
Quarter Horse Association

Catherine was an NCQHA member for many years and president of the North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association when she was killed in a riding accident near her home in December of 1995. A fund was established for a special award in memory of Catherine. We are very grateful to Louisa Whitaker, Janet Crigler, Rusty Kimbrell, and Freddie Rowe for monetary donations to assist with the establishment of this award. The purpose of the award is to encourage participation and recognize success in the following classes:

- Amateur Hunter under Saddle
- Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation
- Amateur Hunter Hack
- Amateur Working Hunter
- Amateur Equitation over Fences

To qualify for this award, individuals must obtain at least 5 state points in a minimum of three (3) of the above listed classes. The qualifying NCQHA amateur horse and rider combination that receives the most state points for the year (as calculated by the point's secretary) in the above listed classes will receive a trophy created exclusively for the North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association. This trophy will be presented at the annual year-end awards banquet. The award winners will have their names inscribed on a plaque which is on permanent display in a trophy case at the James Hunt Horse Complex at the NC State Fairgrounds which accompanies a special bronze trophy created by Lisa Perry.

Catherine was well known for her encouragement of new riders and her enthusiasm for competing. She loved hunt seat events. She was always willing to help organize and implement programs to help promote the NC Amateur Quarter Horse Association. It is hoped that Catherine's sense of sportsmanship and love for the sport of showing horses will be continued with the awarding of this trophy on a yearly basis.