



**North Atlantic Region
Kathryn Brady**

New Hampshire Feline Fanciers would like to nominate Kathryn Brady for the NAR Spotlight award. We think the fact that a club in the northern end of the region is nominating someone from the southern portion speaks to the widespread respect and goodwill Kat has earned throughout the region.

She never seems to be "just" exhibiting, in our experience. Kat has made additional contributions to every show she participates in, whether it is clerking, helping the club with setup (regardless of club membership), mentoring new exhibitors or helping to boost the morale of older, more jaded ones!

Her work on behalf of the region is intensely valuable and her efforts to work through show date issues with clubs as diplomatically as possible, should be applauded.

Please consider giving Kat the recognition and appreciation we believe she deserves.
Sincerely, Iris Tanner, President, NHFFU

**Northwest Region
Kendall Smith**

A Friend to the Northwest Region... Kendall Smith has been active in the Northwest Region since the late 1970s, first in the San Francisco Bay Area and then in the Seattle-Portland area. Her first and foremost love is cats, which is demonstrated through her rescue efforts and her work with various rescue organizations.

She loves cats and is willing to share her expertise and knowledge with anyone who asks for help. Although she may love her American Shorthairs, Abyssinians and Japanese Bobtails, she has also shown Balinese, Scottish Folds, American Wirehairs and household pets.

Kendall loves showing and is always willing to help whenever called upon – shows in Seattle, Portland and in-between. She steps up to the plate doing vendor coordination for clubs she does not even "officially" belong to.

Additionally, she has been the official scorer for the Household Pets of Region 2 for so many years, I don't even remember when she started! She ensures that the reporting is accurate and fair, combing thru catalogs and bugging exhibitors for results!

Kendall possesses an unflagging spirit – some may say a Pollyanna outlook, rose-colored glasses or whatever – but always tries to see the best of everyone and is loyal to her friends, cats and CFA.

I wish I had more "facts" but it wouldn't be a show in our region without Kendall, who attends almost all of them. Marianne Clark





**Gulf Shore Region
Dr. Warren Joubert**

Warren and his wife Kristine have bred and shown Persians, specializing in bi-colors, for 19 years and enjoy many Grand Champions and DMs.

Warren is an integral member of many of the GSR clubs. He has contributed not only in entries, but in financial support. He has mentored many new exhibitors and some old ones as well! He goes out of his way to help out on the day of the show, if someone needs assistance, or if the show hits a snag. Warren is an outstanding veterinarian, in his own private practice, and he willingly comes to the aid of breeders that seek his advice and counsel on their animals and breeding programs. He is quick to answer any veterinary question and will go the extra effort to gather additional information, providing this during shows at no charge, solely in the interest of assisting the breeders/exhibitors. He will answer spectator veterinary questions and give advice to newbies.

Warren works with our rescue groups, providing vet care and boarding, oft times filling up his clinic with rescues instead of regular paying customers! He is a strong supporter of breeder rights, understands their importance and promotes this through his veterinary practice, as well as in the community.

He always has a smiling face, is a congenial exhibitor and consummate competitor and gentleman. We are proud to have him in the Gulf Shore Region.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Haden - Committee Chair

**Great lakes Region
Marianne Toth**

Marianne Toth is the Great Lakes Region recipient of the Spotlight Award and the Spirit of the Great Lakes Award.

Marianne lives in Cleveland, Ohio where she is an active breeder/exhibitor of Maine Coon cats. Her cattery is Meowchi. She has also shown a Korat to a Regional Win.

Marianne is a tireless worker, both for the Region and for the clubs where she is active. She is the Corresponding Secretary of Cleveland Persian Society, a Board Member of Great Lakes Great Cats, as well as a member of Western PA Cat Fanciers, Cat Nation Fanciers, Queen City Cat Club and Cincinnati Cat Fanciers.

Marianne is an excellent clerk, is very involved in all aspects of show affairs, and is a member of the Great Lakes Fund-Raising Committee. She solicits sponsorships for rings, clerks and stewards, as well as paper towels and supplies for all regional shows. In addition, Marianne solicits sponsorship for our Regional Awards trophies. She has worked hard on ACE 50/50 raffles, show raffles and any fund-raising activity the region undertakes.

Always willing to step in and help wherever needed, Marianne is the type of person both the region and its member clubs know can be counted on to do whatever is needed. She received unanimous support from the selection committee and was nominated by an overwhelming number of clubs. The Great Lakes Region is very proud of Marianne.





**Southwest Region
Linda Acomb**

In 1978 I discovered cat shows and walked right into, not just a CFA showhall, but a 30 year commitment to breed, to show and to learn. One thing I found out early was the lesson of good sportsmanship from the best, and believe it or not, I also learned a few things from the worst as well! That is why I made early decisions as to what kind of CFA cat fancier I really wanted to be. That is why I try to be respectful toward those who are beginners and support those who have been working hard in the cat fancy as long as I have. It is a challenge – especially in competition. I may not always succeed, but at least my heart is in the right place.

