

## Regional Ambassador Reports

June 2013

### First Report from a very special "Hawaii Ambassador" Mr Peabody writes:

Dear "Aunty" Willa,



My dad Ken and I really had a blast at this year's Hawaii Pet Expo! We spent all day on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, meeting lots of nice people, dogs, birds, and even some pigs and ponies. About 12,000 human people came to the Expo, and I think I got petted and snuggled by most of them! Lots of them had never seen a pedigreed Siamese cat before. They were really surprised at how long and slender I am.

I did my best to show people that Siamese are sweet and sociable, not mean or sinister like those fictional cartoon cats in "Lady and the Tramp." I especially liked meeting the babies and other young humans who stopped by my I-cat booth. Sunday was Mother's Day, and lots of families brought their moms and grandmoms to the Expo after taking them out for brunch. I loved watching them pass by in their fancy *mu'umu'us* with pretty *lei* around their shoulders. (Ken

said that he sent you pictures.)

While Ken gave a talk on the center stage, my friend Michelle Biete stayed with me at our booth and answered questions about CFA, me, and cat shows. She's 13 years old and lots of fun! Her grandmother is Charlee Abrams, who owns the cattery where I was born on Kaua'i. Michelle was one of the first humans I met after I first opened my eyes back when I was a young kitten. It was great to spend time with her.

It was a long weekend and I was really tired when it was over – but I wouldn't have missed it for anything. Ken says we'll do it again next year. *Mahalo* (thanks) for asking me to be an Ambassador and letting me have so much fun! I hope you'll come to judge a show in Hawai'i next season so I can see you again.

Purrs and snuggles, **Kaluamoa Mister Peabody**



Here is a delightful report plus photos from Chris June (new Ambassador from Shelton, Connecticut)

Chris writes:



Here are some pictures of my CFA GP, Marvel Little Tiger Lily - 14 year old Natural Mink Tonkinese, at her second show as a Pet Me Cat, her first show as an official CFA Ambassador Pet Me Cat. It was the Seacoast Cat Club show on May 4-5 in Concord, NH. We had a row of Pet Me cats which was a huge hit for the spectators. It was next to a Kid's Table, near our raffle, used

book sale and our Paws Awhile resting area which was set up right in the front when you come in to the show hall. We also had a few exhibitors benched in the Pet Me cat aisle who let spectators touch their cats, as well as my Lily and Hope the lams Ambassador Cat owned by Shirley Peet. The club deemed it a huge success and we are talking about expanding it next year. We overheard a lady (in the restroom LOL!) exclaiming to someone that her kids were loving the show and they even had cats you can snuggle and pet! Lily loved all the attention she got during the show.



Thanks and thanks for helping me get us both authorized as an official Pet Me cat...it was truly so much fun!

Chris June, CFA Ambassador,

Shelton CT





**Ambassador RC - Region 2, (Northern CA) Mary Sietsema tells us:**

The High Sierra Cat Club hosted the CFA Northwest Regional Awards Show in North Highlands, CA on June 1, 2013. The show was held at the McClellan Convention Center just north of Sacramento, CA. This was a new venue for CFA cat shows and was well received by exhibitors and gate!

The club did an excellent job of advertising and we saw many new faces and smiles from the spectators, along with “oohs” and “aahs” for the cats. The local newspaper, Sacramento Bee, did a nice write-up with many photos!

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/06/02/5464312/from-whiskers-to-tail-show-hunts.html>

There were also several new exhibitors and our Entry Clerk and CFA Ambassador, Neta Cox, made sure each new person was benched next to a CFA Ambassador. We have found this to be very helpful and the new exhibitors feel welcomed and “at home” with an experienced exhibitor close by to answer questions and offer support. The new show hall was interesting with several walls and dividers making somewhat of a maze for spectators and exhibitors to wind through and walk around. Our Ambassadors did an excellent job of assisting people to the judging rings, finding the “cats with curly ears” and explaining why people were rushing around with beautifully groomed cats held high in their hands. I’m proud to be part of the CFA Ambassador Program and it is great to see so many smiling Ambassadors at the CFA shows in northern California!

