

ASSOCIATION NEWS



BY THE NSBA STAFF

HYLTON INDUCTED INTO VIRGINIA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Long-time Supporter of NSBA Cecilia Hylton became the third person to be inducted into the Virginia Quarter Horse Association's Hall of Fame during the association's annual awards banquet on Saturday, February 1st.

Hylton was cited for her ongoing support of the Virginia Quarter Horse Association and was a unanimous choice by the Hall of Fame Committee. "Many people have said that if it wasn't for her, there wouldn't be a VQHA," said Lucas Cash, head trainer at Hylton's Virginia farm.

"Cecilia also brought her Hylton Maiden Three Year Old and Older Western Pleasure class home to the Virginia Classic circuit," Cash said. "That move helped the Virginia Classic experience tremendous growth and become a national level show."

Cecilia Hylton (left) is inducted into the Virginia Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame by Connie Christopher, who was Hylton's first trainer in Manassass, Virginia (photo by Stephanie Cash)

During her induction, Hylton, who operates Hylton Quarter Horses in Gainesville, Virginia and Whitesboro, Texas, was also applauded for her work in the breeding horse industry, including early work in artificial insemination, embryo transfer and now Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection. "Cecilia has always pushed the envelope of reproductive technology," Cash noted. "She is the only person who has had a foal born to a mare and stallion that are both deceased."

The Hylton Maiden Three Year Old and Older Western Pleasure will be held for its fourth year at the Virginia Classic horse show in April. The class will feature a \$50,000 purse with first place receiving \$25,000 and an additional \$25,000 paid to second through tenth places. For additional information, please visit www.myvqha.com.

MARCH IS CONVENTION TIME

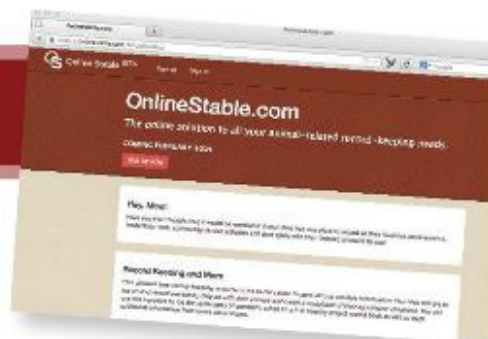
Several NSBA Alliance associations will hold annual conventions during March.

The American Quarter Horse Association will host its 2014 convention at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans March 7-10. AQHA's convention begins with a president's reception sponsored by Zoetis on March 7, followed by the general membership meeting and committee meetings, along with the annual awards banquet, held on Saturday, March 8. Sunday, March 9, finds a continuation of committee meetings, a luncheon benefitting the American Quarter Horse Foundation and the AQHA Hall of Fame Inductions banquet. The convention wraps up on Monday, March 10, with the membership business meeting and new directors meeting and briefing.

The Palomino Horse Breeders Association national convention will be held March 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The agenda will include numerous committee meetings, an Amateur association benefit auction and culminating in the association's awards banquet. See www.palominohba.com for additional information.

The International Buckskin Horse Association will also host its annual convention March 12-15 at the Ramada Milwaukee Airport in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The convention will include executive sessions, followed by committee workshops, a welcome reception, standing committee meetings and general membership sessions, highlighted by a youth scholarship fund auction and awards banquet. Visit www.ibha.net to learn more.

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AQHA ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM FOR YOUTH

The American Quarter Horse Association recently announced the release of OnlineStable.com, a comprehensive, inclusive and all-breeds record-keeping system to help youth stay engaged in the equine industry.

AQHA hopes this digital filing cabinet will encourage easy record-keeping from any mobile device and be an accessible and affordable way to reduce clutter, and motivate youth to keep track of any horse-related accomplishments. The system is designed to make life (county record books, scholarship applications and resume builders) easier, and provide a way to support youth involvement with horses.

How did it begin?

At the 2011 AQHA Convention, members voiced concern about declining youth involvement in the horse industry. Immediate action was taken to conduct several months of in-depth research to determine the void in the horse industry, and to address innovative and all-breeds-inclusive ways to reverse the overall decline.

What was learned?

Upon completion of this research, AQHA in 2012 developed a group of advisers comprising the AQHA Youth