

H'ele'ne Dieck- BIO Region 2

As I reflect over the past year, I've realized I've come a long way in the past 22 years as has the breed. I started my Gypsy Horse breeding program in 2000, moved our farm two times (the last during my Presidency!) and have bettered my breeding program ten-fold. My journey has given me the knowledge, experience and grace to lead the Gypsy Horse Registry of America, an appointment I hold dearly and am grateful for the opportunity that has been afforded to me. What hasn't changed is my love for the breed.

I am running for reelection for a second term and would love the opportunity to keep my position as President. I will continue to drive the Registry forward through preserving the registry archives, updating our policies and procedures, utilizing technology to ensure efficiency and protecting the breed all while educating the next generation of members through our newly introduced scholarship program. I was voted in as President last December, 2021 when the then current President stepped down. Since joining the board in 2019, I worked to rebrand the Registry and market accordingly, design a new logo, launch a new website all with the help of the current Board of Directors. Some new items include breed standard booklets, breed posters, brochures, and banners.

I am not alone in all of this work! We have organized a diverse Board of Directors team. We meet regularly to vote and drive an agenda that is growing GHRA forward! Each of our board members bring different skills to the registry with their equine experience. Because of this, some of the largest changes were to our Ambassador Program and show rule changes. In addition, we brought the registry current and competitive by updating the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, General Rules and as mentioned, the Show Rules. This Board is respectful, full of innovation, cooperative and they act as one team. It's amazing what we have accomplished to support these beautiful horses.

We are currently working on our 20 Year Anniversary Gala for March 2023 that will be held at the RiverWalk in San Antonio. This should be a spectacular meeting to celebrate our 20 years as a Registry for the Gypsy Horse.

I humbly ask for your vote this year. We're not done making the Registry the best it can be! There is much more work to do and I'd like to preserve the momentum we have in making improvements to our registry for the next three years.