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Region 9 Director's Message

whave just returned from the August AHA Board of Directors meeting and need to let you know that some discrepancies have recently found in the way monies to AHA were being handled. (By the time you read this letter you would have already received an email from AHA President, Lance Walters, regarding this matter.)

First please know that there are no missing funds, but money was being co-mingled, mis-categorized and not being transferred to proper accounts as it should have been by accounting. The largest sum that was mishandled was \$750K that should have been transferred out of the General Fund to the Breeder Sweepstakes Trust Fund and was not. Since the money had been left in the General Fund it was used for AHA operating expenses. The Sweepstakes Fund is not in jeopardy at this time and all Sweepstakes payouts are secure. To correct this situation the Board will do a promissory note and pay the money to the Sweepstakes Trust Fund at a rate of \$20K per month plus 5% interest over a 37 month period.

The other accounts which had been used in an incorrect manner will also be addressed and made whole as quickly as possible. Per AHA President's letter of August 11th, we have enough "cash and cash investments to cover current budgeted obligations and prize money programs. Based on our current estimate of revenue, our current obligations are covered in the budget." AHA will continue reviewing the financials and making the accounting processes more efficient and correct. Further discussion about this can be held at the next Region 9 meeting on September 19, 2009 if desired.

On another note, the September 19 meeting will also include a discussion on the possibility of allowing qualifications for any Regional show to be acquired in any Region. I have included the preliminary proposal regarding this elsewhere in this newsletter for you to look over.

Also, don't forget the AHA Volunteer Service Award Program deadline for the Club Level Award nomination, due to AHA, is September 15th and the National Level Award nomination, due to AHA, is October 15th. The Regional Level Award nominations were due to the Regional Director by August 31st. The program and nomination information at be found at the AHA website: www.ArabianHorses.org.

Convention is November 18-22 and is being held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada. The Region 9 Meeting will be held November 19 at 7:00 PM.

Don't forget that you can register your unregistered Arabians, Half-Arabians and Anglo-Arabians at a discounted rate for horses two years of age and older from now through December 31, 2009. Members with purebred Arabians will pay only \$250 per horse and members with Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabians will pay only \$75.

The next region meeting will be September 19 at 1:00 PM at Venture Farms in Pilot Point, TX. We are again holding our meeting in conjunction with the North Texas Arabian Horse Club's Blue Jean Ball which will take place that evening. Come on out and join us!

> Thank you, Pat Barton, Region 9 AHA Director Patbarton1@msn.com • 940-262-0335

Region 9 Championship Show Recap

By Kristen Fisher, Co-Show Manager

for helping make the 2009 Region 9 Championship Show a success! The show hosted 608 horses this year, which was up 20 horses from 2008. Many Class A and Regional Championship shows have seen a decline in numbers recently, so we were thrilled that you chose to show your horses at Region 9. We wish all our exhibitors good luck as they move on to national competitions this summer/fall.

Our thanks go out to our many Patrons this year who help support the show in so many ways. We also thank all of our Box Seat Holders – we were able to support Cook Children's with a contribution of \$3,600 this year. Financial details from the show will be presented at the

September 19 meeting.

The Region 9 Show is YOUR show – so the Executive Show Committee [ESC] wants to be sure we are doing as much as we can to meet the needs of our exhibitors. Therefore, the ESC is developing a process through which changes or additions to the Region 9 class schedule can be requested. Please be sure to watch the e-blasts and the December 2009 Hand Gallop for more information on that process. We look forward to your suggestions!

Be sure to mark June 8-12, 2010 on your calendar for next year's Region 9 Championship Show, and stay tuned for updates on the show throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact me at region9show@earthlink.net or 940-498-4292.

Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show

By Bill Eash, Show Manager

Waco last month. I want to thank all the exhibitors, staff, advertisers, sponsors and volunteers that came out and supported the show. Our numbers were down about 10% this year but the enthusiasm was very high. The weather was typical July Texas weather, a bit on the warm side but we had our BA Fans to keep us cool. Since we had fewer dressage rides we had some short days of showing which gave folks some time for relaxation and recreation. We had another very successful silent auction raising more than \$1,000 for the show.

Some of our exhibitors have asked the committee to

reinstate the Hunter Hack classes at the Regional Show so our committee has asked the exhibitors to sponsor the classes they wish to re-instate with sponsorship money. Karen Campbell is spearheading a group to raise some funds which will guarantee the success of those classes. We will want all the class A shows in the Region to consider offering the qualifying classes as well.

