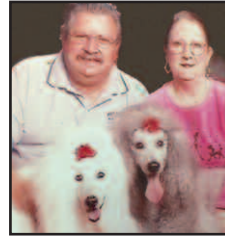


# SPEAKERS & JUDGES

The U.S. Pet Pro Classic is honored to introduce you to our distinguished panel of Speakers and Judges for 2017.



**Tom & Victoria Cox,**  
ISCC Lifetime Members

**Classic Show & Speaker Coordinator**  
For over fourteen years, Tom and Victoria have donated their time and energy to the promotion and support of the U.S. Pet Pro Classic. Tom has worked the show every year as our Speaker & Equipment Coordinator with Victoria assisting to monitor the speaker's room. Tom works tirelessly behind the scenes assuring the success of Classic speakers. Thank you so much for all you do!



**Julie Berkeley, ISCC PDS, MPS, Meritus, Certifier**  
**SEMINARS:** Prep Tech, parts 1-4, 7 & 8 — **JUDGING:** Other Purebreds (*Yellow Rose*) Poodles, All Sizes (*Open Championship*) — **ISCC On-Site Certifier**

Julie is a respected Pet Styling Judge and has been a Pet Styling Instructor through the Minnesota State Vocational System for over 10 years. She was one of the founders of the MN Association of Dog Groomers and was instrumental in the development and acted as Head

Instructor of the Universal Academy of Animal Arts. Julie also helped to establish the first certification programs in the US and was among the first Certifiers. She is now a Senior Certifier and Consultant for ISCC.



**Michael Brooks**  
**SEMINARS:** Pet Emergency Prevention, 1st Aid & CPR (Thursday & Sunday) — **Platform:** CPR (Heatstroke & Fractures)

With a background in business management, Michael has been a professional Pet Stylist for over eleven years. He is a published author and wrote "Puppy Love", an article on puppy care that appeared in "Living Magazine. An ISCC Pet Injury Prevention, 1st Aid and CPR trained Instructor, Michael currently works as a Pet Stylist at Bow Wow Barbers in Waxahachie, TX. In his spare time Michael is very supportive and volunteers at local pet rescues.



**Christine DeFilippo**  
**Judging:** U.S. Championship, Best Pet Stylist In Show & Yellow Rose of Texas, Best Novice or Intermediate Competitor

With almost 40 years experience in the Pet Styling industry, Christine is amongst the founding members of the MAPDG now known as the New England Professional Pet Groomers Assn. She is the owner of Twickenton in Dedham, Mass., one of the largest Professional Pet Styling Salons in the New England area. Over the years her staff has included several award-winning stylist. Currently Christine Co-Produces INTERGROOM, with Joey Villani. Christine is an accomplished Pet Stylist, Lecturer, Judge and Industry Leader as well as Miniature Poodle Breeder under the Twickenton prefix.



**Vero Da Sylva, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus, Certifier**  
**Seminars:** Poodle Mania, part 2 ("Puppy" Trim), Styling the Bichon Frise, part 2 (The "Ideal" Pet Trim), Pet Trimming the Scottish Terrier & Poodle Mania, part 4 (Creating the "Ideal" Topknot) — **JUDGING:** Other Purebreds (*Open Championship*) & Wire-Coated Breeds (*Open Championship*) — **ISCC On-Site Certifier**

An Accomplished Pet Stylist in the US and Europe for the last 20 years, Vero is an active member and Master Pet Stylist Meritus of the ISCC. She is currently acting as a pet care industry Judge, Speaker, Mentor and Consultant. She was a GroomTeam USA member from 2003-2006, number one Groomer in the Country for 3 years, Multiple Best In Show and Best All Around. Vero received multiple scissoring awards including The Lynne Carver Award, The Ultimate Pet Stylist Award, and the winner of the Triple Crown Circle Tournament. She received the Cardinal Crystal Achievement Award for Best American Groomer of the Year twice, was the World Invitational Grand Champion at the Oster International Invitational Tournament of Champions and the winner of the Show Dog of the Year Special Industry Award for Groomer of the Year at Westminster. Vero has also shown Poodles, Terriers and Bichons.



