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# GHJA PRESENTS

## WELCOME TO 2020

It's here! The 2020 show season is upon us. Here at the Georgia Hunter Jumper Association, we want this to be the best show season yet, and are striving towards that goal for our general membership. We are so excited for the many changes going on.

The GHJA Outreach Committee is excited to announce the launch of our first ever newsletter! Our goal is to provide current news of events and activities, as well as other interesting happenings around the state. We would like to reach more of the community as a whole and are hoping that this newsletter will be a vehicle to achieve that goal.

Let us know what you'd like to see in the newsletter! We'd love your ideas and suggestions. Please send to the email below. And as always, we welcome any feedback you'd like to provide.

- ◆ We want to remind everyone to get memberships renewed and horses recorded before you show, as points do not count retroactively for rider or horse!

**Visit [ghja.org/join-847232.html](http://ghja.org/join-847232.html) to register or record your horse.**



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### Special Points of Interest

- GHJA Educational Festival Announcement
- Sunny Stevens Grant
- USHJA Grant Deadline
- Compliments

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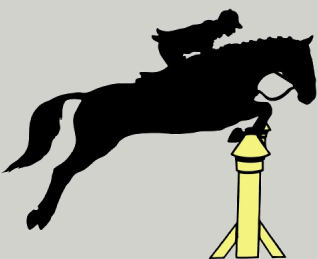


## USHJA Foundation Hamel Family Scholarship

The USHJA Foundation has announced the opening for applications for the \$25,000 Hamel Family Scholarship for further education and Gochman Family Grant for USEF Pony Finals. The foundation will select up to 3 individuals each year who exemplify sportsmanship, tenacity and horsemanship to receive the grant. Pony Finals takes place August 3-9, 2020 and applications must be received by March 13, 2020 to be considered.

### *JUNE 8-10 2020*

- *Hunter Jumper Clinics*
- *Pony Clinics*
- *Beginning rider clinics*
- *Educational demos*
- *Equine Vendors*
- *Food*
- *Retail Vendors*



## GHJA EDUCATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Education Committee is excited to announce the establishment of the first ever **GHJA Educational Festival** to be held at Wills Park June 8-10, 2020. This event will include such clinicians as **Diane Carney** and **Wendy Arndt**, to name a few.

The schedule will be a full 3 days of clinics and educational seminars. Clinic participants and auditors will all be welcome! We will be offering a wide range of equestrian related vendors and educational demos as well.

Stay tuned for more information on registration and participation details. Vendor inquiries are welcome—contact [info@ghja.org](mailto:info@ghja.org) for more information.



# Wills Park

EQUESTRIAN FOUNDATION

In concert with the GHJA Education Festival, the GHJA Outreach Committee will be hosting a used/new horse equipment, tack and apparel marketplace with 100% of the proceeds directly benefiting the Wills Park Foundation.

We are seeking donations of all types to help us help Wills Park! Arrangements can be made to receive donations at any time at your convenience. to arrange a pick up or drop off, contact Anna Bomar at: [annabomar@hotmail.com](mailto:annabomar@hotmail.com)

***We need the cooperation of everyone  
to make this a success!***

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***“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”***

***- Eleanor Roosevelt***



## **GHJA SUNNY STEVENS EDUCATIONAL GRANT**



GHJA is proud to announce the establishment of the Sunny Stevens Educational Grant. This grant, in honor of our very own Sunny Stevens, a founding and actively contributing member of our horse community, will serve to provide deserving individuals with the financial means to continue their education in a horse related topic or field.

This grant is not limited to only students, but will be open to any horse related individual that seeks to enrich their own educational needs. More details to follow.

## JAID STABLES PROFESSIONAL HORSEMANSHIP AWARD 2019

“The Jaid Stables Professional Horsemanship Award was created this past year to promote professionalism, sportsmanship, and most importantly horsemanship. The goal is to recognize a professional each year that exhibits these qualities and more.

I was lucky enough to present this award to a professional who exemplifies all those qualities and goes above and beyond for her clients, others and most importantly, for the horse. The common theme present throughout the nominations was KINDNESS. This professional shows kindness to show staff, clients of hers and of others, and kindness to the animals. This is evident through her riders and their techniques and the respectfulness and sportsmanship her entire barn shows.

I am proud to present **Alison Sims Courtney** with the 2019 Jaid Stables Professional Horsemanship Award!”



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# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The GHJA Outreach Committee is comprised of parents, trainers, grandparents and riders who came together to establish a committee dedicated to the outreach to our equestrian community and most specifically, to our general membership of GHJA.

Our goal is to create a fun and educational horse show environment throughout the year that provides opportunities for team building and fun, and that helps with the promotion and awareness of our sport on the whole.

We welcome any and all individuals who would like to be involved in making GHJA an incredible organization to and can accommodate any level of involvement. We appreciate and welcome everyone and any level of support!

To learn more or get involved, please contact Anna Bomar at:

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*“Life is about moments. Create them.  
Don’t wait for them.”*

*- Anonymous*

## COMPLIMENT CORNER

Every edition will have this section of the newsletter dedicated to compliments and achievements. Everyone who rides a horse has a different goal, a different hope, or a different version of the same. No matter the circumstances, every moment is to be celebrated and cherished.

We open this section up to anyone that has something to share. It can be a trainer sharing a moment about their student, or a parent sharing a thought about their rider. It can be as big as qualifying for a medal finals or as little as learning how to post for the first time. It doesn’t matter. What matters is that someone took the time to think about that moment and wanted to share it within our community.

Every thought is precious and every moment is worth recognizing.