

# FALL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's a lot of satisfaction in proving people wrong! They said you can never run a successful horse show with all volunteers – people won't show up, people won't follow through, people won't do it right, etc, etc. Well, they were so very WRONG! They obviously didn't know the amazing people of the Northwest Miniature Horse Club!

We had three shows in 2024 and every single show, every single time, for every single position and job – EVERY SINGLE person not only showed up but they did their job cheerfully, accurately and right on time. From Show Secretary to Ring Stewards to Announcer to Gate Person to Show Coordinators, to obstacle organizers, to potluck organizers, to Silent Auction and Raffle organizer, to youth activity coordinators, to exhibitors who stepped up – I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for making our shows such a success. All three shows were well in the black, thanks to all of you. And how can I miss our famous truck drivers who twice packed down our arena at Western Washington with their trucks for the safety of our driving horses!

Both of our judges at the Grays Harbor show said that that was the best run show they had judged all year. Paul Tarap said that when he heard it was an all volunteer run show he was coming to he had qualms about how it would go. He sends his congratulations to our club and all of our volunteers for a well run, fun and successful show!

People often ask me why I am so “gung-ho” about this club. When we said we were in financial crisis and needed everyone to step up to keep our club afloat that is EXACTLY what you did! And you outdid yourselves. Every member of our club, from volunteer to exhibitor to donor, deserves a huge thank you for your amazing support! THANK YOU!!!

**PRESIDENT'S SERVICE AWARD:** Given to those volunteers who, due to their volunteerism, saved our club over \$6000 by managing our 2024 shows.

Sharon Bullington - Show Manger, Ring Steward

Mary Christine Houts - Gate

Sharon Hardt - Show Secretary

Cathryn Ayers - Announcer

Helen Halderman - Ring Steward, Awards Presenter

Linda VanFleet - Schooling Show Organizer

**2024 SHOW MANAGERS AWARD:** Thank you to our 2024 Show Managers for all your hard work!

Joanne Ross & Tome Soto - Capitol City Show

Kathy Howard & Lisa Aboud - Western Washington Classic

Dorothy Whiteman & Tammy Osgood - Grays Harbor Classic

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION: Thanks to all who, either through donations or volunteering at our shows, were instrumental in our 2024 shows being a success.

Susan George - Sponsor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> judge at all three shows

Suzi Durdell - Sponsor of the Belt Buckle Series

Dorothy Whiteman - \$500 donation of Grays Harbor Arena

Lisa Brostad - Brand new printer

“Anonymous” - Brand new computer

Judy Howard - Raffles and Silent Auctions

Danna Ash & Lisa Brostad - Organizing Potlucks

Ben Hansen - Announcing at Schooling Show

Leslie White, Beth White, Roxann O’Bryant – Youth activities, picture booth, youth stall

Sue Moore, Dorothy Whiteman & Tammy Osgood, Linda VanFleet – Vases & Flowers for awards

Kathy Hyder, Krisitie Bingaman, Lyndsay Day – Supreme Awards

Joe Hevner – Ring crew, volunteer extraordinaire

Tom Soto – Transporting Club Trailer

Kathy & Jean Howard & Janelle Blumenfeld – Transporting Club Trailer

Sheri Dingman – Buying lunch for the Grays Harbor staff

**THANK YOU!!**

Sheryl Peterson

NWMHC President