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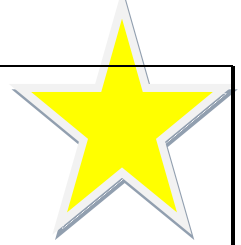
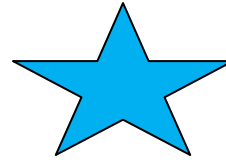
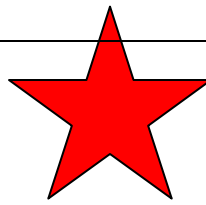
BLING IT ON!" is the theme of this year's GHPA awards banquet, scheduled to be held on March 24th, 2012 @ the EOUV Club in Newbury. Reservations required. Invitations will be mailed shortly and we look forward to seeing everyone that evening. (Remember that not only members are invited to attend, but friends and relatives are also welcome so long as you get your reservation in on time. We want to remind you that we are quickly approaching the February 14th deadline to place an ad into the banquet book. (BE WARNED. If you procrastinate your ad won't make it into the book. Horrors! This is earlier than it has been in the past but putting together this beautiful book is a huge project and we are more than willing to accommodate our designer's schedule.) Please note the new advertisement sizes on the attached donation form. Tammy Plants (tplants@sstack.com) is coordinating the advertisements so please either e-mail your ad to her, drop it off at Schneider's or snail mail it to Tammy Plants c/o Schneider's Saddlery 8255 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Prices are very reasonable – see the attached form. This is a great way to honor a rider's accomplishments, to say thank you to your loyal horse grooms, to advertise your business, and to support GHPA! These books are wonderful keepsakes given out to attendees at the banquet and will be cherished for many years to come.

The banquet committee promises that this will be the best banquet yet. While the awards will continue to be the focus of this evening, a "Win It In A Minute" competition is being planned, along with a special gathering of dog and cat food, toys, supplies and contributions to benefit the Geauga County Dog (and Kitty) Shelter.

There will also be a basket competition with 2 prizes awarded (each \$25.00 in banquet bucks). One award will be given to the fan favorite (all banquet attendees get to vote) and the other is given to the basket that brings in the highest bid. Remember, you must incorporate this year's theme into the basket! So everyone, BLING IT ON! You must use specific baskets (pictured at right) to decorate and fill up. These are available free of charge from Schneider's Saddlery (stop by and ask for Jamie) and will also be available at the GHPA meetings. Specific rules (including a rule that a basket can only win one award) will be included in the invitations as well as on the website: www.gHPA.us.



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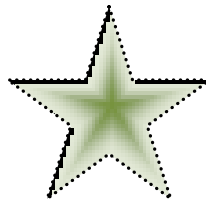


We will continue to have our three wonderful auctions the night of the banquet: Live, Chinese and Silent. We need everyone's help in obtaining donations. Next time you are shopping at your favorite store, getting your hair styled and nails manicured, eating out at a restaurant or shopping for tools, how about asking for support of your favorite horse club by way of a donation. We also greatly appreciate members creating and a gift basket donation for us to include in the auction. It is through efforts such as this that we raise funds to run our shows, provide great educational opportunities and keep our entry fees very reasonable. Please consider a donation to the banquet. The forms are attached and donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

At the entrance to the banquet, we will be featuring photographs of our members on their horses. Please provide a 8" x 10" photograph (smaller ones are acceptable too, but the larger size will be easier to view once it is in the frame) to Jamie Davis as soon as possible. These can be dropped off to her at Schneider's Saddlery, 8255 E. Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Alternatively they can be sent in the mail. Please don't e-mail them to Jamie as she can't print them. Also, don't send a one of a kind masterpiece in case it is misplaced! While we are not responsible for returning these to you, you can pick them up following the conclusion of the banquet on your way out.

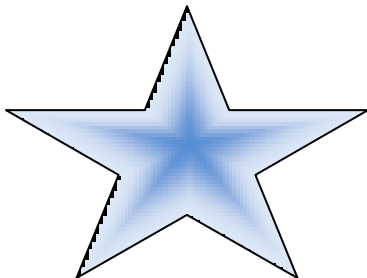
Finally, there is no time like the present to renew your GHPA membership. The membership form is attached. Membership cards will be sent to you in the mail upon receipt of the completed, signed form.

Thank you and we look forward to including you in these wonderful GHPA events.

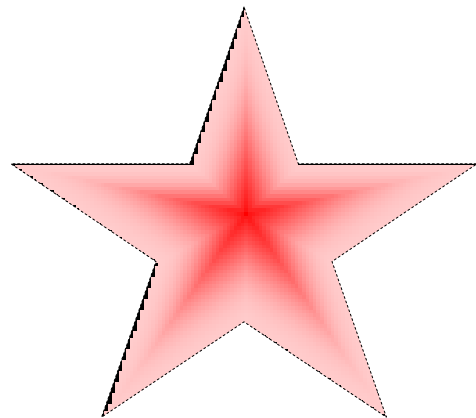


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Geauga Horse & Pony Association

24th Annual Awards Banquet & Auction

POB 655
Newbury OH 44065

DONATION REQUEST FORM

GHPA is a non-profit organization. Please consider donating an item and / or service to be offered for sale at this year's Auction. Deadline is Feb. 14, 2012 . We sincerely appreciate your tax-deductible gift. For your records, our Federal Tax ID No. is 35-1538786.

