

Arabian Horse Association

Region 10 Communicator

The official newsletter of Region 10

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Director's message

Congratulations and thank you to all of you who helped Region 10 co- host the 2003 First Annual Arabian Horse Association Convention. The Convention was very well received and positive comments were often heard. Everyone involved deserves a pat on the back. Thank you everyone.

The AHA Board of Directors have a new meeting schedule which has eliminated one meeting and moved our traditional January meeting back to Feb 27-28. This change in the meeting date allows us to consider the AHA budget that is now operating on a new fiscal year.

In an effort to serve our members better, Region 10 has elected to move our Regional show back one week to accommodate those students finishing their school year or involved in graduation. This also allows extra time to prepare for and qualify for the show. The show will be in Milwaukee this year. Since our show depends heavily on volunteers, this change in location will hopefully allow more volunteer opportunities for a different group of volunteers. This is just one of the advantages of rotating the show.

The first meeting of the Regional delegates was Feb 1 in Eau Claire. Weather problems were a challenge again and we ended up one delegate short of a quorum. However, we were able to make some good progress on various issues subject to ratification by the full Board.

Region 10 will be producing a directory again in 2004. The board heard an interesting presentation from Walter Mishek and Mike Villasenor with the Arabian Horse Times regarding producing a Region 10 directory and promoting our Region and our Regional show. This proposal, along with others, will be discussed again at our March meeting.

Believe it or not, spring is around the corner. New foals are arriving, show horses are going back to work and some of you may just have returned from Scottsdale. Arabian horses have a way of renewing our spirit and giving us one more reason to look forward to spring!!! Enjoy everyone!

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Region 10 Scholarship

Submitted by Gay Jeanne Bower

Region 10 is proud to announce that for the fourteenth year scholarships will be awarded for post high school education. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be offered. The deadline for applications is **May 3, 2004**.



Applicants must have been a Region 10 resident within the previous five years and be a current member of a Region 10 affiliated club, and been a member for at least two of the last five years. These scholarships are open to both youth and adult members.

The scholarships are open to eligible applicants planning to or currently majoring in any profession—college or other training equivalent to two or four years in length.

The general criteria are:

- (1) sense of direction in furthering education,
- (2) financial need,
- (3) academic records, including attendance
- (4) equine background, and
- (5) leadership.

For information and applications contact: Gay Jeanne Bower, PO Box 6, Johnson Creek, WI 53038—(920)699-3690 or e-mail: gayjbower@yahoo.com.

Mark Larscheidt Scholarship Foundation

Dean Meier reported that the Mark Larscheidt scholarship foundation would like to piggyback on the Region 10 mailings, publicity, and evaluation procedure for the award of a third scholarship within the Region. This would mean that a named scholarship would be offered in 2005, as well as the two Region 10 scholarships. The consensus of the group was for approval.

2003 AHA CONVENTION REPORT

We are pleased to report that the first ever AHA convention held in Milwaukee in December, was a resounding success! The cooperation between Region 21 clubs (Region 10 & 11) and the generosity of our members in time, talent and sponsorships helped produce a great convention.

Building on our circus theme and incorporating our slogan "The Greatest Horse on Earth" we were able to host a Welcome party that many attendees thought was the best ever!

Carnival food including popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones helped get people in the mood to play the carnival games that were sponsored by many Region 21 clubs and farms.

Special guests Ole and Lena (Larry Hoffman and Jean O'Leary) and Heloise the Heifer (Juli Goder Larson) welcomed our guests and were really great sports. People really seemed to enjoy Leopold the Magician and the clowns, "Hi" and "Sparkles." A special thanks to WAHA youth and other volunteers who manned the game booths so well.

In celebration of the 50th anniversaries, MAHA and WAHA sponsored the Friday Morning Coffee Break. The Friday Afternoon Root Beer Float Break was made possible by Bill and Sharon Trindal securing the root beer from "Titletown Brewing" in Green Bay along with Blue Bunny ice cream. Everyone agreed that they were delicious.

The "Greatest Horse on Earth" was the theme for Saturday's President's Banquet. Region 21 members had the opportunity to sponsor a table decoration by providing a photo and story on their special horse. WDHA generously sponsored the music for the banquet in celebration of their 40th anniversary.

In retrospect, the one thing that stands out in our minds is the way all the delegates and other folks in the Region worked together so enthusiastically to make the convention so successful. The Convention Committee is sincerely appreciative of your contribution to the convention.

Spirit of the Arabian Horse Society

by Kristin Urban

As Kay Kruse-Stanton, Correspondent for the weekly newspaper *The Country Today*, wrote in the January 14 issue of that publication, at first, it seems like an odd combination: a horse

group, hosting a storytelling session, in the middle of the winter, at an environmental center.

However, that is exactly what Spirit Horse has done for the third year: hosted a storytelling session, similar to the Native American winter storytelling tradition.

