



# Region 6 News

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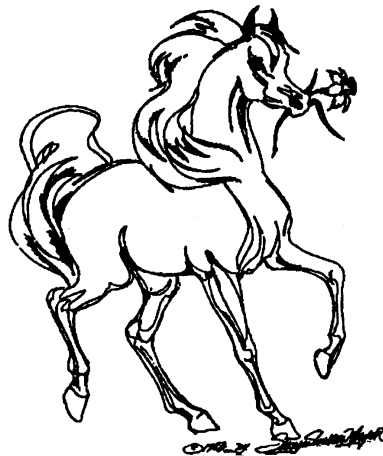
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## Spring is busting out all over!!

Happy Spring to all of you. Many have experienced some fierce and treacherous weather over the winter months. I kept a daily watch on the National Weather Channel to see what you were experiencing in the Region. I spoke with several of you from time to time and had first hand information to what was taking place where you lived. I know most of us are grateful to see the winter depart.

I will be looking forward to seeing many of you during the Spring and Summer, as I will be at the MAHA Show in MT. 5/22 – 5/24. Wyoming Show 5/31 – 5/31, Region 6 Pre-Show and Regional Show 6/18 – 6/21 and Minn-I-Kota Youth show and clinic 7/26 – 7/27.

I am really looking forward to seeing you at the Pre-show and the Region 6 Championships in Rapid City, SD in June. We are planning a very outstanding show for our second year in Rapid City. There is so much to see and do in the area so even if you are not planning to show, come and join the fun. We will be extending a big welcome to Glenn Petty, Executive Director of AHA as our guest.

Remember! There will be a Region 6 meeting and Youth meeting during the Show. Time and date to be announced (watch the web site for this information)

*Cecile Hetzel Dunn*

### Attention All Region 6 Clubs

**If you have club members who would like to have a paper copy of the newsletter, please send me their name and address and they will receive a copy.**

# Region 6 Minutes

Region 6 Convention Caucus meeting — November 20, 2008

Meeting attendees: Deb McGuire, Mary Bowden, Dorothe Fisher, Carlton D. Huitt MD, Myron Krause, Cindy Krause, Cecile K.H. Dunn, Cheri Clark, Marjorie A. Pope, Nikki Stoffl Lewis, Richard Hamilton, Linda Harrison, Steve Hugus, Keith McGuire, Claude Clark, Kymry Schmidt, Becky McAlliser, Danielle Schmidt, Laura Lee Anderson, Eric Kobernusz, Lonnie Arp, and Jan Stevens

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by Deb McGuire, out-going regional director. Attendees introduced themselves by telling a little about themselves and their involvement with the Arabian horse world.

Deb then asked Cecile Dunn to give a report on the youth judging team from the Wyoming Arabian Horse Association. The team had a very successful year, having won the Scottsdale judging contest in the AHA division, went on to win 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the World Youth Quarter Horse Championships in Oklahoma City in August and then took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the AHA division at the Arabian Nationals in Tulsa in October. Stephanie Schroeder “made history” at the QH championships when she not only placed 1<sup>st</sup> in reasons, but also scored a perfect “50” on a set of reasons, a feat that no one attending the contest could remember had happened in at least the last 10 years of the contest and probably even longer than that! Young McKensie Harris from Laramie also judged in the Morgan Nationals contest where she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in halter, 4<sup>th</sup> in performance, and 1<sup>st</sup> in her division, and was the Reserve champion overall judge of the entire contest. Stephanie was 1<sup>st</sup> in reasons at AHA Nationals, 1<sup>st</sup> in halter, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in performance and was the high individual in the AHA division for which she was awarded a beautiful Dale Chavez western saddle, the third saddle she has won through her youth judging experiences. Marjorie Pop was given a resounding thank you from those present for her dedication to these youth and her efforts to provide these opportunities for them. Marjorie, in turn, thanked the youth for their perseverance and work to achieve their goals on such a noteworthy scale.

