

Georgia Professional Farriers Association

January 2012

Presidents Letter

I am thrilled to be the new Georgia Professional Farriers Association president and hope to continue the good works of our past presidents. I am looking forward to working alongside all of you to further not only our association but our industry. Once again, we have a good group of officers and committee members that will put the events into play, but we still need guidance from the membership.

With the economy at a low, we should take advantage of it to further our shoeing knowledge and our business knowledge. Each of us are small business owners and are directly affected by the same things that all other small businesses are. We may shoe a horse using different techniques and principles but to excel in business we use a lot of common methods. As we get together for the year's events we can share some of the proven methods and allow all of us to prosper.

We hope to have some of the same events, such as AFA certification and the Fall Contest along with some different types of events. We were given some really good ideas at the Annual Business meeting about some clinics to have. We would like for you to give us some more ideas of what you would like to learn or teach.

I invite all of you to visit www.georgiafarriers.org to keep up with what is going on in the GPFA.

Sincerely,
Eric Gilleland, CJF

Hello from the Vice President's Corner!

The new year has begun and we are off and running! As many of you know we elected two new officers. President, Eric Gilleland and Treasurer, Jason Dover. I am sure both of these guys will be great assets to the G.P.F.A and we are excited to work with them.

We have a full calender this year with some great clinics. We would like everyone to get involved whether it be hands-on participation or just a good idea.

I challenged myself last year to become involved in this association again after a few years of being absent. And, I am so glad I did! It was once told to me that if you just hang out with yourself, you will become the best farrier that YOU know. And, that's what I did. To my surprise, there are a lot of folks out there doing a lot more than me. And, I have learned a thing or two from them! We all have a lot to offer. And, if you are one of those folks that thinks "I have been there and done that!" then I challenge you to get involved and come see what's going on in your industry. It is hard to gain unless you put something into it. Let's all pay our dues and get started!

See you around the anvil!

Lee Griffin, CF
Vice President G.P.F.A.

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Meet the Treasurer:

Hello,

I am Jason Dover from Jackson, Ga. Recently I was elected Treasurer for the GPFA for the 2012/2013 term. To give you a little background information about me, I am an AFA Certified Farrier, a Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser & a Licensed Real Estate Salesperson. I have been shoeing horses since 2001 & appraising & selling real estate since 1996 . I served a term on the board for the National Assoc. of Master Appraisers (NAMA) in 2003, the Bareback Riding director in 1998 & 2010 for the Southern Rodeo Assoc. & the PRCA Southeastern Circuit Bareback director in 2007. Even though I have served other associations in various positions, I still have a lot to learn & look forward to a prosperous year. Here at the GPFA we have an open book policy, so at any time you would like to know our current financial status, feel free to contact me or any other board member. This is our association & an AFA Chapter & as professionals in this industry we can benefit by good communication. Thank you.

Jason Dover, CF

Our beloved Secretary has been on vacation visiting his family. Fortunately for us, he is back in town and we wholeheartedly welcome him home. Thanks to Guillermo Zaugg, CF for his service last year and we look forward to another year.

Calendar of events. Check out www.georgiafarriers.org for more events to come.

February 29th - March 3rd
American Farriers Association Convention
Mobile, AL
www.americanfarriers.org

March 24th 9:00 am
Pre-certification Clinic
Falcon Ridge Stables
347 Arnold Mill Rd.
Woodstock, GA 30188
Contact: Lee Griffin, CF 678-614-7019
Leegriffin67@hotmail.com

April 14th
Monetta Farrier Supply Spring Fling
Open House and Clinic
Clinician: Dave Farley, CF
Monettafarrier.com

May 4th and 5th
AFA Certification
Written on Friday at 6:00 pm
Practical on Saturday at 8:00 am
All levels
UGA Livestock Instructional Arena
2600 S. Milledge Ave.
Athens, GA 30605
Contact: Jason Dover, CF 770-856-1627
Carriedover@yahoo.com

August 4th
GPFA Family Day at Larry and Flo Hix's
Bar Shoe H Livestock
2477 Arnold Bottoms Rd.
Colbert, GA 30628
Contact: Larry Hix 706-540-1256

October
Fall Contest and Clinics
TBA