The Region is also offering the Region 9 Patrons an opportunity to further their exposure within the region by having their banner (used at Will Rogers) also hanging at the SH Regionals in Waco. Dr. Karlan Downing has offered to manage this concern and will be contacting all of the Patrons.

2009 Region 9 Stallion Service Futurity Winners

egion 9 would like to thank all the stallion owners who donated the stallion services and all the buyers who purchased the breeding services that have made it possible for the Region to make a donation to the Youth Foundation Region 9, Inc. scholarship fund

and have prize money for these Futurities. The total payout this year for the three classes was \$9,925.00. Listed below are the futurity classes and the placings from this year's Region 9 Show.

Region 9 Futurity Purebred Yearling Colts and Geldings - \$4,218.75 Prize Money

1st Place Tamar Dauntless owned by Tamara Hanby, Weatherford, TX 2nd Place Tamar Vivaldi owned by Tamara Hanby, Weatherford, TX

3rd Place KMA Cinco De Magnum owned by Karma Arabians, Chilton, TX

Region 9 Futurity Purebred Fillies - \$4,218.75 Prize Money

1st Place Tamar Evangalina owned by Tamara Hanby, Weatherford, TX

2nd Place Tamar Enchanted Moment owned by Tamara Hanby, Weatherford, TX

Region 9 Futurity HA/AA Yearling Colts, Geldings & Fillies – \$1,487.50 Prize Money

1st Place Tamar Bold Vision owned by Tamara Hanby, Weatherford, TX

2nd Place CR Nadir Ramik owned by Sherryl Corder, Aledo, TX

3rd Place CA Crystal Sky owned by Kim Klossner, Floresville, TX 4th Place WC Groovy Girl owned by Holly Woods Dillin, TX

If you would like the opportunity to win some good prize money with your future yearlings, come on out to the Stallion Service Auction to buy a breeding for your mare next January 16, 2010. More information about location will be in the December Hand Gallop.

Unapproved Minutes from June 13, 2009 Region Meeting

June 13, 2009, Ft. Worth, TX

Director/Chairman Pat Barton called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

Officers and Club roll call: Sixteen (16) Clubs, thirty two (32) Delegates representing at least 1/3 of the member organizations were in attendance. Delegates signed in and received ballots for the elections.

Officers and Directors in attendance: Pat Barton - Chairman/Director, Charles Bass – Secretary, Cindy Savage – Treasurer, Cathy Christiansen - State Rep/AR, Mark Himmel - State Rep/LA, Kim Morgan - State Rep/TX, Debbie Black - State Rep/OK, Dale Harvill - Immediate Past Director. A quorum was established.

Jane Anne Godsey made the motion to approve the agenda. Linda Abston second; the motion passed. Per the agenda, the Region 9 meeting was recessed at 11:25 am for the purpose of convening the Youth Foundation Region 9 meeting. The Region 9 delegates meeting was called back to order at 11:40 AM.

General Announcements & Comments- Pat Barton - Pat reported that the show is going well. Full report later in the meeting.

Bob Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting which were e-mailed (copies are available), Jan Lewis seconded the motion. Minutes stand approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cindy Savage presented a written and verbal report of the financial status of the region. January 1 through May, 2009: \$232,941.06 income with total expenses of \$70,213.66 which equals \$162,727.40 to date. Motion by Charles Bass and seconded by Linda Abston to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Region 9 Elections – The nominating committee nominated Pat Barton for Director; no nominations from the floor were made. Margo Shallcross was nominated by the nominating committee for vice-director; Carolyn Mikulec was nominated from the floor. Nominating committee nominated Jane Ann Godsey and Linda Abston for Secretary. Nominating committee nominated Cathy

Christiansen for Arkansas State Representative, Mark Himmel for Louisiana State Representative, Bill Eash for Texas State Representative and Jan Lewis and Herb Meites for Oklahoma State Representative. No nominations from the floor for the state representative positions. Cindy Savage was nominated by the nominating committee for Treasurer. Charles Bass motion to elect by acclamation Pat Barton, Cindy Savage, Cathy Christiansen, Mark Himmel, and Bill Eash since no other nominations were made. T. J. Wilkins second. Motion passed. Ballots were picked up by the credentials committee. Results will be announced later in the meeting.

Sponsorship for National Shows - The executive committee voted to sponsor the Youth Nationals \$300 and US National Show \$300. Bill Eash requested the same amount for the Sport Horse Nationals which will be discussed by the executive committee.

