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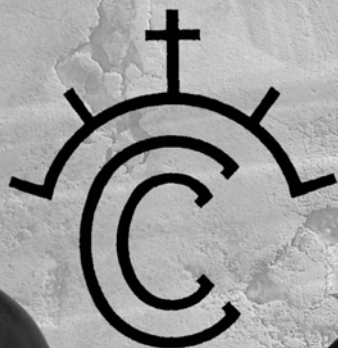
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with pleasure I welcome you to the fourth edition of the American Azteca Horse International Association (AAHIA) newsletter, American Azteca News. We feel that our newsletter has become a great success, with a growing number of contributors each edition, both in articles and advertisements. I hope that you will find this edition informative and interesting.

The AAHIA is a growing Association devoted to the recording and promotion of the American Azteca breed. This newsletter serves as a means of communication to our members and it also serves as an informative publication to the general public.

I feel that the AAHIA is an excellent Association that truly believes in not only American Azteca, but supports those who have chosen this breed to own and love. Feel free and please, do contact us to talk about your American Aztecas and learn more about how to join in this fast growing and popular new breed. The AAHIA and it's supporters are here to help you and we welcome you .

For more information on this year's activities please check the AAHIA website at www.americanazteca.com. We welcome articles, letters, ranch news, show results, and activities related to the breed. I hope that you find this edition of the American Azteca News enjoyable!

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From the Editor

Welcome to the summer/fall issue of American Azteca News! I am the new editor, layout designer, and advertising director for the newsletter. In this issue we are profiling the artist that created our new logo. Susan von Borstel did a fantastic job, and we are grateful to have her talent in the American Azteca world. We also have two articles on people and their American Aztecas – this is what it is all about! Finally, a very interesting and important article on coat color testing. I would like to thank everyone for their submissions. It is your efforts that make the newsletter what it is - an informative, interesting publication. American Azteca News would also like to give a big thanks to all of the advertisers. It is through your dollars that we are able to produce this newsletter. This is your newsletter, and I encourage you to submit advertisements, articles, comments, and letters. Enjoy!

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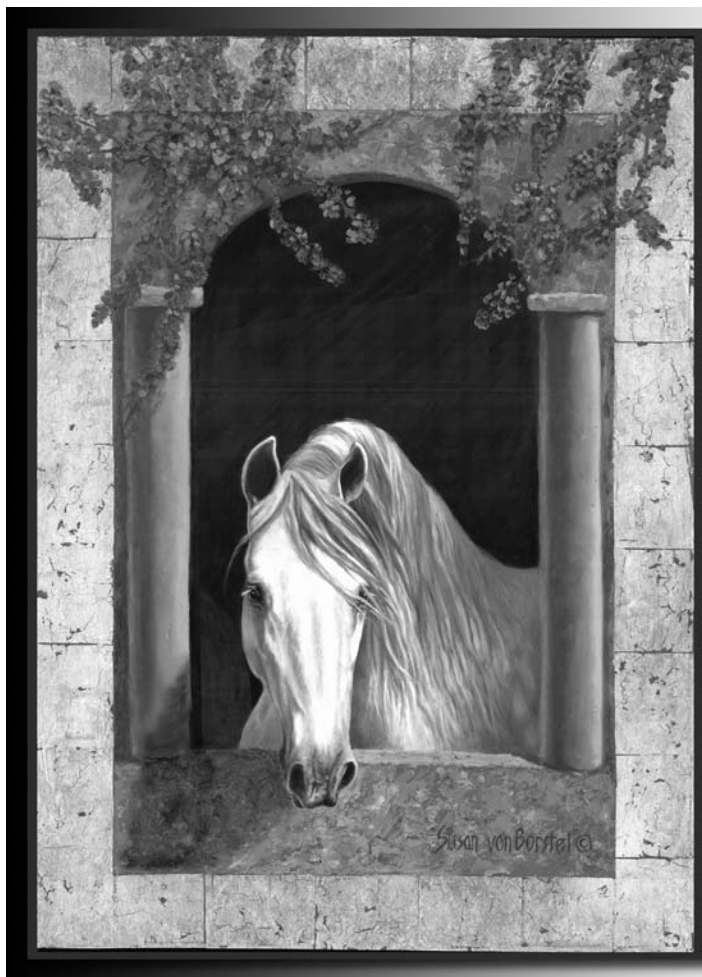
THE ARTIST BEHIND THE LOGO

Last year I was asked about designing a logo with a horse and a bald eagle for the American Azteca Horse International Association (AAHIA). The eagle was to represent the United States as compared to the Azteca of Mexico.

