

2009 Horse of the Americas Awards

I would personally like to thank each and every member who has worked so hard this year out there trail riding, showing, competing and promoting your Colonial Spanish horses. It is exciting to see so many members and especially members under 18 becoming involved with the horses.

I know record keeping isn't always the most fun part of horse ownership, but thank you for diligently keeping track of your points and turning them in. I would also like to say Thank you to all of the participants for being patient about the new changes to the award program and the point sheets.

The Horse of the Americas Awards Committee is proud to announce the winners of 2009.

Buckaroo Award

Sarah Kerr-Applewhite Sarah is 8 years old and rides a Corolla Stallion named Croatoan. They have taken many lessons with Steve Edwards and are training for a 100 mile ride.

Jacob Anderson Jacob is 13 years old, he won the essay contest last year and was rewarded with his horse who he named Uncle Harley. Jacob has worked very hard this year training Uncle Harley and they have spent many hours out on the trails.

Amanda Seiken Amanda is a young lady from Virginia who has adopted a Corolla Mare and she too has spent many hours training this mare and she also participated in parades.

Meghan Peacock Meghan is 16 years old and spends many hours on the trail and shows the horses at 4-H fair, she rides Mp Soaring Eagle, Jacob's Star, MP Niichii and has starting training and riding her filly A Feather in the Breeze.

Makayla Coats-Miller Makayla has been very busy earning her Buckaroo award by participating in parades and trail rides throughout the year on her HOA horse Houdini..

We also have several other youth members who are working towards their Buckaroo award, they are Jordan Anderson and Julie Nowaczck.

Carol Stone Ambassador Award This award is given to the HOA member who accumulates the most points by promoting to the public. This award is given in honor and in memory of HOA's dear friend Carol Stone.

We are pleased to announce that Steve Edwards is our Carol Stone Award recipient for 2009. Steve spends countless hours teaching youth horsemanship, and safety. He also attends and participates in the Wild Horse Days, attends parades with his students, has written articles in several local publications, and gives tours and demonstrations of the Colonial Spanish horse.

Farm and Ranch Work Horse of the Year

This year we have 2 horses, they are Texas Prairie Dream and Shadow's Last Kiss, they are owned and ridden by Janet & Jessica Key.

Pleasure Riding Trail Horse of the Year

This years award is earned by Uncle Harley, trained & ridden by Jacob Anderson.

Show Horse of the Year

This years award is earned by Hawk's Chahta who is ridden by Chris & Shawn Ellis.

Performance Horse of the Year

This years award is earned by Taos Tascosa, who is ridden by Chris & Shawn Ellis.

Sundance Award is awarded to the HOA horse who has earned 300 points from any category during their career

Hawk's Chahta, owned and ridden by Chris & Shawn Ellis.

Sharon's Rose of Texas, owned & ridden by Chris & Shawn Ellis.

Houdini, owned & ridden by Makayla Coats-Miller

Shadow's Last Kiss, owned & ridden by Janet & Jessica Key

Texas Prairie Dream, owned & ridden by Janet & Jessica Key

Legends in Pleasure Trail is awarded to the HOA horse who has earned 500 points in a specific category during their career

Cito Mocha Raton ridden & owned by Trish Cleveland

Caballos de Corazon is awarded to the HOA horse who accumulates 1000 points which is accepted from all categories

Thief of Hearts owned & ridden by Becky Rogers

This year the committee is pleased to announce we are giving a Memorial Award to Janet, Jessica, and George Key in Honor of Shadow Traveler, who passed away last year. Shadow Traveler was working towards several awards, and we would like to honor those efforts during this career.