



President's Report

Greetings! It's hard to believe that we are in Fall already and you know what comes after that ;)

Thank you to all our members that came, supported, participated, showed and volunteered at the Festival Show Labor Day weekend. Because of you, it was a great success! It takes all of you to make this happen. I heard lots of positive feedback from the exhibitors and the judge from where I was in the center ring.

On behalf of WDHA, I would like to send our condolences to the family and friends on the passing of our Vice President, Maureen Becraft. Maureen will be missed by all. Also our condolences to our member Gail Reentmeister on the loss of her mother. Also this week we heard of the passing of Bill Hughes. Mr. Hughes has a long history being involved in the Arabian breed and the International Arabian Horse Association (last president) and AHA (first president) and continued to be involved throughout. I have met Mr. Hughes at past conventions. Our condolences to all!

As we wrap up this current year, please be aware of many deadlines that are approaching, like Ambassador nominations and High Point deadlines. We also have an excellent opportunity in the virtual show that is starting. In November we will be doing elections for the club. This is an excellent way to be involved as well as joining committees that help make plans for the upcoming events that we host.

Happy trails,
Polly Popelars
WDHA President

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| Facebook Facebook.com/Wisconsin-Desert-Horse-Association | |

Hospitality Committee

Do you like having coffee and donuts / treats available at the horse shows or clinics or any other event we have? I do, but I do not have the time, as I need to get ready to be in the ring for the session / day. This is the same for many of us that 'work' the show. Do you or do you have a parent / grandparent / friend / sibling that would like to make coffee for the morning and have the treats available? We would like to have a 'Hospitality Committee' that would be in charge of this. Give it some thought and let me know.

Thank you, Polly Popelars



Maureen Becraft

WDHA regretfully notifies the horse community and friends of the unexpected passing of Maureen on Sunday, September 10th. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family as she was loved by many in the horse community. She was passionate about horses and was a long-standing member and current vice-president of the WI Desert Horse Association.

Please find a link to Maureen's obituary and service information and feel free to share this information as you feel appropriate.

<https://www.crawfordfh.com/obituaries/maureen-becraft>

With regards,
WDHA Officers and BODs



High Point Reporting Deadline & Gathering & HP Banquet



As summer is coming to an end so is the deadline to submit your High Point Reporting Forms. Email or mail your reporting forms by October 31st. If you have a show the last week of October, a one week grace period is allowed.

Mark your calendar for the WDHA Gathering & HP Banquet Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at The Radisson in Fond du Lac. If you have someplace of interest you would like us to consider for the banquet in 2025, please provide contact information to the HP Chairperson.

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Meet an Arabian Horse



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association held a “Meet An Arabian Horse” event at The Festival Show which was well attended. Thank you to Kristin Urban who ran the event and Lory Kohls who assisted and took the groups on a tour. Thank-you to Ashley Hoffman and Millie and Kati Mayer and Max who were the Arabians the participants had a chance to get up close too. Handouts included Arabian booklet, coloring sheets (Arabian and the Demo Horses), along with alot of other information. Not only was literature provided and up close Arabian encounters, participants had the chance to make a “No Bake Cookie” and the enjoyment of eating it after.





The Festival Show

Thank you to the exhibitors, owners, officials, staff, and sponsors who supported The Festival Show 2023. It was such a pleasure working with the Festival Show Committee. They are a great group of people and all worked together to make the show the best it could be. I unfortunately do not have a group picture of the committee members, they being Polly Popelars, Marie Schickowski, Kathy Filen, Maureen Becraft, Kristin Urban, Ashley Hoffman, Forrest Nutter, Lory Kohls, and Amanda Wilson.

From all aspects the show was a success :-)) in particular the fresh morning donuts and coffee, the group of volunteers who made the show run smoothly, and the accomplished and friendly officials and staff.

The show offered AHA recognized classes, open all breed, academy, liberty and the class I most enjoyed was the "Lead Line Any Age". Maneuvering the obstacle course was a hoot.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2024.

The Festival Chair and Show Manager. Shelly Lehman

Wisconsin Desert Horse Association
"The Festival Show AVS" Wishes to Thank!

