

PALOMINO HORSE BREEDERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION 2017 REPORT

The Palomino Horse Breeders Heritage Foundation (PHBHF) has had another successful and productive year. The Board worked diligently on expanding and maintaining the objectives of the foundation and appreciates all the support of our many members and friends in making both monetary and item contributions to the foundation and museum.

Again this year, the PHBHF co-hosted with PHBA a highly successful Hall of Fame Reception and Recognition Program in conjunction with our annual PHBA Convention. Congratulations to our most deserving award winners.

As in the past, we again provided the resources to the PHBA Scholarship Committee to award a PHBA Youth Scholarship in the name of PHBHF. This scholarship goes to a deserving youth member for the continuation of their education.

Thanks to the courtesy of Branson Quarter Horses, Cedar Grove Ranch, Dreamcatcher Ranch and Henderson Stock Farm, we were able to sponsor custom built Cowboy Bronze trophies to the winners of each Ranch Riding Class, youth, amateur, open and select. These are beautiful one of a kind trophies and are presented along with and in addition to the World Show Trophy given in that class.

Though we have a limited amount of space in our PHBHF museum, we have not let that be a barrier to presence out in the state of Oklahoma. We took a traveling exhibit to both the 2017 PHBA Convention and the 2017 Color Breed Congress. The traveling display is adjusted to fit the specific needs of each event and is always well received by those attending these events.

Our website and Facebook venues continue to keep us connected to the internal and outside world. Website enhancements were made throughout the year to include updating with photos, the PHBA Hall of Fame section. Our Facebook entries have received and continue to receive many hits and provide us with an immediate connection to all concerned.

The PHBHF Board continues to make improvements and updates to our museum and traveling display. New display boards were completed in specific areas and, especially for the traveling display. New displays in the museum, notably the Straight Arrow Exhibit and PHBA Race Horse Exhibit were donated by Northfork Equine and added to the museum.

Another highlight during 2017 was the addition of our new scholarship program. The STEP scholarship program (Scholarships for Training Equine Professionals) is an innovative approach in providing financial support for those who desire occupations in the equine industry. We hope to present our first scholarship sometime this year.

Finally, we are privileged to announce the addition of Dr. Ed North to Foundation Board. We are so happy to have a person with Dr. North's expertise and experience joining our group.

Please remember the Palomino Horse Breeders Heritage Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) entity and receives no local, state or federal funding.