

PAHA Arabian Ambassador for 2010 is Judy Rutt

The nomination letter appears below.

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Dear Arabian Ambassador Committee Members,

I wish to nominate Judy Rutt for the 2010 Arabian Ambassador Award.

Judy has ably served PAHA-South Central District as Youth Director for the past five years and under her guidance we have seen the expansion of the Youth Group's involvement in such promotional events as the Arabian breed booth at the Horse Expo in Harrisburg, the Youth table at both Region 15 Championship show as well as East Coast Championships. She acts as leader, transportation director and chaperone of all the youth that attend Region 15 Championship Horse Show and East Coast Championships for volunteering.

Judy has also served as awards manager for both of the PAHA--SC District's Open Fun Shows since their inception in 2003, and Eastern Arabian Horse Show and East Coast Championships since 2007. Her tireless attention to detail has yet to leave us short of ribbons or awards for any of these important shows.

In addition to all of this, Judy serves on the Executive Committee of the EAHS and ECC. In this capacity, Judy has spearheaded the highly successful stick horse clinics and classes at Eastern Arabian Horse Show.

Between the stick horse activity and in her capacity of running the Crescendo Training Centre's Horsemaster's Summer Camps, she successfully recruits youth for PAHA by inviting them to come volunteer with the Youth Group as they learn what PAHA is all about. She recruits as many youth as possible to attend most of the PAHA events, including the South Central Holiday Party and drives and/or arranges for rides to and from the events as well.

She makes time around her daughter Lucy's show schedule in April and October to produce the programs for the South Central Open Fun shows, many times actually putting the books together at the very last moment to allow the district to accept as much advertising and sponsorship monies as possible. She also organizes and oversees the ribbons and awards at both these shows, assuring that everyone receives what they are supposed to receive.

Judy organized the fundraising for the PAHA Youth Judging Team, allowing the Youth of PAHA to compete at US Nationals several times and at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show once. She administered the 2009 Operation Opportunity that helped fundraise over \$9,600 to allow three of our South Central youth to realize their otherwise unobtainable dreams of competing at Youth Nationals.

Judy's dedication to the future of the Arabian breed, our youth, has made a big dent in helping bring new youth members to our PAHA ranks. For all of her accomplishments, many of which are not listed here, AND for her tireless work on behalf of the Arabian breed and the PAHA youth membership, I hereby nominate Judy Rutt for the 2010 Arabian Ambassador Award.

Very truly yours,

Kristine H. Phelps