



# MINI-GOAT NOTES

Tattoo Letter  
for 2019  
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## MDGA by the Numbers

### Registrations as of December:

Mini Alpine	1174	Grade Mini Alpine	70
Mini LaMancha	4819	Grade Mini LaMancha	292
Nigerian	655		
Mini Nubian	10642	Grade Mini Nubian	507
Mini Oberhasli	461	Grade Mini Oberhasli	24
Mini Guernsey	22		
Mini Saanen/Sable	189	Grade Mini Saanen/Sable	38
Mini Toggenburg	141	Grade Mini Toggenburg	6

## MDGA Membership

### Members as of December - 860

Top states:

WA - 58

TX - 49

CA - 43

## V-Show Update

Starting Jan 1st, 2020, all V-show entries will be \$5 per ring, not per goat. For example: for the normal two-ring V-show, the entry fee will be \$10 per entry (1 goat = \$10, 3 goats = \$30)

All entries must be entered in both rings, we're unable to take any single ring entries at this time as it would be too confusing for the judges



## Registry

### Registrar - Jacqui Wilcox

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 360-953-7040

### Registrar - Shelley Weber

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 360-953-7056

## Program Chairs

### DHIA 305-Day Test Chairs

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## Jacqui Wilcox to Assume New Role in 2020

After over 8 years acting as Registrar, I am stepping down from that position as of Jan 1, 2020 for the Mini Nubian, Mini Saanen, Mini Sable & Mini Toggenburg breeders, and taking on a new role.

After starting in 2011 as the only Registrar for MDGA, for all the mini breeds, then dividing them up with Andrea in 2013, so I could keep up and not keep members waiting on papers, this change of roles is difficult for me. However, my desire is always to serve the members, and, as the registry continues to grow, and the need to both assist members with questions related to registrations, and to continue to meet the demands for registrations to be processed quickly, stepping into the new position of Office Manager/communications coordinator, will allow me to continue to give the personal attention I, and members, are accustomed to, while still being the liaison for the registrars when needed - keeping a continuity.

So, if you have questions or need direction with your minis, regardless of the breed, please feel free to continue to contact me at the number you have, [360-953-7040](tel:360-953-7040).

Crystal Eutsler & Mary Anne Buchanan will take on the task of processing the registrations for the breeds I have handled. They will strive to serve you in the same fashion you have become accustomed to over the years.

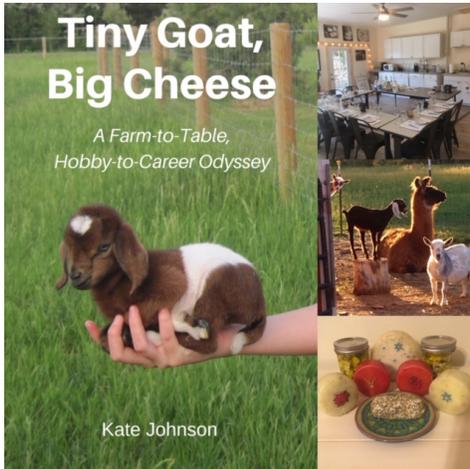
Thank you for all your support & kind words over the years - and I look forward to working directly with all members in the new year.

Jacqui!

*While many members raise their goats for personal milk use, and some, just as pets, here is how one mini breeder took her minis to the max!*

Kate Johnson didn't set out to be a goat-keeper and cheesemaker, let alone to open a cheesemaking school. But her childhood passion for animals and a serendipitous visit to a local goat farm began a transformation in her life similar to the transformation milk undergoes when it becomes cheese!

Her new book - ***Tiny Goat, Big Cheese*** - isn't just about how a tiny, fist-sized goat helped inspire the creation of one of the busiest cheesemaking schools in the country. It's also about how tiny ideas can turn into big adventures if you let passion, purpose, and persistence take the helm. Through a series of heartfelt and humorous personal stories, interwoven with cheese recipes and homesteading tips, Kate shares with readers how her childhood fantasies surprisingly led to a successful career and meaningful lifestyle. She also shows readers that making cheese is easier than you might think - even if you aren't lucky enough to own a goat or cow. Her enthusiastic and resilient journey will entertain, educate, and inspire you to follow your own passions, live life fully, and make some cheese (and money) along the "whey"!