Mary Bowden then gave the treasurer’s report. Spread sheets summarizing the Region 6 General Account, the Regional Grants for 2008 to the various clubs, and the Regional Show Income/Expenses were passed out to the attendees. Discussion was held regarding the USEF grant money for which individual clubs are eligible to apply, usually for an amount of \$1000. Mary then proceeded to explain and clarify the respective accounting sheets and answered questions posed by the attendees. The Region 6 General Account has \$4,308.77 as of the date of the caucus meeting. The show account has \$16,263.54, the Youth Account has \$1,623.36, and a CD came due now worth \$1,530.10 — this CD was reinvested for another 3 months. Regional grants to the various clubs in the region totaled \$4,650.00

Cheri Clark then gave the Regional Show report. This venue in Rapid City was the least costly of any venue we have used thus far. Cheri attributes this to the fact that we do our own arena preparation and working the arena. We still have lots of ribbons and trophies left for use in next year’s regional show, so the cost for this area should be minimal for next year. Because the exhibitor number was small, most of the exhibitors went home with ribbons and awards. No deposit was made to the show account until June when the first actual paid show entry was received. Deb McGuire requested that we keep the proposed regional directory as a “zero budget” item for now in that she believes this is still a worthwhile project, if only we can get sponsorship(s) for it in the future.

Deb was presented with a pair of gold diamond earrings in the shape of English riding stirrups as a thank you from the region for her term as regional director. Discussion was then held regarding the need for a regional youth coordinator as Mary Bowden is wishing to retire her position. This is mostly a show-related position. Kymry Schmidt from the Montana Arabian Horse Association graciously volunteered to accept this position.

Eric Kobernusz presented a proposal to the region that the Sioux Falls club would take on the cost of the next two regional shows on a trial basis with the main reason being the location accessibility for exhibitors in that area. Danielle Schmidt from the Montana club countered with a motion to keep the regional in a more centrally located venue for Region 6 in order to better serve the entire region. This would be a permanent move for the region. The motion was seconded by Marjorie Pope. A lively discussion then ensued regarding this proposal Cheri explained that by continuously moving venues, we lose our dates at these various venues and it then becomes almost impossible to get into another venue. It is also difficult to establish new working relationships

with new people every 2-3 years. Myron voiced concerns regarding the word “permanent” as that “could be a really long time.” With that consideration, Danielle amended her motion to a “multi-year contract”. Carlton Huitt called for the question. The motion carried 9 to 3.

Cecile reminded the attendees that the most important problem to be addressed at this time is that of the financial issue Region 6 now faces and how that situation could be improved. The next issue for consideration would be that of what the actual exhibitors would prefer. Members were encouraged to talk with the exhibitors to see what their input might be on this issue. Cecile presented a show manual put together by Myron and Cheri about 10 years ago that everyone should review to become reacquainted with the basics of putting on a quality show.

Deb explained the possibility of allowing shows to be qualifiers for 2 different regions. Deb moved that the Nebraska show be a Region 6 and Region 8 qualifying show and that we will approve them to do that. Concerns were expressed that it might affect the Sioux Falls show, but most felt that should not be a problem. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Linda Harrison reported on the Arabian Horse Galleries meeting she had attended. They are still needing funding for this project and they have private donation cards for pledges/donations for individuals or clubs wishing to donate to this worthwhile project. She brought some of the donation cards to the meeting for anyone who might be interested.

Cecile reminded the members of the World Equestrian Games coming to Lexington, Kentucky, in 2010. This is the first time these games will have ever been held in the United States. So far no one has sponsored a banner for these equestrian games; it was suggested that we consider sponsoring a banner in the area where the veterinarians will be examining the endurance horses, an area where there will most likely be television cameras. Because the endurance world is dominated by the Arabian breed, this would be the most appropriate location for our sponsoring banner. Members were asked to consider this possibility for the future.

Members then discussed the various proposed resolutions and the recommendations on how delegates should vote on these issues. Myron was able to present the pros and cons on several of these issues and answered various questions from the members. Ultimately, the delegates were encouraged to vote according to their own personal feelings on each issue.

Deb moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mary. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Pope, Region 6 secretary

November 22, 2008 (Addendum to above regional caucus meeting; made during the Region 6 Show Commission meeting held after the morning General Session of the Convention)–

Cheri Clark made a motion to not carry the regional grant money given to the clubs into the General Budget for 2009, though it had been reflected in the 2008 budget. Furthermore, if money is made form the regional championships in 2009, the grant money will then be reinstated. Deb McGuire seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, motion carried.