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| <u><i>Officials & Staff</i></u> <i>Juli Goder-Larsen</i> <i>Marilyn Lentz</i> <i>Copper Arrow Photography (Aubray)</i> <i>Polly Popelars</i> <i>Marie Schickowski</i> <i>Tammy Teubert</i> <i>Kristin Urban</i> <i>Kathy Filen</i> <i>Scott & Lory Kohls</i> | <u><i>Committee & Volunteers</i></u> <i>Polly Popelars</i> <i>Marie Schickowski</i> <i>Kathy Filen</i> <i>Kristin Urban</i> <i>Ashley Hoffman</i> <i>Forrest Nutter</i> <i>Maureen Becraft</i> <i>Lory Kohls</i> <i>Amanda Wilson</i> |
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Sponsors

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| <i>Rockyview Arabians</i> <i>Kati Mayer</i> <i>Kathy Filen</i> <i>Kate Wiggert Johnson</i> <i>Ashley Hoffman</i> <i>Vicky Wenzel</i> | <i>Dan Barker Training Stables</i> <i>Doug & Shelley Tooley</i> <i>Shelly & Dave Lehman</i> <i>Forrest Nutter</i> <i>Carilee Russ</i> |
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Each one of us can make a difference, Together we can make a change

Thank you to the exhibitors & owners for your support

*If I missed anyone, my sincere apologies, please let me know.
Shelly Lehman Show Manager & Committee Chair*

Shout Out



HF Its Miller Thyme+ has been awarded her Legion of Honor and I have been awarded the Handler of Honor Champion award from AHA.

Ashley Hoffman



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association

“Happy Fall Y’ALL”

All Breed Virtual Horse Show

Fun for everyone to include: Leadline, Walk/Trot, Halter, Sport Horse in Hand, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Showmanship, Huntseat, Western, Saddleseat, Driving, Traditional Dressage, and Western Dressage!

*****Class fee option for judge's feedback for pleasure classes*****

Entries accepted 10/1/23-10/15/23

Videos accepted until 10/22/23

For More information:

Wdhaarabian.com

<https://www.facebook.com/events/850649000095030>

Entries accepted 10/1/23-10/15/23 midnight CDT

>>>>>> WDHA Elections <<<<<<<

Annual elections are quickly approaching and will be held at our November Meeting, Sunday, November 12 at the Neenah Festival Foods, Community Room. Open offices are

President (1 year term)

Treasurer (2 year term)

Vice President (1 year term)

BOD (3 year term)

Contact election chairperson Marie Schikowski @ maitaibo@live.com if you are interested in running for any of these offices. Please refer to our bylaws at [WDHA Bylaws](#) for additional information and eligibility.



What is the future of showing the Arabian Horse?

As we observe the beautiful pictures from Youth Nationals, Mid Summer, and multiple regionals, we are in awe of the beautiful horses and horse/rider accomplishments. But, not all Arabian horses are national/regional caliber and while some regional horse numbers are growing, many other regional and local show horse numbers are dramatically down and the clubs that sponsor them are struggling for these local show opportunities to survive. Not all Arabian horse owners/exhibitors can afford or have the horse to show at regional and national levels and showing at local shows may be their pinnacle of success and what is wrong with that! Local shows are AHA's foundation for new horses, young horses, new exhibitors/owners/trainers and current members who do not have the horse or financially can not afford the horse or the expenses to show at the regional/national levels. AHA has said itself **“Determining qualifications have never been as simple as often thought. In recent**



AHA Showing Pyramid Chart

years at the encouragement of the BOD, the CAC (competition advisory commission) has tried to make qualification decisions that help encourage participation at the local and regional level, as we have become a top heavy industry. Local participation is vital to the success and longevity of the Arabian Breed. Local shows are truly the breeding ground for new members, new owners, new exhibitors, and new trainers. Additionally, they are the financial lifeline for local clubs, creating the financial means by which a club exists, and functions in order to promote the Arabian and Half Arabian Horse. In essence local shows are one of the best and likely the most important marketing tools the Arabian Breed has.” Unfortunately, AHA actions have spoken louder than their words and is AHA becoming a breed organization for only the regional/national shows or is AHA an organization to promote and recognize all competition levels of the Arabian horse and their accomplishments?

