

## **QUARTER PONIES – OUT AND ABOUT**

Part of the mission of the Quarter Pony Association is to have our ponies out and about and being seen. We have found when we do this, the ponies themselves are great “spokesmen” for their breed! People are attracted to Quarter Ponies and want to know more about them and the program we have instigated for their promotion. The following recent and upcoming appearances are noteworthy.

### **Equine Affaire**

The Quarter Pony Association booth at the Equine Affaire in Columbus Ohio, April 7-10, was a great success. Housed in the Gilligan Building, Laurie Whitting’s pony “Lightning”, was QPA’s goodwill ambassador. “I talked to a lot of people, handed out a lot of brochures, and had several people take applications that said they were going to register their ponies with IQPA,” says Laurie. “Lightning loved it. He hammed up the attention. I was able to leave his door open most of the time and just tied a lead across the front. He was in everyone’s pockets looking for treats. He was a tired boy though.”

This great, loving disposition is one of the wonderful things about quarter ponies. We’re happy that the people of Ohio got a chance to experience interacting with Lightning.

### **Mid-America Pony Sale, Abilene Kansas**

Several QPA members are planning to be at the pony sale in Abilene, Kansas on May 28, either buying or selling or meeting as friends.

“They have stalls and it is at the fairgrounds,” says Dominique Nave, IQPA president. “It is a pretty nice set up. Plus your ponies will be seen by other QP people! And this network of QP Enthusiasts is invaluable!

“I think this would be a GREAT annual event for us, “she continues, “I would love to do some pony swapping!”

By the time this Journal is in your hands, it may be rather late to plan for Memorial Day weekend. But if you're in the vicinity or looking for a "quarter pony fix" be sure to look up the group at the sale! Email Dominique at [quarterponyassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:quarterponyassociation@yahoo.com) for information on get-together times and places.

### **Sponsoring High Point Awards For Local Show Groups**

The QPA, in conjunction with Rock Creek Paints of Leon, Kansas, has agreed to sponsor the High Point Pony Halter year-end award with the Kansas Saddle Horse Association. Lana Sibley has been working with the KSHA to add Quarter Pony Halter classes to existing open shows this season. Adding QP Halter as a point class with a year-end award was not possible for this year but is on the agenda to be discussed by the KSHA Board for next year. "So we decided we would sponsor the Open Pony Halter class and encourage our members and QP owners to attend all KSHA shows and bring their ponies!" says Lana. In addition to the existing open pony halter class, several of the shows have added QP Halter classes and all have several open classes that our QPs can excel in!

If you have or know of an organization presenting open horse shows in your area and would like to add QP Halter classes, please contact us at [marketing@quarterponyassociation.com](mailto:marketing@quarterponyassociation.com) for more information on how to proceed!

### **Year End Award Categories**

The following categories have been selected by the board as our year end awards.

All-Around High-Point

Halter (Includes Showmanship & Lunge line)

Driving (All Driving events)

Western (Pleasure, Equitation, Riding, Horsemanship, Rail, etc)

Trail (Show, Judged Trail Rides, Endurance, Trail Trials, In Hand)

English (Pleasure, Equitation, Hunter under saddle, Hunter Hack, etc)

Sport Pony (Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country, Hunter over fences, equitation over fences, etc.)

Gymkhana (Timed gaming events)

Working cow pony (Must involve bovine)

There will be at least a Champion & Reserve champion for every category.

If you wonder what category any class falls under, contact our point secretary at [pointsecretary@quarterponyassociation.com](mailto:pointsecretary@quarterponyassociation.com)

### **Riding/Driving Program**

The QPA Events Committee is discussing a Pleasure Riding And Driving Program for members to receive recognition for the time they spend riding and driving their QPs. The format for the program has not yet been decided, but information should be available in next month's Journal.

If you have suggestions for this program, please contact us at [events@quarterponyassociation.com](mailto:events@quarterponyassociation.com).

### **New Quarter Pony Foals!**

Several QPA breeders have sent us cute pictures of their new babies. Space here only allows us to present a few, but more can be seen on our website at [www.quarterponyassociation.com](http://www.quarterponyassociation.com).