

News From GAHA

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GAHA Was Purple in Perry

As we mentioned in the April Newsletter GAHA participated as the staff hosts.

For the R2gion 12 Exhibitor Welcome

Region 12 Director, Lisa Blackstone, receives GAHA Polo from GAHA President, Mike Moak, and GAHA 1st VP Kathy Hedgepeth in Perry



Party sponsored by the Perry Convention and Visitor Bureau. The Bureau put together a fabulous cookout style dinner for the exhibitors and there were approximately 175 who enjoyed the

event on May 4, 2015.

As Staff hosts GAHA members differentiated themselves when they all donned their purple GAHA logo'd polo shirts. There were many exhibitors who took notice and commented on GAHA's purple touch to the event.

GAHA President, Mike Moak, was introduced to the collective group by GAHA Director, Pagan Gilman of Lisa Segar's Insurance. On behalf of the Perry Convention and Visitor's Bureau Mike welcomed all of the exhibitors and thanked them for spending their week in Perry at the R12 Championship Horse Show.. He also wished everyone the best of luck in their competitions and lastly he forecasted a week of great weather for the event.

As an extension of GAHA's purple presence, our GAHA President and 1st Vice President, Kathy Hedgepeth, presented Region 12 Director, Lisa Blackstone, who is also a long time member of GAHA with one of the new purple GAHA logo, polo shirts..

Also present in the Purple spirit were Connie Green, Susan White, Nan Harley, Diane Huchet, Nancy Klembus, Tracey Lord, Linda Moak and Denni Mack.

GAHA appreciated the opportunity to serve as hosts and represent Region 12 and the Perry Convention and Visitors Bureau and help create a wonderful social atmosphere to kickoff the R12 Championship Show.

GAHA Celebrates Our 50th Anniversary—Ashley Satterfield

Save The Date !!! Yes, GAHA has officially turned 50 years old !! This truly calls for a celebration of the membership. Our leadership team would like to get the membership together and remember the path through the years that led to this event. Not only the past but also take a peek into the future through the promise of our equine profes-

sionals and our talented youth riders.

Date: **September 26, 2015**

Please mark this date on your calendars and watch for updates from the GAHA members who are busy planning the affair.



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Region 12 Spotlight—Kathy Hedgepeth

“Lisa has been an active Arabian horse show judge since 1994 judging some of the industry’s largest shows over the years.”

GAHA is very proud to be able to connect our club to our Region 12 leadership team. Our Region 12 director comes to the position having been a pillar within our club and over the years has become nationally recognized for her service to GAHA, Arabian horses and the equine industry in general.



Mentored by her mother Jean, LISA BLACKSTONE began riding horses as a child, learning the fundamentals of horsemanship, judging and showing. Later, the Blackstones operated a family-owned Arabian horse training and breeding business, Onyx Arabians, producing many top ten, reserve and national champion show horses.

Lisa graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. She transitioned into the financial world as a stockbroker and, a decade later, returned to law school and earned a legal degree from her alma mater.

Lisa now has her own law practice in the Atlanta area. As a founding member of the Equine Section of the Geor-

gia Bar, Lisa merges her legal expertise with her knowledge of the horse industry and represents many of Atlanta’s top equestrian facilities, trainers and horse owners.

Lisa is an active participant in the political process governing equine sport. Besides serving in the Arabian community on various boards and committees (including past Director of Region 12 and Vice Chairman of the AHA Ethical Practices Review Board), she is currently Chair of the Ethics Committee and the Legal Review Committees for the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). She is also an active member of the USEF Hearing Committee which adjudicates alleged rule infractions by members. Lisa serves as Trustee on the USA Equestrian Trust which manages a large portfolio of investments and dispenses grants to applicants in equine sport. She sits on the Board of the Western Dressage Association of America and was instrumental in obtaining recognition for Western Dressage as a new discipline by the USEF.

Lisa has been an active Arabian horse show judge since 1994 judging some of the industry’s largest shows over the years. Recently, she judged the 2014 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show and

the 2013 Arabian Youth Nationals.

Devoted to the concept of using the latest technology to reach an audience, she created a website designed to teach children about horses and horsemanship through the use of online video instruction (www.HorseAndRiderClub.com) Lisa developed “The Horse Show App”, a smartphone application bringing live horse show information to exhibitors and spectators on their phones. (www.TheHorseShowApp.com) The Horse Show App is now in use at many AHA shows including the Youth Nationals and Arabian Nationals. Currently, she is engaged with the USEF to expand the use of The Horse Show App to other breeds and disciplines.