For curiosity I kept track of horses I knew that showed at US Nationals in 2021. Exhibitors/owners/trainers prepared their horses for the highest level of competition, reached deep in their pockets to cover the entry fees/travel/other show expenses, and left for the show with the anticipation and aspiration of showing and coming home with a ribbon. But reality is only 37% of those 107 entries came home with a ribbon leaving 67% empty handed and disheartened. US Nationals had 1000+ entries so potentially there were 670 entries that came home empty handed. There is a place for that 67% but we are at a moment of truth if local shows will survive and there is a chance that that 67% will give up on the Arabian horse breed and get out of horses or go elsewhere.

You do have a voice and if you are concerned about the future of your club and the local shows it sponsors, it is time you write AHA. It is time to encourage AHA to take a look at what their actions have caused at the ground level. As clubs dissolve, shows disappear, so does the Arabian Horse Association and the Arabian breed. For the breed to grow it needs to grow from the ground up, it will not from the top down.

I strongly encourage you to reach out to the AHA 2023 Board of Directors, Competitions Advisory Committee, and any other AHA Leadership. You can find their contact information when logged into AHA on the leadership page <https://www.arabianhorses.org/login/leadership/boardList>.

The Badger & Festival Shows
Committee Chair and Show Manager



WDHA Officers & BODs

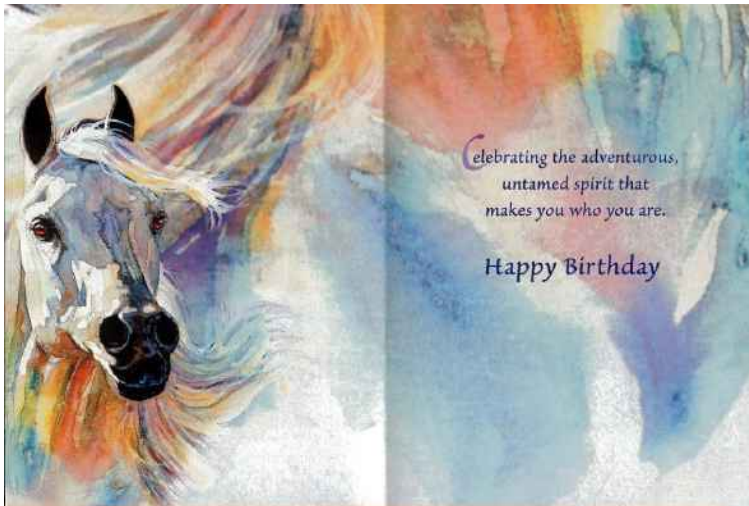
President - Polly Popelars
Vice-President - Vacant

Secretary - Marie Schickowski
Treasurer : Shelly Lehman

BODs: Kathy Filen, Lory Kohls, Ashley Hoffman-Riehl

Newsletter Submissions:

Submissions for the WDHA Newsletter should be sent to Shelly Lehman at wdhaarabian@gmail.com



Happy Birthday Wishes to

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Kathy Filen | Sept 3 |
| Megann Fernandez | Sept 10 |
| Logan Wilson | Sept 14 |
| Kate Johnson | Sept 15 |
| Nayda Hansen | Sept 29 |
| Jessica Scharenbroch | Oct 1 |
| Cheryle Schultz | Oct 6 |
| Dennis Grubba | Oct 11 |
| Kati Mayer | Oct 15 |
| Vikki Dalton | Oct 24 |
| Terri Gellin | Oct 25 |
| Brad Yancy | Oct 26 |





WDHA High Point Reporting Form

Enter just One (1) horse per form

Horse: _____

Owner: _____

Show: _____

Date: _____

Make ---Your horse is entered in all divisions claimed to collect points

Sure --- You have checked all the appropriate boxes/spaces below

That --- You send a copy of the show bill and keep a record of your own points

Check the appropriate box for Programs/Divisions entered

Versatility

Legion Of Merit

Supreme Legion Of Merit

| Class # | Name of Class | Div # | Placing | Points | Handler | JrJr | Jr | Sr | SrSr | SrSrSr |
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Wisconsin Desert Horse Association