Added by Marjorie Pope, Region 6 secretary



# News from the Board meeting

I attended the March Board Meeting Aurora. All the Regional Directors were in attendance. I am pleased with the amount of work we covered in a two day period (three days for the Executive Committee and some other Board members) The camaraderie and cohesiveness of the Executive Committee and the Board members was very evident and the tone of this March meeting was one of working together for the betterment of the Arabian Horse. Let's hope things can continue in this manner. Only as one unit can we truly accomplish our mission.

The Treasurer's report made everyone aware that the entire staff along with our EVP Glenn Petty had the challenge of cutting costs in every way possible to come up with a balanced budget for 2009/10.

Frank Galovic keeps reminding everyone that AHA needs to protect itself for future emergencies with "that rainy da fund for extraordinary non-recurring expenses which could and will happen." His target is one million dollars, which he feels is safe amount. The Board is certainly in favor of working towards that goal.

Here is some important information for all Clubs. For tax purposes, if you do not fill out the 990N you will lose your non-profit status. Small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less may be required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Make not if this so your non-profit status is not in jeopardy.

GREAT NEWS – AHA is working on being able to offer the Regions the opportunity of having their Regional Directories printed by AHA. We have talked for years about having a Directory. When I get the full report on this project and the costs involved, I hope we will be one of the first Regions to take up this offer.

Dan Lawrence reported that direct traffic to the AHA website has increased. The Youth Page doubled over last year. The number is 12 million hits.

AHA has a new staff member. Jim Gordon is our new Director of Publications and Corporate Alliances. Jim will be overseeing the magazine as well as a staff who are seeking corporate Partners. We have a new corporate partner due to his efforts and he has only been on board for a few weeks.

AHA is requesting that Regions support the 2009 Natioanl Events by becoming a sponsor at one of the events: Youth Nationals, Canadian, Sport Horse, U.S., National Endurance or National Competitive Trail Ride. We would receive recognition during awards ceremonies and be in the official show program. Voting regarding this sponsorship will take place at our coming Regional Meeting which will be held during the Region 6 Show.

The Board voted to approve a new award honoring Arabians, Half Arabians, or Anglo Arabians for outstanding accomplishments in Open competitions. For details regarding how one will be considered for this award, you may contact me.

The concurrent show system using two judges judging separately at the same time has already been used by many shows. Those I have spoken with both from the management side of the fence and the exhibitors were happy with the results. At the Board Meeting there was a great deal of discussion with regards to the system. For shows wanting to use this two judge system, I need to refer you to Article 1108 Concurrent Class/Judge System found in the 2009 AHA Handbook.

Sweepstakes: 3,585 Breeding Entries as of February 23, 2009. In Feb 2008, there were 4,362. As of Feb 23, 2009 point enrollments are 979; this compares with 2,182 that enrolled in 2008. A total of \$1,918,880.99 was paid out in Sweepstakes Prize money in 2008. The top winning Arabian was O Lordy with \$15,151.13 and the top winning Half-Arabian was Khardinal Sin with \$9,237.81

The American Horse Council has confirmed that Pleasure Riding is the largest activity that people who own horses engage in. Our Arabian, Half Arabian and Anglo Arabian horses are owned by a great number of people who trail ride. Every Region has been asked to establish a Regional Trail Ride in the Region. Each Director is to select a person in the Region to be the coordinator for this event. You will be hearing more about this at the Regional Meeting.

The Report from the Arabian Horse Foundation was a shock to all of us, when we learned that the total amount donated since the Convention in Denver in November was \$20.00. We realize that the crunch on all our pocket books is evident but, we must not let our endeavors to support this Foundation for our breed fall short of being able to keep up the good work they are doing. Ways we can support this cause is by Honoring some person or horse, in Memory of, or as one suggestion from Larry Kineer, President of the AHF, have a class at every Arabian Horse show with the proceeds from the entries going to the Foundation. Please read Larry's letter that went to Show Secretaries and Show Managers and lets all support our Foundation.

