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I want to remind everyone that this will be the final newsletter you will receive unless your membership dues are renewed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. To date we have 23 adult members & 5 youth members on board for 2019. This is a great start to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year!

We had some problems with our **website** earlier this month that caused us to revamp/rebuild the site in order to get all of our show information loaded. I want to thank Donna Osborne for the work that she put into this creating a new look [complete with photos] to get us back up & running. Right now, most of the information on the website concerns this year's show, but in coming months we hope to expand our coverage to include info for the Saddle Log program, perhaps a page to spotlight our Board members, etc. We hope to add more photos, and we have links there to contact us via e-mail, reach us on Facebook & check us out on Instagram! Almost 100% of the Forms that are available on the website are "fillable" meaning that you can fill out the information online & print out the completed form.

Our In-State Division served us well for thirty years, but times have changed. Due to dwindling participation on this circuit which catered to Maine-owned Appaloosas being shown within the state at various local pointed shows, the Board made the decision to discontinue these Appaloosa-only classes and roll them over into our **expanded All-Breed Division**. There are 27 classes that are being offered at our May show. We are still offering Adult, Youth, Open Horse & Walk-Trot divisions. You will find all of these classes printed in **red** on the class list for our May show.

Now, our BIG thing this year is the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary State Show** that is being held from **May 10 to May 12** at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. We are offering 189 classes over the three-day weekend. Added this year is a full slate of **Ranch Horse** classes for Appaloosas, Non-Pros, Youths & All-Breed exhibitors. This includes Trail, Pleasure, Riding, Reining & Conformation all to be held on Saturday. The **High Point Overall All-Breed Ranch Horse** will take home a **\$100 award!**

On Friday, one of the entries in the **Open Most Colorful at Halter** class will be awarded a **Free Stall** for the weekend. Everyone who participates in this class will have a chance to win this as the winner will be chosen from a random draw of the exhibitor back numbers. We'll let Show Secretary Leslie West have the honor of drawing the winning number for the stall!

We are offering five **Challenge Classes** during the show: Appaloosa Western Pleasure, All-Breed Western Pleasure, Appaloosa Hunter under Saddle, All-Breed Hunter under Saddle & All Breed Reining. The entry fee is \$50 per class, & provided there are five entries in the class, \$200 will be added to the payback. **Payback** will be distributed at 40%/30%/20%/10% to the top four horses. Any ties will be broken by the placing given by the double-pointed judge. In the Western Pleasure & Hunter Under Saddle classes, if there are less than five entries in the Appaloosa and/or All-Breed divisions, the classes may be combined into one to qualify for the \$200 added money.

The **All-Breed Youth Pleasure** class [#166] is sponsored by our Youth Club & will be paying back \$100 spread between the top four placings. And speaking of our Youth Club, they will be

running a **RAFFLE** for a **Samsung 55" Smart TV**. More info on this is available in the newsletter or our Facebook page.

The **All-Breed Trail** has had \$100 donated to be paid back to the top four horses placing in this class.

You won't find this listed on the program, but Friday evening we are holding a "**Dog Race**" with a \$5 entry fee at the gate, followed by a **Versatility Class** open to everyone. Classes being judged are Western Pleasure, Hunter under Saddle & the Camas Prairie Stump Race [more commonly known as Barrel Racing for our All-Breed people]. We haven't figured out just what we're awarding to the winner yet, but you can bet it will be something nice.

**Gass Horse Supply** is a *major sponsor* for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. Barry has been bringing his mobile tack shop to the show for many years & has always donated to the show during that time. This year, he is following in his father's footsteps [a major sponsor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show in 1994] and has donated two saddles & many saddle pads to be awarded at the show. No decision has been made as yet where these items will be given – stayed tuned for an announcement soon.

We have had quite a few people/businesses re-up their sponsorships for their **Arena Signs** this year, and more have come forward with donations for new additional signs. We do need individual class sponsorships. You can sponsor any of the classes at the show for \$20 each. I do know that the Open Most Colorful & FPD Halter classes have been sponsored, but that leaves 187 for you to choose from. You will find a sponsorship form in this newsletter, and a "fillable" form is available on our website. We hope that you will take the opportunity to be a part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary State Show by supporting this year's event.

I want to thank everyone who has donated to our cause so far. Soon you will find a complete listing of our sponsors on our website, Facebook page & here in the "Spotted News." We know that this year the show is being held earlier than usual, but we hope that you will come out & become a part of our show. We look forward to seeing former members at this show – hopefully a reunion of Appaloosa owners, lovers & supporters from across the Northeast. Come help us make history!

*Margo Carter Condon*  
President