Kate Johnson is the Founder of *The Art of Cheese*, a cheesemaking school located in Longmont, Colorado. She breeds Nubian, Mini Nubian and Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats at Briar Gate Farm, where she lives with her husband and a bunch of other friendly and well-loved animals. She has two grown daughters who live nearby and still hang out on the farm frequently. When not making cheese or caring for the goats, Kate writes for Countryside Network's *Goat Journal*, volunteers with a local 4-H club, and helps with the goat shows at the Boulder County Fair. She also travels out of state for speaking and teaching engagements on goats, cheese, and personal/business development.

For information about cheesemaking classes, both in-person and online, visit [www.theartofcheese.com](http://www.theartofcheese.com). To see pictures of the animals at Briar Gate Farm and find out about goat sales, visit [www.briargatefarm.com](http://www.briargatefarm.com).

***Tiny Goat, Big Cheese*** is on sale for \$14.99 with free shipping at <https://theartofcheese.com/author/>



Dear Members,

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I know some of you will start your kidding season soon after the new year. I wish you all a very healthy productive kidding season. Our offices will be closed for the holidays, so staff can celebrate with family and friends. The dates are posted on the website for your convenience. There are staffing changes occurring after the holiday break. Please be sure to check out the website before mailing in new applications so that you have the correct forms and addresses. We thank you so much for a very successful 2019 and look forward to working with you all again in 2020.

Crystal Eutsler MDGA President

### **Bacon Jalapeno Goat Cheese**

1lbs chevre (soft goat cheese)

1/4 cup chopped canned Jalapenos 1/2 cup cooked chopped bacon

1/4 teaspoon garlic

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Shape into 2 or 3 logs wrap in wax paper and chill. Eat with crackers or chips. Great for holiday gatherings. Enjoy

## Mini-Goat Notes Directory

### Members

#### Idaho

##### **Bit O'Bliss Farm**

Rathdrum, ID 83858  
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<http://www.bitoblissfarm.com>  
 (208) 818-4275  
 Breeder of mini Nubian and Nigerian dwarf goats

#### Kentucky

##### **Dee Daniels**

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<https://buckcreekstables.weebly.com>  
 (270) 792-3868  
 Buck Creek Stables, KY  
 Mini LaMancha  
 4 years DHI & Live shows

#### Texas

##### **Rafter O at Cordova Creek - Kerry O'Neal**

Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
 kerry@raftero.com  
<http://www.RafterO.com>  
 (830) 312-3292  
 Friendly and healthy! The Rafter O is your Mini Nubian boutique!

#### Virginia

##### **Circle J Farm, Sharon Joyce**

Spencer, VA 24112  
 sejoyce59@gmail.com  
<https://circlejfarm17.weebly.com>  
 (276) 692-7573  
 Breeder of registered Mini Nubians with focus on improving udders, milk production, and conformation.

##### **Little Garden of Eat'n, LLC**

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 jill@littlegardenofeatn.com  
<http://www.littlegardenofeatn.com>  
 (434) 990-9309  
 HHFLGE Mini-Nubians. G6S Normal, CAE free

#### Washington

##### **Daystar's Farm - Jacqui Wilcox**

Woodland, WA 98674  
 daystarsfarm@daystarsfarm.com  
<http://www.daystarsfarm.com>  
 Breeding quality Mini Nubians for milk & show since 2002

#### West Virginia

##### **Faith Haven Hollow Dairy Goat Farm**

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 faithhavenhollowdairygoats@hotmail.com  
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 (304) 914-1219  
 Breeding of Mini Nubians and Nigerian Dwarf Goats

## Clubs

## Shows/Events

Texas

### **Hill Country Mini Milkers**

TX

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GREAT mini THINGS are HAPPENING in TEXAS!

Join us!

*Have a story you think members would enjoy? Send to  
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