



Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association May 2011 Newsletter

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President's Letter



For some of us show session is rapidly approaching or has already started and for others it is time to enjoy our horses out of doors without their shaggy winter coats. Which ever category you fall into we hope that you have a great summer. If showing is your thing don't forget to mark your calendar for the Badger Classic, May 27 - 29 at State Fair Park, West Allis, WI and the WAHA August Show, August 5-7 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson. WI.

Thanks to the WAHA Clinic Committee for organizing the April 2-3 clinic with Dr. Deb Bennett. A report on the clinic is included in this newsletter.

Nancy Miller

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2011 BADGER CLASSIC

In 2011 the WAHA and WDHA clubs are combining to hold the BADGER CLASSIC Show at Wisconsin State Fair Park in Milwaukee on May 27, 28 & 29, 2011. In addition to offering a full complement of Amateur, Open, ATR, JOTR, and Select Rider classes, this show will offer "Special Benefits" to its Amateur exhibitors. It also offers a full complement of halter classes with junior championships for both Purebreds and Half-Arabians. Also offered are UPHA Equitation classes. In addition, there are 10 OPTION CLASSES offered so you could "customize" the class you wanted. The show secretary is Sally Epps at 920.992.3293 or twocrabbyladies@hotmail.com. Contact Sally for more information. Pre-entries close May 2.

2011 WAHA Shows

Badger Classic **May 27-29** **State Fair Park, West Allis, WI** Co-Sponsored by WAHA and WDHA
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Co-Sponsors Websites: www.wisconsinarabian.com and www.wdha.net

WAHA August Show **August 5-8** **Jefferson County Fair Grounds, Jefferson, WI**
See ad in this issue
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WAHA Open Show **September 24** **Deerfield, WI**
Joanne Jones Joanne.jones@doit.wisc.edu



Greetings WAHA and WAHA's youth members from WAHA Youth President Lauren Christen

Since being elected in January, the youth group has been busy putting together activities. At a meeting we held in March we discussed the Deb Bennett Clinic, Midwest Horse Fair events, and ideas to expand the Arabian Youth Association.

We made the meals for the fabulous Deb Bennett clinic. I know my sister and I made 11 dozen cookies for the bake sale which rose over \$100 for the group. It was a large operation and everyone who helped out was a key to making the clinic successfully smooth. Thank you!
During Midwest Horse Fair, although the weather was anything less than sunny and bright, the youth went to vendors around the park with smiles on their faces and collected items for our annual youth silent auction to support WAHA youth. I was very surprised by some of the items we collected: a custom pair of bull horns, beautifully handcrafted jewelry, custom embroidered fleece jackets, and many more exciting items.

I feel as a youth group we should really come together somehow and create an exciting ambiance of the Arabian horse and its people. Let your ideas for activities be heard and I will work on creating an event for youth. Let's work together and LET'S HAVE FUN!

Thank you, Lauren Anne Christen – WAHA Youth President

\$\$ SPONSORSHIP UPDATE \$\$

It's finally spring (at least according to the calendar) and show season is upon us. Included in the newsletter is a copy of this year's class sponsorship form. PLEASE consider sponsoring classes to help us keep costs down and get your message(s) out there. And – think about sponsorships at all three shows to reach or cheer on all of our different exhibitors and audiences. Remember that sponsors will have their message read during the classes they sponsor, as well as highlighted in the WAHA Newsletter.

In addition to WAHA members, sponsorships are always welcome from local businesses, veterinarians, farriers, feed/tack shops, trailer retailers, or anyone else that we can involve. Please be thinking about possibilities in your area. Feel free to contact me at kfjustin@wisc.edu with any other ideas you may have.

Kathy Justinger, WAHA Sponsorship Contact



WISCONSIN ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

Sponsorship Form 2011 Show Season

Prize lists available at www.wisconsinarabian.com

Welcome to WAHA's 2011 show season with three great shows for you to enjoy! This year's May show is co-sponsored by WAHA and WDHA (Wisconsin Dessert Horse Association). The **Badger Classic** is a three day show (May 27-29, 2011) at State Fair Park in West Allis, WI and features a great selection of youth, amateur and select rider classes as well as a wide variety of option classes to meet your needs. The **WAHA August Show** (August 5-7, 2011) in Jefferson, WI will again feature a great class lineup including the WAHA Member Jackpot Classes and dressage/sport horse classes. The **WAHA Fall Colors Open Show** (September 24, 2011) will be held at Bounds Showtime Arena in Deerfield, WI and is a great opportunity to have fun and introduce our wonderful Arabians to other equine enthusiasts. The class list includes Arab/Half-Arab classes as well as junior horse classes.

