

JOINE ZOZZ

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12th

Location: TBA/6pm

AHANM hosted two exceptional shows in May! We couldn't have pulled it all together without the support of our BOD, Show Committee and vast crew of volunteers and staff. The Zia had over 100 horses entered, Region 8 more than 50 and both shows will show a substantial profit. We will be making sizeable donations to both Mandy's Farm and Cloud Dancers for their major contributions in volunteer help and coordination. Money will also be going to Region 8 from the proceeds of that show.

We had Mrs New Mexico as our host for a huge Pro-Am Challenge with 18+ entries and a victory gallop for the \$500 winning team of Siobhan Waxman and Leala Mosher on warrior horse Russell Crowe. Garlands mostly survived to make their victory passes for both Zia and Region 8 too which was no small victory in and of itself considering the hours and finger burns put in to that project by many! It was refreshing to see actual ribbons and roses being displayed on drapes again here in New Mexico. The driving classes were well attended with all sizes of horses from mini to Arabians and we all enjoyed seeing this new division the night of the exhibitor BBQ generously hosted by Rudy's. The event was free to all who came to watch and meet Thunder from the Denver Broncos as part of the Discovery Farms "Meet an Arabian in May" campaign. JJ Joyner presented to Ann Judge the Sharon Hernandez Memorial trophy that evening with the famous Thunder winning the high score halter award.

Our friends from out of town were from Colorado, Arizona and southern New Mexico to name a few. Tammy Warshawsky's Silent auction was one of the most successful ever making over \$1800 that goes towards our year-end awards and prizes for the future. The brightest sign of horse show success was the massive leadline class of 6! We even had to hire one of our kind judges for an extra half day because we were so overwhelmed with sport horse in hand entries it looked like they were in line for a concert down the grounds road.

All Breed Championships were also large in size, over 10 in most, all vying for the inaugural turquoise neck garlands that photographed beautifully with our photographer Lauren Aston. She has posted thousands of pictures showing all the classes and versatility of the horses attending. Amberleigh Morrish gave lots of attention to each sponsor through active social media posts as well as updates throughout. Nicole Kesel, youth director, decorated the jumps with sponsor banners that looked sharp and photographed well.

We also had the WDAA Championships for the first time on Friday and saw lots of new faces both Arabian and other. There were challenges that the team was able to take on with the ultimate vision of customer-centric problem solving. Many new leaders stepped up to manage and produce this show and bring the fun factor to the show with so many moving parts and variables. We also had a great experience with our liason for Expo, Michael, who negotiated the terrain of horse show madness with fairness and communication like we had not experienced in the past. The parking pass situation went smoothly and we have developed a great understanding through our meetings and events together for future events.

Final financials are being split between the two separate shows, thanks to Julie's Knight's expertise, to meet with the Region 8 directors before the end of the month and review results and return unused ribbons for the Regional. Ashley Kimball presented belt buckles and cups at the awards ceremonies that were also a new addition to the show schedule and was a fun crowd pleaser for all exhibitors. By the ice cream social on Saturday, everyone was deep in to the show but not hustling or stressed and it was an atmosphere of team work and family showing. Region 8 Director John Simmons and his wife Donna, and Haus of course, even came to visit and check out the show over the weekend to support the spirit of showing and comradery.

Our judges and staff had yummy food from multiple restaurants who donated and Patty Kotur's hospitality table was the most inviting and stocked I have ever seen at a show. Teresa and Charli ran the office and dressage rings, again, not with perfect conditions, but with professionalism and accommodation to keep exhibitors safe and happy. Kim Dickinson even came a little early to help with the Hunter ring and manage the regional show for us with a smile and lots of laughs. Kanella Barnes as manager and Shannon Burt as ops manager only wanted to quit a few times and said they would love to do it again.

