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2016 National Guernsey Convention

In late June, the 140th Annual Meeting of the American Guernsey Association was held in conjunction with the National Guernsey Convention in Bloomington, Minnesota. The Minnesota Guernsey Breeders Association hosted this year's convention that accommodated over 200 attendees. Featured farm tours included Breezy Point Farm owned by the Laska family; Whirlwind Acres owned by the Fritsche family and Up The Creek Guernsey Farm owned by the Andersons. Convention-goers visited several well-known Minnesota attractions as well as the Bonnie Mohr Studio.

During the week, numerous members and Guernsey herds were honored for their success throughout the past year. The American Guernsey Association awarded Keith Dixon of Phillipsburg, Missouri, the Master Breeder Award. The Outstanding Young Farmer was Eric Poole of Tarrs, Pennsylvania and Lee Kohler of Baltimore, Ohio, was presented the Distinguished Service Award. Coon Brothers Farm LLC, Amenia, was awarded Max Dawdy Awards for both Fat and Protein while Ripley Farms, Cortland, was named a 2015 Double Gold Star Breeder.

During the Youth Awards Banquet, Laura Jensen of Comstock, Wisconsin, was named

the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth, the highest honor a Guernsey Youth Member can achieve. Stefani Evers of Corvallis, Oregon was crowned the 2016 National Guernsey Queen and Cara Trotter of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania was named the 2016 National Guernsey Princess. New York's Esther Ripley, Cortland, placed 3rd in the Senior Prepared Public Speaking Contest and was honored with various herd production awards. Elizabeth and Daniel Ripley, Cortland, also obtained numerous herd production awards.

During the 140th Annual Meeting, Brian Dinderman of Orangeville, Illinois was elected as the new Director for District 3, and incumbent Alan Mann was re-elected for another term as Director of District 7. It was reported to the membership that 5,135 animals were registered in 2015. Semen sales were up in 2015 from previous years for Guernsey Marketing Service, and 385 animals were marketed through public sale. The Association had a profitable year in 2015 with a net gain of \$48,889 combined with the sale of the building funds for a net income of \$137,030.

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Camero Daughter Tops NYSF Show

Easily one of the largest and deepest Guernsey shows at the New York State Fair to-date, a Camero daughter owned by Chascidy LaQuay from Philadelphia, NY, topped this year's Guernsey show. Page 2



AGA Executive Secretary Resigns

After more than 20 years of service dedicated to enhancing the Guernsey breed, Brian Schnebly is resigning as the Executive Secretary of the American Guernsey Association. Page 4

Quality & Quantity at New York State Fair Guernsey Show

Nearly 75 head of Guernseys paraded the shavings at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on September 3. This year, Jamie Black of Lowville judged both the Guernsey and Jersey shows.

Black tapped Gr-Craig Moor Carnero Starlet, a Camero daughter owned by Chascidy LaQuay, as the Senior and Grand Champion of the show. Starlet was the winning Four Year Old and also claimed Champion honors in the Junior Show the previous day.

Following Starlet was the 1st place Junior Two Year Old, Monument View Jackpot Roxy, a Jackpot daughter. Bred and owned by Monument View Farm, Roxy was also named the Best Bred and Owned Guernsey over two years old.

Earlier in the day, Gold Top Icy Iceburg Lutton topped the Summer Yearling Class and then went on to receive Junior Champion honors. Owned by Bailey Wright and bred by John & Sally Phoehn, Lutton also claimed Reserve

Junior Champion during the Junior Show the day before.

The Reserve Junior Champion was the winning Spring Calf, owned by Friendship Farm in Millbrook. The Welcome JT daughter was bred by Wayne & Elizabeth Foote and topped one of the deepest classes during the day.

Additional honors included Ripley Farms placing first in the Best Three Females class as well as earning the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners! Holcomb's Guernsey Farm also topped Junior Best Three Females.

For complete results from the New York State Fair open show, visit <http://www.cowsmo.com/events/new-york-state-fair-guernsey-show-2016/>.

Earlier in the week, Elizabeth Ripley of Ripley Farms was named the Master Showman of the Guernsey Show!