Read more here:<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/06/02/5464312/from-whiskers-to-tail-show-hunts.html#storylink=cpy>

Mary Sietsema  
CFA Ambassador and  
Coordinator for the Northwest Region, northern CA



**GSR Region 3 Ambassador RC Sheila Haskins reports:**

Willa as far as an activity report for this last show... there is not much to give. This past show was the Regional Fundrasier show a 6x6 and Banquet, which, of course, I stayed very busy with my part toward the show and banquet. The facility is a very nice facility, but it has been used very frequently by both TICA as well as CFA, due to the venue being very nice and very inexpensive. There were only a small amount of spectators at the show. I did notice that they all carrier around information I put out relating to the shows and the sheet that explained all the types of pedigreed cats that are allowed to be shown in CFA. It was a small show with a low number of entries.

Our Ambassadors wore their stickers and were happy to help and discuss anything related to CFA and our lovely cats.

I am very happy to announce that our own Chris Willingham, who I understand is now a recent committee member of our Ambassador Program, received Exhibitor of the Year Award, at our Regional Awards Banquet, this past Saturday night. She was in complete and total shock, for she was busy helping organize to hand out the awards. We have a very good system and she has always been there giving a helping hand. She is going to be an excellent addition to the Ambassador Committee.

*Sheila A. Haskins*

Region 3 Ambassador Coordinator



**Candilee Jackson Region 6 RC writes:**

MWR Awards Show report

The MWR Awards Show was held June 1-2, 2013, at the spectacular Illinois State Fairgrounds in the lovely Orr Building. Completely surrounded by windows, the show hall was light and airy, although humid due to the late spring storms. The banquet theme, "Top Hat and Tails" carried into the show hall, with white formal skirting adorning each ring, complimented with sparkling purple bunting, top hats and purple posies, the Illinois state flower.

Because of the storms, the gate was light on Saturday, but this didn't keep folks away who were looking to adopt a pedigreed cat. Ambassadors worked with many who were

looking for that special kitty that would warm their homes and hearths. Questions were asked, people introduced to kitties, and there was tons of purring going on.

The banquet itself was a work of art: Cathy Dunham outdid herself on the decor, and everyone was pleased with the embedding of the awards into the taped script which made for a smooth delivery and acceptance of awards. The cocktail hour was enhanced by entertainment by the MWR's own Kirk Jackson, dressed in a silk top hat and tails, provided dance music by Irving Berlin, Johnny Mercer, Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Tables were done up in black and royal purple, with top hats filled with the Illinois state flower, setting off the formal black tablecloths. The awards themselves were gorgeous: setting off rosettes and ribbons were crystal plates engraved with the cat's picture and award information ... truly a breath-taking award to receive.

Highlighting the evening were the MWR region's top awards: Exhibitor of the year went to Bobbie Weihrauch; the Earl Rothman Spotlight Award went to Cathy Dunham; and the Humanitarian award was presented posthumously to John Bierrie and accepted by his wife, Terry.

The evening culminated with after-glow entertainment by Kirk Jackson and the invitation to stay for dancing or visiting.

The Sunday portion of the show saw a bigger gate with again more spectators looking for forever kitties. Many were guided to exhibitors who enjoyed showing off their fur babies. Many more were guided to rings where the judging system was explained, and several judges introduced unusual breeds, giving background information as well as historical beginnings. The weekend was a wonderful one, full of awards, new grands and new friends.

Candilee Jackson, Region 6 Ambassador coordinator



Huge thanks to all CFA Ambassadors and to this month's reporters/ contributors. Exhibitors and workers like you all are what has made this CFA Program the huge success it has become. Keep up the good work!!!

Best to all,

Willa K. Hawke, Chair  
CFA Ambassador Program

*"We Are The Face of CFA"*

*Some of our Hawaii exhibitors/breeders who  
were attending the big Hawaii Pet Fair*



**Honey Justman with her Norwegian Forest Cat**



**Pat Harnish with her Silver Persian**



**Joan Harris' Odd-Eyed-White Persian**



**Dr. Richard Fujie with a Scottish Fold**