PETER SNYDER
New York

Peter Snyder resides in the small farming community of Cortlandville, New York, located in the beautiful rolling hill country of western New York, very close to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and the border with Ontario, Canada. Peter was first qualified for his judging license at the Little Rock, Arkansas convention in 1988 and has held a continuous license since then. He is a senior judge and has judged shows in at least 31 states, four Canadian provinces and one Mexican state. He has judged several National Shows in the USA, Canada and Mexico.

The Snyder family began raising dairy goats in the early '70s and most of the major breeds were raised on the farm in those early years, but for the last 15-20 years they have concentrated on a relatively small herd of Saanen and breeding Alpines, LaManchas and Nubians under the “Brookwood” and “Bittersweet” herd names.

Peter is a Director from District II, is President of the New York State Dairy Goat Breeders’ Association, and was local host chairman of the 2003 ADGA Annual Meeting that was held in NY. He has traveled to Mexico and worked with the Mexican farmers, ranchers and dairymen of the Asociacion Nacional de Criadores de Cabra Lechera de Mexico, in Celaya, Guanajuato, and helped them to establish their own unique judging program for their registry whereby they recognize the traits and qualities that are important to them. He finds the Mexicans very excited, quick to learn, and very eager to improve their own dairy goats.

Most recently he has been involved in assisting the Australians to import new genetics into Australia from where we have them in America. It's been very exciting, especially, to help locate and process the very first LaMancha genetics into the Australian continent. He was able to witness firsthand these very first Aussie LaManchas when he traveled to Australia and New Zealand in early 2016. He also was honored to judge the branch shows in the states of New South Wales and Queensland while he was there...the first American to judge in Australia in recent memory.

Peter looks forward to officiating at the 2016 National Show and seeing and evaluating many beautiful does from all across the country.

MARK V. BADEN
Washington

In 1982, Mark became a member of ADGA with his first dairy goat, a 2% Guernsey/Alpine experimental kid, one of his 4-H projects. Through the use of ADGA programs, he upgraded his herd into a nationally competitive breeding program under his “Wentinger” bred name. Thirty-five years later, every doe in his current herd traces their lineage back to his first 4-H heeling.

He earned his first ADGA judges license in 1992 and since then, Mark has judged numerous shows across the United States and Canada. He achieved his judging tenure in 2009 as an ADGA advanced judge. Mark has served as an ADGA Board of Director, representative of Region I. His current title is chairman of the Judges Training and Genetics Advance- ment committees and an ADGA Linear Appraiser. The title of Linear Appraiser is earned in ADGA Plus, participating annually in linear appraisal, DHIR, and DNA typing. His Alpine herd exhibits at many shows and events and currently has over 350 linear appraisal animals.

Mark is an alumnus of The Ohio State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary technology. He is also a commercial pilot and since 1999, he has been employed as an air traffic controller at the Seattle-Tacoma International Air Traffic Control Facility just outside Seattle, Washington where he is currently a Traffic Management Coordinator.

This is Mark’s third National Show assignment. “It’s a great honor to have been voted by the National membership to judge the ADGA National Show. I know how much sacrifice, work and effort is required of exhibitors to make a trip and I see that with them this great passion for dairy goats. It’s an exciting mileage for me to judge in Harrisburg, the site where I attended my first ever National Show; there’s no other like it! I'm looking forward to a memorable week with you all”.

DAVID HOPE
Pennsylvania

David Hope was born in Wausau, Wisconsin, and has spent most of his life in the dairy goat industry. He has been a judge since 1989. He has judged at the National and Canadian National Shows as well as many others across the country. David was named ADGA’s 2010 National Show Judge of the Year.

This is David’s fourth National Show assignment. “I’ve always been interested in dairy goats and was fortunate to judge the National Show a few years ago. There’s nothing like this opportunity to meet goat people and to see some of the finest animals in the country. What’s really great, I’ll have the best seat in the house.”

JOAN DEAN ROWE, DVM
California

Joan has been judging dairy goats since 1974. This will be her twelfth time judging at an ADGA National Show. She has been active in ADGA committees for many years and is currently a District VIII director and member of judges training, linear appraisal and production testing committees. She is a member of the executive faculty at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine and is immediate past-president of the American Dairy Goat Association and National Dairy Goat Association.

Joan became involved with dairy goats through 4-H and continues to have a strong interest in youth programs. She and her husband Charlie raise a small herd of Toggenburg dairy goats under the Row’s Toggenburgs herd name. Although they show only occasionally, they are members of the ADGA National GCH Toggenburg (1999) and Reserve GCH Toggenburg (2009) and were premier Toggenburg breeder/exhibitor at the three ADGA National Shows in which they have competed, most recently in 2015. Their bucks appear regularly as sires of winning does at ADGA National Shows and as Premier Toggenburg sire at three ADGA National Shows, most recently in 2013. They maintain a focus on longevity and productivity, with many of their does appearing on the Toggenburg Top Ten production lists. Their herd uses ADGA linear appraisal and is on continuous improvement.

Joan looks forward to the National Show returning to Harrisburg. “ADGA National Shows in Harrisburg can be expected to have an array of competitive dairy goats from a wide geographical area. I expect to see strong regional participation to complement the high quality competitive classes from other parts of the country.” Joan is honored to be chosen as a 2016 National Show judge and looks forward to judging the high quality competitive classes with large number of entries. She welcomes visitors and exhibitors to enjoy the 2016 ADGA National Show. Joan will be judging the Nubian breed and will be the consulting judge for the Toggenburg and Oberhasli breeds.