Kristen Fisher, Chair of the Executive Show Committee reported on the 2009 Region 9 Show. There are 608 horses at the show, which is up 20 from 2008. She thanked everyone that has helped with the show. She would like comments and feedback from the exhibitors. She thanked Larry Alcorn who stepped in to be the trail course designer when the original designer could not be at show due to a family emergency.

Sport Horse Show: Bill Eash, Chair - The 2009 Sport Horse Show will be held in Waco, TX July 9th to 12. They have extended the entry cut off date to June 20. At this time it appears entries are down (77 horses) from 2008. Could use sponsors and items for a silent auction.

Election results – Margo Shallcross - Vice Director, Jane Ann Godsey – Secretary, Herb Meites - Oklahoma State Representative

Committee Reports – Debbie Himmel- Youth - Reported that the kids are having a youth meeting at the same time as this meeting. They are working on design ideas for the golf cart competition for the Youth Nationals. Youth are selling t-shirts and have raised approximately \$1500.00. Team sorting was held and raised about \$1850.00. Region 9 youth sponsored an ice

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Cathy Christiansen reported on the Black Stallion Literacy program. Cathy thanked everyone for helping out throughout the year. They are working on safety guidelines for all the events. Oklahoma has approved the program. Louisiana has approved the first grade program. Texas fourth grade show had to be cancelled due to the H1N1 virus. Arkansas had 16,000 kids participating in first and fourth grade. She thanked AHA's MDP committee for providing the materials for the events.

Texas Horsemen's Legislation - Pat reported that the bill did not get on the calendar for this session.

High Point Awards - Jane Ann Godsey - She's working with trainers and riders to get more participation in the program.

Horseman's Award Program - Pat reported that the nominees for each of the categories are published in the newsletter. The junior division has been split. Pat reminded everyone that participants must be a member of a Region 9 club to be nominated.

Karlan Downing for Larry Westmoreland - Working Western - want to open the program to all shows in Region 9. Amateur division - limit, open, novice. Dick Reed said he would sponsor a junior horse division up to \$200.00.

Lifetime Achievement Award - Cathy Christiansen asked for letters of nominations from anyone wanting to nominate people for this award.

Unfinished Business – Kathy Hart wanted to thank Region 9 for the \$1000.00 sponsorship for the Arabian Horse Galleries. Sponsorships are still available. Completion date is this winter.

New Business – Charles reported that the Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association had agreed to sponsor a trail ride benefiting the Youth Foundation and are looking for input for ideas and a date to have the event.

Pat asked everyone to come back and watch the opening ceremonies at 6:30. A mounted police officer will perform the opening ceremony on a Half-Arabian.

Cindy reported that the Region 9 trailer is in need of repairs. We may have to spend some money for the repairs.

Discussion was held on the vote at the last AHA Board of Directors meeting concerning the adoption of a resolution in support of humane slaughter of horses in the United States. Concerns were raised by some members of Region 9 that AHA should not take a position on horse slaughter. Pat reported that she would see if the issue could be revisited at the next AHA Board of Directors meeting in August.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2009 at Venture Farms, Pilot Point, TX. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Bass Region 9 Corporate Secretary



Horsefest 2010

By Jane Ann Godsev

orsefest this year will be a one day affaire in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. It will be on January 16th, and there will be the awards luncheon (open invitation) for the high point awards presentation, a notable speaker at 2:00pm, regional meeting at

4:00pm, and a dinner/dance/silent auction which will include the stallion auction as a silent auction at 6:30pm. The event will be held in one location and we are wanting to have fun/fun/fun!!!!! Everyone needs to put this on their calendar because Region 9 is going to have a BIG PARTY!

Qualification Proposal to AHA Board of Directors - August 2009

sented to the AHA Board of Directors at the AHA Board meeting on August 8, 2009 and the Directors, by a motion to the BOD, have been asked to bring this to our Region members for discussion. This will be on the agenda of the Region 9 Delegates Meeting to be held September 19th at 1:00 PM. If you can not

make this meeting, please email your thoughts/comments to Pat Barton, Region 9 Director, at patbarton1@msn.com before that date.

