

## Sharon Dok



I was born in Burbank, California, and spent most of my life in that beautiful state. I graduated from college in San Diego, CA with a teaching degree and spending many years in that field. While teaching I was given the opportunity to become the district Art Resource Teacher for San Diego City schools. When the resource teachers were no longer funded, I retired from teaching, and we moved to Northern California. While living there, I worked in several management positions for very large and some smaller retail stores. My teaching skills have always been an asset no matter what direction my life has taken me.

I have had a Basset Hound in my life since the 1950s. My husband Jim and I were introduced to “showing” with the purchase of our first show-quality dog in 1978. We both joined BHCA in 1980 and have been supporters of the club and sport since then. Jim and I have been successful Breeders of Merit with our Castlehill Basset Hounds/registered. We have bred many champions, National and Specialty winners,

as well as Nationally ranked performance Bassets.

I have been an AKC Judge since 1991 and have had the honor to judge our National Specialty show three times. I also had the privilege to judge the AKC National Championship in Orlando.

I received BHCA Life Membership in 2018.

Through my many years of club involvement, I have been an initiating factor or strong supporter of the following:

- Founding member of the Greater San Diego Basset Hound Club
- Originator of the first “silent auction” at the 1992 National, to support rescue and club hospitality. Leading to a continued tradition at all future Nationals.
- Made the first National shirt logo depicting the demographic of the National location, again in 1992...another tradition that has since continued.
- Instrumental in bringing the Futurity and Maturity competition to BHCA
- Served as the first Futurity Secretary for BHCA
- Served on the Futurity/Maturity Committee throughout its existence.
- I have served on several National Specialty Committees, including Assistant Show Chair and Raffle Co-Chairs.
- Special attractions at Specialties create entertainment and fun for all exhibitors and those attending. I have initiated and or contributed to these events with ideas, prizes, ribbons, artwork, or with anything asked of me. Several of these events benefited the BHCA Foundation.
- My artistic interests and abilities have allowed me to contribute original artworks for BHCA raffles and auctions, judges’ gifts, T-shirt designs, and logos for BHCA National Specialties as well as other Basset Hound events and Specialties.
- I have continued to mentor new judges who have an interest in our breed and welcome new exhibitors to our sport with encouragement and desired information.
- I continue to support the Basset Hound clubs on the West Coast and belong to the Gig Harbor (all-breed) Kennel Club here in Washington State, where I now reside.

Outside of dogs, I enjoy arts and crafts, working in my garden, being near the “water” and just being outdoors. I have a passion for classic cars, hot rods, and old wooden boats. I am “non-stop” with growing my outside interests. I enjoy learning new things and keeping active.

I have a creative mindset and common sense, which I feel would make me a positive addition for the membership and to the BHCA Board of Directors. I have been in the sport both as an exhibitor, judge, and club member long enough to

understand what makes clubs work. I value the importance of membership participation, from the bottom up. I hope you will consider me as one of your choices when placing your vote.

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