

Collie Club of America

The following questionnaire is designed to produce a biography that will educate our newer club members about your history when deciding how to vote for our national specialty judges, and will be posted on the CCA website.

Please keep answers brief and complete. Editor has the option of editing for brevity prior to publication, if necessary.

What is your name?	Mary Benedict
What is your email address?	longacrecollies@yahoo.com
What is your kennel name?	Long Acre
What year did you join CCA?	1987
How many CCA National Specialties have you attended?	33
Have you ever served the CCA in any capacity? If yes, what?	No. However I've been very active in the Rochester Collie Club since 1986, having held every club office over the years.
What year did you receive regular status to judge Collies?	2009
Have you previously judged the CCA National Specialty? (If so, indicate year and location of each assignment)	2017 in Sacramento, CA. I was honored to judge Best of Variety/ Best of Breed.
What mentors or dogs influenced your breeding program?	My primary mentors were Brenda Miramon and Marcia Keller. The dogs that had the most influence on my breeding program were Ch. Long Acre's Pewter Angel ROM, Ch. Fantasy's Bronze Talisman ROM ROMP and Ch. Camloch Sophistication ROM ROMP.
What year did you breed your first litter?	1986
What year did you breed your last litter?	2019
How many litters have you bred?	35

How many champions have you bred? 60

Please name three dogs that have been most important to you in your breeding program.

Ch. Long Acre's Hidden Treasure, HIC was my foundation bitch. Ch. Long Acre's Pewter Angel ROM and her daughter Ch. Long Acre's Repeat After Me were two others.

Which dogs, bred by you, have received National Specialty awards or placements?

Ch. Long Acre's Pewter Angel ROM was 2006 BOS to BOB, 2001 and 2002 BOS to BOV, AOM in 2003, 2005, 2007 and Best Veteran 2005, 2007. She was also Best Brood Bitch in 2002.

Her daughter Ch Long Acre When Angels Dream was Best American Bred in 2002.

Ch. Long Acre's Forgot My Coat was Best Smooth Puppy in 2006.

Ch Long Acre Insignia Roses R Red was Best Bred By Exhibitor in 2008.

Multiple class placings since my first entries in 1987.

Please state the top three virtues you believe are most important in relation to the Collie Standard.

Head qualities - lack of depth, lightness, proper fill under the eye, round muzzle) and expression. To me they can't be separated.

Overall picture that the dog makes standing - body balance, level top line, arch of neck, position of legs.

Correct movement - reach and drive. This is a breed that should be able to do what it was originally bred to do. Herd stock.