

FQHYA - May 2013

Congrats to all the many 2012 year-end award winners! It was great to see so many of you at the dinner and show that weekend. A huge thank you to Gia for organizing the fun-filled evening and the volunteers who helped us set up on Friday evening. FQHYA made \$2345 at the year-end awards dinner!

Thanks to FQHA Board Member Thea Bullard for the great prizes that were offered at the FQHA show that same weekend at Fox Lea Farm. As a reminder, Thea held a wine-tasting dinner to benefit FQHA and a silent auction to benefit FQHYA. The auction made more than \$2000! FQHYA donated \$400 back to be used for prizes. Clearly, the Youth benefitted twice from Thea's efforts! The prizes and saddle drawing (saddle donated by Kennedy Show Horses) were intended to serve as incentives to get exhibitors to show in more, and maybe, new classes. Also many thanks to Barbara Weaver who sacrificed showing that weekend to work the prize booth and keep it open until the very end of the show late Sunday evening.

Hats off to Trent Ferreir who raised more than \$500 for FQHYA selling tickets for a stall drawing donated by Circle F Performance Horses. The stall was won by Dewey Smith and then donated back to FQHYA by Dewey. So watch for another stall drawing soon. Thanks to Trent and Dewey!

The AQHA Region Ten Show is coming up. Please check in with Tracy Shoe or Linda Wooten when you arrive. They have planned a Team Tournament as well as a movie on Friday night. The cost of the Team Tournament is \$10 and it is a great way to meet other Youth. Good luck to everyone in Jacksonville!

With your help, **FQHYA now has 45 Novice Youth/Youth Class** sponsors for 2013. The sponsors are listed on the FQHA website. They receive signage at the shows, as well as special events, and are announced at shows when possible. Please thank them for their support. The class sponsors have made a huge difference in what FQHYA will be able to offer this year.

Youth Committee Member Katie Patterson is doing a great job on Facebook. However, there is also an old FQHYA News Facebook. Please make sure that you

go to the current **Facebook at Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association** for the latest information. Please email Katie at gpatter6@tampabay.rr.com if you have any questions or comments. If you haven't already added Florida Quarter Horse Youth Association to your Facebook, please do!

Tracy has started work on the **2013 AQHYA World Show entries**. Please keep her updated if there are any changes from the time that your letter of intent was completed. We would like to give as many members as possible the opportunity to compete in their choice of classes at the Youth World Show as well as Congress. As previously stated, AQHA has extended the national and state qualifying period for the AQHYA World Show, for this year only, from May 1, 2012 through May 27, 2013. FQHYA will be providing tack stalls for the national and state qualifiers at the AQHYA World Show. There will be one tack stall for every four FQHYA Members. If you need feed stalls or dressing room stalls, please make arrangements.

Back by popular demand, Thea is once again offering her **Horse Show Boot Camp June 10-14** at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierce with clinicians Sandy Vaughn, Andrey Ferreir, Terry Angelo and Clay Farrell. There are several options available for participants. For more information, please see her website at www.theasperformancehorses.com.

Please keep FQHA Board Member **Sandy Vaughn** in your thoughts as she recovers from Knee replacement surgery.

Hope to see you all in Jacksonville!

Shannon Cox for the FQHYA Committee