Class sponsorships help us keep exhibitor costs down and provide each sponsor with a great opportunity to advertise a business or service, remember someone special, or just wish everyone the best of luck. Sponsors will have their message read during the classes they sponsor, as well as highlighted in the WAHA Newsletter, which goes to over 1,000 names and remains on our website indefinitely. Consider taking advantage of the slightly different audiences at each show by sponsoring at all three! Just complete the form below and mail this form, along with payment to "**WAHA**" to **Kathy Justinger, 6047 Hagen Hill Circle, Madison, WI 53718**. You can include payment for all sponsorships in a single check .

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Email and/or phone: _____

Please write announcement to be read during the class(es) you sponsor on the back side of the form

BADGER CLASSIC, Class A, May 27-29, 2011, Sate Fair Park, West Allis, WI.

All Classes ----- @ 15.00 each ----- = \$ _____

Badger Classic Total Enclosed ----- \$ _____

Class Preference(s), in order: _____

WAHA August Show, Class A, August 5-7, 2011, Jefferson, WI.

Regular classes ----- @ \$15.00 each – or 5 classes for \$60.00! = \$ _____

Championship Classes ----- @ \$25.00 each ----- = \$ _____

August Show Total Enclosed Total Enclosed \$ _____

Regular Class Preference(s), in order: _____

Championship Class Preference(s), in order: _____

WAHA Open Show (with TAIL program and all-breed classes), September 24, 2011, Deerfield, WI.

All Classes ----- @ \$15.00 each – or 5 classes for \$60.00! = \$ _____

Open Show Total Enclosed ----- \$ _____

Class Preference(s), in order: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR ALL THREE SHOWS: \$ _____

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!



The host facility, Blue Mounds Equine Center and Minitube of America

WAHA 2011 Spring Clinic Wrap-Up!!

*Article by Jessica Cole
Photos & Captions by Bev Cole*

The WAHA Spring Clinic has come and gone and appears to have been a huge success!

World-renowned Conformation Analyst and Equine Biomechanics expert Dr. Deb Bennett, Ph.D spent two days in extensive class room discussions and live horse evaluations at the gorgeous Blue Mounds Equine Center in Mount Horeb.



Dr. Deb Bennett just before the Saturday morning classroom session



Dr. Dean Meyer, DVM, , representative of two of the clinic sponsors, explains the services of Lodi Veterinary Hospital / Madison Equine and Equi-Shine Supplements

Dr. Deb's teaching style is forceful, and her opinions are strong. At times she begins to verge on a Horsemanship "Shock Jock," but she knows her material inside and out and forces even the most experienced listeners to think outside the box and re-evaluate the logic (or lack thereof!) behind their own beliefs.

The clinic also intermixed numerous historical accounts of many horse related issues, along with some of Dr. Deb's personal anecdotes about her own experiences with legendary horsemen Ray Hunt and Tom Dorrance.



WAHA Clinic Committee member & Vice President StaceyDunn.



Saturday morning's classroom with Clinic Chair Jessica Cole standing on the right

The weekend included detailed discussions of anatomy and biomechanics intermixed with discussions about how better horsemanship and riding can make it physically easier for a horse to perform well. By the same token, bad handling and poor riding can make it physically impossible for the horse to produce the desired performance qualities of a given discipline, and Dr. Deb explained why in colorful detail!



Dr. Bennett explains basic concepts on a sample horse before inviting attendees to touch & feel what she is talking about.

In addition to classroom presentations of basic concepts, analysis of live horses applied those concepts to real life and gave attendees a chance to literally touch & feel the concepts Dr. Deb was talking about. A wide variety of examples for discussion was provided by breeds including: Warmbloods, Friesian cross, Thoroughbred, Morab, Amish-broke American Standardbred cross, Hanoverian, Arabians, Half Arabians, Quarab, Criollo, Iberian, and a polo horse.