New York Youth Claim 3 Seats on AGYA Board of Directors

During the American Guernsey Youth Association Annual Meeting in Bloomington, MN, Andrew Coon of Coon Brothers Farm as well as Daniel Ripley and Esther Ripley of Ripley Farms were elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

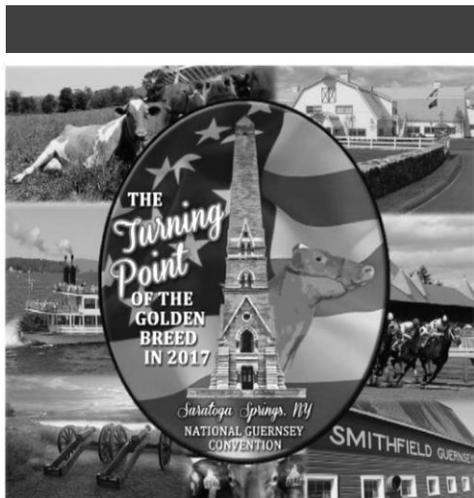
Coon, who is a junior at Cornell, was nominated as president and will be directing the work of the Guernsey Youth Association throughout the next year and will serve as the liaison between the AGA and the AGYA.

Coon follows outgoing President, Cara

Trotter, who didn't seek a second term after being named the National Guernsey Princess.

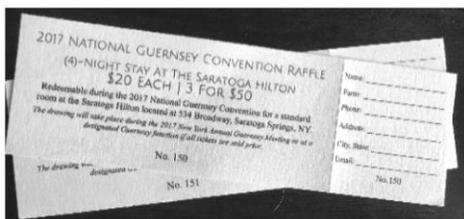
Both Daniel Ripley and Esther Ripley of Ripley Farms were also elected to serve on the board, with Daniel being named Vice-President and Esther a Director-at-Large.

When asked what he's looking forward to the most, Daniel states, "Throughout the next year I am excited to meet more Guernsey Youth from across the country and encourage more engagement within our association."



Why “Turning Point of the Golden Breed in 2017?” as the theme?

2017 marks the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga, which is known as the turning point of the American Revolution. With the Guernsey breed becoming more well-known in the United States for the producing a2 milk, genomic testing hitting the breed, and the strides of genetic improvement being made in the Guernsey breed, 2017 just may very well be “The Turning Point of the Golden Breed.”



Win a 4 Night Stay at the Saratoga Hilton During the Convention!

The New York Guernsey Breeders' Association and the Saratoga Hilton have teamed up to raffle off a four night stay during the 2017 National Guernsey Convention! Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. To purchase tickets, contact Mary Foote at 518-321-1152 or footem921@outlook.com. Or send a check to 301 N. Progress Ave, Apartment K-02, Harrisburg, PA 17109.



McKenna Richardson Wins Raffle Calf

The 2017 Convention Calf Raffle raised nearly \$9,000 to support convention activities and the lucky winner was McKenna Richardson, daughter of Rob and Kerri (McKenna) Richardson. Thank you to Wayne & Betsy Foote for donating the calf!

National Guernsey Convention 2017 Planning Update

by Mary Foote

Over the past year, the Capital District Guernsey Breeders have worked diligently to begin planning the 2017 National Guernsey Convention. With tours of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, Saratoga Battlefield, Ripley's, Toolite Farm, Coon Bros., and Arethusa all on the schedule, breeders from across the nation are already exhibiting their excitement to make the trek to Saratoga Springs.

To help make information about convention more readily available to our members, the New York Guernsey website has been updated to include a “Member Resources” section on the National Convention page. As convention planning continues, we will be constantly updating this section with information about meetings, sponsorships, and any pertinent material that members may want to know and receive.

Though the convention is being held in the Capital District region, as an association, this is New York's, National Guernsey Convention! Therefore we are asking all of our members to be a part of this large undertaking and honor. We are in great need of members helping with fundraising, registration, youth program planning, and seeking items for the registration bags.

As we are officially less than one year away, we are also looking to solidify planning committees. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees for convention and haven't already contacted Mary Foote or weren't present at the Annual Meeting in Watertown, please visit the “Member Resources” section on our website. This section has a complete list of the committees and descriptions of each. Please then contact Mary Foote about which committee you would like to be a part of.

