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Region 2 Director's Message

Welcome back to our second Region 2 Newsletter of the year. We are excited about the momentum that we have and we encourage you to get involved with your local clubs and/or the Region. We are always looking for new members, participants and NEW IDEAS! Region 2 is looking to grow and we appreciate fresh perspectives and we LOVE volunteers.

February is an exciting month as our Region 2 Clubs have elected their new officers and of course, it is also SCOTTSDALE TIME! This year is the 70th anniversary of the Scottsdale show.

As you peruse through this newsletter, you will see some of the exciting events our local members and clubs have participated in. We also are pleased to announce our judges for the Region 2 Championship Show in June at the iconic Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. This year, we are happy to share that we have added some ACADEMY classes at the conclusion of the pre-show on Thursday! We are thrilled to announce our new Region 2 Youth leader, Joe Yandell. Joe has many terrific ideas for our Region 2 Youth, and we are very happy to have him at the helm.

Please feel free to reach out to any Region 2 member with ideas, questions or concerns. We want to hear from you!

Enjoy your beautiful Arabian horses and thanks for being part of Region 2!

Katie

Region Two - Los Angeles wildfires

On January 6, 2025 Southern California was overcome with wildfires, most notably the Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst fires. We had many Region 2 members and participants affected by the devastation. We are grateful for the many people in our region who showed up in big ways for our local horse community. Our Arabian horse family continues to amaze and inspire us with their generosity and kindness.

ARABIAN HORSE COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS

ARABIAN HORSEMENS DISTRESS FUND

- LARGE DONATION OF HAY AND SHAVINGS

CARLA JO BAILEY | AHASFV BOARD MEMBER

- Los Angeles Equestrian Center (LAEC): managing the hundreds of horses taken there, coordinating deliveries, and volunteers.
- Took (7) evacuated horses in at her personal barn, most of which were Arabians.

DEBBIE MCCARTHY | AHASFV BOARD MEMBER

- Donated bales of hay and bags of Senior feed

LOVE THIS HORSE RESCUE

NEDRA JOHNSON | ARABIAN RIDING ACADEMY

TAKING THE REINS

- Donated saddles, lunge lines, halters and other items to owners who lost their tack.

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HOW TO HELP THE LA HORSE COMMUNITY

FLEET OF ANGELS

www.fleetofangels.org/

EQUESTRIAN AID FOUNDATION

www.equestrianaidfoundation.org/

CHA FOUNDATION

<https://cpha.org/Foundation/>

LOVE THIS HORSE RESCUE

www.lovethishorsearabianrescue.org/

DAMMOOR'S FEED & TACK

818.242.2841

EAST VALLEY FEED & TACK

818.767.3060

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HOW CAN REGION 2 HELP



If you know of any resources for people who were affected by the Palisades, Eaton, or Hurst Fires, please place that information in the comment section of this post or send us a direct message.

Region 2 Arabian Horse Association

The SYV Reunion Event: *Celebrating 50 Years of Arabian Horse History in Santa Ynez Valley*

The mythical quality of Santa Ynez Valley is indisputable. From the days of the Hemming family enjoying Raffon in their backyard into the escalation and height of the 80s and settling into a new normal afterwards, this valley has and will continue to belong to the Arabian horse.

Over one hundred Arabian horse enthusiasts traversed the country to attend a unique Arabian horse event in the historic Santa Ynez Valley the first weekend of November 2024. Aptly named “The Reunion,” the event brought together a plethora of breed legends in the “Valley of the Arabian Horse” – including Martha Rattner, the sons of Paul Hemming, RayLaCroix, Kit Hall, Doug Dahmen, Paul Husband, and others – to relive pivotal moments and precious memories of horses and people, many of whom shaped the future of the Arabian breed around the world as we know it, as well as honoring current programs that call Santa Ynez Valley home and continue to lead the breed in their respected divisions of English, Western, Sport Horse, and halter. Farms such as Om El Arab, Landon Equestrian, Jalama Valley Ranch, Rancho Sonado Arabians, and Antheia Arabians hosted beautiful Open Houses that combined hospitality and horse presentations with an element of historic nostalgia such as Storytelling Panels, archived photo galleries, and even a movie night featuring the hour-long documentary film, “The Valley That Belongs to the Arabian Horse,” shown inside Om El Arab’s indoor arena that showcased rare archival footage of horses, people, and events in the Santa Ynez Valley over the last fifty years.

