

MEDAL OF ESTEEM 2012

MARY GALE #470245

The Australian Quarter Horse Association honours Mary Gale with a Medal of Esteem.

Mary Gale has long been a supporter of the Quarter horse and western performance events. She has been a member of the AQHA since 1990 and has held Amateur and Select Amateur status. Mary wrote the original booklet on the Amateur Division.

For the past two decades, Mary has devoted much of her time to assisting riders with disabilities by sourcing horses and providing appropriate training and support, both prior to, and during shows. She has done this without any formal recognition and often at her own expense. She has offered her own equipment and horses for the RWD riders and has held beginner clinics for many years on her own property.

Mary has also encouraged many beginner riders to come along to the Sydney Quarter Horse Association (SQHA) shows and clinics and to become involved in the western industry. She has provided guidance, support and friendship to many, often forgoing her opportunity to personally compete in the show ring in favour of assisting others.

Mary is the type of ambassador needed in an industry that survives at the behest of volunteers and people with big hearts. Her enthusiasm and commitment to the Australian Quarter Horse industry and less fortunate participants are unfailing.

The Committee of the SQHA recently awarded lifetime membership of the SQHA to Mary Gale in recognition of her dedication and enthusiasm to the Australian Quarter Horse and to riders with disabilities.



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