Along the “CFA” way, I developed a passion for Persians. I discovered I had an “eye” and could see what lines worked well together to create a balanced cat. This proved to be an invaluable gift to me. After wandering around and admiring multiple breeds, I settled on those dazzling “silver” Persians. When I ventured into solids some years later (particularly the dominant color “black”), I was ready for that challenge, and I set out on a journey to breed and showcase what I “made.” Over time, I was fortunate enough to produce examples of the breed that have been universally admired by exhibitors and judges alike. I will always treasure their pats on the back and whispered kind words. And so, I have learned that the cat fancy is so much more than winning. I know it is fun to win and we all want to, but there is more. I have found out it can be fulfilling to make friends, share knowledge, enjoy laughter, and most important of all...to show simple respect and kindness whenever and wherever possible.

Although through the years, I’ve been fortunate enough to have several of my cats achieve regional and national wins, I must say that being presented with the Exhibitor of the Year award by my peers means more to me than anything I have ever previously won. I am deeply touched to receive this honor. This is yet another example of why I am so very proud to be a part of CFA and the Southwest Region. For me, the great people of Region 5 are, and always will be, the heart of the Cat Fanciers Association, and to them I want to say...thank you!
Most Sincere, Linda Acomb, Scrimshaw Persians

**Midwest Region
Kay Janosik**

Kay’s involvement with CFA began in 1994 with the purchase of her foundation female Russian Blue. The first show she exhibited at was the Rockford, Illinois show in April 1994. She was hooked from the very first show, and the rest, as they say, is history. Her first litter was born in early 1995 and her first Regional Winner came from her third litter. With that campaign, she learned that she was much more a “breeder” than a “campaigner.” However, she strongly feels there is a place for both within CFA and the Midwest Region. She believes there should be no “us or them;” CFA is an organization for ALL.

The first club she joined was the Quad City Cat Club and she has a special bond with the members there, where she got her first real taste of being involved in the organization other than showing. She currently belongs to the Twin Cities Cat Fanciers, where she has been Show Manager twice and Co-Show Manager twice since joining in 2002. She is always looking for new ways to raise money for the club and make it a nicer event for the exhibitors.

In 2002 I asked Kay to be the Midwest Regional Treasurer and I feel blessed that she accepted. Kay is tireless and always there for the region. She brings all people together with her diplomacy and humor. She enjoys every aspect of the interaction with exhibitors and breeders in the Midwest, and you can tell she cherishes each friend she has made along the way. She is an excellent representative of CFA, with a smile and a greeting for everyone.





**Southern Region
Mona Cherrington**

The contributions that individuals make to CFA are as varied as our breeds of cats. This year the Southern Region was very happy to honor Mona Cherrington as the 2005 CFA Southern Region Cat Fancier of the Year. Mona's contributions to CFA are many, but what best sums up her contributions is her willingness to go above and beyond to help out CFA exhibitors, breeders and clubs. In addition to providing a helping hand, her CFA roles have included Ocicat Breed Council Secretary, Southern Region Treasurer, International Show Entry Clerk and entry clerk service.

Mona's involvement in CFA started in 1986 with her Colorpoint Shorthairs and her cattery, Mosu.

In 1988, she started a long term love affair with the Ocicat. By the mid-nineties, Mona had escalated her involvement in CFA by starting one of the first entry clerk services. Soon, she was handling many Southern Region shows. Although her entry service is a business, she keeps her fees down to ensure that clubs have a low cost option for this time-consuming task. She exceeds expectations by staying open late for last minute entries, checks with exhibitors if she hasn't gotten expected entries and helps clubs drum up entries. She has also donated her services several times to CFA shows, such as regional shows and the International Show.

She is a member and officer of several CFA show-producing clubs, including United Colorpoint, Ocicat International and Absolutely Abyssinian. In addition to club memberships, Mona held the position of CFA Southern Region Treasurer from 1998-2000 and CFA Ocicat Breed Council

Secretary from 1999-2002. She is active in her Florida county to prevent anti-breeder legislation, such as illegal animal seizure.

When Mona is not busy with club or entry business, she loves to show her Ocicats and is proud to have had the first lavender spotted Ocicat Regional Winner. In 2004 and 2005, she had one of her most exciting show seasons with her first National Winner – Grand Premier, National Winner Mosu's Gray Shadow, who was CFA's 19th Best Premiership Cat. In the show hall, she is a good sport and willing to help whenever she can.

Mona was very surprised when she was announced CFA Southern Region Cat Fancier of the Year. All those she has helped over the years knew she was the right choice, and indicated their approval by the standing ovation she received at this year's regional awards banquet.