

Hi again. Just a reminder, FQHYA is starting 2013 from scratch. The FQHYA year started with membership renewal on January 1. All money raised by FQHYA will go back to FQHYA in the form of year-end awards (excluding first and second which is sponsored by FQHA), tack rooms for the AQHYA World Show and YES hotel rooms in Amarillo. To receive any of the above benefits, each Youth must be a current member of FQHA and FQHYA and meet the requirements as outlined in the Letter of Intent. While we encourage as many volunteer hours as possible, FQHYA is not paying members for volunteer work. We would really like for this to be a fun experience for all involved.

Please remember to get **four \$5 gift cards to Tracy by March 29**. The cards will be used as prizes during the awards dinner. The cards can be mailed to Tracy Shoe, 8555 Southeast Lyons Road, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. This is one of a limited number of FQHYA fundraisers this year so please plan on participating.

DATE CHANGE - The **FQHYA BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, March 29** at Fox Lea following the show. The tickets are \$10 apiece and everyone is invited. We are asking members to provide utensils, drinks, ice, plates and help! Please contact Gia to sign up. The **FQHYA meeting** will be the same day (Friday) prior to the BBQ. Please plan to attend!

We are asking all members to secure at least one 2013 Novice Youth or Youth **class sponsorship**. The sponsorships are \$75 each. The sponsors will receive signage and be announced when possible at shows where FQHA points count. Bailey Martin is the Youth Chair for this fundraiser. She can be reached at boca776@gmail.com. Many thanks to our first 2013 class sponsors:

- Youth Hunt Seat Equitation – **Thea Bullard Quarter Horses**
- Novice Youth Hunter Hack – **Cox Chevrolet, Bradenton**
- Youth Trail – **The Patterson Family**
- Youth Horsemanship – **Dean Bogart Performance Horses**

Don't forget to attend the FQHA Spring Blast Circuit Shows April 19-21 in Venice, Summer Shows August 31-September 2 in Fort Pierce and The Last Chance Circuit December 6-8 in Venice. The circuit overall **high point awards include saddles, buckles and bridles!** This is an exciting new opportunity to win some great prizes. Don't miss out!

Speaking of prizes, **special prizes will be awarded to exhibitors in Youth Hunter Under Saddle and Youth Western Horsemanship classes Easter weekend**. You do not need to place, you just need to show in Youth Hunter Under Saddle and/or Youth Western Horsemanship that weekend to be eligible to win a prize in a random drawing.

Exhibitor numbers are still available for 2013. If you have purchased a number and haven't picked it up, or would like to purchase an exhibitor number, please see Melissa in the show office. She has a list of the numbers still available for 2013.

All of the FQHYA committee members are available for questions and/or comments. We have heard some great new ideas. Please be patient with us as we try to re-group and get organized to meet as many needs as possible. We appreciate all feedback.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming shows and awards dinner.

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