Attendees also provided a range of experience and perspectives. The clinic drew folks from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan along with one person who came from Virginia. They included a range of amateurs and trainers with interests ranging from traditional show ring disciplines and dressage, to pleasure riding, distance riding, polo, driving, and others. Professionals such as vets, farriers, massage therapists, and chiropractors added other points of view.



Attendees check out those concepts on their own, up close & personal, hands-on



WAHA members Crystal Viney, Ashley Viney, and Lauren Christen (WAHA Youth President) lighten it up for awhile during lunch break.

A tasty lunch was provided by the WAHA Youth each day, and the host facility, Blue Mounds Equine Center and Minitube of America, provided a thoroughly professional and immaculate venue for this clinic. Attendees joined us from several surrounding states, and many thanked WAHA profusely for arranging for Dr. Bennett to come to Wisconsin.

After lunch, it's back to work in the live horse arena. Dr. Deb shows exactly what she's talking about to focus on Sunday's morning lecture.



A good roll helps demonstrate a horse releasing its back.



Dr. Deb isolates a point of conformation.



Dr. Deb demonstrates a concept.



Everyone tunes in to a demonstration horse's example.



And a good time was had by all!

WAHA would like to thank the co-sponsors who helped make this clinic possible: Northern Illinois Arabian Horse Association, Lodi Vet Clinic/Madison Equine Clinic/Dr.'s Choice Supplements, and Blue Mounds Equine Center/Minitube of America! We have not previously attempted a clinic on this scale and are very pleased that it went smoothly and drew so many participants.

2011 WAHA August Show

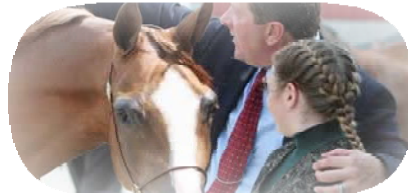
The 2011 WAHA August Show is shaping up to be another great show this year. The August show this year will be August 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2011 at Jefferson Country Fair Park in Jefferson, Wisconsin.

We are pleased to announce our judges for this year will be 2011 US Nationals Judge Lori Schroder-Ross from Iowa who will be judging our main ring and USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalist Susan Posner from Kentucky will be judging our Dressage and Sport Horse ring.

In addition to the great selection of classes this show offers we will again be holding our Exhibitor Food Party on Saturday evening. This year WAHA will be the sole sponsor of the Exhibitor Food Party. If anyone would like to help sponsor the event please contact Michael Bell.

The prize list should be posted shortly. To download a copy of the prize list when it becomes available please visit www.wisconsinarabian.com/augustshow.php

Come join in on the fun!!!



Thank you!
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Region 10 Announces New Youth Director for 2011-2012

Congratulations to WAHA's Lauren Christen !

By Joan Rose, Region 10 Youth Coordinator



The Region 10 Youth Coordinator is pleased to announce that the 2011 & 2012 Region 10 Youth Director was named at the March 6th Region 10 board meeting. The new director is Lauren Anne Christen of Belleville, Wisconsin. Lauren has been active in FFA as secretary, public speaking and forensics. She also placed third at the state level on the equine judging team for FFA. In June of 2010 Lauren was crowned Green County Dairy Queen. Her job as queen was to promote agriculture throughout the county and state.

Lauren's activities with Arabian horses at class A shows began three years ago with her eight year old Arabian gelding Chance; her trainer was Jessica Cole. Lauren says it was a real culture

shock going from 4-H to class A Arabian shows and the first season was a learning experience. The next year she came back with a new junior horse (Java) and won Champion High Point Junior Horse and Lauren placed fourth as a Junior Rider in the WAHA Point System. She also became WAHA youth secretary and joined the WAHA judging team. In 2010 Lauren continued with the WAHA judging team and won six ribbons at the Arabian Judging Contest in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lauren was elected president of the WAHA youth at the annual meeting in January 2011.

Jessica Cole writes of Lauren, "Lauren has an exceptional work ethic and a very outgoing and enthusiastic attitude toward the Arabian horse and toward youth opportunities. She comes from a family of dedicated hard workers and has great leadership potential."

Lauren will take on the responsibilities of Region 10 Youth Director on July 24, 2011 at the end of Youth Convention at the Youth National Championship Horse Show in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Region 10 Youth will be in good hands.