PROPOSAL:

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On the Road to TULSA



CA SKY HIGH

with Travis Braden in H/A WP Open

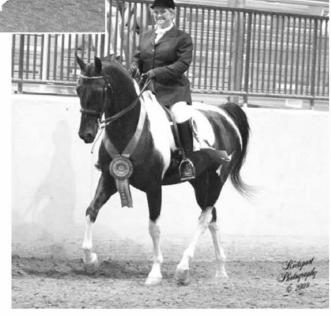
CA Fifty Fifty

with

Kathy Braden in H/A H/PJR Horse

&

Karlan Downing in AAOTR 40 and over (for sale PT)



and watch for the "TRAIL TEAM" with Karlan in PB & H/ATrail Open & AOTR

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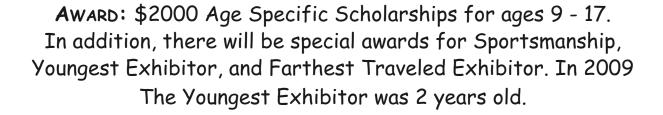
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Regional show within the same Region. With the economy the way it is, and the point of the rule was to insure someone did not go from Region to Region to win sweepstakes money without participating in Region no longer pertinent,

We would propose that you allow qualifications for any Regional show to be acquired in any Region. This allows exhibitors to save money, participate in their home region, yet qualify for other regions.

Example: Someone can stay in Region 9 to qualify for all other Regional shows. This helps his home Region and his client's expenses so they can attend more shows. Region 12 likes to come to Region 14 but it is too far to come and qualify. It will not hurt the Class A shows in Region 14 because exhibitors in Region 14 are doing same thing by staying home in Region 14 to qualify for Region 12 and/or 13 and 11. Same happens in Region 16.

In order to qualify for another Region in a different Region you must:

1. Designate at beginning of each show what Region you want your points designated to. If you don't, they go

towards home Region. This is done by horse.

2. You CANNOT split points or shows between different Regions. NO you cannot earn 20 points at the Buckeye and split 10 points Region 12 and 10 points Region 14.

We propose a triplicate form; this form is signed by Show Secretary that says what Region the horse has designated the qualifications for. 1 show secretary, 1 exhibitor, 1 AHA. Show Secretary will forward her copy of form to appropriate Regional secretaries for verification. AHA would hold their copies in a per show file to verify qualifications if needed or questioned.

This proposal gives owners, trainers the ability to choose what shows they want to attend. It allows people to get qualified for a Regional when it works for their schedule. This helps with work/school schedules/etc. It can allow trainers to get multiple horses/amateurs/juniors for a Region out of their area. It will allow owners and trainers greater exposure in which to sell horses. We all know how hard it is to sell in our own Region.

Region 9 Endurance and Competitive Trail Update

By Carla Jo Bass, Region 9 Distance Riding Chair

EMINDER: The AHA National Endurance and Competitive Trail Championships Rides will be held in Oklahoma in conjunction with US Nationals!! The 1st Annual "U.S. National Distance Championship" will be October 27-31, 2009 at Lake Carl Blackwell in Stillwater, OK. Check www.arabianhorses.org/competitions/nationalevents/nat dist/distance.asp for entry forms and details.

The 2009 Region 9 Competitive Trail Championship Ride will be held October 3-4, 2009 at the LBJ Grasslands in Decatur, TX. To qualify for the regional ride, you must have 50 miles of open CTR. That can be achieved in one open ride. If you're just starting out, you can ride the fall rides in novice/CP and the beginning spring rides then, do an open division ride sometime in the spring to qualify for the fall 2010 championship ride. There are several rides this fall to start you qualifying for the 2010 championship:

- · Sept 19-20 Robbers Route CTR, Wilburton, OK
- \cdot Oct 3-4 Region 4 Benefit/ Region 9 Championship, Decatur, TX
 - · Oct 24-25 Horsemasters Benefit, Big Sandy, TX
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ Nov 7-8 Last Chance at the OK Corral, Stillwater, OK
 - Dec 5-6 Christmas at Parrie Haynes, Killeen, TX Come ride with us. We will be more than happy to help

you learn the sport of competitive trail riding.

