do not stress because there are other opportunities to see your Guernsey friends this summer! The Annual Guernsey Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 26th in Auburn, NY in conjunction with the Big 6 Show, and I am looking forward to seeing you there!

The New York Junior Guernsey Association will again be managing a promotional booth at this year's New York State Fair! We are looking for help from all junior members in coordinating and assisting in running the booth! If any member has an idea for a promotional idea that could be used to better promote our breed and the dairy industry feel free to contact Promotion Chair Sean Thurston through email at plothurston1@gmail.com. You

junior members are what makes the promotional booth successful and your input and help is greatly appreciated and necessary in the continuation of our booth!

Hope to see you soon, and thanks for your participation in the New York State Guernsey Association and if you have any questions feel free to contact me at suzannefoote2@gmail.com!

Junior Officers:

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Suzanne Foote

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Jenny McKenna

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Ben Axtell

Promotion Chair:
Sean Thurston

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Christel Axtell



Junior Calendar:

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2014 Junior Achievement Award Winners: (L-R) Caylie Axtell, Kaitlyn Grant, Evelyn Ripley, Avery Barber*, Grace Harrigan*, Jenny McKenna, 2013 NYS Guernsey Princess Suzanne Foote.

*Denotes calf scholarship previous winner.