Additionally, if you would like to assist in seeking sponsorships, you can find a sponsor letter, levels of sponsorship, and the form for businesses under “Member Resources” as well. Our state's goal is to raise \$50,000 to help make this one of the most affordable conventions to-date, but we need all of our members help in accomplishing this task!

As an association there is no question that we can and will come together to host one of the most memorable and astounding National Guernsey Conventions to date! Therefore, if you have any ideas about possible activities, potential speakers, sponsorships, or even just general thoughts about the 2017 National Guernsey Convention, please contact either Mary Foote, Wayne Foote or David Coon! We want input from all of our members to make this the best convention possible!

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New York's own members Jenny McKenna and Cara Woloohojian, who served as Guernsey royalty, gave their farewell addresses as they ended their year as ambassadors for the breed. Both women thanked Guernsey breeders for their support throughout the year and their passion for the breed.

The convention ended on a high note with the National Convention Sale averaging \$3,429 on 34 live animals. The sale was co-managed by the Minnesota Guernsey Breeders Association and Guernsey Marketing Service. Topping the sale was the fancy, end-of-September Kringle from Knapp Guernseys of Epworth, Iowa. Knapps

Kringle Tally-ET is a daughter of an Excellent full sister to Knapps Regis Tambourine EX-95, the Unanimous All-American and Jr. All-American Aged Cow in 2015. Tally's dam has records to 27,950M and 1,238F and is backed by the two 93-point dams, Tamera and Tami! She was purchased by Paul Nicley and Ray Lindsey of Indiana and Ohio for \$7,900.

Second-high seller of the day at \$6,600 was a December American Pie calf consigned by the partnership of Morey Miller, Michael Hellenbrand and Peter Vail of Connecticut. The calf is a daughter of the 92-point Millborne Hillpoint S Fiesta-ET, the Unanimous All-American 4-Year-Old in 2015. With records over 1,000F, she is backed by a 92 and 94 point dam and granddam. She was purchased by Steven van Doorn of Tony, Wisconsin.

Two additional animals sold for \$5,900 each. First was a deep-ribbed December Pies granddaughter of Coulee Crest Nick Lorilyn EX-91, former number one CPI cow. The dam of the calf is a Very Good Adacka national class leader for fat with records to 29,590M 1,865F* 1,137P. Consigned by Coulee Crest LLC of Cashton, Wisconsin, she was purchased by John and Marjorie Kuszlyk of Batavia.

Kyle Erickson of Ferndale, Washington, purchased the Guernsey Gold consignment of Karen Anderson from Lester Prairie, Minnesota, for \$5,900 as

well. Anderson purchased the third dam as a Guernsey Gold consignment in a previous National Convention as a junior. Guernsey Gold consignments can only be purchased by junior members and are entered into a production contest that concludes in 2019. The top first-lactation mature equivalent protein records receive a monetary prize. Erickson purchased a March 2015 Lone Star out of a VG-86 Garrett with 926F backed by a 90-point Monarch with multiple records over 934F.

Top selling embryos of the day were consigned by the Master Breeder Award winner's family out of the Unanimous Junior All-American Sr. 3-Year-Old in 2015. The Dixon family consigned three Lone Star IVF embryos from Dix Lee Kojack Fawn EX-93 that sold for \$800 each and were purchased by Leon Zweegman, Lynden, Washington. A second group of four IVF embryos sired by Alymo out of Fawn sold for \$750 each. They were purchased by Chupps Guernsey Farm, Inola, Oklahoma.



AGA Executive Secretary Resigns



After more than 20 years of serving the American Guernsey Association in various roles, AGA Executive Secretary Brian Schnebly will be resigning from his role effective September 26, 2016. Schnebly has accepted a position with the University of Maryland which will allow him to be closer to his family and spend more time with his kids.

Schnebly was named Executive Secretary in March of 2015 after serving as the association Programs Manager, appraiser for both the AGA as well as the Brown Swiss Association, Ayrshire Association, and American Milking Shorthorn Society as well as managing the Guernsey Marketing Service.

The AGA will be hosting celebrations to honor Schnebly following the Guernsey shows at both Puyallup, Washington and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. For more information on times and locations of those contact Shannon Smith for the show at Puyallup and David Trotter or Patty McMurray for the show at Harrisburg.