Lisa was the host of Atlanta’s The Horse and Rider Radio Show, which aired weekly with live streaming video on the internet. The show was dedicated to discussions relevant to the new horse owner with advice about how to get started. Currently, she appears as a guest host as time permits.

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GAHA Celebrates Youth at Region 12 Youth Jamboree—Carolyn Duncan

The week of June 16, 2015 brought some of the hottest weather of the Summer. But

that was not what made the R12 Youth Jamboree a smoking hot event this year. Youth from all over Region 12 collected in Pendleton SC for a week long series

of seminars and classes to learn the finer points of caring for and showing their horses.

There were also parties and socials for the youth to enjoy during the breaks from their event activities.

GAHA members, both adult and youth, had a great time at the Region XII Arabian Youth Jamboree.

The club donated two prizes to be raffled for the youth members. It was such fun to see all the riders have such a good time and a great turn out of GAHA members participating.



Youth members, Gracie Housley winning the \$25 Dover gift card and Miah Tripino winning a new saddle pad!



GAHA Youth from Crooked Creek Farm proudly exhibit their ribbons at the 2015 R12 Youth Jamboree

Cooling down !! GAHA Youth members enjoy the ice cream social on Monday night. This year's social was sponsored by Pagan Gilman, Markel and Lisa Segar Insurance.



This is what the R12 Youth Jamboree is about...Marie Taylor's Grand daughter get up close and personal with her equine friend.

Message From the GAHA President—Mike Moak

My trip to Perry on May 4, 2015 was a highlight for 2015 for me. I reconnected with many of my friends with whom I had lost contact over the past 3 years. I caught up with Show Staff, Facility Staff and Exhibitors and enjoyed passing the time.

I had gone to Perry to be present to host the welcome party and attend the R12 meeting.

There were three events at the R12 meeting that impacted me. First, during the R12 elections, I was nominated from the floor to be the Georgia R12 representative. I

greatly appreciated being considered worthy for that position in Region 12. Second, the gentleman from Florida presented a financial report that, in summary, detailed a need for R12 Youth support. The report summarized a decline in funding for Youth sponsored programs. He asked that clubs reconsider their support for the Jamboree and scholarship programs. This hit a shared nerve with me as offering strong youth programs offer life long lessons. Third, the gentleman from Tennessee reported the need for support for Endurance and Competitive

Trail rides. He echoed the gentleman from Florida's call by asking for clubs to consider sponsorships for the EandCT events across Region 12. As member AHA clubs, we all share in the success and failures of the industry and must resolve to channel support where needed.

Let's I forget and keep everyone wondering, no, I was not elected the R12 Representative for Georgia at this year's meeting but I did greatly appreciate the nomination.

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6- Easy to do Tips for Taking Care of your Trailer

Using these simple tricks will make your trailer last longer and keep it looking good.

- Wax twice a year
- Keep floors clean and pull mats/wash out every so often
- Baking soda on the floor under the mats helps break down horse urine
- Park in the shade or under cover to protect from the sun
- Park on a level surface whenever possible to protect the tires and keep the wear/tear balanced
- Keep windows/vents closed so wasps do not build nests. Check for these and spray in holes and rails of the horse area often in the summer



Useful Tips Submitted by: Chris Barge



Dressage, Anyone? By: Pagan Gilman

I have been asked to write about Dressage in this newsletter. So since this is my first article, I will start at the beginning.

Just what is Dressage? Dressage is a French term and there are many different versions of the definition of Dressage with slightly different verbiage, but all come to the same conclusion. I particularly favor this one:

.Dressage is indeed an Art form, but where did it all begin? Historians consider Xenophon of ancient Greece to be the fore father of Dressage. His early writing on the subject dates back as far as 354 BC. Initially used to train the horse to be an agile and obedient war horse, it later became popular for riders wanting a higher level of communication and harmony with their mounts as a pleasure ride.

Modern Dressage as we know it dates back to the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria, originating somewhere around 1572. Currently, competitive dressage involves nine progressive "levels" incorporating multiple tests within each level. Additionally, there are tests for sport horse breeding, musical freestyle, and performance incorporating multiple horses and riders.



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GAHA Member Spotlight—Kathy Hedgepeth

I wanted to present this feature in each newsletter a look at our membership from two perspectives. One from how we as members and exhibitor see our members and then one that asks question and takes a more whimsical look past the show ring to get to know the member person.

