



Region 2 Newsletter

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Region 2 Scholarship Winners



Natalie Zavala (Scholarship recipient)
Joyce Schroeder (2020 R2 Director)
Nancy Goertzen (2021 R2 Director)
Jacki Thacker (Scholarship recipient)
Katie Russell (R2 Scholarship Chair)
Kim Dahmen (R2 Scholarship Comm.)
R2 Scholarship winners not pictured:
Flora ElmColone
Hayden Becker

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Region 2 Members,

Welcome to the first Region 2 newsletter. First I want to say thank you to Region 2 for electing me as your Director for the next 2 years! I look forward to helping our Region become vibrant and as active as we all can be!

I have been around Arabian horses since the mid 60's. I got involved as a teenager through a friend. As time went by, I got married and we decided to actually own one. Those thanks go out to Lenora Gilkey and Joe Tullos for helping us realize that dream. Over the years we have bred about 20 Arabians. We have shown a lot of them. The last shown was MagicalStats+ to multiple Regional Championships and 2 National Top Ten's in Western Pleasure AAOTR and a Top Ten in Western Side Saddle.

While we no longer own any horses, which are truly missed, but they forever remain in our hearts. We now live in Nampa, Idaho, but travel back to CA multiple times a year to visit family and friends and help with a couple of shows. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming year, once the pandemic is under control.

My goal for Region 2 is to come together to support and promote the Arabian Horse. We need to be able to get together and share our dreams and discuss how to make them come true. We need to support our clubs and their activities. We need to support our youth as well as they are the future of our labors!

I look forward to seeing and talking with you all on how we can move the Region forward. Please don't hesitate to contact me at: goertzenarab@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Nancy Goertzen

SAVE THE DATE

REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS:
Pre-show June 15-17
Regional Show June 17-20

Judges for Regional Championship:
Duane Esser, Gordon Potts and Joel Gangi



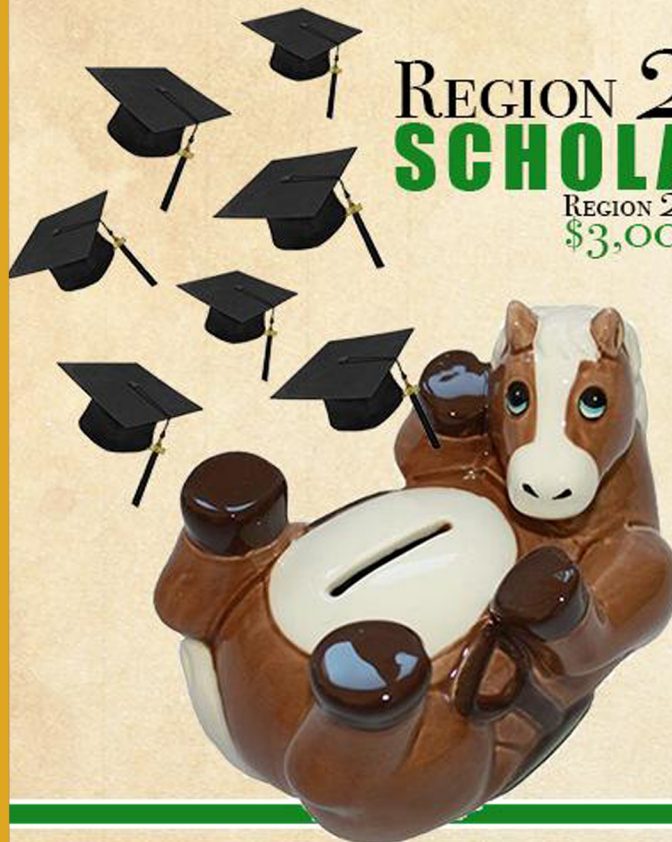
We are excited to announce that new for 2021 all R2 Champions will be awarded gorgeous Schneider sheets, generously sponsored by Dr. Nancy O'Reilly and So Cal Equestrian Center



Member Spotlight

Jill Kramer

It started with a pony when I was 3 yrs old which then led to riding lessons in the backyard of Arabian horse trainer Adrienne Lersburgueres. That's how my love for horses began. From playing horse shows with my Bryer horse's and Barbies; my love for horses continued into the jumping world for all of my youth and college years. In my mid 20's I came back to my first love, the Arabian's. I bought my 1st Arab at the Cavanagh Auction and have not looked back. From Purebreds to Half-Arabians, I have ridden with some of the best trainers who have taught me so much. Jim Lowe started me in the Country English division and Kathy Merrifield and Kimberly VerHage reintroduced me to the Hunter PI division. I had success in Class A and Regional shows, but it was not until I started training with Tamera Burkman that I earned Scottsdale and National success. I was so fortunate under her guidance; Barritzar++ and I won Champion in 2019 in the SSS Hunter PI ATR class followed by a Reserve Champion in the Hunter PI AAOTR class at the Canadian Nat'l's. My ultimate win came in 2020 with my first National Championship; Barritzar++ and I won the Purebred Hunter PI Jackpot class. I am blessed beyond words as I continue to learn and grow as a rider. I have expanded my ownership to include a HA Country horse - Zig E Stardust and my newest addition a PB Western PI horse, Kashmere. My life just keeps getting better and better as I get to work in the industry I love as the Operations Manager at So Cal Equestrian Center. I have made lasting friendships because of the Arabian horse,



