

## **BCOA 2020 National Specialty Judges Biographies Conformation**

### **Barbara Binder ~ Del Viento ~ Reno, NV**

Borzoi have been in my life for over 50 years. My breeding program produced many champions, specialty winners, and coursing hounds, a few obedience competitors, stage and screen performers and marvelous companions. I was approved to judge Borzoi in 2004. I have been honored to judge specialties in Australia, England and the US, including the 2007 BCOA specialty. I dearly love judging Borzoi. I no longer breed or exhibit, and I can freely enjoy and appreciate the many beautiful styles within our breed standard. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Barbra Ewing ~ Kirov ~ Las Vegas, NM**

Borzoi have been my only breed for 39 years, producing the earners of 100+ show and performance titles from 11 litters bred under the Kirov prefix. Seven successive generations of Kirov-bred dams have qualified for the BCOA ROM. Kirov-bred Borzoi have earned championships in the US, Canada, and Australia, earning top-ten and #1 rankings in obedience, lure coursing, rally, agility, NOTRA, LGRA and open field coursing, as well as earning specialty points. I do not believe there has to be a split between show and performance dogs, we need to preserve the functional athletes that Borzoi were meant to be. I have judged Borzoi since 1998.

### **Henri Goldner, Echovesna ~ Cuyahoga Falls, OH**

I have been in love with borzoi since 1971, when I bought my first one, Margarita. She became Echovesna Borzoi. My kennel has produced 75 conformation champions, owned and co-owned; bred and co-bred. Among those are specialty and group winners and two Best in Show borzoi. In addition, my dogs have competed in obedience, rally, and lure coursing; they have also enjoyed working as therapy dogs. When judging, I like any color or type. I would be honored to judge the national.

### **Prudence Hlatky, Soyara ~ Rosharon, TX**

Celebrating my 50<sup>th</sup> year in Borzoi in 2020, it would be a dream come true to judge that National. Doing so would be the pinnacle of my breeder-judge's career. I'm honored.

Evaluating Borzoi, I've always held form and function foremost in mind, looking for the strongest type while holding true to its being a functional, coursing hound. My national and #1 ranked, specialty-winning and BIS, Soyara-bred and handled Borzoi, speaks to my dedication to this standard. As a judge, I continue to seek, without agenda or favor, the kind of Borzoi that typifies the breed no matter from what line it comes.

### **Meghann Lord-Fenn ~ Warwind ~ Thornton, CO**

Borzoi have always been a part of my life. Before I could walk, I knew how to hold a newborn puppy. I loved showing our borzoi during my junior showmanship career! I also showed our Warwind-bred and imported borzoi to several Best in Futurity, BISS, Best in Sweeps and group placements - to this day, I continue to enjoy showing our borzoi and whippets. I am now an AKC judge for Juniors, Borzoi, Whippets and Beagles. A long-standing member of BCOA, I am humbled to be considered as a judge for our National Specialty, and if chosen, I will be honored to give back to the sport (and breed) that has given me so much.