



## 2012 EVENTS

**JAN. 13-15, 2012**  
TQHA Banquet and  
Convention  
MURFREESBORO, TN

**MARCH 9-11, 2012**  
Celebration Circuit  
HARRIMAN, TN

**MARCH 17-18, 2012**  
All-Novice Clinic/Show  
HARRIMAN, TN

**APRIL 13-15, 2012**  
Circuit by the River  
HARRIMAN, TN

**MAY 3-6, 2012**  
Lucky 7 Circuit  
MURFREESBORO, TN

**MAY 26-27, 2012**  
Hillbilly Classic  
HARRIMAN, TN

**JUNE 15-17, 2012**  
Dogwood Classic  
HARRIMAN, TN

All dates subject to  
change. Check TQHA  
website for updates.

## Letter from TQHA's President

By now all of you should have at least heard the exciting news about the AQHA Novice Championship Show beginning in 2012. And yes, the qualifying details are not completely understood at this time but they will be soon. This will be a tremendous opportunity for not just TQHA's Novice Youth and Novice Amateur to showcase their abilities, but for the TQHA to blow the doors off the Miller Coliseum in making this event a complete and total success. As an organization let's not forget the many Quarter Horse folks that have not yet taken the complete plunge into the show arena. This could be the opportunity they've been waiting for... spread the word!

We need to constantly support our sponsors, even if it's nothing more than a "Thank you" for supporting our organization. For those that were at our last show, you had the opportunity to participate in a drawing (three opportunities) provided by our great sponsor "Tennessee Farmers Cooperative" (Co-Op); Rose Mason was one of the winners and was more excited than a kid in a candy store. Additionally, Amanda Morris from TFC was present to discuss animal nutrition and even handed out gift certificates for "free" grain. Also, "Show Diva" provided a gift certificate that was used as a fund raiser for the youth; Angela Fowler was the winner of that drawing (actually I think it was Jasmine). This is two examples and WE THANK ALL OUR SPONSORS!

Lastly, convention time is fast approaching and two areas that I want to remind everyone about are: 1) By-Law Changes – If you have any requests to be considered you'll need to begin formulating them now. You will be receiving more detailed instructions soon. 2) Officer and Committee considerations – Some have mentioned your interest in being considered for a particular position. If you are interested please see that your name and primary position/alternate positions of interest are provided to John Ed Tabb. WE NEED YOU... DON'T WAIT TO BE ASKED!

*-Randy Woodell*

TQHA President

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The **Eastern Novice Championship Show** will be held October 5-7 at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Classes offered include halter, showmanship, horsemanship, trail, barrel racing, and hunter under saddle, among others.

To be eligible to participate in the Novice championship shows, individuals must place in the top 10 at AQHA Regional Championships or have shown to a minimum number of AQHA judges at AQHA-approved shows nationally. Also, affiliates will establish qualifying criteria for exhibitors who support their states/provinces/countries to participate in the Novice championships through a system they develop to fit their needs. AQHA staff will be working with the affiliates on this effort.

# Make it Rein

**AQHA judge Bob Johnson shares his insight about one of the most exciting classes to watch at a horse show: reining. Find out how he scores this highly technical class—and how you and your horse can compete more successfully.**

The reining classes at our AQHA shows keeps growing. In my opinion, the scoring system has made contestants realize that they can compete with anybody. When they ride out of the arena, the judge, the contestant, and the spectators can all have a similar score, which allows them to see maneuvers that can be improved upon or eliminate penalties.

As a judge, I want the contestant to show me that his horse is willingly guided. It is fun to watch a reined horse run the circles with a drape in their reins. A good mover that shows a big difference in size and speed in the circles is easy to give a plus maneuver score.

Also, a horse that can round his back when running to a stop will impress all judges. If that horse's back is up, his neck will be down, which makes the picture look good and makes it easier for the horse to have a big stop.

A plus maneuver for a spin isn't always about speed. Just because a horse spins fast, it doesn't mean that it will yield a plus score. A horse that plants his pivot foot and stays in frame will



look willful and not scared.