I researched the Azteca in books, magazines and online and sketched a design or two. I have drawn and painted Quarter Horses for many years, and Andalusians for the last three years. The Azteca group preferred a lighter eagle and an older horse than those in my original drawings. I learned that for several years, Azteca foals often favor the early developing Quarter Horse conformation. As they mature, the Andalusian smoothness, size, mane and tail, and roundness appear, and Aztecas often look quite Andalusian. I redesigned the horse in the logo, trying to portray the mature horse in a free but somewhat collected gait. I really enjoyed the project!

Painting horses has been a life long endeavor. Completing over 250 commissioned portraits, I have been fortunate in being chosen by Leanin' Tree Greeting Cards to provide images for cards, and Winters Gallery in Carmel, California to sell original paintings.

Three years ago I saw my first Andalusian at the annual Horse Expo in Sacramento, California. I met breeders, Jackie and David Suechting of Camass Andalus and was invited to paint their stallions. In the process I was overwhelmed with the presence of these horses and ended up spending three weeks in Southern Spain riding, attending horse fairs and visiting breeders. Painting Iberian horses has become a passion, and Aztecas intrigue me as they are a bridge between my new interests and the horses I've been painting all my life. *Susan von Borstel*



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By Joyce Firkus, Registrar
American Azteca Horse International Association

I have noticed on one of the on-line chat groups lately that there have been a number of claims about horses with hidden color genes, and people wondering if their stallion or mare carries a hidden color gene. I received in the mail forms and rate sheets on color testing from the University of California Davis Genetics Laboratory. This laboratory does the DNA work for the American Azteca Horse International Association (AAHIA), and the International Andalusian and Lusitano Association (IALHA). They are now offering multiple coat color testing. If you want to know if your horse carries the gene for: Agouti (Bay/Black), Cream Dilution, Lethal White Overo or the Red Factor, you can test for one or all. The test requires 30-50 pulled mane or tail hairs, and costs \$50.00 for the first color test, and \$25.00 for each additional test. The form can be found at www.vgl.ucdavis.edu. If you are not on-line you can go to your local library, or you can contact the AAHIA office at (605) 342-2322. This test can be done in a confidential manner to protect your privacy. I think this is the best way, especially for stallion owners, to verify exactly what their stallion does and does not carry with regard to these color genes. This test will help to assure that you are advertising correctly.

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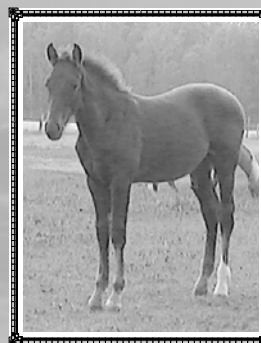
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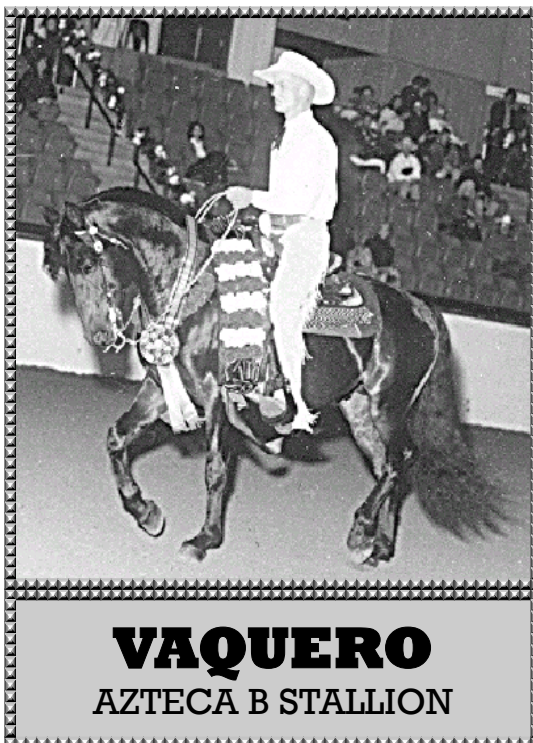
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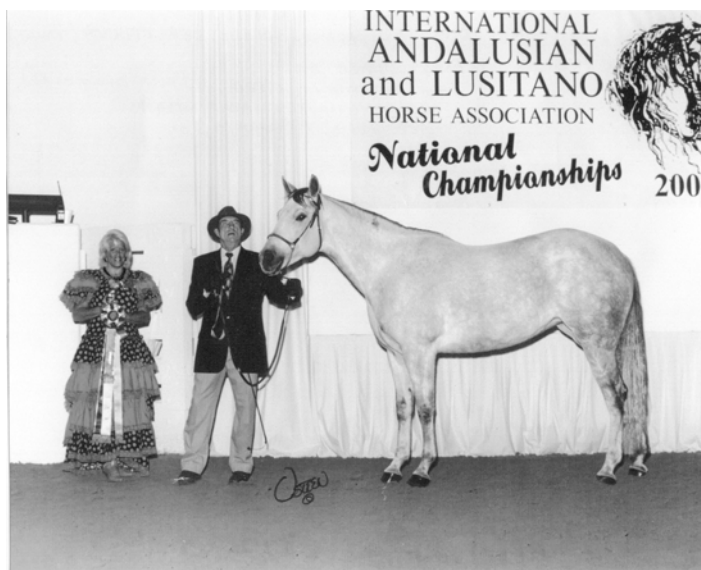
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EILENE RICE AND HER AMERICAN AZTECA "SISI"