REGION 2 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

REGION 2 WILL BE AWARDING UP TO \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2021

DEADLINE:
APRIL 4, 2021.

QUESTIONS OR TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION, CONTACT:
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REGION TWO WILL BE AWARDING UP TO \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2021 TO A DESERVING REGION TWO YOUTH MEMBER(S). THE "TYPE" OF SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION SHOULD BE ACCREDITED AND MAY BE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES: UNIVERSITY, STATE COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, TRADE SCHOOL, FARRIER SCHOOL, ETC. OUR DESIRE IS TO ENCOURAGE AND FINANCIALLY ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OF OUR YOUTH BEYOND THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. PLEASE SEE THE REGION TWO WEBSITE WWW.AHAREG2.ORG UNDER THE YOUTH SECTION FOR DETAILS ON ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 31-Apr 3 AHA San Joaquin Valley/Rancho CA Show Temecula, CA @ Galway Downs

Apr 2-3 Sport Horse and Dressage Championship Show Temecula, CA @ Galway Downs

Apr 14-16 AHA Northern CA, Rancho Murieta, CA

June 15-17 Region 2 Pre-Show
June 17-20 Region 2 Championships



Region 2 Youth

Director: **Acadia Palmer-Toy**



Acadia, 14, has been riding for over 5 years and currently owns Tamar Palisade. She trains with Meaghan Shaffer at Stepping Stones Riding Program. Her favorite part of having a horse is that they are great company when she feels tired or nervous. She enjoys meeting new people through riding.

Outside of riding horses, she spends her time playing video games, drawing and connecting with her friends. She is great at planning activities, throwing events for her friends and Acadia looks forward to doing the same for the Region 2 youth.

Vice Director: **Jessica Hensley**



Jessica, 15, is very active and not only with her horses, but with track, softball, volleyball and basketball. She currently shows in Hunter Pl, Saddle Seat, Sport Horse In-Hand and under saddle. She looks forward to competing in jumping, halter and liberty as well.

Outside of the show ring her favorite activity is running on the trains with her horses. She spends a lot of time with friends and competed for the first time last November at the Youth National Judging Competition where she helped her team place 4th overall.

Treasurer: **Noelle Yandall**



Noelle has been riding since she was 4 years old. At the age of 11 she has accomplished a lot of miles on the horses she rides. Training with Meaghan Shaffer, she has competed at the Regional level for 3 years and looks forward to a great future in the show ring.

When not at the barn, she is very active in Girl Scouts and is currently selling cookies. Every box of cookies you order from Noelle will get her one step closer to realizing her cookie goals, discovering new experiences and making her cookie season a success. "Thanks for supporting the Girl Scouts!"

Secretary: **Maria Bustamante**



Finishing her junior year in high school, Maria (15) has been riding horses since 7th grade. She spends a lot of her time at Taking the Reins in Los Angeles and volunteering at AHASFV shows. For the last 2 years she has competed in all of the Regional Hippology and Judging contests and looks forward to the day she is in OK representing Region 2 in the National Youth Judging competition.

Her favorite subjects in school are math and science and she plans to study engineering/computer science in the future.

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

NATALIE ZAVALA



Natalie has dedicated so much of her time to the Arabian horse and has been a leader to the youth and region she has been a part of. She was the Youth Director for 4 years, Vice Director for 1 year and participated in the Judging and Hippology teams since 2009. Countless hours of devotion; volunteering at horse shows (even when she was showing) to raise money for youth activities and mentoring younger members. She will continue to make an impact while she represents AHA into her adult amateur year and looks forward to continuing to serve the organization. She would like to express her appreciation for all the support she received from the AHA community. Kelly Elm and Brenna Johnson for guiding her through her first years on the Region 2 Youth Board. Tamera Burkman, Jim Lowe and Wendy Potts for giving her lessons and riding/work opportunities that helped her grow. Nancy Harvey, Joyce Schroeder and Katie Russell for the endless support throughout her youth years. Mark Stinson for sparking a fire and drive in her to do Judging and Hippology where she was extremely successful in helping her team.