Nan Harley has been a member of GAHA well over 25 years. She has held every office in the club, as well as being a board director and has served as President numerous terms. In addition to serving the Arabian community through GAHA, Nan has also served on regional committees and was the Region 12 Show Manager in 2010. She is currently serving on the AHA Amateur Committee.

Nan has been a strong guiding force for GAHA, and though she is not an officer or board member at present, she is still providing guidance and leadership. Truth is, we won't let her get TOO far away! Nan and her horses have won MULTIPLE regional and national championships, most notably her half Arabian gelding CBS Top Dog. Bred by our own Claire Boyd-Drew, Nan got Top Dog when he was weaned from his mother. In fact, Claire drove Top Dog and his dam to Nan's house, dropped off Top Dog, picked up another horse and Top Dog was weaned! Needless to say, Nan and Top Dog bonded quickly and the pair went on to a truly wonderful show career. Top Dog's passing was a great loss to all who knew him. Happily, Nan found another show mate in her stallion Possession PGA. He is a popular breeding stal-

lion who is siring some wonderful babies, with many already having successful show careers.

As our first "Member Spotlight" selection, we gave Nan some questions to answer.

Six Questions for Nan Harley

1. You've been involved with Arabians for a long time and have done almost every discipline there is. Which one is your favorite?

Western Pleasure, without hesitation. There is nothing like the feel of a slow jog or lope and it takes a level of partnership with your horse that is very rewarding.

2. GAHA is going through some changes and we have suspended our 3 day show the past 2 years and have focused on getting back to grass roots with our membership. What do you want to see the club accomplish over the next 2-3 years?

I have always been a big supporter of our shows, no matter if they are community shows or rated shows. They are a great way to get our horses seen by those unfamiliar with Arabians. I would love to see us get a show of some sort back on track. We should have more general membership meetings at member farms so that we can get back to being a group that has fun!

3. As a very accomplished breeder, what advice do you have for someone wanting to get into breeding on a smaller scale?

Breed the best you have to the best you can afford. Unless you are going to keep everything you breed, you need to breed for the marketplace and that might not be your mare to your stallion. At least one part of that equation has to be breeding what people are looking for. I have infused a lot of Sundance Kid V blood into my program because it is producing the kind of horses I am looking for and they are marketable. I am now crossing the Sundance mares with my own stallion, Possession PGA, because that cross has been proven to produce champions. I like for my mares to have been successful in the show ring before they become broodmares to show that they are trainable and I look at what a stallion has produced along with what he has done in the show ring. A stallion that has produced a national champion is more attractive to me than one who has only the title.

4. What else do you like to do that is not horse related?

Is there a world outside of horses? <g> I actually love to travel but it is difficult to leave the farm and my husband has always had a very busy work life. But now we are starting to make the time and have had some great trips with family and friends and look forward to many more.

5. You are in a room with the GAHA membership. What do you want to tell them.

Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club. With apologies to John F. Kennedy. Seriously, no organization

can thrive in a vacuum. We need new ideas and new enthusiasm to insure the survival of not just our club, but of the Arabian horse as a recreation.

6. Ok.....I lied about not getting all "Barbara Walters" on you! If you died and could come back as a tree, what kind would you be and why? What? Really? I don't know. A dogwood. It's my favorite.



Nan Harley riding unanimous 2015 Scottsdale Champion Possession PGA

Were on the Web

<http://georgia-arabian.com>

Our GAHA Website has continued to grow since the last newsletter. A couple of pages have been restructured and new pages have been added for Sponsorships and Advertisements. Also, if you have uploaded a video of your horse to YouTube GAHA can connect a link from the website to your video. All we need is the link and a brief text summary of what you want to tell about the video.

If you see any thing that you think may add to the user friendliness of the website contact us with your suggestions. We want this to be a site that promotes our membership as well as our love for Arabian horses.

We hope you enjoyed this edition of the GAHA Newsletter. We heard several positive comments on the first edition of the newsletter as well as some constructive points from members. Please continue to let us hear your comments about the newsletter.

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Region 12 News

For Future newsletters we also want to bring the news of Region 12 to GAHA members

Beginning in the next issue we will use this section to spotlight news of Region 12. When we say News of Region 12 that goes beyond the organizational governing body of our great region and reaches out more to the club level of news that is of interest to our club membership.

Splash, splash this baby is going to need a bath ! This is **Koweta Call Me Hotrod**, Half-Arabian colt by KM Bugatti and out of Saddlebred mare, Call Me Callie. He has been sold and new owner is Lauren Adamek . Dwane Hankins represented Lauren in

