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Letter From the Region 12 Director

May has come and gone, and so has another successful Region 12 Show. Nan Harley, our show commissioner this year, did an excellent job organizing the show and running it efficiently. I want to thank Nan and her staff of volunteers, and Matt Kwapich for stepping up and seeing that what use to be taken as a normal pulse with Mike Stewart, did not stroke out. Many spectators, members and exhibitors do not have any idea the time it takes to plan a show of this magnitude. Volunteers work tirelessly to make sure the footing is right, schedules are met, and to meeting the needs of all exhibitors and trainers. This takes a significant coordination of effort and so deservingly, the Director's Volunteer of the Year Award went to Nan.

On Saturday night, Ann Stover introduced a special young woman, Alexis Muniz. Alexis will represent the United States at the Saddle Seat World Cup, October 6-8 in Shelbyville, KY. It just happens this is the first time for the Cup in the US, Alexis is the only Arabian rider, and she is from Region XII. As Ann pointed out, we need to support Alexis financially as it is a great honor for Alexis to be a part of this event. Please send your sponsorship to: US Saddle Seat World Cup, Inc, 5450 Bruce B. Downs Blvd. #142, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544, 813-760-0465, WCEquitation@aol.com, and make sure you indicate that the money is going to Alexis. The organization is a 501c3 so your sponsorship may be tax deductible.

At our annual meeting, our Region XII delegates voted in Eric Wolfe as Director and Janet Searls as Vice Director. Congratulations to both. I wish you success for your endeavors and thank you for your dedication to our Region. Eric's term will begin in November 2010 after the Convention.

The Region XII 2010 Scholarship recipients are Rebeccah Jacks and Meredith Lane. Rebeccah (pictured above right) is from Grantville, GA., her parents are Jerry and Cindie Jacks. Rebeccah plans to take the \$3,000 scholarship and attend University of Georgia as an Electrical Engineer major. She will be a great addition to this field.

Meredith Lane (pictured below right) received a scholarship for \$2,000 and plans to attend the University of West Georgia and then the Univer-



sity of Georgia where she will study to be a veterinarian. One of these days it will be Dr. Lane. Meredith lives in Dallas GA., her parents are Harold Lane and Linda Anglin.



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The Western Pleasure Slot winner was Denise Trimmer who won \$1,322, the Champion was TA Ocala... Dale Brown, riding Magnifico, was Reserve Champion. The slot payout for the reserve was \$992.

In June we have the Region XII Youth Jamboree. This program has been in existence for many years, with the objective of preparing our youth in several aspects of the equestrian world. Some of the sessions are braiding, how to dress, make-up, ground safety, how to talk with your farrier, purchasing hay, what it cost to own a horse, etc, as well as riding clinics for all disciplines. A wonderful addition to the Jamboree, Talaria Farms is sponsoring a scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded to the High Point Arabian Western Horse and can be used for expenses toward the 2010 US Youth Nationals or 2010 East Coast Youth Championships. I want to thank Allison Mehta for her generous scholarship and support of our youth.

The Region XII Distance Challenge 2010 will be June 11-13 at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Oneida, TN. Eric Rueter, Lynn Kenelly, and Marlene Buttrey have spent several months organizing this event and are ready to roll out in June. They have done a very professional job putting the Challenge together. Thank you for your contribution to the Region and the Arabian breed.

It has been a busy month in our Region but thanks to all of our volunteers; it has been a very satisfying experience.



We need your news!

The June Newsletter will be dedicated to the Youth of Region 12. Please send any news or items of interest to us by the 20th of the month to have included in the next Region 12 newsletter.

ATTENTION: TRAIL RIDE CANCELLED!!

2010 Region XII AHA Family Trail Ride

East Fork Stables, Jamestown, Tenn

June 25-27, 2010

This ride has been cancelled, please contact

Eric Rueter, 865-599-3594, if you have any

questions!!!

Dr Mike Stewart Perpetual Trophy

In remembrance of one of Region XII's shining "stars" Dr Mike Stewart, who passed away on June 6, 2009, a perpetual trophy was designed and then dedicated at our 2010 Region XII Championship Show.



A sincere thank you is extended to Bill and Corky Fairchild for their assistance and to all of the good friends that quickly stepped forward to donate the money to make sure that this tribute became a reality!

We are proud to announce that our first winner of this very special honor is

Joel Keisner riding, Nabaska Afire

Owned by: Starline Arabians, LLC



Spring Show Announcements

Region 12 announces the Youth Jamboree Show June 18-19, 2010. For prize book please check out our website [Region 12 website](#).

Georgia Arabian Horse Association announces the GAHA Arabian Community Show July 24, 2010. For prize book please check out our website [GAHA website](#).

Magnolia Arabian Horse Association announces the Magnolia Summer Sizzler Concurrent Shows August 14-15, 2010. For prize book please check out our website [MAHA website](#).

Central Piedmont Arabian Horse Association announces the Annual All Arabian Show August 28-29, 2010. For prize book please check out our website [CPAHA website](#).

Fall Festival Arabian will be held in Newberry, FL August 28-29, 2010. For more information, please contact Carlie Evans 352-215-0710.

Field of Dreams by Connie Green

"If you build it, they will come". That is what the "voice" kept telling Kevin Costner in the movie "Field of Dreams". They did come. Not a big crowd in the first year on August 8, 2008. 34 horses came the first year. The next year on July 25, 2009 36 horses came. Not only horses came. A woman called two weeks before the show and left her number (did not leave her name). I called her back and her husband had to get her from a field where she was bush hogging a pasture. She wanted to come to the show because she had never seen Arabians show before and wanted to know if she could just come to watch and be welcome. A friend of mine at the show told me she talked to her and how she enjoyed watching the the Arabians show. She thought they were the prettiest horses she had ever seen and had the kindest eyes of any horse she had ever seen. She drove 3 hours to just come and watch.



What is this show? The Georgia Arabian Horse Association Arabian Community Show. We are having our third annual show this year on July 24, 2010 at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia. For those of you not familiar with the Arabian Community Shows, let me give you a brief overview. The shows are in a very relaxed stress free atmosphere, beginner friendly and very affordable. Most people spent \$59 at the show last year. This included a stall and 4 classes. Where else can you show all day and have a stall for \$59?

The shows are sanctioned by AHA. The results go on your horse's show record just like an "A" show does.

There is even an ACS Award Program sponsored by AHA which include High Point Awards and Milestone Awards. Best of all the shows have open classes so you can bring a friend with you who owns another breed and you can show together. GAHA's offers classes in halter, sport horse (in hand and under saddle), hunter pleasure, western pleasure, country/English pleasure, walk/trot/jog, green and junior horse. There are classes for 17 & under and 18 & over. Come join the fun with us on July 24! For more info go to the [GAHA website](#) and click on Community Show. **(All Pictures by Judi Murphy)**