## AHA Statistics

### Memberships (All Types Combined)

As of January 31, 2008 37,310  
 As of February 29, 2008 37,369  
 As of March 31, 2008 37,674  
 As of April 30, 2008 37,460  
 As of May 31, 2008 37,161  
 As of June 30, 2008 36,700  
 As of July 31, 2008 36,546  
 As of August 31, 2008 36,377  
 As of September 30, 2008 36,206  
 As of October 31, 2008 36,231  
 As of November 30, 2008 36,153  
 As of December 31, 2008 36,092

**January 31, 2009 33,896**  
**February 28, 2009 33,412**  
**March 31, 2009 33,805**

### Memberships (Youth Only)

As of January 31, 2008 4,208  
 As of February 29, 2008 4,095  
 As of March 31, 2008 4,143  
 As of April 30, 2008 4,172  
 As of May 31, 2008 4,127  
 As of June 30, 2008 4,053  
 As of July 31, 2008 4,048  
 As of August 31, 2008 4,047  
 As of September 30, 2008 4,048  
 As of October 31, 2008 4,050  
 As of November 30, 2008 4,036  
 As of December 31, 2008 4,060

**January 31, 2009 3,837**  
**February 28, 2009 3,723**  
**March 31, 2009 3,753**

### Memberships (Life Only)

As of January 31, 2008 566  
 As of February 29, 2008 596  
 As of March 31, 2008 638  
 As of March 31, 2009 725  
 As of April 30, 2008 659  
 As of May 31, 2008 668  
 As of June 30, 2008 676

**January 31, 2009 716**  
**February 28, 2009 721**

(Life memberships cont.)

As of July 31, 2008 680  
 As of August 31, 2008 682  
 As of September 30, 2008 684  
 As of October 31, 2008 684  
 As of November 30, 2008 685  
 As of December 31, 2008 686

### Registrations (Arabian)

As of January 31, 2008 553  
 As of February 29, 2008 986  
 As of March 31, 2008 1,340  
 As of April 30, 2008 1,748  
 As of May 31, 2008 2,179  
 As of June 30, 2008 2,739  
 As of July 31, 2008 3,190  
 As of August 31, 2008 3,784  
 As of September 30, 2008 4,241  
 As of October 31, 2008 4,953  
 As of November 30, 2008 5,491  
 As of December 31, 2008 6,120

**January 31, 2009 485**  
**February 28, 2009 848**  
**March 31, 2009 1,247**

### Registrations (Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian)

As of January 31, 2008 185  
 As of February 29, 2008 354  
 As of March 31, 2008 518  
 As of March 31, 2009 407  
 As of April 30, 2008 711  
 As of May 31, 2008 890  
 As of June 30, 2008 1,115  
 As of July 31, 2008 1,298  
 As of August 31, 2008 1,569  
 As of September 30, 2008 1,793  
 As of October 31, 2008 2,096  
 As of November 30, 2008 2,300  
 As of December 31, 2008 2,626

**January 31, 2009 157**  
**February 28, 2009 293**



*Dear AHA Show Secretary and Show Manager,*

*The Arabian Horse Foundation needs your help.*

*Last year, the Foundation gave away \$50,000 for scholarships, equine rescue and rehoming needs, and equine research. We believe our gifts made a difference, and most importantly, it sent a message that the Arabian horse breed and association has taken a responsible philanthropic position in the equine world.*

*The Foundation is asking that show managers and committees consider donating a portion of proceeds from a show to the Foundation. We realize that many shows are seeing declining numbers with resultant less money. We're looking for a small donation, under 5 percent of the net. Show management can determine where they want the funds used. **Would you please consider this?** Also, a black and white Foundation logo is available by contacting me, or Dan Schwab in the AHA Marketing Department for use on a prize list. Suggested wording: "A portion of the proceeds go to the Arabian Horse Foundation." We are a non-profit charity with gifts tax deductible. Also available from AHA are black and white ads (3 sizes about the foundation. Please consider placing one of these in your program as it would increase our visibility and prompt donations.*