Gathered around the floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace at the Fallen Timbers Environmental Center near Black Creek, attendees at the free event listened to Selma Buckwheat share her Ojibwa childhood and the life lessons she learned that cross all cultural barriers. She told about growing up strong and self-sufficient in a large, multi-generational family that created beauty out of limited means. She told about the poverty of spirit that grows out of selfishness and prejudice. She told about the wealth of spirit that grows out of generosity and tolerance. And she shared, from her trunk of treasures, the games and the garments and the handcrafts that illustrate her many talks at area schools and educational groups.

Mrs. Buckwheat also emphasized the relationship between humans and the natural world, and the Native American tradition of honoring both the elders who preserve cultural knowledge and the animals and plants that provide sustenance for that culture.

During a short break midway through the storytelling, attendees were treated to a feast of barbecued venison, wild rice, sweet potato casserole, fry bread, hot cider and herbal teas. Those with a sweet tooth could indulge in brownies and double stuffed Oreos (a traditional treat at Spirit Horse events!).

Spirit Horse's third annual storytelling ended with a traditional "give-away" of a gift to each attendee and all went back to ordinary lives richer for a happy afternoon spent in front of a crackling fire, warmed in spirit as well as body by good food, good friends, and good talk.

2003 Chicago Thanksgiving Parade

Newly elected WAHA Board member, Dr. Marijo Kent-First, lead a fabulously attired group of riders on beautiful Arabian and Half-Arabians to represent WAHA at the 2003 Chicago Thanksgiving Parade. This parade had a street audience of over 300,000 people in the "Loop" and a nationally syndicated television audience of over 80 million households.

The parade is the number one shareholder in its time slot - Thanksgiving morning - and was broadcast live locally on ABC 7 (Chicago) from 9 am to 11 am and rebroadcast twice in December. It is also syndicated nationally to an estimated 80 million households. This was wonderful promotion for the Arabian horse as all the horses in her group performed flawlessly and demonstrated what intelligent, talented and considerate mounts they are, especially for the number of youths that were part of the group.

This group was lead by "walkers" displaying the "Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association" banner and was an excellent tool for highlighting the riders from WAHA. The horses were required to pass helium balloons, marching bands, floats and downtown traffic and all of them performed perfectly. Some of the riders trailered in the night before in order to there early enough for the morning start of the parade. Others, Dr. Marijo Kent-First among them, rose at 2 a.m. to trailer to the parade-staging site. All of the horses and riders demonstrated the intelligence and kind dispositions that are hallmarks of our breed.

WAHA has long been a promoter of the "Proud Breed", especially at public events. WAHA has supported the Midwest Horse Fair for since its inception. The club has provided one of the most popular demonstrations and also makes available horses for such diverse events as judging seminars and sidesaddle clinics held at the fair. In keeping with this history of promotion, Dr. Kent-First plans to assemble another WAHA group to participate in the parade in 2004.

WDHA President's Award

Awarded by Kristin Urban

One of the pleasures of being a club president is the ability to recognize club members for their contributions to club success. It is my pleasure to present the WDHA President's Award for 2003 to Board Member Paula Roberts.

Paula has been an active and contributing member of the WDHA Board of Directors for the past six years. She has volunteered many hours of time at the club open shows, working the gate and as ribbon presenter. She has volunteered hours at many club events, including coordinating the used tack sale at the Holiday Bazaar, promoting the club and Arabian horses at Horse-A-Rama, and working as a greeter at the AHA Convention this past December. She has been a strong supporter of club programs, particularly the High Point program and the club dressage shows. She has worked as office help, scribe, and scorer at both the schooling show and the new rated show.

For her many volunteer hours contributed to WDHA and her thoughtful contributions to the club's activities, I am pleased to present the 2003 President's Award to Paula Roberts.

Spirit of the Arabian Horse President's Award

Awarded by Jackie Johnson

Spirit of the Arabian Horse Society is pleased to announce the recipient for the 2003 President's Award is Tracy Day. Tracy has been a long time member of the organization and a primary member in the original Oneida Riders. Tracy has been active in all club projects, assuming chair of the annual story tellings and the 2003 and 2004 Alternative Therapies for Equines and Their Human Companions Clinics.

Most Spirit members recall our first open horse show when Tracy sat at the entry table all day. This seems "normal" for an active member, however the table was in the barn, Tracy has allergies and went through an entire box of tissue that day! Since then she's undergone allergy shots and can now even groom her horses with barely a tear! Congratulations to Tracy Day, Spirit's incoming president for the 2003 President's Award! You certainly deserve it!

Amateur Avenue Excellent Performance

Submitted by Gay Jeanne Bower

Each year many of the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association members compete in the various divisions to win the coveted WAHA Year End Awards. This group of dedicated Amateurs encouraged each other throughout the show season with both physical and emotional support. And it paid off! One of the most hotly contested divisions in the WAHA point system is the Hunter Pleasure division. Many horses and riders work to amass the necessary volumes of points required to win this award. It takes a dedicated team of horse and rider to win this award. Dawn VandeCastle and her gelding (?), PSL Crown Royal, beat out all comers, to become Champions in this division. Many of her points came from competing at the open level. In doing this, she was promoting the Arabians to the general public and showing what kind, intelligent and gifted performers these horses are.