Sierra de Galileo (SiSi) is my Class D American Azteca mare. She is 8 years old on the Ides of March. I bought her from Anita Alfaro (Spanish Eyes Ranch) in-utero. She is out of Anita's stallion, Galileo and a Buckskin



Quarter Horse mare named Sheza Stella. With such a noble background, I knew she would be wonderful.

I started showing her at 6 months in halter classes, and then Anita got together with trainer Jerry Eriksen and we have been an association ever since. With Jerry's expertise we have shown SiSi over the years in several disciplines. SiSi has been such a joy! She is an extremely talented lady.

SiSi is a National Champion in Half-Andalusian Pleasure



Driving and Reserve National Champion in Half-Andalusian English Pleasure. She placed first at the IALHA Nationals two years running in Doma Vaquera Trail. SiSi is in the top five for Half-Andalusian Western Pleasure and has several Region I, IALHA championships to her credit. Jerry and I both compete with SiSi in

the Doma Vaquera classes and we started her last year in Dressage Suitability.

SiSi is great on the trail or the street, and we also use her for riding lessons and taking children for rides and drives. It seems the only things she loves more than kids are carrots. SiSi is tall (16h.) and I am short (5ft.), so we attract looks from people wherever we go, especially since she is so beautiful.

We had the great honor of riding with the group representing the IALHA in the 114th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Years Day this year. What an experience!

At the 2002 IALHA Nationals this year we were thrilled to place first and receive the best movement medal in the first American Azteca Open Halter Class to be held during the National Championships. The class was kindly sponsored by the American Azteca Horse International Association (AAHIA)! SiSi had been injured just after we arrived in Ft. Worth, and was not performing up to her usual standards. We were feeling a little deflated; however, when she entered the show ring for the halter class it was obvious that this class was hers. She was back to her usual "look at me" personality and she and



Jerry did a wonderful job! We were elated since we feel she is a wonderful ambassador for the American Azteca breed.

On the street, in the show ring and

at the ranch people are always asking what kind of horse she is, and are all American Aztecas so versatile and friendly. We are glad to tell people how we feel about the breed and its many attributes. We foresee many more years of a great relationship in and out of the show ring. Thank you American Azteca Horse International Association for your class sponsorship.

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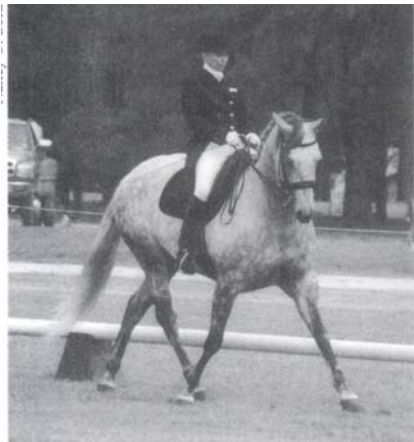
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Barbara Hedgepeth of Kittrell, North Carolina, and her 10-year-old, 15.2-hand American Azteca gelding Poco Rosado achieved what many adult amateur dressage riders dream of – riding at the upper levels. Restricted by a tight budget and without the help of a trainer, Hedgepeth schooled her horse, whom she affectionately calls Smudge, to Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) Intermediaire I where she now successfully competes. “At home, we are schooling all the Grand Prix movements including a super piaffe and passage,” she says.



Barbara Hedgepeth rides her Azteca gelding, Poco Rosado, in a shoulder-in at the trot.

Hedgepeth credits the American Azteca breed – a cross between an American Quarter Horse and an Andalusian that ranges from 14.2 to 16 hands – for her success. Hedgepeth's and Smudge's success speaks for itself: In 2000 and 2001, the gelding won the International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association's Cristiani Perpetual Trophy for High Point Dressage Half-Andalusian Horse of the Year. Smudge has won the U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) bronze and silver medals for the pair's accomplishments in tests up through Prix St. Georges, and they are now working toward earning a gold.

“The Azteca is a really good amateur dressage horse for the rider who works a 40-hour week and rides whenever she can,” she says, adding that they also are talented contenders for the serious rider. With the breed's talent for dressage, she says, “you're just ahead of the game.”

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1. A check can be mailed along with this form to the AAHIA (address at top of form).
2. Payments (Visa, Mastercard etc.) are accepted on-line **ONLY** on the AAHIA website at www.americanazteca.com