

Donna Lea Beebe

President, Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association (2026)

I am honored to serve as President of the Redwood Empire Sheep Dog Association in 2026. RESDA has been part of my life from the very beginning, shaped by generations of my family who helped build and sustain this Association. Growing up in that environment instilled in me a deep respect for the traditions, the stock, the dogs, and the people who make this community what it is.

I returned to trialing in 2013 with my first Border Collie as an adult, Meg. Together, we found success in 2018 with multiple trial wins, including the Sonoma County Fair and Mendocino County Fair, and again in 2022 when we earned RESDA High Point Champion. That championship marked a meaningful milestone—not just personally, but for my family—as we became the first in RESDA history to have three generations of High Point Champions.

While competing is an important part of what we do, my commitment to RESDA goes far beyond the trial field. Over the years, I have served in many roles, including Historian, Trial Clerk, Publicity Chair, sheep coordinator, Board member, Vice President, and now President. These experiences have given me a strong appreciation for the work it takes behind the scenes to keep our trials running and our Association thriving.

As President, my focus is on supporting both our long-standing members and those just getting started. The future of RESDA depends on welcoming new handlers, encouraging learning opportunities, and maintaining the standards that have defined this Association for generations. Through lessons, mentorship, and events like our annual Beebe Practice Day, I am committed to helping create those opportunities.

RESDA has a rich history, and it is something worth preserving—but it also has a future worth building. I look forward to working alongside all of you to continue strengthening this Association for years to come.

— Donna Lea Beebe