An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association

(Please note your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) _____ Date: _____

Name (B) _____ Phone: (H) _____

Farm Name _____ Phone: (C) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Membership Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Level 1 and 2 memberships include AHA membership. WDHA will process your AHA membership on your behalf. Please allow up to two (2) weeks for processing. \$15 of the Adult membership fee are WDHA club dues.

Level 1 (AHA & WDHA Membership)

Adult membership consists of AHA Membership and WDHA voting and club privileges, including the WDHA value-added programs (High Point, Futurity/Maturity, etc.) Youth 18 years and under

| | | | Fees | |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Youth 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 20 | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 65 | _____ |
| Adult 3 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$180 | _____ |

Level 2 (AHA & WDHA Membership + competition card)

Consists of everything listed in Level 1 plus Competition Card. Youth (18 & under)

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| Youth 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 50 | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 105 | _____ |
| Adult 3 yr | Date of Birth _____ | Current AHA Number _____ | \$ 300 | _____ |

\$3 admin fee ≤ per \$100 to cover AHA processing fee

- i.e. Adult @ \$65 + \$3 = \$68
- i.e. Adult w/competition card \$105 + \$6 = \$111
- i.e. Adult 3 yr \$180 + \$6 = \$186
- i.e. Adult 3 yr w/competition card \$300 + \$9 = \$309

Subtotal _____

Admin Fee _____

Total _____

Associate Membership

Associate membership is offered to a rider/trainer/handler and/or non-owners only. Club privileges are not included. Associate membership run Jan 1 - December 31st

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|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Youth 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | | \$ 10 | _____ |
| Adult 1 yr | Date of Birth _____ | | \$ 25 | _____ |
| Family of 2 | Date of Birth (A) _____ | Date of Birth (B) _____ | \$ 40 | _____ |

Total _____

Make Checks Payable to WDHA and Mail to:
 Allow 14 days prior expiration
 to process membership

Marie Schickowski
 1629 Bond Ct., Green Bay, WI 54303
 Phone: 920-676-3689



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association Ambassador Award Nomination Form

The Wisconsin Desert Horse Association (WDHA) Ambassador Award is an annual award made by the club President according to the criteria listed below. The horse receiving the award must be a registered Purebred, Half, or Anglo Arabian owned by a WDHA club member.

Criteria for the WDHA Ambassador Award are as follows:

1. The owner is a voting member of WDHA and in good standing
2. The nominated horse has been an outstanding Ambassador for the Arabian breed in one of more of the following areas:
 - a. The horse has demonstrated the versatility of the Arabian or Half/Anglo Arabian in an arena that is unique
 - b. The horse has an outstanding history in competition
 - c. The horse as promoted the breed to the general public in areas outside the usual breed/horse show circuit
 - d. The horse has been an outstanding family horse and family friend

Horse's Name: _____

AHA Registration No. _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to nominate: _____

Please use additional pages as needed.