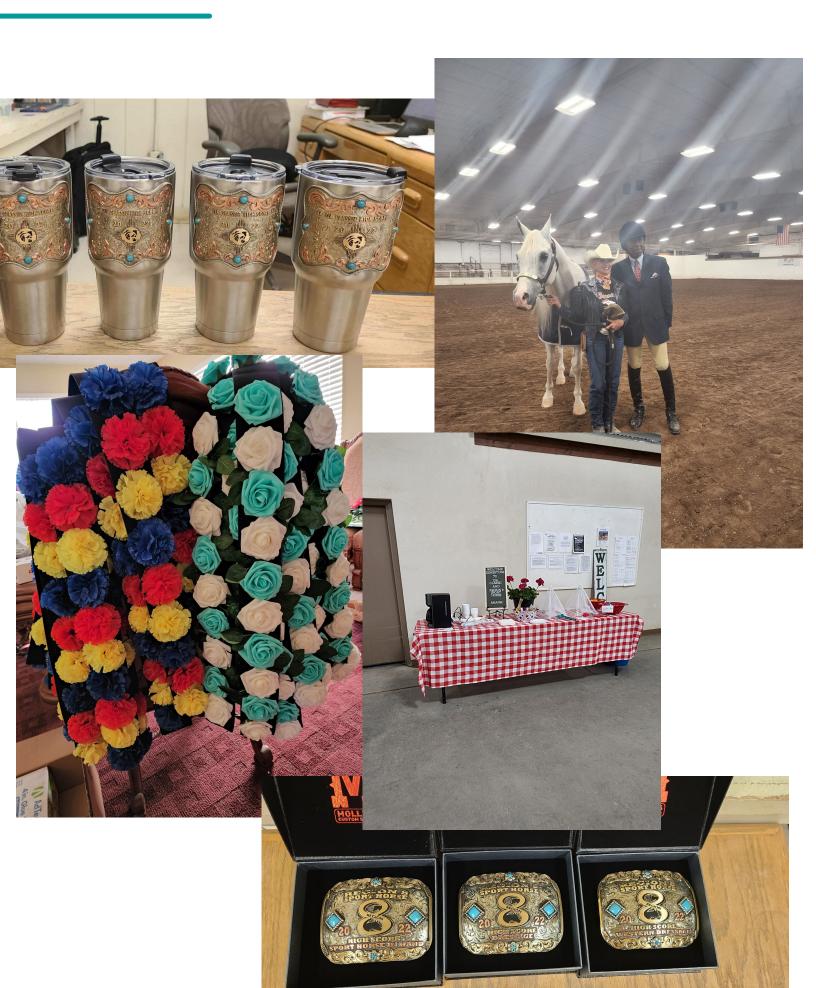
Board members like Laura Cunico and Rusty Cook stepped in to needed spaces without hesitation. Marji Billeau was a master at handling the gate and keeping things rolling efficiently. From the perspective of both an exhibitor and a part of the production behind the scenes, I was very impressed with the class numbers entered, quality of horses shown and over-all vibe of the show. Thank you to all who made this possible and who came to the show to make it the success it was built to be. It was all about the exhibitors and the feedback was genuine in their satisfaction. We are rebuilding after Covid for the better of the Arabian and horse community in general and that is the best outcome possible, plus making a little coin doesn't hurt either. There is always room for improvement and we, as a show committee and exhibitors, can learn from each experience and make the future for AHANM a prosperous one.

Mariah Wilson



The Winning Combination: Leala Mosher, Russell Crowe, and owner Siobhan Waxman!

Shots from the Show



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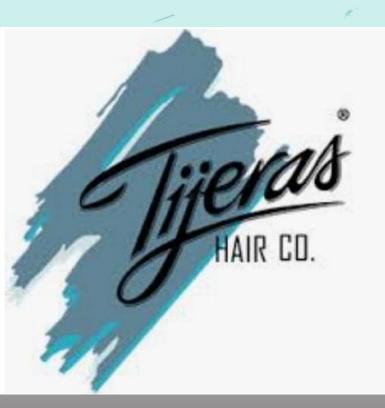
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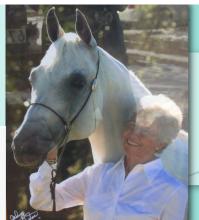




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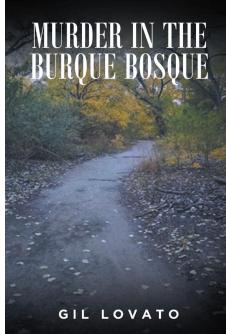




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