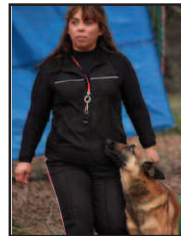
**Luther Edmonson, ISCC MPS, Emeritus**  
**SEMINARS:** Prep Tech, parts 7-8 — **JUDGING:** U.S. Pet Pro Classic Contest Sargent-at-Arms & Moderator

**Curtis Hanvey**



Owner of Luther's Pet Styling Salon in Austin, Texas, Luther is a Seminar Consultant, Judge and well-respected breeder of Chow-Chows and Terriers. Loved, adored and respected by the entire Pet Styling Industry, Luther is the official "Goodwill Ambassador" of the U.S. Pet Pro Classic.

**SEMINARS:** The Mobile Explosion, part 3 (Money, Money, Money), part 4 (Layout/Design) & part 11 (Financing Mobile)  
Curtis is a graduate from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Materials/Ceramic Engineering with a specialty in equipment design and glass production. Prior to entering the grooming and pet styling industry, Curtis was a production/special project engineer (with three major patents to his name) for a Fortune 500 company. He started Hanvey Specialty Engineering where he utilizes his mother's 14 years of pet grooming experience as the basis for his grooming equipment designs. Curtis currently is the owner of Hanvey Specialty Engineering and Mobile Van Manufacturing.



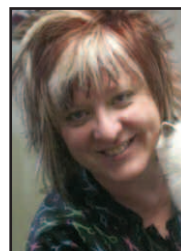
**Hansy Howard**  
**SEMINARS:** Clicker Training, parts 1-2 — **Platform:** Table Training with Clicker

Hansy Howard is a professional dog trainer, behaviorist and Pet Stylist located in Temple, Texas. She has participated in pet styling competitions, and also in multiple areas of training such as IPO, Rally AKC, IKC, CKC, ADBA conformation, fit paws and agility. With over 25 years of experience, she is the proud owner and operator of "Barking Oaks Pet Resorts", which offers pet styling, boarding resorts, and training centers at three locations. She is now helping others fulfill their dreams of becoming a Pet Stylist and/or Trainer and looks forward to helping Classic attendees improve their pet management skills with Clicker training.



**Jacey Hurst**  
**SEMINARS:** Art of Airbrushing & My Favorite Creative Trim

When I first discovered Asian Fusion and Creative grooming I had a difficult time understanding it — but when I attended my first Asian Fusion seminar, it clicked! Once I opened my salon and had the freedom to execute trims my way, I built a local reputation for unique styles. As clients allowed me more free rein, it provided an opportunity to perfect my Creative Style!



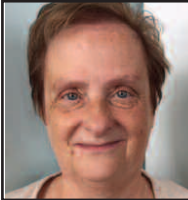
**Charla Jenkins**  
**SEMINARS:** Asian Styles, parts 1-4 — **JUDGING:** U.S. Creative Pet Styling Championship & U.S. Open Asian Styles Championship

NCMG award winning creative and breed standard competitive stylist, Charla has published articles in the Creative Groomer Association magazine and was featured in a recent article written by Dawn Omboy in Groomer to Groomer magazine on the "Timeless Spiral".

**Nicole Kane**

**Seminars: Grooming Tips & Tricks You Can't Live Without, parts 1-2, Handling Geriatric Dogs — Platform: Dental Hygiene (How To & What Not to Do!)**

With over 18 years of pet styling experience. Nicole is an NPGA and IPG member with expertise in handling geriatric pets, carding techniques, dental hygiene, hard to handle dogs and so much more. Currently, she is the owner of Groomer's Box, which supplies subscribing members with innovative tools and products from industry manufacturers.

**Esther Kauffman**

**SEMINARS: Display & Retail, Extra Money in Your Pocket!**

Owner of E's Accessories since 2001, Ester has over 42 years of pet grooming experience. She also worked as a Vet Tech for over 13 years and at an emergency animal clinic for over 2 years.