The event was hosted by the Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association Board of Directors, and spearheaded by its president, Kelly Elm.

Sherry Conrads, owner of Al Noor Arabians, is a vibrant member of the Santa Ynez Valley Arabian horse community who sees the vibrancy of today just as clear as the history of yesteryear.

“We are a vibrant, forward thinking, and dedicated group of riders, trainers, and breeders,” she said. *“We have been and will continue to be the Valley of the Arabian Horse.”*

The SYVAHA wishes to thank each of the sponsors who made the event possible: Antheia Arabians, Al Noor Arabians, Jalama Valley Ranch, Landon Equestrian, Lowe Show Horse Centre, Om El Arab, Rancho Sonado Arabians, Russell Arabians – Katie & Joe Russell, Arabian Horse Riding Academy, EVOKE by Evie Inc, Kelly Elm Training & Lessons, Equine & Canine News, Arabian Horse Times, Arabian Horse World, The Arabian Magazine, and We Love Arabian Horses. Many thanks also to Vesty Photography for photographing the weekend festivities.



Rose Parade Participants



Many of our beautiful Arabian horses were in the 2025 Rose Parade. Here are some Region 2 members and participants including Muna Busailah riding "Pardonn My French+++// and Michael Damianos



Meet your Region 2 Youth Director Joe Yandell

I'm thrilled to be able to partner with our youth leaders this year. A little about me... I'm married to Amy Yandell and we have two children - a 20 year old son, Christopher, and a 15 year old daughter, Noelle. I work for a large bank, but that's not what I went to school to do. I went to school to be a teacher and I've always loved working with youth. I have coached youth sports, been an after-school Site Director for the YMCA, and worked with youth extensively at several churches. I've served on non-profit boards and consulted for non-profits. I love seeing youth grow, develop, and have fun!

back to help us in an advisory capacity, which we're thrilled about. We've had others that have expressed interest in serving in different capacities, but I'd like a few more of you to join if there is interest. If you want to make the Region 2 Youth experience great in 2025, please email us at aharegion2youth@gmail.com.

We have a lot of great ideas for 2025 like Ranch Visits, a Fun Show, and a ton of youth activities at the Region 2 Santa Barbara Show. Visit us on Facebook (Region 2 Youth Arabian Horse Arabian Horse Association) or Instagram @region2ahya and help us build a great community!

2025 is going to be a great year!



Region 2 at Equefest

Region 2 Delegate Meeting



Where: Landon Equestrian (Santa Ynez, CA)

Please RSVP to Shawna McCune at smccune0901@gmail.com by February 15 if you plan to attend. We need a head count for our lunch order.

This is a great way to get involved and meet your Region 2 delegates.

Thank you to Landon Equestrian for welcoming us to their stunning farm in Santa Ynez . We are thrilled that they are going to present a few of their gorgeous horses to us,too. A treat indeed!

Region 2 Championship updates

We have selected the judges for our Region 2 Championship Show! We also will be adding multiple academy classes. Please reach out to Meaghan (meaghanshaffer8380@gmail.com) if you are available to volunteer during the show. We are always looking for more help!

JUNE 18 - 21

EARL WARREN FAIRGROUNDS | SANTA BARBARA



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Get involved with your local clubs! Come join the fun with your fellow local Arabian enthusiasts.

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Arabians of the Desert Horse Association

Upcoming Events

Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show

February 13 - 23 | Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ

Region 2 Sport Horse and Dressage Championships / RCAHA Spring Horse Show

April 5 - 6, 2025 | Galway Downs, Temecula, CA (home of the 2028 Olympic equestrian events)

Region 2 Championships

June 18 - 21, 2025 | Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA

Youth & Mid Summer Nationals

July 18 - 26, 2025 | State Fair Park, OKC

Sport Horse Championships

September 8 - 13, 2025 | World Equestrian Center, Wilmington, OH

U.S. Nationals

October 16 - 25, 2025 | Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa, OK

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