



Keystone International Livestock Exposition 2023 Horse Show Judges

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Ryan Lindquist

Hometown:

GlenWood City, WI

Shows:

Shire Halter Classes, Haflinger Halter Classes, Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes
Belgian Halter Classes, Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes, Youth Draft Horse
Classes, Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes



Elizabeth Pope

Hometown:

Danville, PA

Shows:

Draft Horse Riding

With a riding and showing career spanning 25 years, Elizabeth has soaked up a vast array of knowledge on numerous disciplines, breeds, and types of equines. Elizabeth's riding and showing experience spans all disciplines including Hunt Seat, Western, Contest, Ranch, Saddle Seat, Jumping, Dressage, Showmanship, Reining, Driving, and Trail Riding.

As a youth, Elizabeth was very involved in 4-H, FFA, and the Appaloosa Horse Club, and credits those organizations with developing her skills as a horseman, and her interest in judging. Elizabeth graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Equine Science. While attending Penn State, she served as the Sale Horse Coordinator for the Penn State Quarter Horse Sale, competed in IHSA shows with the English equestrian team, was a founding member of the Western equestrian team, and competed at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and AQHA World Show with the Penn State Horse Judging Team.

Since graduation, Elizabeth has earned multiple judges' cards and successfully completed the Color Breed Council's Judge's Seminar. She loves to judge and thrives on any time she can spend in the arena, as she also spends her time stewarding, scribing, and ring mastering. In addition, Elizabeth has always enjoyed teaching lessons and clinics and has coached several riders to top five and top ten finishes at the State 4-H Horse Show, as well as grand championships at the Junior 4-H Horse Show. Furthermore, Elizabeth also serves as a 4-H leader and coaches a horse judging team, which has won the state 4-H judging contest, placed second at the state FFA contest, and competed at several national judging contests.



Gordon Ruzicka

Hometown:

Viking, Alberta

Shows:

Percheron Halter Classes, Haflinger Halter Classes,
Draft Horse & Haflinger Hitch Classes, Clydesdale
Halter Classes,
Youth Draft Horse Halter Classes

Gordon Ruzicka was born and raised near Viking, Alberta and currently resides less than a mile from where his grandparents homesteaded. Horses have always been a major part in his life. Growing up on a farm he helped his dad train and show their Percheron gelding hitch at local shows and also enjoyed partaking in light horse 4-H.

He took a short break from the farm and horses to pursue his other passion; hockey, where he played goalie at the Junior level in various cities. He soon returned back to his first love-draft horses-and had the opportunity to show horses in California at the age of 19.

Gord and his wife, Shannon, owned and operated a PMU barn for 14 years which allowed him to manage approximately 100 head of Percheron horses.

Since then he has worked with, trained, and raised many hitch horses of various draft breeds, his favourite still being the Percherons.

Throughout his career as a showman, he has successfully trained and sold complete six-horse hitches for clients and himself. As well, he has had the privilege to judge at county, state and national level fairs.

Gord and Shannon currently manage 70-100 head of Percherons at their farm and Gord now offers services as a trainer, breeder, consultant, and clinician. He strives to breed and raise high quality hitch horses and continues to enjoy and share his passion for horses.