WAHA Youth Association Meeting Report April 17, 2011

The meeting of the Wisconsin Arabian Horse Youth Association was called to order at 12:30 pm on April 17th 2011 at the stalls for the Arabian Horse Association at the Midwest Horse Fair. Rachel Bell and Kathy Arnold explained about "begging" for things from vendors for the silent auction. The youth were split into four groups. Before we left to go "begging", we went to support Megan Vincent as she received a scholarship from Wisconsin Horse Council in the coliseum. The youth members then split up into their groups and went "begging" to the vendors. At 3:00pm the groups came back to order and gave all of their items they received from the vendors to Kathy Arnold for safekeeping until the silent auction for the youth in December. Joan Rose spoke on the Youth Team Tournament program and offered to sign any additional members on teams if they were interested. Seven members signed up to be on teams. All those interested in joining the judging team, received binders with specs so they could start practicing. Meeting adjourned.

Jocalyn Carpenter, reporter

YOUTH JUDGING TEAM

APRIL 30	Hunter Pleasure- FOX HOLLOW FARM - 2:00pm
MAY 21	Halter/ Confirmation- MIKE NEAL TRAINING CENTER - 1:30pm
MAY 27-29	BADGER SHOW- Milwaukee- YOUTH PRACTICE JUDGING - Time to be determined
JUNE 18	English/County English- PRICE PERFORMANCE HORSES - 4:00pm
AUGUST 27	Halter/Confirmation/Western PI- MIKE NEAL TRAINING CENTER - Time to be determined
SEPTEMBER	Possible thought of State 4-H Judging Tournament?????
OCTOBER 1	Oral Reasons- FOX HOLLOW FARM - Time to be determined
OCTOBER 26- 29	YOUTH JUDGING CONTEST @ U.S. NATIONALS - TULSA,OK

I look forward to seeing all of you and having excellent 2011 teams. Please keep in mind these trainers are taking time out of their busy day to help better our teams.

Please be on time, courteous & HAVE FUN.

For additional information please contact:

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FOX HOLLOW FARM

7926 E State Rd 67
Clinton, WI 53525
Farm # 608.676.5224

MIKE NEAL TRAINING CENTER

3916 County F North
Delavan, WI 53115
Farm Phone:
262.728.1168

PRICE PERFORMANCE HORSES

19805 W Lawnsdale
Rd
New Berlin, WI 53146
Phone: 612.418.8401

2010 Youth Judging Competition at US Nationals

by Rachel Bell

In October of 2010 WAHA & Region 10 were able to send two youth teams to the judging contest held in conjunction with the U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Team A consisted of Ellyn Harris, Hayley Simmons, Lauren Christen, and Mitchell Barton, coached by Rachel Bell. Team B consisted of Jocalyn Carpenter, Molly Schwister, Zoe DeWitt, and Ayla Spry, coached by Joan Rose. Both Kim Simmons and Marilyn Schwister also traveled with us as parent volunteers. Each year the youth hold numerous fundraisers to fund their trip to Nationals. They have done bake sales, concessions at the open show,



including yearend silent auction at the awards banquet. The trip was filled with lots of fun. Both teams arrived on Wednesday October 27, 2010. This allowed the teams to look around and take in all the excitement nationals has to offer. The teams spent most of Thursday practicing. They were able to take advantage of watching the reining horses and listening to Hoyt Rose. This time proved to be invaluable to the kids.

On Friday morning the competition commenced. It consisted of 10 classes; 6 performance and 4 halter. All 10 classes had 4 entries in each. One of the performance classes was reining. The classes are scored out of a possible 50 points, all of our kids got 49's & 50's. As for the Purebred Arabian Halter Geldings class, all 4 horses had been National Champions. These kids were able to see some pretty spectacular horses. By the afternoon the kids were off to a nearby hotel to present their oral reasons.

On Saturday morning the kids had the long anticipated awards banquet. This year there were seven (7) 4-H/FFA teams, 7 Junior AHA teams, and 10 Senior (college) teams. Even though the number of teams was down compared to previous years, it doesn't make it any less competitive. Team A was 4th place overall and Team B was 6th. In the Team Halter, Team A was 4th with both Lauren & Hayley earning Top 10's. Team B was 6th ranked with Jocalyn placing 11th. In the performance division once again Team A was 4th and Team B was 6th. In the Oral Reasons division Team A was 5th & Team B was 6th.

