

A VERY SPECIAL QPA AWARD - OUR 2006 INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR - VICKIE ANDREW!

Vickie Andrew of Milsap, Texas took home the award as our top inspector of the year for 2006. Vickie was instrumental in doubling the number of ponies registered in Texas. As she tell us, "I know I didn't get a lot of ponies but I really tried, I inspected more than I sent in... Anyway here's to 2007!" So, folks, don't count this lady out as a contender for the award again this year! She's a real go getter!

Vickie and her family raise ponies on their MV Andrew Ranch in Milsap. "We breed and train all-around family horses and ponies that are raised and/or trained in a loving atmosphere and handled often. Our breeding program will be focusing on Pintos, American Paint Ponies, Quarter Ponies, and breeding stock. We always try to fit the right animals with the right home, and pride ourselves in the satisfaction of all our customers." Vickie joined up with the Quarter Pony Association to help promote these wonderful ponies and is going all out to encourage others to take advantage of what the association has to offer.

For her efforts, Vickie received a jacket with embroidery on the back proclaiming her as a Quarter Pony Association Inspector, complete with lovely ponies exhibiting some of the different colors and patterns that can be registered with our affiliate, IQPA. A picture is included here so you can all be inspired to give Vickie a run for her money this year as Inspector of the Year for 2007!

Congratulations Vickie! GREAT work!

DO YOU KNOW A "PONY FRIENDLY" TRAINER?

As many of us have experienced, it is sometimes difficult to find a good trainer to help us get ponies ready for children and/or the show ring. Some are just not interested in training ponies. Some are prejudiced against the shorter equines. And some are just not who you want to trust with your valuable friend. But there are some out there who value the same characteristics we do in ponies and are great with the little guys and give them a great start for our children and ourselves. The Quarter Pony Association would like to be a resource for bringing those "pony friendly" trainers and quarter pony owners together. On our web site, there is a link that says "Trainers Listing - Coming Soon!" Help us get this page up and going. Tell your trainers to contact QPA about being listed on the website. The pages will be similar in format to the Breeder's Listing . For those of you who haven't checked that out, it gives a state by state listing of breeders complete with names, addresses, email and website links where available. Listing your great trainers would be of mutual benefit to the QPA and the trainer. Let them know to visit us!

ARE YOU TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE EQUINE JOURNAL?

The Equine Journal is received monthly by every member of The Quarter Pony

Association. In that journal, we not only have this page of news, but access to a great number of people throughout the country. The Journal offers us special discounts on advertising as well as publishing news items and a calendar of events that are of interest to the entire readership. You can take advantage of this journal to let others know about your breeding program, ponies you have for sale, events in your area, services and products you promote... in short, this journal is available to help you promote your business in any way you can imagine. Please take full advantage of what your affiliation with the Quarter Pony Association brings to your fingertips with our association with the Equine Journal.

LEADING THE NATION - 2006 WINNERS!

Final standings for 2006 are soon to be announced in the Equine Journal and winners honored with our full 2 page spread of photos and stories. If you are a winner, please contact Lana Sibley at marketing@quarterponyassociation.com with your stories so this page can be complete and fully tell the story of what it took to end up in the winners circle with QPA! We're looking forward to this story and to presenting awards. What a great year we had! The competition gets tougher every year. We gave great awards last year and will be continuing that tradition again for 2006... And beyond!

Congratulations all!