*A second request of you is to consider placing a small box on your entry form for a check mark. Beside this box would be "\$5 donation to the Arabian Horse Foundation, " with a space or "other" if they want to contribute more. A third and final request is for show management to consider a "fun" class with entry money going to the Foundation. This could be called "Funniest Costume Horse Class," or a training class with both Arabians and Half Arabians in it. Maybe a costume class for owner's dogs. Again, we are not looking for large sums of money here, but if a variety of shows help with these ideas, the Foundation will benefit.*

***Your help will be greatly appreciated and will enable the Foundation to continue its charitable endeavors.** Every little bit helps, no matter how small. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone: 937-271-3959 or by email: [larlv@aol.com](mailto:larlv@aol.com). You may have some ideas of your own and we are certainly open to any suggestions that will help us with fund raising. Thanks for your time and consideration.*

*Larry Kinneer, President  
Arabian Horse Foundation*

## *Something interesting to know about Driving*

I have recently attended two Combined Driving Events and a Pleasure Driving Carriage Show. I noticed several entries that were Arabians and Half Arabians both in singles and in pairs classes. With the Carriage classes already at our Sport Horse Nationals, can Combined Driving be coming next? Spectators really enjoy this event.

## *Some History About Driving*

The majority of driving horses years ago were docked, presumably to prevent runaways with the tail clamped over the rein. Even hunters were docked. Tandem hitches were originally used to get a horse to a hunt. The lead horse didn't do any pulling, and was unhitched and ridden at the hunt. A slat sided (louvered) gig was used to carry on or two hounds under the seat. Years ago, at the famous Devon Show in Penn. they held classes called sporting tandems. Usually a Hackney horse in the wheel and a lighter Thoroughbred – Saddle type in the lead.

# YOUTH NEWS

On Saturday, March 7th, the Board of Directors had a luncheon meeting with the AHYA Board of Directors. Both boards were in Aurora at the same time. I had the pleasure of meeting with Kelsey Kimbler, our youth director for Region 6. This is truly a family affair for our Region as Kirsten Kimbler, Kelsey's older sister, was our past youth director.

The AHYA board met again on Sunday and was quite productive at this meeting. They have a lot of exciting activities scheduled for this year. For more information please go to - [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org) and click on the youth button.





# AHA Region 6 Championship

## June 17 - 21, 2009

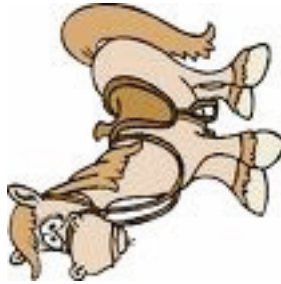
### Rapid City, SD



Region 6 Contact: Cheri Clark (406) 581-0232

**Pre-Show June 17, 2009**  
**Regional Show June 18-21, 2009**  
**Judges: Pre-show - Donna Longacre**  
**Regionals: Gary Clay,**  
**Judy Kibler,**  
**Debby Cain**  
**(US Nationals Judges)**

For premium lists and more  
 information please visit  
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### 2009 Region 6 Qualifying Shows