The teams all had a great time and some lasting memories were had. The WAHA Youth judging teams and coaches would like to thank WAHA and Region 10 for their support. Without the club's support none of this would be possible. It was an amazing time for all of those involved. We are looking forward to 2011.

2010 WAHA Youth Silent Auction

by Cathy Arnold

The WAHA Youth would like to thank all the sponsors and buyers at the silent auction this year at the annual awards banquet. The youth were able to raise \$846 dollars with your help. This money helps support youth activities and donates to causes that promotes the breed that we all love, the Arabian. Remember that we take donations all year long, nothing is too small or too large. Thank you all again for your support of the youth.

<u>Buyer :</u>	<u>Donated By:</u>	<u>Item:</u>
Mary Jo Meier	Wood's Art Gallery Stacy Dunn	Arabian Picture Dale Jr. Stocking Ariat Polo Stationary Cards 3 Horse Plates Red Halter & Lead Leather Head Stall Purse Vase Fly Mask Brush Ornament Horse Tote Ornament Fly Mask Arabian Horse Tote Bag Watch Advertising, E-Mail Blast Breyer – Misty Horse Hair Pottery Bowl – Etched Soup Toureen Purple Purse Leather Halter Pink Blazer Braiding Tool Head Band Pink Rope Halter Canadian Nationals Hoody Hackamor Headstall Ornament Cabela's Sweater Baby Boot Slippers Earings, Pin Candle Humming Bird Wind Chime Hoof Pick Blue Strap Cross Pendant Saddle Pad Leather Bracelet Window Candles Silver Heart Bracelet Long Sleeve T-Shirt Tie Straps Bucket Cover Chocolate Set Hackamor Headstall English Hat Leather Cross Silk Products Pink Angel Cap Chaps Frame Wood Carved Frame
	Tipperary Inc.	
	Horse Emporium Joan & Ken Rose Horse Emporium Tipperary Inc.	
	Bits n' Pieces Mike Bell	
	Bev Cole Crystal Cowgirl TMH Specialties	
Charlene Ehlert		
	Bits n' Pieces Y Knot Rope Tack Gay Jean Bower Ace Tack & Outfitters	
	Ken & Joan Rose Coyotes Phoenix Designs	
	Bits n' Pieces	
	Gay Jean Bower Buffffalo Trading Post	
	Ace Tack & Outfitters Expensive Hobby Tammy's Tack & Feed Silk	
Gail Hayek	Sweeney's Gift Works Plus	

Melanie Erce	Dale Chavez Co.	Headstall
Cathy Arnold	Beaded Spirit	Photo Album
	Kensington	Coin Purse
	Deb Alt	Tote Bag
	Everyday Gaiters Co.	Flexit Planter
	Coyotes	Foothuggers
Gay Jean Bower		Justin Boots Cap
Nadine Hoeft	Dixie Dunn	AHA Mouse Pad
	Tipperary Inc.	Tote Bag
		Dazzled Magnets
	Ken & Joan Rose	Fly Mask
	Expensive Hobby	Baby Booties
Dave Bilgrien	Circle A Saddlery	“Welcome” Boot
	Tipperary Inc.	Breyer Andalusian
Rachel Bell	Reshel’s	Hay Bag
	Cowboy Way	Fly Masks
	Deb Alt	Pewter Necklace
Janet Ekenberg	Freelance Design	Black Mountain Cap
		Grow Animals
	Freelance Design	Long Sleeve T-Shirt
	Freelance Design	Bling Pin
	Freelance Design	Hoody
	My Draft Horse Super Store	Sweater Hoody
	Everyday Gaiters Co.	Plum Vest
	Genuine Ranch Brand	Parking Sign
Amy Rose-Offord	Deb Alt	Foothuggers
	Cowboy Way	Sweatshirt
	Deb Alt	Bird Feeder
		Justin Boots Cap
	DC Creations	Hanging Bird Bath
		Earring Set
Hunter Offord	Little Creek LLC	Cross Necklace
	Design-A-Horse	Perfume & Lotion Set
Carolyn Wymen	Freelance Design	English Spurs
	Freelance Design	Stone Arabian Horse
		Long Sleeve T-Shirt
	Gay Jean Bower	Sweater Hoody
		Horse Shoe Frame
	Ken & Joan Rose	Candle
Amber Wymen	Freelance Design	Mug & Plate Set
	TMH Specialties	Stuffed Animal Set
		Vest
Denise Wieries		Arabian T-Shirt
Jackie Demers	Equine Design Photography	Ornament
	Freelance Design	Photo Session
		Sweater Hoody
Ann Hammann		Horse Wind Chime
	Freelance Design	Horse Statue
		Long Sleeve T-Sirt
	Pony Tail Studios	Cell Phone Case
Laurie Stein	Horse Emporium	Hoody
		\$75 Gift Certificate
	Tack Room	Spur Straps
		Bridle Bag
		Glasses
	Bits n’Pieces	Christmas Glasses
	Treasures2die4	Tie Bar/ Collar Bar
	Freelance Design	Wallet
Tanya Edwards	The Finishing Touch	Long Sleeve T-Sirt
	Crystal Cowgirl	Horse Shoe Pendant
		Purse

