

“Opportunity at the Door”

Honored Speakers

David Barboza In 2001, when volunteering as a Ring Steward, David recognized the process and challenges that livestock judging presented and decided to attend the International Alpaca Judging School (IAJS). After returning from Peru he entered the AOBA (now AOA) Judges Training program and completed his Certification from both IAJS and AOBA as a Halter, Fleece and Performance Judge. He judged his first show in 2006 and has since judged over 60 shows in the US and Canada. David served a 3 year term on the AOBA board, serving as Secretary and President. Promoting youth involvement in Alpacas is a passion and he has been instrumental in developing Alpaca Youth Judging contests throughout the US. To expand his knowledge of livestock, David enrolled in Graduate Studies at Colorado State University. Retiring after serving 29 years in the Fire Service, David continues to serve as a soldier in the California State Military Reserve and as a Mission Pilot in the Civil Air Patrol. He also works in the Alpaca industry dividing his time between his ranch, judging, and teaching seminars. In 2006, David and Brenda started *ACE*, Alpaca Continuing EducationSM, which provides cutting edge training and education for the Alpaca breeder. David and Brenda have been raising Alpacas since 1996. Today, they run their ranch, RanchoNC Alpacas, in the foothills of Northern California.

Brenda Barboza Born and raised in Canada, Brenda has lifelong livestock experience. In 1996, after successfully raising Quarter Horses on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Brenda switched her attention to Alpacas. Her vast experience ranges from operating a family Dairy to raising horses to managing a premier Alpaca ranch. In 2001, Brenda traveled to Peru and attended the International Alpaca Judging School (IAJS). Moving to the US in 2002, she began the AOBA Judges Training Program. Brenda is a skilled educator and trainer in all aspects of Suri and Huacaya Alpaca husbandry, showing, and daily care. Her specialty is new breeder training and education. In 2006, Brenda and David started *ACE*, Alpaca Continuing EducationSM, which provides cutting edge training and education for the Alpaca breeder. A lifelong enjoyment of fabric and fiber arts, as well as being involved in a fiber producing industry, led to an introduction to wet felting. Mostly self-taught, experimenting with the many different natural fibers in addition to alpaca has led to many interesting creations. Brenda has taught numerous classes at RanchoNC and ranches across the US. Today, Brenda is a full-time rancher and educator.