Deadline: October 31, 2023

Submit to: Polly Popelars, 10615 WEHAUSEN RD, MANITOWOC, WI, 54220

Email: liberty.arabians@gmail.com



Wisconsin Desert Horse Association
September/October, 2023 Newsletter

www.wdhaarabian.com

| | | 2023 WDHA Calendar of Events (Subject to change - Please check back for any updates) https://wdhaarabian.com/ or https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064311354608 | | |
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| Event | Date | Time | Notes | |
| January | | | | |
| WDHA January Meeting | Sunday, 01/15 | 1:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| February | | | | |
| WDHA Gathering Banquet | Saturday, 02/04 | 4:30 PM | Radisson, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac, WI | |
| Wisconsin State Horse Council Scholarship | Tuesday, 02/28 | | https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/sponsorshipGrant.php | |
| March | | | | |
| WDHA Mar/Apr Newsletter Articles due | Sunday, 03/19 | | wdhaarabian@gmail.com | |
| WDHA March Meeting | Saturday, 03/12 | 1:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| April | | | | |
| Arabian Horse Foundation Scholarship | Saturday, 04/01 | | http://thearabianhorsefoundation.org/scholarships/ | |
| MWHF | 4/14-4/16 | | Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI | |
| Regions 10 Mary Anne Grimmel Scholarship | Tuesday, 04/18 | | https://region10arabians.com/scholarships/ | |
| Mark Larscheidt Scholarship | Tuesday, 04/18 | | https://region10arabians.com/scholarships/ | |
| WDHA May Meeting | Sunday, 04/30 | 1:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| May | | | | |
| WDHA The Badger Show AVS | 5/19-5/21 | | Ozaukee Horse Facility, Cedarburg, WI Contact: lrberhowhss@gmail.com | |
| June | | | | |
| Markel Insurance Co Scholarship | See form | | https://www.markel.com/markel-corporation/news-and-press/markel-specialty-scholarship | |
| WDHA May/Jun Newsletter Articles due | Sunday, 06/04 | | wdhaarabian@gmail.com | |
| Region X Pre & CH | 6/7-6/11 | | Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St Paul, MN | |
| Region X SH/Dressage Pre & CH | 6/15-6/18 | | Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI | |
| Region X Endurance Ride | 6/17-6/18 | | Forestville, MN | |
| July | | | | |
| AHA Youth and Mid Summer Nats | 7/15 - 7/23 | | Oklahoma City, OK | |
| WDHA June Meeting | Sunday, 07/23 | 1:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| August | | | | |
| WDHA Maturity Nom due | Monday, 08/01 | | https://wdhaarabian.com/futurity-program | |
| WDHA Jul/Aug Newsletter Articles due | Sunday, 08/13 | | wdhaarabian@gmail.com | |
| AHA Club Excellence Award (CEA) Deadline | Monday, 08/15 | | https://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/club.html | |
| September | | | | |
| WDHA Futurity/Maturity late deadline | Friday, 09/02 | 6:00 PM | https://wdhaarabian.com/futurity-program | |
| WDHA Festival & Futurity/Maturity Show | 9/2 -9/3 | | SunnyView Expo, Oshkosh, WI Contact: carouse0@gmail.com | |
| AHA SH/Dressage Nats | 9/12-9/17 | | World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, Ohio | |
| WDHA Sept Meeting | Sunday, 09/24 | 1:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| Wisconsin State Horse Council Scholarship | Saturday, 09/30 | | https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/sponsorshipGrant.php | |
| AHA Distance/Endurance Nats | 9/30 - 10/2 | | | |
| October | | | | |
| AHA Convention Early Bird Register | 9/15 | | | |
| WDHA Sep/Oct Newsletter Articles due | Sunday, 10/15 | | wdhaarabian@gmail.com | |
| AHA Volunteer Awards | Sunday, 10/15 | | https://arabianhorses.org/membership/member-awards/ Send nomination to Polly Popelars no later than September 8, 2023 | |
| AHA US Nat's | 10/21-10/29 | | Oklahoma City, OK | |
| WDHA Ambassador Award deadline | Tuesday, 10/31 | | https://wdhaarabian.com/wdha-high-point-awards | |
| November | | | | |
| AHA "Virtual" Convention | 11/13-11/18 | | https://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/convention/ | |
| WDHA Nov Annual Meeting | Sunday, 11/12 | 12:00 PM | Festival Foods Community Room, Neenah | |
| December | | | | |
| WDHA Nov/Dec Newsletter Articles due | Sunday, 12/03 | | wdhaarabian@gmail.com | |
| WSCA Scholarships | Tuesday, 12/12 | | https://www.wscaweb.org/awards-scholarships/scholarships/ | |
| WDHA Futurity Deadline | Saturday, 12/31 | | https://wdhaarabian.com/futurity-program | |
| 2024 | | | | |
| WDHA Gathering Banquet | Saturday, 02/03 | TBA | Radisson, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac, WI | |