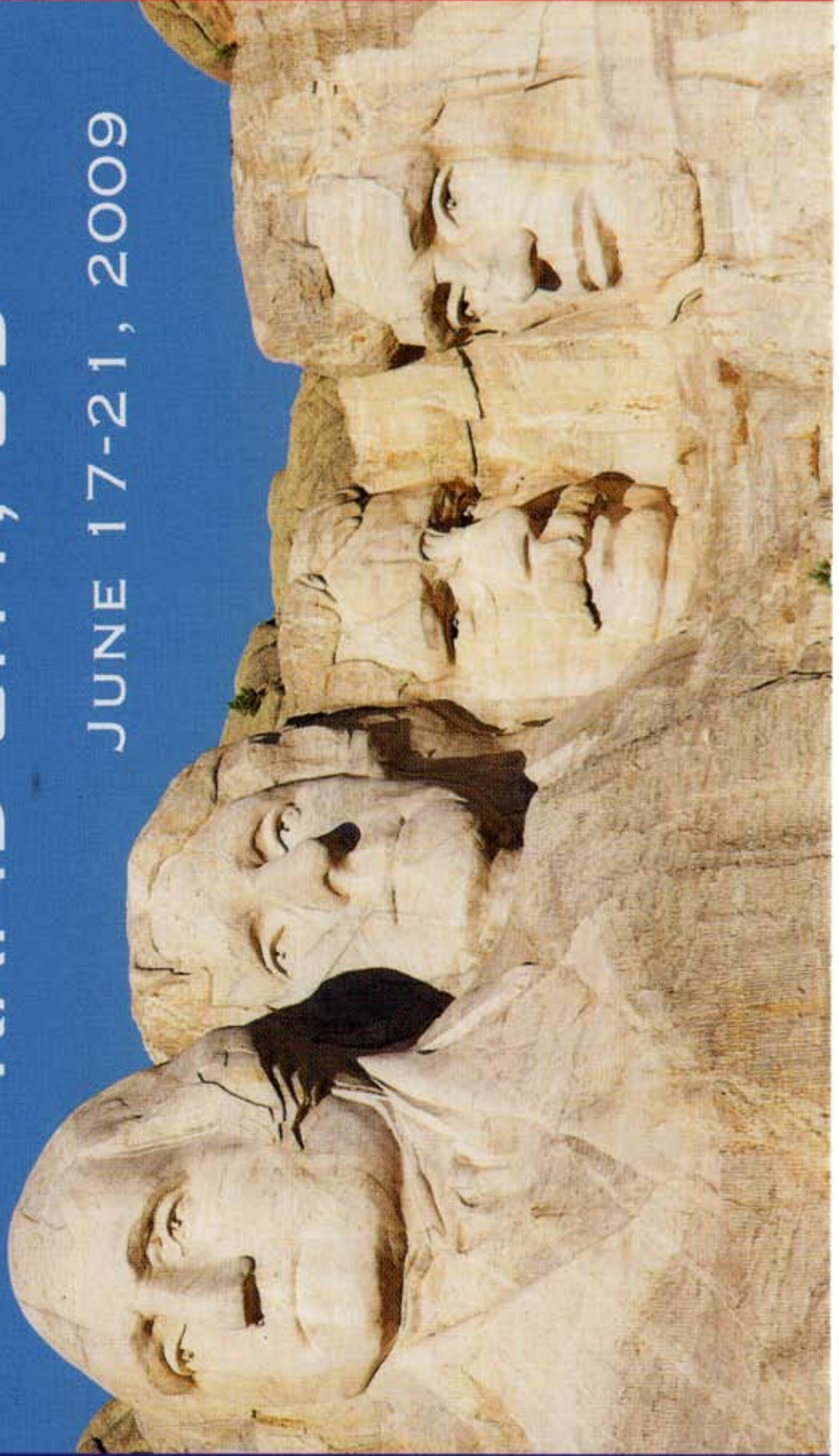
- April 24-26 SD Spring Show I & II (concurrent)  
Sioux Falls, SD
- May 7 Calgary, Alberta
- May 15-16 Double the Fun Arab Show  
Sauk Centre, MN
- May 14-15 Great Plains Arabian Classic I
- May 16-17 Great Plains Arabian Classic II (concurrent)  
Lincoln, NE
- May 22-24 MAHA,  
Billings, MT
- May 30-31 Wyoming ARabian Show  
Douglas, Wyo
- June 6-7 Icebreaker  
Saskatchewan Arabian Horse Assn.
- Aug 13-15 Wyoming State Fair  
Douglas, Wyo



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**AHA REGION 6  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
RAPID CITY, SD**

JUNE 17-21, 2009



The Arabian Horse Galleries will be a new building attachment to the Kentucky Horse Park's International Museum of the Horse. It will consist of two levels containing both "Art & Artifacts" and "Interactive Exhibits."

The magnificent Arabian Horse Trust Museum Collection, in storage since 2001, along with the Arabian Horse Owners Foundation collection, will finally be displayed as a key component of the Galleries. The Galleries are considered to be one of the most significant PERMANENT additions ever made to the Kentucky Horse Park.

