

The Guild of Professional Farriers
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Your Guild membership dues expiration date is printed above your name on the address label of this newsletter.

We had an excellent annual meeting Wednesday January 31st, 2007 in Cincinnati, OH at the **International Hoof Care Summit (IHCS)**. There was standing room only with over 30 people. About one third of the attendees were non-member guests who are interested in joining our organization. Here are a few of the highlights for those of you who could not attend.

New Officers

Our new Vice President, Charlie Majors, and our new Secretary, Tom Bloomer, were officially voted into office. Our Current Executive Board members and term expirations are as follows:

President, Henry Heymering - 2009
Vice President, Charlie Majors - 2010
Secretary, Tom Bloomer - 2009
Treasurer, Joe Durriga -2010

Finance - We currently have about \$4000 in the Guild treasury.

New Publishing Committee

Dave Purves and Henry Heymering are the members of the new Publishing committee. Baron Taylor and Danvers Child have agreed to serve as technical advisors. The purpose of this committee is to organize articles for publication in horse owner magazines and on the Guild web site. Please contact Dave (937)879-7239 or Henry (301) 898-6990 to submit articles for publication.

Call for Volunteers

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WRITE CONTENT AND ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. In the Guild meeting, there were more *non-members interested in contributing and volunteering* than members. It appears that a lot of folks outside of our organization have more enthusiasm for furthering our mission than many of our long-term established members. This is a good thing because it means that we have a

lot of potential new members who will bring a fresh perspective and new energy for doing the work that must be done in order to make our organization thrive and grow. It is also a good thing because the established members can function in an encouragement and advisory capacity and keep the new member's energy focused on our mission.

Guild Web Site Updates

Our web site is now updated with a list of current members on line. Please go online to www.guildfarriers.org and verify that your contact information is accurate. We will be updating the web site regularly to include more specific information for each member. If you have your own web site, please put a link to the Guild web site on it. Also, send an email to hoof@snip.net with a link to your web site and anything you would like listed for horse owners in your member profile.

For now we only have a list of member names and telephone numbers. In the future we would like to have a custom profile for each member listing the area served, the type of farrier services provided, and your preferred contact information.

We often get telephone calls and emails from horse owners looking for Guild farriers in areas where we have no members. If a horse owner contacts you and you cannot provide them with service, **PLEASE refer them to a farrier you know is competent.** Providing horse owners with referrals to competent farriers is a public service we SHOULD provide to the horse community. Besides that, referring work to another professional provides an opportunity to recruit new members into our organization!

Future Guild Exams

We have three exams in the works for the first half of 2007 and two more on the horizon for fall. As the exam schedules are updated we will post them on the Guild web site in the Online Calendar.

Membership Renewals

Please make a note of your membership expiration date.

Future Guild Activities

Date---	Activity-----
May 19 & 20, 2007	Jaye Perry, RJF Clinic and Guild RJF Exam – Mid Atlantic (contact Tom Bloomer for details – 302-222-6404 – hoof@snip.net)
June 2007	Guild RJF Exam – Northeast Palmer, MA - Date and Location TBA
June 2007	Guild Exam - South Central Texas - Date and Location TBA
Fall 2007	Guild Exam - Chazy, NY - Date and Location TBA
Fall 2007	Guild Exam - Lexington, KY - Date and Location TBA