One negative thing that I don't like to see is the rider pecking at their horse in the circles or rundowns. Part of the maneuver score on rundowns is around the end, and so many contestants are trying to collect their horse for the stop. I look at every part of each maneuver to make sure it looks willful.

A distracting element that a lot of people do is snatch their head back and forth during the spin. It takes my attention away from the horse. You should be watching the rider's head movements.

In conclusion, a judge wants to see a horse perform each maneuver and make it look easy. After your horse is broke, trust him, and it will look willful and it will be fun.

**Congratulations to all Tennessee riders who competed at the 2011 Youth World Show and Select World Show this summer. Good luck to those horse and rider duos who travel to Oklahoma City in November to compete at the Amateur and Open World Shows.**

## victory lap

### **Congratulations to the 2011 TQHA Circuit All-Around Winners!**

**Novice Youth Champion:**

Jasmine Fowler

**Youth 14-18 Champion:**

Jasmine Fowler

**Novice Amateur Champion:**

Lucinda Bruner

**Amateur Champion:**

Jessie Hadlock

**Select Champion:**

Philane Fisher

**Senior Champion:**

Michelle Rakestraw

## Attention: TQHA Youth Members

Ease some of the strain from your parents' checkbooks when you head to college—apply for as many scholarships as you can find! Check out [www.aqha.com/foundation](http://www.aqha.com/foundation) or call the association at (806) 378-5040 to learn more about how to apply for 2012 scholarships from The American Quarter Horse Foundation. Go ahead and start working on an amazing essay and make sure your grades are high—this scholarship must be postmarked by December 1, 2011.

### NEW DIRECTOR: FIRST IMPRESSIONS



#### Each year the AQHA

**convention** ends with a closed session during which the Directors from around the country and the world weigh in on the committee decisions and issues from the convention meetings. At my first Directors' meeting this past March, I saw present in that room some of the greatest horsemen of our time, and more than that, people of great vision, great wisdom, and some with great resources and generous hearts to commit those resources to the success of AQHA programs. This

meeting is seriously "down-to-business" and gets a lot done in a respectful but efficient manner.

So I would say my first realization as your new Director was that the community of AQHA Directors is composed of horsemen bringing a huge pool of talent and willingness to commit ideas, effort, and financial support to the many causes AQHA champions in our industry.

My regular assignments, responsibilities, and projects continued throughout the year. I am assigned to the Membership and Marketing Committee, sit on the Marketing Council, and represent TQHA with Roger Elder on the Region 9 Affiliate Committee. I network for and promote AQHA interests on both the Intercollegiate Horse

Shows Association and Certified Horsemanship Association Boards of Directors. These are Educational Alliance Partners of AQHA, and require much time and work on projects and the mission these organizations share in common with AQHA. I am also an AQHA Professional Horseman, serve on the TQHA Board, and am on the TQHA Show Committee.

Throughout the year, Directors receive weekly updates regarding changes in programs, legislation, the Foundation, showing, racing, and current issues. We are asked to communicate with appropriate sources of information and influence both inside and outside AQHA. AQHA requires its Directors to report all information concerning their personal and business dealings that could impact AQHA ethically and financially.

We are all aware of the negative effects that anti-processing legislation has had on the horse industry in general, and our members and horses close to home. Many breed and discipline associations have copped out of defending our choices with our horses in fear of losing membership. AQHA leads the horse industry in this cause, with help from a few significant others, such as the American Association of Equine Practitioners and the American Horse Council.

—Anne Brzezicki

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**We hope to see tons of members at the annual TQHA Convention and Banquet Jan. 13-15 in Murfreesboro. Fill out the reservation form located in this newsletter and send it in!**

Since infancy, this TQHA amateur member has been a dedicated equestrian. Now, **Karen Spangler** is taking her homebred mare to the World show to compete—and she's definitely won't be slowing down from there.

## member spotlight



Spangler and her team pose for a photo with her mare, Promisemeasurprise, at the 2010 World Show.

Even before she took her first breath on this earth, Karen Spangler was riding horses—with a little help from her mother, Kathleen Kilduffe. Since that time her horse life has continued to be a source of learning, joy, and accomplishment.