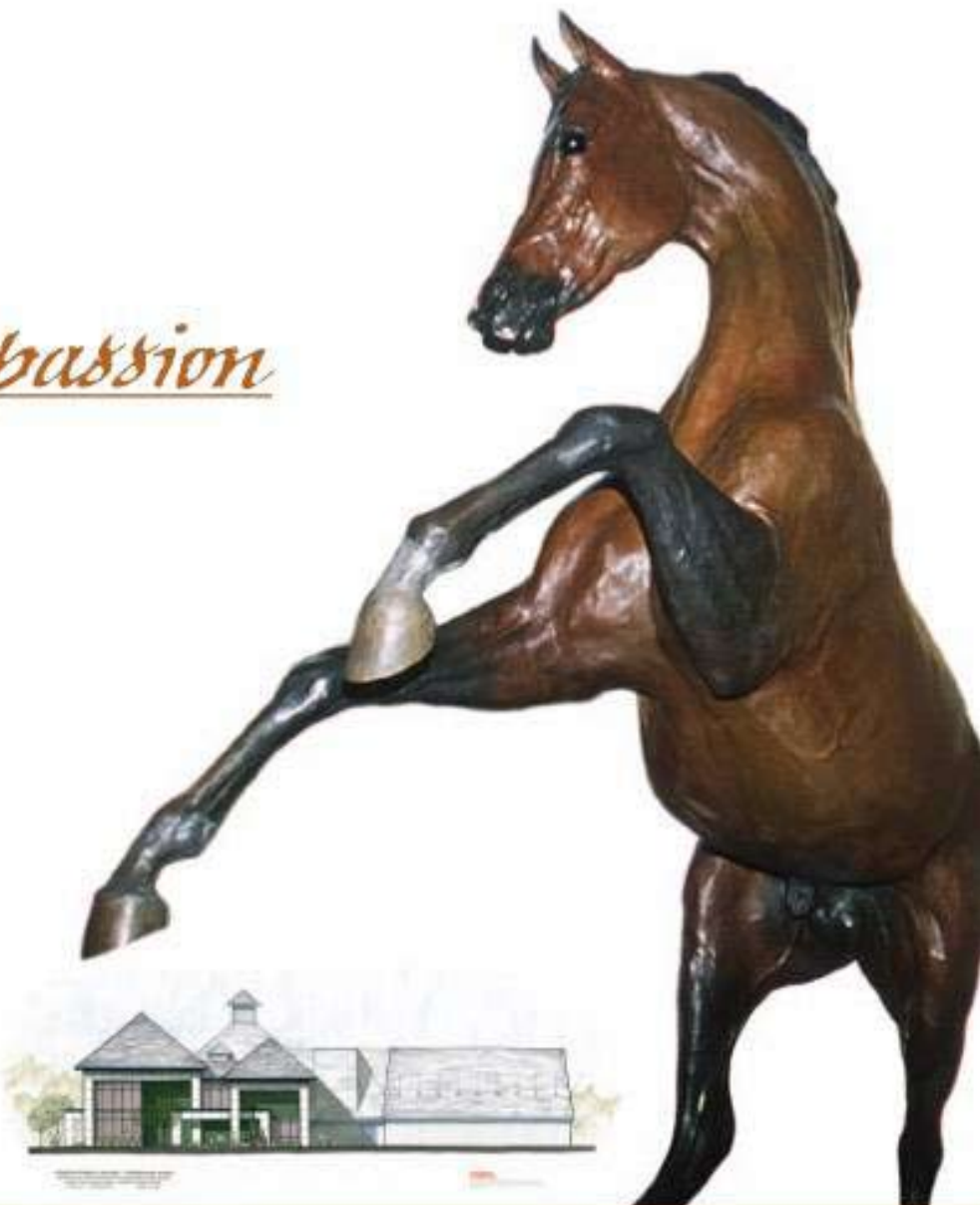
## SHARE THE

*passion*

Over one million visitors enjoy the Kentucky Horse Park each year, a number expected to grow to 1.6 million annually by 2014 largely due to residual effects of the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Construction will begin in January 2008, and is expected to open June 2009.

FUNDRAISING WILL BEGIN APRIL 2008.



GO TO [www.purebredarabiantrust.com](http://www.purebredarabiantrust.com) TO WATCH THE GALLERIES' INTRODUCTION VIDEO (INCLUDES FOOTAGE FROM THE ARABIAN HORSE TRUST VAULT), SIGN UP FOR "THE GALLERIES" E-NEWSLETTER AND VIEW THE GALLERIES' PROGRESS.

