

Marylouise Cowan of Maine 2000

Marylouise was a charter HLRSC member, joining at the clubs beginning in 1980. She served as Treasurer, Director, and on numerous committees.



She started raising Hollands in 1980 and won BOS at the 1984 Convention and Best of Variety at the 1985 National show. Her rabbits consistently did well on the show tables, right up until her death in 2009.

She was a huge supporter of the rabbit industry and served as Chairman of the ARBA Research and Development Committee from its inception in 1983. She was the founder of the ARBA "Great R&D Raffle" which she ran for many years and raised over \$150,000 for rabbit research. She always supported the HLRSC's many auctions and would send donations if she couldn't attend a show.

Todd Naragon said, "One of my fondest memories of Marylouise was at the 1992 National banquet, watching her dance with Howell Crowder. She was the 'Bell of the ball!' I never remember her not having a smile and a positive attitude. She would brighten any room she graced."

She never thought she deserved any recognition. When thanked, she would always say, "It's my pleasure!" Breeders loved looking at rabbits with her and watching the twinkle in her eye when she was looking at a good one.