

PCQHA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The AQHA Convention just finished up in Jacksonville, Florida and once again, it was a memorable experience. This year, AQHA changed the format offering AQHA committee meetings, an AQHA foundation entertainment night, along with the unforgettable AQHA Hall of Fame banquet. What this means is that the AQHA Awards banquet (usually held on Saturday night during the convention) will be held during the AQHA world show in November. Although the convention numbers were smaller (around 680) due to the new format, moving the AQHA Awards banquet allows AQHA to showcase the horsemen (and women) and horses who have dedicated their lives making AQHA the premier horse association in the world. At the AQHA committee meetings, there weren't any huge controversies brewing as in years' past, so the meetings and discussion went smoothly. If you are interested in reading the committee reports, they are now available online at AQHA.com.

During Sunday night's Hall of Fame banquet, Cathy Hanson of Fallbrook, California, received the 2017 Merle Wood Humanitarian Award from the American Quarter Horse Foundation. Established in 1997 in honor of the late Merle Wood, this award recognizes an individual who exemplifies an ethic of kindness and benevolence in providing opportunities for young people to be involved with the American Quarter Horse. Congratulations, Cathy, we are honored to be a part of your journey.

This year PCQHA also separated its' Hall of Fame ceremony from the year-end awards banquet. The Hall of Fame ceremony is being held during the Fall Classic and EMO California State Championship show, October 3-7, 2018 in Paso Robles. The PCQHA year-end awards banquet will be held in 2019. Details to follow. Remember, new for 2018 at the EMO California State Championship show is the addition of \$5,000 added money! This is going to be a fabulous show!

PCQHA is hard at work on it's other signature show, the Celebration and EMO Western States Championship, June 28-July 8, 2018, Las Vegas, Nevada. New for 2018 are the outstanding silver awards for The Celebration (Silver Celebration Champagne Coolers for the circuit championship awards, with Silver Bowls to reserve circuit champions). For the EMO Western States Championship, \$10,000 in cash has been added for awards at this prestigious show.

Youth qualifying ends April 30, so the youth are busy attending AQHA/PCQHA youth qualifying shows. Kellie Hinely, the PCQHA youth advisor and PCQHA youth are also hard at work raising funds to help the youth attend the Youth World Show. The sponsorship programs include a trip raffle, bedding stalls at AQHA shows and a beautiful Silver halter from Kathy's Show Equipment that you can buy tickets to win. Please support these programs as they help the youth defray the cost of participating in the AQHYA Youth World show.

See you next time,

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