	Sophisticated Equestrian Ken & Joan Rose	Sweatshirt Breyer Mare & Foal Bird Feeder
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Robbin Smith	Seven Treasures Dave's Wholesale	Leather Reins Leather Wallet Leather Headstall Bird Cam
Pam Brantner	Paw Prints Saddle Up Clothing Co. Freelance Design	T-Shirt Sweatshirt Long Sleeve T-Shirt
Kayla Coons	Conceptprinting Gay Jean Bower Phoenix Designs	Horse Vehicle Sticker Water Bottle Necklace Horse Purse Candle Set
Sue Coons		Mikasa Ornaments Photo Session Arabian Print Arabian Cups Sweater Hoody Foothuggers Breast Collar Hay Bag
Chari Madrigal	Gay Jean Bower Equine Design Photography Ellen Harris	
Jay Nieman Kim Simmons Kathy Kaprelian	Gay Jean Bower Freelance Designs Everyday Gaiters Co. Australia Stock Saddle Co. TMH Specialties	

I, unfortunately, did not get all the names of the donators at the banquet. Please know that if you are not listed here, your donation is greatly appreciated by the youth. Again, a big thank you to everyone who helped make this another successful year. The WAHA Youth Group, Cathy Arnold, adult leader 608-882-6512
Arnold@countyofdane.com or arnold@eishome.com



**2010 Region 10 -WAHA Ambassador Award
 KG Raquin owned by Juli & Sid Larson**

from Gay Jeanne Bower

The Region 10-WAHA Ambassador Award was established to honor those Purebred Arabians and Half-Arabians that demonstrate the loyalty and trustworthiness that highlight the Arabian breed. This special horse should have demonstrated the versatility of the breed in an area that is unique and exhibit outstanding performance and/or service when measured against other breeds.

The horse that we are honoring this year has done all that and more. KG Raquin, (aka "Frenchie"), has been a versatile show horse. He has competed and won on the regional level in Country Pleasure, Show Hack, Native Costume, Hunter Pleasure and Hunt Seat Equitation. At 24 years young he is now a lesson horse at Fox Hollow Farm introducing new equestrians to the wonderful world of the Arabian horse.

"Frenchie" has always been ready and willing to promote the breed to the public. He has performed as a Native Costume and Hunter Pleasure horse on numerous occasions for the

Arabian demonstrations at the annual Midwest Horse Fair that has an annual attendance of over 70,000 people. In 2010 he was the live Andis model for the clipping demonstrations done every day at the Midwest Horse Fair. He stood quietly each day to have the various patterns clipped into his coat during the professional clipping lectures.

One of his most impressive accomplishments is his participation in the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade for the last seven years, with four different riders. In 2010 he quietly led the WAHA group of horses down State Street in Chicago in front of a huge crowd. It should be noted that often before and after the parade, Chicagoans love to come and visit the horses up close. Many of the city dwellers have never even been near a live horse, let alone touched one. "Frenchie" always stands patiently for small and large hands alike to pet his soft coat.

This wonderful gelding epitomizes the criteria for this award. Congratulations to KG Raquin ("Frenchie") and Juli and Sid Larson on receiving this award.