



## 2009 NARHA Volunteer of the Year Recognition Award Nomination Information

It wouldn't happen without their help. They dedicate more than 30,000 hours at NARHA centers every year working as sidewalkers and leaders, providing office support, caring for horses, helping with barn operations, building fences, mowing grass, scooping poop and offering hugs to participants, riders and center staff. NARHA center volunteers rock the EAAT world.

This year NARHA will award an individual membership to each NARHA 2009 Regional Volunteer of the Year. That's right. Your nominees don't need to be a NARHA member or join. We want to recognize NARHA center program volunteers that are so critical to the EAAT industry by giving regional winners a one-year membership in NARHA. Add to that all the fuss we'll make over them at the 2009 NARHA National Conference and Annual Meeting at the Awards Dinner on Saturday, November 21.

### NARHA's 2008 Volunteer of the Year Rocks!



Jack Carpentier had volunteered for NARHA centers in Colorado and Wisconsin, when he showed up at Horses for Healing in Arkansas seven years ago. Did I mention that he had also served on a horseback search and rescue team?

Jack has always been able to do it all at the center. If you needed a leader, a sidewalker, a ground driver, a barn management instructor, an equine care giver, volunteer trainer, handyman, carpenter, audio engineer.....Jack has been the go-to guy who has completed the required task, perfectly.

A life long horseman with 20 years of experience at NARHA accredited facilities; Jack has always been completely familiar with and supportive of NARHA standards. Although he has often "forgotten" to record his volunteer hours, Jack has a history of being the first volunteer to arrive at the barn and the last to leave. Last spring at 81 years young, Jack Carpentier was still climbing ladders, hanging from the rafters and working whatever hours were necessary to complete numerous tasks such as complete installation and testing of a new sound system.

Jack Carpentier of Arkansas is very special to the staff, volunteers and some of the most fragile riders at Horses for Healing. He is certainly worthy of recognition as the 2008 NARHA Volunteer of the Year.

### Volunteer Award Criteria:

- The volunteer must be 16 years old.
- The volunteer should not currently hold any NARHA instructor certification
- The nominating center must have current NARHA center membership.
- The volunteer nominee must have been active in the center's program for the entire award year (November 2008 through present) and still be active at the time of nomination.
- Only one nomination per center, please.
- NARHA centers are not eligible for the NARHA Volunteer of the Year Award two years in a row.
- Any volunteer who has won volunteer of the year must wait six years before being nominated again.
- Include names, addresses and phone numbers of the nominee's local newspaper, equine magazine and other appropriate publications. Press releases will be sent for all award recipients.
- Nominations must be received by email no later than June 15, 2009.
- Please do not send any photographs at this time. The NARHA office will contact you if photos are needed.