

WHOA News



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ADDITIONAL WHOA MEMBER BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR 2010

The following companies have graciously offered discounts to WHOA members in addition to the previous benefits and discounts announced in early January.



The Decorator's Edge, Inc. – 5% off on website purchases at www.decoratorsedge.com



GEORGIA CAREER INSTITUTE – 20% off Services (Hair, Nails, Facials, Massage) Murfreesboro, TN Location Only

For more information on these and all other 2010 WHOA member discounts and incentives, go to www.walkinghorseowners.com.



WISCONSIN SHOWS SANCTION WITH WHOA

The WWHHA Association has voted to work with WHOA to promote events in Wisconsin during 2010. Currently Wisconsin hosts five shows all of which will be affiliated with SHOW, HIO. "We look forward to working with WHOA again this year to promote the Walking Horse in Wisconsin," said WWHHA President Terre Huebner.

For more information contact WHOA or go to www.walkinghorseowners.com or www.wisconsinwalkinghorse.org.

WHOA-TWHBEA DAY CLINIC REMINDER

This is a reminder for the **WHOA-TWHBEA Day Clinic** to be held **March 13, 2010**. This exciting clinic will feature **Certified Riding Instructors** and lunch will be provided.

March 13 Day Clinic - Edison Lion's Club Show Grounds - Edison, GA

Deadlines are approaching for admission to these clinics.
For Information and application forms go to the events page of www.walkinghorseowners.com or www.twhbea.com.

WHOA Logo Contest Reminder

The WHOA Logo Contest is underway with many great logo ideas already presented. This is a reminder that the deadline for the contest is March 15. Contestants should submit their logo idea to WHOA via email at joinwhoa@aol.com. All logos will be voted on by the WHOA Board of Directors with the top five being placed on the WHOA web site for a final vote by the WHOA membership. The winner will receive a lifetime membership to WHOA along with a tri-colored blue ribbon. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the WHOA Logo Contest.

WHOA Pleasure - Versatility News

by WHOA Pleasure Horse Coordinator Sis Osborne

The 2009 WHOA Versatility and ROM Awards banquet went extremely well with many winners represented from across the country. High Point results are now available at www.walkinghorseowners.com. This year we are very proud to announce a newly established award, to be known as the WHOA Award of Extreme Excellence. This award will be presented when the occasion arises to the Tennessee Walking Horse that attains new heights of achievement in relation to other breeds. The award was established to honor and recognize Skyjacker's Mountain High and his owners, Tracy Pinson and Wayne Conkle. Skyjacker's Mountain High carried Tracy to the title of World Champion in the Non-Pro division of the Extreme Cowboy Race. This is the first time a Tennessee Walking Horse has ever qualified for the finals, much less won the event. Congratulations to Tracy, Wayne and "Tuff" for extreme excellence.

Congratulations are also in order for Marianne Springer of Milwaukee, Wis., and her horse, Doing Time In Texas. This talented duo earned their Certificate of Merit in the Register of Merit Program during the year 2009. The COM is difficult to achieve and we are proud to announce this achievement. The Register of Merit Program is a point program for flat-shod horses. It was developed to provide the flat-shod horses and their owners/riders a place to show case their talents.

The nomination applications are available from the WHOA office, on the WHOA website, or by emailing me, sisosborne@tds.net. There is no cost to joining the WHOA ROM Program for WHOA members. We invite you to join others as they walk their way to fame and glory in the WHOA versatility program known as the Register of Merit Program. The exhibitor may choose which events to enter and may enter as few or as many as they desire. The ROM program is a self-achievement point program for flat-shod owners.

We would like to invite you as a WHOA exhibitor to participate in as many of the 36 pleasure classes offered at the Mississippi Charity show as possible. The show will start April 3. You should mark your calendar now and plan to bring your pleasure horse to this fun show. Free breakfast each morning in center ring.

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From The WHOA President

Dear Members,

The 2010 WHOA Convention was a very busy weekend with two awards banquets, General Membership meetings, Pleasure Committee meetings and a productive WHOA Board of Directors meeting. We congratulate all 2009 award winners from the

WHOA National High Point, Versatility, Academy, Register of Merit and Quest Programs. It is a great honor to achieve these awards and I enjoyed visiting with many of you in attendance.

Your association has been working very hard to develop new shows as well as assisting state associations and existing events in the promotion of our breed. To date, WHOA has 72 events scheduled for this year with many more in the works. Our goal in December 2009 was to have 75 WHOA events in 2010 and it appears we will be closer to 100. This is due to the overwhelming response by our members and the industry. We are committed to promoting all disciplines of the Tennessee Walking Horse with an emphasis on image at all WHOA sanctioned events.

Your membership has never been more valuable as we move into show season by giving you the opportunity to show your horses at WHOA sanctioned events across the country. And don't forget to take advantage of the extensive discounts available with your membership this year.

If you have any ideas or concerns please feel free to let us know. WHOA is here for you!

Best Regards,

Frank E. Neal
President
Walking Horse Owners' Association

WHOA Works With Mississippi Charity Horse Show

The Walking Horse Owners' Association has announced a new Versatility/Pleasure Horse Show in conjunction with the 80th annual Mississippi Charity Horse Show in Jackson, Miss. The show will be held Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 12:00 noon. Seventeen classes will be offered for Model, Country Pleasure, Trail Pleasure, Lite-Shod and Classic Park. Exhibitors must be a current WHOA member or hold a valid Trainer's license to show at WHOA events.

WHOA is hoping to increase participation for the Mississippi Charity Horse Show by promoting a Saturday afternoon pleasure show. The Mississippi Charity Horse Show has also added a total of 17 pleasure classes during its evening sessions to encourage participation in all divisions. The Mississippi Charity Horse Show supports the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital and does a great job raising money for this wonderful charity. These shows are affiliated with SHOW, HIO.

For class schedules and information go to the events page at www.walkinghorseowners.com. or www.mscharityhorseshow.com.

WHOA EVENTS FOR MARCH 2010

- 6 WHOA/TWHBEA ACADEMY & PERFORMANCE PREVIEW Western Kentucky Arena, Bowling Green, KY
- 13 WHOA/TWHBEA RIDING DAY CLINIC Edison Lions' Club Show Grounds, Edison, GA
- 27 WHOA VERSATILITY HORSE SHOW Baker Arena, Baker, FL
- 27 WHOA/TWHBEA ACADEMY & PERFORMANCE PREVIEW CHAMPIONSHIPS Waterfall Farms, Shelbyville, TN
- 27-28 WHOA/FWRHA SHOW Jacksonville Eqst. Center, Jacksonville, FL

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ACADEMY PROGRAM PROVIDES SECOND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHOW HORSES

The Tennessee Walking Horse Foundation would like to thank Bob Lawrence and Carroll Hutto of Lane's End Plantation for their donation of Gotti, an eight-year-old performance show gelding to the TWHF Second



Career Program. This former divisional World Champion has enjoyed a stellar show career under the guidance of Bob Lawrence and Nancy Groover, headlining competition at many of the industry's major showcases. The TWHF certainly appreciates the opportunity to assist in introducing Gotti to a second career. This horse has been placed in Alice Eve Klein's Academy riding program and will help teach children and adults to ride and show the Tennessee Walking Horse. For more information on the TWHF Second Career Program or any other TWHF programs go to www.tennesseewalkinghorsefoundation.org.