

Michigan Judge's Panel

A panel of Michigan Judges will give a brief overview as to what a judge looks for in a class, then will conduct a Question and Answer session.

Karen Waite, MSU

Coordinator for the Panel will be Karen Waite, MS, Equine Extension Youth Specialist . Karen is responsible for the organization and development of educational programs and materials for Extension 4-H Youth Development, adult 4-H leaders and Extension staff in the areas of horse management, nutrition, training, equitation, judging and showmanship.



Other members of the panel include:

Ericka Utz, Howell, Michigan

Ericka Utz, a graduate of Central Michigan University, has been highly involved with horses for nearly 30 years and currently resides in Howell, Michigan. Focusing on both English and Western disciplines, she has been teaching youth and adults the elements of total horsemanship for several years. Ericka is involved in many equine organizations as a volunteer, competitor, clinician, and horse show judge. Ericka holds judging cards with Michigan 4-H, PHBA, IBHA, ABRA, and POAC.



Laura Standen, Mt. Morris, Michigan

Laura Standen resides in Mt. Morris, Michigan. She exhibited Palominos and Quarter Horses for over 30 years, showing both western and Hunt Seat. Laura showed 4-H, Open and breed circuits as a youth and amateur. She was a 4-H leader for 15 years.

She has been a carded judge for seven years with 4-H in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana; Pony of the Americas; International Buckskin Horse Association and the American Buckskin Horse Association. Laura also judges mule and donkey shows. Laura has judged a variety of horse shows including fairs, high school and college level equestrian meets, regional championship shows, open show circuits and breed shows. She was privileged to judge the largest youth and open all breed show in this region, the All American Youth Horse Show in Columbus, Ohio, and will judge this show again in 2008. She judges approximately 40 shows a year.



Robert Milks, Alma, Michigan



Born in Windsor ,Canada Robert has recently moved to the USA and now reside in Alma, Michigan. Having been around horses longer than he will admit, he worked from the ground up and worked as an electrician to afford his horse addiction.

Robert currently hold judges cards in ABRA,IBHA,PHBA,POAC,PtHA as well as Michigan 4-H and judge around forty shows a year. He also sits on the Michigan 4-H judges committe and the Michigan Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors.

Also participating in the panel is ***JoAnn Kosanik, Grand Haven, Michigan.***