

possible. This is especially true if you are staying at the host hotel. These rooms fill up quickly as most exhibitors like the convenience of staying close to the showroom. You can find more information by visiting the website set up for this event at www.marcskonvention.com. I will write more about the ARBA National Convention in my next article.

I finally want to talk about what came in my mailbox since my last article. If you are a member of our great club, you would have received by now, the HLRSC Official Guidebook. All I can say is WOW! Thank you to Chris Zemny for putting together an outstanding and invaluable guide. And thank you to all that contributed articles and pictures. Not only is this guide packed full of information regarding the history of our club, Hall of Fame winners, the HLRSC Constitution and past Officers. It has many articles on judging, starting out, breeding and culling, health and disease, showing and selling and marketing. I absolutely love the colored pictures of the Hollands that show many of the acceptable varieties. Some of us have never seen some of the varieties that are accepted, this is a great guide to actually show you what color is what. This guide is one of the many benefits of a membership to the HLRSC. So if you haven't joined yet, visit our website at www.hlrsc.com and get signed up today.

Until next time. Wishing you successful breedings and nest boxes full of outstanding Hollands. Hollands Rule!



Hotot Rabbit Breeders International

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Hotot Rabbit Breeders International will be having a National Show at the Ohio State Mini Convention Saturday May 4th. ARBA judge Kelli Flynn will be judging the rabbits. On Friday evening, Laurie Staley-Jones will be giving a talk about the Blanc de Hotot at the ARBA judges conference. If you plan to attend, please e-mail: matthewhinderman@yahoo.com so enough cooping is reserved for the rabbits. The HRBI will be working on a handbook for members who join. If you would like to submit photos or information for the handbook, please contact Laurie Staley Jones punishmentgrll@yahoo.com who will spearhead the construction of the handbook. Kelly Garrity will be working on updating the website with a new look and up to date information. If your information was incorrect on the old website please e-mail matthewhinderman@yahoo.com so it can be corrected before the new website can be rolled out. I hope to see a lot of Hotots at the OSRBA Mini Convention this year



Lop Rabbit Club of America

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Greetings Lop Friends. Goodbye winter and hello spring-time! I'm sure we are all ready to "warm up" from all the cold weather and frozen water crocks and bottles, etc. Glad that is behind us now. Hopefully our Lop Friends on the East Coast have recovered from Hurricane Sandy and are doing much better now.

Lop Nationals is right around the corner and hopefully you have made your travel arrangements by now. The date is April 6 for the National Show and April 7th for a specialty show, sponsored by the Lop Rabbit Club of Ohio, at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, Ohio. Please check the lop website for any updated information before you leave home. Good luck to all of you who will be attending the show. I know it is early, but you might want to think NOW, about travel plans to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the 2013 ARBA Convention. The show will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg. The date is October 19-23rd. Have you made your airline reservations for you and your rabbits, car rental, and hotel stay? The Convention website is www.marcskonvention.com. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and be good for our show this year.

Our Lop family would like to extend sympathy to Janet Lorenz on the loss of her mother in January. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Janet. Also, Trina Carlson had some extensive back surgery after Christmas and developed pneumonia shortly afterwards. Trina is doing well now, but it has been a long haul for her, so hopefully she will be back on her feet and ready to go to the shows soon. Lots of prayers have gone out to you too Trina. Please email me and let me know of any members in your area, that have been ill or are in need of some prayers.

I wish everyone Good Luck and Lots of Wins for 2013. See you at the show tables!



National Angora Rabbit Breeders Club

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New year brings new shows and new hope, it is hoped that we all have big winners in the nestbox waiting to pop out

Holland Lop

Hotot

English & French Lop