Donor / Business Name _____
(Please print name as you would like it to appear in the Year-End Awards Banquet Book.)

Address _____

City / State / ZIP _____

Phone Number _____ Contact Name _____

Item or Service Donated _____

Estimated Donor Value of Item or Service \$ _____ Check Number _____

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Here is your opportunity to promote your business, publish congratulatory remarks, or purchase space in the annual GHPA Year-End Awards Banquet Book for any advertising purpose you like!
Fees and descriptions of available advertising space are listed below. Please remember to provide clear and clean camera-ready **original** artwork, photographs, or graphics. (Originals will be returned if requested.)

<u>AD CHOICE</u> (PLEASE CHECK)	<u>ADVERTISEMENT</u>	<u>SPACE SIZE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	Send info to: tplants@sstack.com Or bring to Jan or Feb GHPA meeting
_____	Full Page	6 x 8	\$ 60.00	For quarter, half, or full page ads, please list company information above and provide artwork. Please include business card. Please list name above.
_____	Half Page	6 x 4	\$ 30.00	
_____	Quarter Page	3 x 4	\$ 20.00	
_____	Business Card	3 x 2	\$ 15.00 *	
_____	List Name		\$ 10.00	

Advertising Amount Paid \$ _____ Check Number _____

*A Business Card ad is free to anyone donating an item or service valued at \$15.00 or more.

The Geauga Horse & Pony Association shall at all times be operated and conducted as a non-profit association in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, providing for such organizations and by which it shall acquire all rights as granted to associations of this kind.

The object and purpose of the Geauga Horse & Pony Association is to encourage high standards of a well-balanced program, consisting of horse shows and educational clinics, to provide educational materials and information to carry out these aims, to provide criteria and standards for horse shows consistent with the above purpose, and to promote the proper and humane treatment of horses.

Thank you for your gift of \$ _____ to the Geauga Horse & Pony Association. No goods or services were provided in consideration of this gift.

GHPA Representative _____ Date _____

For more information, please call Jamie Davis or any GHPA officer.

Jamie Davis 440-834-1356

Trisha Tucek 440-834-1785

Items may be sent to:
Bob Linkous
c/o Links Auto Body
18607 St. Clair
Cleveland, OH 44110

Winter 2012



Dear Friend of GHPA:

Geauga Horse & Pony Association is a non-profit, family oriented organization that promotes education, leadership, and the proper and humane treatment of horses through horse-related activities based in Geauga County. GHPA presents lectures and clinics throughout the year to promote topics such as equine care and health issues, horsemanship and training, business, and sportsmanship. GHPA also produces horse shows at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton, Ohio, each year between May and September. During 2011, more than 200 members volunteered more than 3,000 hours of service in support of these activities. An annual banquet is held each spring to recognize the accomplishments of our membership from the previous year and to launch the coming year's agenda.

GHPA will host its 24th Annual Awards Banquet & Auction in March 2012. The Auction is a significant fund raiser for GHPA with proceeds from the event supporting many of the programs for the coming year, including:

- *Lectures and clinics open to members and non-members alike.*
- *Funding the GHPA Scholarship Program, scholarships will be awarded this year.*
- *Improvements and maintenance to GHPA facilities at the Geauga County Fairgrounds.*
- *Supporting the annual awards program which recognizes member excellence in horsemanship, leadership, and sportsmanship.*

Please consider donating an item or service to be offered for sale at this year's Auction. The support that GHPA has received in the past from the membership and business community has helped to make this fundraising event an annual success. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Auction, please complete the attached form and return it to the GHPA banquet committee at the address on the form.

As part of our thanks to you, GHPA provides advertising space in our annual banquet program for our donors. We appreciate your support of GHPA's annual horse show season and help with our organization's continued success.

Sincerely,

Jamie Davis

Banquet Committee Chairperson

Geauga Horse & Pony Association 2012

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

City, State & Zip _____

E-Mail: _____

Adult: \$20.00 _____; Youth (18 & under) \$15.00 _____; Family \$40.00 _____ (Children over 18 must have their own adult membership)

Total Paid _____ Check # _____ / Cash

Approval to release information to Big Dee's Tack and Schneiders Saddlery? Yes, I approve ____; No, I do not approve ____ (Big D's reimburses club 5% on member's purchases; Schneider's gives 10% discount on most items when current membership card is presented.)

LIST THE NAME OF ALL MEMBERS. All members must be listed for points to count. If a family membership, also list spouse's name. Members must complete service hours (8 hours for individual memberships, 16 hours max for family membership) to be eligible for year end points. Refer to Rules & Regulations for complete list of eligibility rules:

Names:

Birthdates (Month/Day/Year):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The participant(s) agree(s) to indemnify and save harmless the Geauga Horse & Pony Association and the Geauga County Agricultural Society from and against all losses, liability or damage for injuries to persons or property, sustained on said premises and/or activities and from all loss, liability for damage by reason of Participant activities. An inherent risk of an equine activity as described under the Equine Liability Act is as follows: The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine, the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; hazards including, but not limited to, surface or sub-surface conditions, a collision with another equine, another animal, a person or an object; the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or, other person, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL THIS CARD WITH PAYMENT TO GHPA, P.O. Box 655, Newbury, Ohio 44065

For Internal Use only: _____ Membership list updated _____ e-mail address list updated _____ Membership card _____