“I did lead line on my mother’s Fox Trotter before learning to ride ponies,” Spangler explains. “My first love was my 13.3 hand pony, Shorty. We did everything including trail riding and showing English and Western. Since then I have shown Quarter Horses although on occasion I do drive and ride a Clydesdale and a draft mule.”

Now a successful TQHA Amateur and Open exhibitor, Spangler first showed at open shows before joining 4-H. While in middle school she exhibited at her first AQHA show, the Dogwood Classic at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville. Her family became actively involved with TQHA including sister, Pam Ryan, who also competed, her mother who was “the dedicated horse show mom,” and her late father, Robert Kilduffe, who in addition to being horse show dad began showing halter horses, too. Kathleen and Bob also held TQHA officer positions over the years. Following in their footsteps, Karen currently serves as Region II and III Vice President, represents the state TQHA board, and is on the audit committee.

When asked about her favorite horse the answer was easy—her current show mare, Promisemeasurprise (“Olivia”). Spangler and her 2005 homebred mare have formed a successful team, garnering many awards over the years, including Open and Amateur ROMs, 2009 Regional Experience Reserve Champion in Jr. Trail, 2010 Open and Amateur Championships in Performance Halter Mares, and Champion in Jr. Trail, TQHA Amateur All Around, and the 2010 World Show where the pair barely missed making the finals. The duo has qualified for and will be competing in the 2011 World Show.

“None of this would have been possible without my mother’s help,” says Spangler. “Being able to show, let alone at the World, would not have happened without her.”

Spangler plans to continue showing Olivia, enjoy more trail riding, and hopes to raise an Olivia foal. She’s married and is employed at Clinton Highway Veterinary Hospital. She enjoys reading, hanging out with horse friends, hiking, traveling, and her pets.

**TOP  
PRIZE**

## Congressional Success

Cool October temps didn’t affect Tennessee exhibitors showing their horses at The All-American Quarter Horse Congress from experiencing plenty of success. Congratulations to all those who were exhibitors at this highly competitive event—check out some of those who brought home medals below!

- Sarah Jo Ellis: 6th in Youth Trail
- Miranda Rogers: 8th in Amateur Equitation Over Fences
  - Megan McMullen: 3rd in NYATT Western Pleasure
  - Kamiah McGrath: 3rd in 11 & Under Western Pleasure, Finalist in NYATT Showmanship
  - Kelli Woodell: Finalist in NYATT Showmanship
  - Ariel Herrin: 5th in Youth Equitation
  - Miller Henard: Champion in Amateur Jumping
  - Billie Henard: Champion in Youth Jumping
- Marcus Hanson: Finalist in NYATT Showmanship
- Robyn Hanson: Semi-finalist in NY Horsemanship
- Bergen Lancaster: 4th in NY Hunter Hack, 10th in NY Working Hunter
  - Lindsey Ross: 6th in NY Hunter Hack
- Gretchen Ross: 7th in Youth Jumping, Semi-finalist in Youth Showmanship
- Bethany Valentine: Champion in NY 13 & under Showmanship

# In case you missed it...

TQHA has received an AIM grant from AQHA and Bank of America to host a program on animal welfare, animal rights, and legislative issues at our annual convention. **Cindy Schonholtz**, from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, has agreed to be our featured speaker. Cindy also serves as the Executive Director for the American Youth Horse Council and is the Program Manager for the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. Additionally she is the President of the Animal Welfare Council, Vice President of the National Animal Interest Alliance and is a member of the Public Policy Committee for the American Quarter Horse Association. "Every horse owner should be aware of the issues facing the industry and how they can be a part of the solution," Cindy says. Be sure to attend Cindy's session Saturday afternoon, January 14, at the TQHA convention, and invite your horse owning friends and neighbors to be with us for her talk.

New for 2012 will be a way to show our appreciation to TQHA members. The mission of the **Tennessee Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame** shall be to honor those TQHA members who have faithfully served and contributed to the success of the association throughout the years. A Selection Committee will be nominated and voted on at the Convention. The nomination rules and forms are available on the About TQHA menu on the website.

The **TQHA youth team** tied for 15th place at the Congress out of 77 NYATT teams. Congratulations!

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TQHA Banquet – January 14, 2012                      Banquet Reservation Form

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