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President's Message

Hello All,

We are closing out the year whether we are ready or not. As I wrote this we had one show left and as you read this it will be the end of another show year. You all have been great supporting those show managers. Make sure at some point you thank them for all they do for us.

Cooler weather means more enjoyment out riding, I love this time of year. I am only hindered by my full time job I now possess. I teach 3rd grade in a neighboring small town. I have a great group of kids but now I have to juggle work and play. Thank God I have Ryler, he is my resident rider and keeps all the creatures in working order. He has now started lightly riding Bird's 2 year old gelding donkey son Walter, and they are a couple of comedians, let me tell you. Walter is something else and has a great sense of humor. The jennet we had we sold right away and I am hoping I have a big jenny in foal to him for this next year. The baby donks make me happy!

We have a lot of new names on the board of directors ballot, but most you have seen them around the shows, I hope you all will take the time to vote. The ballot will be in this issue. We are hoping for an online voting platform too, so stay tuned to see if we get that up and running on the website. And even if you aren't on the board, we would love to hear any ideas you have or you can help in any way you would like.

We will be seeing you down the road so keep on being seen loving your long ears!!

Thank you,
Casie Fairbanks
AMA President

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MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Kristie Jorgensen

Kristie Jorgensen lives in Enumclaw, WA. She got her first donkey in 1977, immediately fell in love with donkeys & mules, and for the past 26 years has had a passion for sharing these amazing animals with others.

She owns Sagebrush Ranch Mammoth Jackstock, and loves raising, training and showing her donkeys. She competed at a number of donkey & mule shows in the western US throughout the 2000s, participating in almost every discipline including English, Western, Gymkhana, and Driving both singles & teams.

She has been an entrepreneur since the age of 16 years old. She founded LongearsMall.com in 2000, and also manages the Donkey Tree pedigree database at DonkeyTree.com.

Professionally, Kristie was a Computer Software Engineer for 15 years, then switched tracks and worked as a Mary Kay Sales Director for 10 years. She has now returned to the technology industry, working for Sharp Business Systems.

Kristie has a huge interest in promoting this industry to youth and getting more young people involved in participating with donkeys & mules. Because she first got into donkeys & mules as a teenager, and has also been involved in leading a number of other youth programs in the community, she loves enabling young people and seeing them achieve their dreams, and wants to continue that mission with AMA.

Kristie has been the Show Secretary for the Western States Mule & Donkey Spectacular the last two years. She still owns and trains Mammoth Jackstock donkeys, and hopes to show them again this coming year.

She is excited about the possibility of being an AMA board member, and continuing to help promote these amazing animals and this industry.

Sue Wallace

Sue Wallace and her husband Doug, own a 40 acre donkey and mule ranch, as well as a horse-shoe supply company, in Enumclaw, WA. They have four sons: Tony, Travis, Cody & Justin, and a daughter Cassi.

Sue's farm, Osceola Kingdom Longears, was established in 1994. She was involved for many years with Donkeys Unlimited, a donkey welfare organization in Washington state. Sue also was involved with Washington Donkey Days which was an all-breed donkey show, as well as helping to organize four other donkey and mule shows annually from the late 1990s to early 2000s, most of them being AMA shows. In recent years she has also helped run the Western States Mule & Donkey Spectacular with Kellie Shields.

Professionally, Sue had a very successful career in the office equipment and mortgage industries for many years. Then while raising her family, she decided to work from home and became a Mary Kay National Sales Director. Since retiring from Mary Kay she has returned to Sharp Business Systems.

Sue returned to showing mules 5 years ago after raising her family, and is excited about the possibility of being on the AMA board and helping continue to grow AMA and the donkey & mule industry.

American Mule Association Mission Statement

A California non-profit benefit corporation that was founded in 1976. Since its inception, the AMA has been dedicated to building the reputation and integrity of mules throughout the United States.

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Michelle Miranda Kern

My name is Michelle Miranda Kern and I would like to be a board member for the AMA. I very much enjoy riding and showing my mule, Maggie. Also, value the many friends I have made in the mule world. I would love to be a part of an organization that advocates for the mule and donkey therefore, I would appreciate your vote.

Claudia Stevens

Hello fellow AMA members, I've been asked to say a little bit about myself.

I live in Napa Ca with my husband and many four legged family members.

Several years ago I started riding mules instead of horses. I showed them as well as lots of trail riding. I switched from mules to donkeys about four years ago. I enjoy riding my sweet donkey and telling all my horse friends the benefits of "long ears". If elected to the AMA board I will work to grow its membership especially with the youth.

Thank you

Claudia Steven

Michelle Chico

My name is Michele Chico, with your support the AMA has been an inspiration to educate people about just how Awesome mules and Donkeys are. Being your treasure for the last two years we have seen many changes, I would like to continue working with the AMA as a board member to tackle challenges, adapt to changes and support new growth . Thank you

Vicky Powers

Amy McLean

Kerry Tracy

Please find the ballot on page 4.

Calendar of Events

Feb 24,		AMA Awards Banquet (see website for details)
May 12—14		Gold Country Mule & Donkey Show, Lincoln, CA info: (916) 390-1861
		Blossom Trail Show, Sanger, CA Contact Kathy Pettit 559-903-0707

AMERICAN MULE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

There are 15 directors that serve for a period of two years with the term of office of seven expiring one year and eight the next year in an alternate manner. This year we are electing eight directors to the board. Please write in nominees. Deadline to vote is January 15, 2024. Please cast your vote for eight directors. You can make copies of this ballot only and make sure you **include your correct AMA number**.

Your AMA Number: _____

- Kristie Jorganson

- Vicky Powers

- Amy McLean

- Sue Wallace

- Michele Chico

- Claudia Stevens

- Michelle Kern

- Kerry Tracy

Write in _____

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Please mail your ballots to Brian Morris at:
4224 Vista Dr, Loomis, CA 95650





AMA Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 24th, 2024

5pm Happy Hour

6:30pm Dinner

Double Tree by Hilton

1150 9th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Plated Dinner & Dessert

No Host Bar

Silent Auction & Live Auction

\$65 per ticket

Reserve your ticket online at

<https://americanmuleassociation.org>

AMA hotel room block and pet-friendly rooms. See

AMA website for link to room block.

For any questions, contact Sue Wallace at
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*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE
WINNERS FROM 2023*





American Mule Association Menu

Starter

*Local Mixed Greens, Grape Tomatoes, English Cucumber, Grated
Carrots with Raspberry Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressing
Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter*

Main Course

*Marinated Grilled Flank Steak, Wild Mushroom Jus
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables*

Dessert

*Platter of Assorted Dessert Bars at each table
to include the following: Chocolate Raspberry, Lemon Berry, Oreo
Dream, Marble Cheesecake*

Beverages

*Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted
Tazo Teas*

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*Vegetarian Entrees available upon requests
(Chef's Choice to be provided)*