The 2010 Region 9 Championship Endurance Ride will be hosted along with the Texas Bluebonnet Classic again on April 24, 2010. This ride is dual sanctioned with AERC and will host 25, 50 and 100 miles of competition. We are in the process of application for FEI sanction which will help our Region 9 members trying to compete in the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY to get qualified. We will know by November if we are approved for this sanction also. The weekend will be extremely busy. If you have an interest in volunteering to help, please feel free to contact me. The 100 mile riders hit the trail at 5:30 am on Saturday morning and have until 5:30 Sunday morning to complete. Therefore, we need a few volunteers for night duty in addition to the day volunteers. Volunteers needed are vet scribes, pulse checkers, finish line timers, arrival timers. We can teach you any of the above on ride day. In order to qualify for the Region 9 Championship, you must have completed at least one 50 mile endurance ride so, start now riding in the 25's to leg yourself and your horse up to try a 50 in the spring. Ride dates are located on the AERC website www.aerc.org and click on the ride calendar for the Central Region. Come ride, the AERC motto is: To Finish is to Win



Youth Foundation Scholarship Recipients

By Bob Barton

t the 2009 Region 9 Championship Show 3 deserving young ladies were presented to the region as the recipients of \$24,400 in scholarships from the Youth Foundation, AHA Region 9, Inc. While only two of the three were actually in center ring [one was ill] they all need to be recognized by the entire region.

Annalise Himmel has served as the Region 9 Youth Secretary, Treasurer and for 2 years as the Region 9 Youth Director. While logging in over 100 hours of community service she also served as the Vice President as well as the President of AHYA! Annalise receives a \$10,000 scholarship to help her pursue a degree in Physical Therapy at Nichols State University in Louisiana.

Erin Springer graduated from Siloam Springs High School in Arkansas. While maintaining her grades she served as Vice President and President of the Arabian Riders and Breeders of Northwest Arkansas Youth Group. She has been active in FFA in her high school and helped to win numerous awards with their Horse Judging team. Erin receives a \$7,200 scholarship to attend William Woods University in Missouri and major in Equine Science and Equine Administration.

Caitlin Malik maintained a 4.0 GPA from Ponchatoula High School in Louisiana and will receive a \$7,200 scholarship for her education. Her determination to succeed shows through her training and showing her horses in Class A, Regional and National shows, serving as Captain of her Varsity Soccer team and volunteering at Hew Heights Therapeutic Riding Center during summer breaks. Her goal is to become a Veterinarian and will begin her collegiate career at Louisiana State University.

Congratulations to all three of these very deserving young ladies and we wish them all the best of luck as they embark on the next phase of their exciting lives!



Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner – Ginny Nokes

By Russ Taylor

egion 9 would like to congratulate Ginny Nokes as a winner of the Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Award. Ginny Nokes is 84 years old, and still rides every day. Many people may think her ability to still take horses in training at age 84 is remarkable, but those who have known her for a long time, know that what is really remarkable about Ginny is how she got herself to this point, and the talent, dedication and love that have seen her through to this point.

Ginny was born in Kansas and had horses in her life as long as she can remember. She initially showed Saddlebreds but in 1959 on a trip to Scottsdale she fell in love with a young colt from the McCormick Ranch and convinced the owner to sell him. His name was Rickeyhe was by the Crabbet Stallion, Sun Royal, out of the imported Polish mare, Wierka. In the early 1960s, Ginny married Ron Nokes, a career officer in the United States Air Force. From that point on, for about ten years, Ginny and Rickey became traveling ambassadors for the Arabian horse, moving from post to post as Ron advanced in his career.

In the early 1970s, they bought a small farm just outside Seguin, TX, and planned to make that their permanent home. They acquired some mares to breed to Rickey, and built up a clientele. It also gave Ginny the opportunity to start sharing the knowledge and ability she had spent a lifetime acquiring, by taking outside horses in training, and teaching young people what she knew on an ongoing basis, rather than as the intermittent clinics she had been doing as they moved around



the country.

Ginny has had a full training stable ever since. She was a founding member of the Alamo Arabian Horse Association, served as show manager for the San Antonio Fiesta Show for many years, and has been an enthusiastic supporter of adding Dressage and Sport Horse classes to Arabian shows.

Ginny's lifetime has been spent working with horses and people from across the spectrum. Her credo has always been that her job is to help her riders and their horse reach their maximum potential, and she has found a way to get great satisfaction from that. She has never turned down people because their horse wasn't of high caliber, or because their funds were limited. She understands that these horses give great joy to a lot of people, and sees her job as helping people enjoy their horses as much as they possibly can.

AHA to Offer Registration Amnesty to Horses Two and Older: Begins July 1, 2009 and Runs through December 31, 2009

AHA is delighted to offer amnesty for horses two and older through December 31, 2009.

- 1) Any Purebred registered during this period will receive a \$100 discount from \$350 to \$250 (member rate).
- 2) Any Half Arabian/Anglo Arabian registered during this period will receive a \$40 discount from \$115 to \$75 (member rate).