**Pam Lauritzen, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus, Certifier**

**SEMINARS: SuperCoats (Skin & Coat Care), parts 1-8, Speed Scissoring, parts 1-2, ICPG Special Event, Prep Tech, part 5, Mobile Explosion, part 13 (Mobile Spas) — Platform: Carding Techniques — ISCC Senior Certifier**

Pam Lauritzen has been a leader and pioneer within the Pet Styling Industry for over 30 years. She is recognized by her peers as an accomplished Pet Stylist, Pet Styling Judge, Lecturer, Author and trade Show Manager. She has authored numerous articles and has served as a field editor for Groom & Board magazine. She was also the Publisher and Editor In Chief of **PetStylist**, a trade publication known for its commitment to education. Pam was instrumental in the creation of PPGC, Inc. where she served as their President and first Certification Coordinator, and was selected by her peers as the first "Certified Master Groomer" and Certifier in the world. By virtue of her outstanding pet styling accomplishments, Pam was also selected to be the first Chairman of the board of IPG, Inc. and is currently the founder and President of the ISCC. Pam is in the vanguard of research and development of new and innovative pet styling techniques that improve the speed, quality, and productivity of Professional Pet Stylists.

**Scott Lauritzen, Ph.D.**

**SEMINARS: All About Canine & Feline Eyes! — Classic Co-Show Producer**

Dr. Lauritzen possesses a B.A. in psychology and philosophy, and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience. He has been immersed in the pet styling industry since childhood via the family business, Pam Lauritzen & Co. His recent work focuses on building the world's first retinal connectome, a map of all the neural connections in the retina. This improves our understanding of diseases that change brain wiring, including those that lead to blindness. In his field, Dr. Lauritzen is among the leading researchers in the world and in demand as a lecturer at nationally conducted Neuroscience conferences.

**Karen Sullivan**

**SEMINARS: Platform: Trimming Scottie Eyebrows & To Clip or Grind Nails, That's the Question**

Karen has handled and shown Vizsla, German Shorthaired Pointers, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Black & Tan Coonhounds, American Cockers, Miniature Schnauzers, Chinese Crested Hairless & Powderfuls. She is currently the owner and operator of Dog Star! Grooming and More in San Antonio, TX.

**Melanie Humphrey Lauritzen**

**ISCC Special Event: ICPG Certification**

Melanie Humphrey Lauritzen has 21 years of experience working for ISCC in a variety of roles, including the production of the U.S. Pet Pro Classic, Vendor Booth Sales, and most recently, online testing for ISCC' certifications. By updating all written tests to an online format, she has made certification with ISCC more accessible.

**Rachel Leong, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus**

**SEMINARS: Poodle Mania, part 1 (Continental Trim), Styling the Bichon Frise, parts 1 & 4, JUDGING: U.S. Creative Pet Styling Championship & the U.S. Open Asian Styles Championship**

Internationally renowned industry leader & Co-Owner and Operator of the Pet Cottage group of companies, Rachel has grown Pet Cottage to include a Pet Care Center for Dogs, Cats & Small Animals, a Pet Styling Academy and a Pet Trading Company. Rachel is the first ISCC Certified Petcare DermaTech Specialist, Master Pet Stylist Meritus & Apprentice Certifier in Asia and finished all her written and practical skills testing within one year. In fact, all her MPS Practical Skills exams were completed in just one day. Her passion for dog conformation trims has brought her success in the show ring and includes expertise in multiple breeds. Rachel has also pioneered and developed a unique fusion style methodology which combines western breed standard profiles with Asian Adorable Pet Styling. Internationally known for her expertise, Rachel has appeared in major Newspapers & Magazines, on TV & Radio Shows & Blogs worldwide.

**Margie Miller, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus**

**SEMINARS: Pet Injury Prevention, 1st Aid & CPR, Parts 1-4 (Thursday & Sunday) — Platform: CPR (Heatstroke & Fractures)**

Winner of numerous pet styling competition awards, Margie has over 16 years of pet grooming and styling experience and is owner and operator of The Chisolm Tails Professional Pet Styling, L.L.C. a progressive, well equipped and up-to-date facility in Mustang, Oklahoma. Having worked as a Veterinary Technician for many years, she is a graduate of Murray State College with an associates degree in applied science. As an ISCC Master Pet Stylist Meritus, Margie believes that personal growth, development, and education are the foundation for success.