Another member of this exceptional group that did extremely well in the WAHA Year End Awards was Sunde Nelson. She and her gelding, Cognacs Gee Whiz, were Reserve Champion Costume, third in the extremely competitive English Pleasure division and Sunde was Reserve Champion in the Purebred Senior Exhibitor Division 18 to 39 years.

Melissa Hammann and her beautiful gelding, BC Starfire, excelled in many different divisions. They competed in Purebred Working Horse, Purebred English and Purebred Costume. Melissa and Starfire were the Champions in the prestigious Purebred English division, Reserve Champion Purebred Working Horse and 4th in the Costume division. Melissa was Champion in the Purebred Senior Exhibitor Division 18 to 39 years. They also won the popular Overall High Point Purebred Performance Horse Award for 2003. It took many hours of attending numerous shows to win this award.

This talented group of Amateurs obviously succeeded in one of their main goals of making showing at horse shows fun again! If you see someone wearing the Amateur Avenue hat or jacket, be sure to congratulate them.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jill Frieders and Joan Rose - recipients of the 2003 **AHA Regional Volunteer Service Awards**.

To Dean Meier – recipient of the **AHA National Volunteer Service Award**.

Each of these people has contributed a lot of time and energy at the Regional level and, in Dean's case, the National level as well. A big thanks for all their contributions and congratulations on their very deserved recognitions!

2004 Region 10 Directory

Arabian Horse Times owner Walter Mishek and sales manager Mike Villasenor made a presentation at the February Region 10 meeting on the magazine's ability to provide us with a regional directory. If the Region chooses to utilize the *Times*, our Region 10 Championship Show will be featured in the October issue of the *Times*, which is distributed at the U.S. National Championship Show. Regional information, including Region 10 member names and addresses, would be inserted in a Region 10 Handbook consisting of a pullout of the magazine.

Special ad rates are available for black and white advertising appearing in the directory only, as well as special rates for colored ads to appear in both the magazine and directory. The Times would handle all mailers to members offering the opportunity, plus collating material, mailing to individual addresses, etc.

Cost to the Region is less than compiling and mailing its own generated directory. An action vote will be taken at the March 14 meeting. Delegates attending this meeting are asked to bring sample directories with them to the March meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee submitted the following recommendations for the 2005-2006 officers:

Regional Director--Dean Meier
Vice Director--Jill Frieders
Secretary--Jackie Johnson
Treasurer--Kathy Monico

Elections will take place at the March 14 meeting.

WEBSITE

Check the Region 10 website for late breaking news. Webmaster Bev Cole usually has items posted within 24 hours! If your club (or you) are doing something newsworthy or different, please submit an article to Bev for inclusion in the Heads Up area.

CLUB OFFICERS

please check your club's page on the Region 10 site to insure newly elected officers (with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses) are listed and have correct information. Please submit changes to Bev. While you're checking your officers, also check your delegates and email (or snail mail) changes to secretary Jackie Johnson to insure delegates get a copy of the March agenda and minutes prior to the meeting.

Send your club's information for the next Communicator by June 15th to scentedgardens@msn.com

Region 10 Gelding Award

WDHA Recipient

The Region 10 Gelding Award is an annual award made by each Region 10 member club according to its own particular criteria. The gelding receiving the award must be a registered Purebred, Half, or Anglo Arabian owned by a Region 10 club member.

The Wisconsin Desert Horse Association recipient of the Region 10 Gelding Award is an outstanding Ambassador for the Arabian breed as a versatile performer, in competition or to the general public outside the competition arena, or as an outstanding family horse and family friend.

WDHA's outstanding gelding for 2003 is Half Arabian GS Classic Event+//. Owner Paula Roberts wrote in his nomination: "GS Classic Event+// (aka Amigo) is a successful show horse, competing and winning at the highest level, including a U.S. National Top Ten. He has represented the Arabian breed in the demonstrations at the Midwest Horse Fair. He has successfully competed at Open Shows against other breeds and impressed people with his performance and willing personality. Last but not least, like a real friend and teammate, he has proven himself a reliable and energetic trail horse.

"As a competitor, he has been a champion in Hunter Pleasure, Sidesaddle, Show Hack, Dressage, and in the new Sport Horse division. He has been recognized for his performance record with the AHA Legion of Excellence Award. At 'Amigo's' celebration at the Badger Class A in 2003, we blended in harmony, like dance partners. At liberty, he put on quite a show. And when the music came to an end, I walked right up to him and put on his halter. He was beautiful and inspiring to watch...and at that moment he showed me he was also my friend and teammate."

For his outstanding representation of the Arabian breed to both fellow competitors and the general public, WDHA is proud to present its 2003 Region 10 Gelding Award to GS Classic Event+//.

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www.region10arabians.com

Region 10 Championship Show
June 16 -20
Milwaukee Wisconsin

**Region 10 Youth Roundup
May 22-23
Winona Minnesota**

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