If you or a friend owns an unregistered Arabian horse, don't let this amnesty opportunity pass you by!

The AHA Customer Service Staff is ready to help guide you through the necessary paperwork. Call us at 303.696.4500 if you have any questions or concerns. Please note that all registration requirements (as stated in the 2009 Handbook) must still be met in order for registration to be complete.

Black Stallion Literacy Foundation Update

By Laura & Gene Graves

n ambitious goal of sharing with children in Mississippi and Louisiana the joy of reading Uthrough the magic of horses this fall is under way, and invitations were sent to school administrators earlier this summer.

Fantastic volunteers Karen McCord and Bonny Barry are putting these hooves in motion and your support is needed. The plan is to have a Luncheon in MS, and an Ice Cream Social in LA for school administrators to introduce them to the program and to encourage enrollment. Door prizes will be awarded and Tim Farley will attend the luncheon in MS.

The program will begin with books being sent to the

schools in September and the Arabian Nights show will be performed for fifth graders in MS on Sep 22 & 23. The show will then travel to LA for shows on Sep 24 and 25. On the evening of the 25th there will be a 'Dinner in the Dirt' fund raiser where performers will perform among the tables of white table cloths and guest will enjoy an entertaining night with horses, all for a great cause, literacy. Children will benefit by having books to keep forever and the inspiration to succeed, an opportunity that is not currently available, but can happen with your help.

Please feel free to contact either Karen McCord in MS. Bonny Barry in LA, Trish in AR, or us and be a part of one of the most gratifying experiences ever.

Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

e encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest! The next newsletter will be mailed December 1, 2009, so all information should be submitted to aharegion9@earthlink.net by November 1, 2009.

TEXAS

North Texas Arabian Horse Club [NTAHC] Make plans to participate in our 2009 fall events! 2009 Blue Jean Ball

Sep 19, 2009 at Venture Farms, Pilot Point, TX 1:00 - 3:00pmRegion 9 Fall Delegate Meeting

5:00 - 6:00pmSocial Hour

6:00 - 7:30pm Presentation of Private Treaty Horses visit www.ntahc.com for horse photos/videos|

7:30 – 8:30pm **BBQ** Dinner

8:30 - 9:00pm Youth Foundation Region 9, Inc. Live

Auction

NTAHC Members: FREE

Non-Members: \$20pp or \$30 per couple, or join the

club! RSVP: ntahc@earthlink.net

Catch the Spirit Arabian Community Show and Breed Outreach Program

Sep 26, 2009 at Myers Park and Event Center

Want to show off your Arabian or Half-Arabian horse in a fun, low-cost, relaxing environment? Just want to bring your horse (of any breed) to a great show? Go to www.ntahc.com to download the premium and enter now! This is a great opportunity for both experienced and novice riders to compete in a low-stress, fun show. Our judge is Debra Walter-Schliem [Arabian "R"] of Dripping Springs, TX. For more information, call or email Laura McClellan at 972.658.5817 or lauramctx@yahoo.com.

We will also offer our "Catch the Spirit, Ride an Arabian" event - an educational opportunity open to those individuals who are new to horses - or to Arabian horses - to meet, greet, and RIDE the beautiful Arabian Horse. Lessons will be set up only by appointment and are limited, so to reserve a space call Sandy Bentley at 214.499.1737 after 6:00 p.m. or email her at isbentley75@aol.com.

NTAHC Shootout Show

Nov 12-15, 2009 at Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

More details and contact information for all our events are listed on the NTAHC web site "Events" section. We look forward to seeing you there!



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SPECIAL NOTICES Region 9 Delegates Meeting

The next meeting of the Region 9 Delegates Fall Meeting will be held at Venture Farms, in Pilot Point, TX in conjunction with the NTAHC Blue Jean Ball on Sep 19, 2009! The Region 9 Meeting will be held from 1:00-3:00pm, and the Blue Jean Ball runs from 5:00-10:00pm. The Youth Foundation Region 9, Inc. Live Auction will be held at 8:30pm so don't miss it!

Please RSVP for the Blue Jean Ball at ntahc@earthink.net.

IT'S NOT TO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2009 REGION 9 HIGH POINT AMATEUR AWARDS!!!!!

Plans are underway for a different type of awards presentation this year, and we want to see YOU there. Visit region9aha.org/High_Point_Amateur.html for all the forms and details!

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