**Kaoru Nakajima**

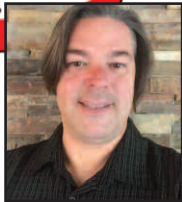
**SEMINARS: Poodle Mania, part 3 ("Modern" Trim), Bad Dog — Good Dog, parts 1-2, Speedtrimming the Bichon — JUDGING: Sporting Breeds (Open Championship), Wire-Coated Breeds (Yellow Rose), & U.S. Open Asian Styles Championship**

Born and raised in Tokyo, Japan, Kaoru is a renowned artist and has won the Nikaten Art Award over ten times. Kaoru is a famous personality in Japan and is swarmed by people wherever she goes in dog related activities, whether pet or show. In the U.S., she has worked with the world famous show handler, Barbara Humphries and now operates the extremely successful KM Dog Salon in Chula Vista, CA, where she trains advanced students from Japan.

**Melissa Sirianni, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus, Certifier**

**ISCC Safety Director & On Site Certifier — SEMINARS: Disinfecting, Sanitizing & Such, ICPG Special Event, Pick Your Battle, parts 1-3, The Essentials (Ears, Eyes, Anal Glands, Teeth, Airways) — JUDGING: Sporting Breeds (Yellow Rose), Poodles (Yellow Rose) & U.S. Open Styles Championship**

As an accomplished industry speaker and leader, Melissa has owned two Pet Styling Salons and has been active in the Pet Styling Industry for over 20 years. Melissa is an ISCC Petcare DermaTech Specialist and Master pet Stylist, meritus. Her two biggest loves are safety and health and she has been an authorized OSHA General Industry Trainer for over 10 Years. Currently she is ISCC's Safety and Health Educator and Consultant, and a Skin and Coat Specialist heading up the ISCC's new Authorized Skin and Coat Care Centers along with the newly introduced "SuperCoats Petcare product line". In this capacity, Melissa is actively working on behalf of the ISCC toward making the Pet Care Industry a safe and healthy environment.



## Kennie Pinkston

**SEMINARS:** The Mobile Explosion, part 2 (Picking the Right Van, part 8 (Marketing, Advertising & Promoting Your Mobile Business)

Kennie spent 10 years as a traveling Nurse in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. A back injury lead to a career change into hair styling while learning about self-marketing and scheduling. Kennie finally found a natural fit for Mobile

Pet Styling when he went to work with a local Mobile Stylist apprenticing to become a Professional Pet Stylist. Kennie now owns two Mobile Vans serving the Oklahoma City Metro area.



## Gina Sutton, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus

**SEMINARS:** The Mobile Explosion, part 6 (Train Your Dragon), part 7 (Where Will My Yellow Brick Road Take Me), part 9 (Routing) & part 12 (Prep, Bath, Dry, Style, Finish in under 1 hour)

An ISCC Certified Master Pet Stylist Meritus, Gina has been grooming and styling pets for 30 years. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women and a registered member of NDGA. Gina has owned both small and large salons, but found her true passion in Mobile Pet Styling.

As a Mobile Salon Consultant, she has mentored new mobile operators to attain their own success. Gina is a recognized industry speaker and enjoys sharing her expertise with others.



## Patsy Tallant, ISCC PDS, ICPG, MPS Meritus

**SEMINARS:** The Mobile Explosion, part 1 (Art of Going Mobile, part 9 (Routing), part 12 (Prep, Bath, Dry, Style & Finish in under 1 hour)

Owner of Suds N' Scissors in Amarillo, Texas, Patsy is an ISCC Lifetime member and certified in Non-Sporting, Sporting and Terrier breeds by ISCC. She is an award winning pet stylist and a four times U.S. Pet Pro Classic Bow Design Champion. With over thirty two years of experience, Patsy is a renowned lecturer and expert in "Salon

Organization". She currently conducts mini-seminars covering topics such as salon organization, scissoring techn. client relationships, and mobile styling. She is also an avid believer in client education and conduct workshop for her pet owning customers.



