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Open **BEST OF BREED** **+ BEST IN SHOW**

Since she was a baby, there was always something special about Fancy's Marilyn Bunroe. Little were we aware of just how special she would be.

My mom had come up with her name long before she was born, but we were waiting for a special one to use it. I think in the end, chose the right rabbit. Leading up to convention and the entry deadline "Bunroe" was not on our original show list. It wasn't until we decided not to bring a SSB, that we added her to the show lineup. We had limited kennel space on the airplane, so we had to really be choosy on who went and who stayed home.

However, within the month leading up to convention, Bunroe really started to bloom and come into herself. Coming from a line of late bloomers, we were excited to see the beginning stages of her "glow up." Prior to this, we had shown her very minimally as we knew she needed time to develop. However, by the time convention arrived, we were really excited for her. We were so excited, we probably showed her to over 10 people on Friday and Saturday at convention. We thought she was nice, but she was only just 8 months old. She was still on the slightly smaller side, so we were worried that she might not compete against the older, bigger does in her class. I had wished she was 2 months older, as we knew she was in the beginning stages of her bloom. We were so excited when she won her class, let alone breed. Winning breed at convention was always a goal we had in mind, but never had we imagined Best In Show at Convention, let alone the biggest show in history! It still feels like a dream when we think about it.

We are extremely proud that Fancy's Marilyn Bunroe's lineage is 100% Canadian far past her pedigree. Her sire, Snowberry's Bun Jovi (Bred by Donna Williams) was not only his class winner at Convention this year, he was also BOSV at the 2024 Nationals, BOSV at the 2022 Convention in Reno, and was #2 Top Lop last year. He has accumulated 16 Best in Show wins, 8 Reserve in Show wins, and 64 legs during his show career. Bunroe's dam, Fancy's Cyndi Lopper, is also a Bun Jovi daughter, out of Bunny Hops Tami (Bred by Brian MacInnis). Cyndi Lopper was briefly shown and accumulated 8 legs in the process, before being put on mom duty.

Thank-you to everyone who convinced us to attend convention this year... it took a team. We also want to thank everyone who helped us along the way and to our West Coast Holland Lop crew... you push us to be better, produce better, and make shows enjoyable.



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BEST OPPOSITE OF BREED

Raising hollands has been a passion of mine for many years, I started raising rabbits as a teen and then progressed into the show world later on. I have had Holland Lops since about 2001 and they are truly my passion. I got serious about showing when we moved to Southern California in 2012 and have been enjoying attending most of the large Holland Lop Nationals and ARBA Conventions since then.

RR Wilco winning Best Opposite of Breed was such a thrill, I felt so honored that he won such a huge class of beautiful solid senior bucks. He was bred by me, Rachel Mastrangelo and has been a treasured rabbit here. I appreciate the judge, Corey Hayes, so very much for liking what I liked about Wilco! I can't even imagine how difficult that class must have been with all those gorgeous bucks. I knew RR Wilco was going to be one that I would treasure as soon as he was born, he was the same breeding as my Best of Breed winner at the 2019 convention in Reno. His mom passed away and he needed to be fostered so he was fostered to his sister and she did a great job raising him. He has garnered many Best of Breed, Best Opposite of Breed and Best in Show wins in his career. He turned four right after convention so I think this big win has earned him retirement from shows although he doesn't seem to mind going. He has produced some amazing offspring and has more in the nest boxes right now. I have big hopes for those youngsters too!



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BEST DISPLAY

BEST DISPLAY WOW! We were so surprised that we could hardly believe it when they announced our names at the banquet. This is the first time, in the twenty years since we started showing as a partnership that we have had the honor of winning Best Display at an ARBA convention.

The Hollander Editor asked us to write a little bit about the rabbits that made up our display win. Both the Best of Variety solid junior doe, Western Duchy and the second place solid junior doe, Western Freesia, go back to one of our best producing bucks, West Coast Classic who sadly has recently passed away. Both of these does exhibit the great topline, wide chest and well placed crown that this buck throws. Since convention, both does have maintained their condition and did well at the King City show where Western Duchy took Best in Show. The tenth place solid junior doe, Hickory, is a younger doe that we think may surpass the two older junior does after she grows a bit more. At convention, she was molting badly on her chest but stood out due to her wide chest, heavy bone and adorable face. Since convention, she beat the two older does that are now seniors, to take Best of Breed in two of the shows at King City. The fifth place solid senior doe, Sylvie, had a Best of Breed win prior to convention and she is now retired to the breeding program. We love her great topline and short straight legs. We can't wait to see what she produces.

Since we have always had a stronger doe line, we were very excited to also place two broken junior bucks. Even more exciting is that they are both out of our color projects being oranges and Benson's father is a frosty. Orlando also carries frosty in his background. Both of these bucks are special because they go back to Audrey Patriarche's Hank that Barry Hustins very generously let us breed to several years ago.

Thank you so much to all of the judges that recognized our rabbits and thank you to the entire show committee for putting on such a well-run convention show.



BFE Western Duchy - BOV



BFE Western Freesia - 2nd



BFE Hickory - 10th



BFE Sylvie - 5th SSD



BFE Orlando - 3rd BJB