## David Tallant

**Classic Mobile Van Coordinator**

For over 15 years, David has been a regular attendee at the U.S. Pet Pro Classic and for the past 4 years has taken on the responsibility of overseeing the management of the Mobile Vans provided through the generosity of Pet Love for the preparation of competition, certification, and demo dogs. David is a proud Alumni of Cat Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo, TX. and has

served on the Alumni Board of Directors for over 20 years. David works tirelessly behind the scenes to assure our Classic competitors and speakers have a safe and clean facility for the preparation of their dogs. **Thank you so much for your generous contribution to our show!**



## Dan Vaughn

**SEMINARS:** Animal Emotion, parts 1-3, Grooming Puppies, parts 1-2, & Stress, the #1 Job Killer; **Platform:** Puppy Handling Made Easy

In addition to building a loyal clientele, Dan has received recognition in national grooming competitions. In order to perfect his craft, he has completed courses in canine training and behavior modification, breed specific grooming styles, recognizing and topically conditioning coat and skin conditions, and

interpreting product ingredients necessary for proper choice and application of natural products. Dan's primary concern is the fair, humane and compassionate treatment of every dog under his care. His grooming style, policies and procedures, as well as employee selection and training strive to accomplish the most stress-free grooming experience as possible. Currently, Dan has joined the team of Dog Gone fun, the largest and most successful boarding & pet styling facility located in Chicago, Illinois.



## Bill Thweatt

**Clipper Maintenance & Repair**

Owner and operator of Ft. Worth Shaver, a pet care industry distributor since 1971, and authorized service center for all the major clipper companies. Bill is a Master Sharpener who has been sharpening and repairing clippers and shears since 1982.



## Deborah Walker, ISCC PDS, MPS, Meritus, Certifier

**SEMINARS:** Basic Canine Massage Seminar, parts 1-4, Doggie Daycaare, parts 1-3, ICPG Special Event, — **Platforms:** Nail Art, Pet Massage Basic — **JUDGING:** U.S. Creative Pet Styling Championship & U.S. Open Styles Championship — **ISCC On-Site Certifier**

Owner of LaBest Pet Styling Salon and LaBest Academy of Animal Arts in Edwardsville, IL, Deborah is nationally recognized as one of the top Creative Pet Styling Artists in the US. Deborah's accomplishments also include Pet Styling Judge, lecturer, author and ISCC Certifier and Consultant. Deborah's special interest in Canine Massage & Acupressure Therapy techniques have gained her acclaim and she is in great demand for her unique and successful methods geared toward the improvement of the emotional and physical comfort & health of pets.



## Scott Wasserman, ISCC PDS, MPS Meritus, Certifier

**The Art of Handstripping, parts 1-4, ICPG Special Event, Pet Styling the Kerry Blue**

**Terrier, Prep Tech, part 6 (Terrier Coats), Mixed Breed Madness, parts 1-2 — ISCC On-Site Certifier**

With over 17 years experience, Scott is one of the top winning U.S. Pet Stylists. As 1996 & 2002 U.S. Pet Pro Classic Champion and a GroomTeam USA member, Scott is internationally recognized as a judge, speaker and competitor in England, China, Italy, Spain, Scotland as well as in many other countries. With his extensive competition experience and expertise, Scott is a talented and welcome addition to the Classic family. He is lovingly and respectfully referred to throughout the industry as Mr. Terrier!



## Irina Pinkusevich

**SEMINARS:** Styling the American Cocker (the Pet Trim), CBD for Pets & Humans, part 1-2 (Have You Heard About It?)

Irina has won multiple BIS & Best All Around Pet Stylist awards. She is a two time recipient of the Lynne Carver Award for the most Best All Around Groomer wins in 2008 and 2010. Irina was also honored to win the Liz Paul Memorial Award for the most BIS wins in 2010 and 2012. She won the Winner's Circle Jackpot 2011 — where she won \$32,500. She competed in the World Championships for the United States in 2009, 2011, and 2013 in Italy and in 2017 won the World Championship competition in New Jersey.



## Jeff Wright

**SEMINARS:** Mobile Explosion, part 13 (Mobile Pet Spas) — **Platforms:** It's All About the Micro-Bubbles

Jeff brings 16 years of sports medicine experience, a Master of Science degree, and a secondary teaching education to the revolutionary microbubble technology and serves as Vice-President of Thera-Clean. Jeff is an expert on the new microbubble technology and believes that "Clean Skin is Healthy Skin". He currently resides in St. Louis along with his two children Chase and Racquel and their Husky, YUMA.

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