MILDRED N. VESSELS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Mildred N. Vessels Achievement Award is given yearly to an outstanding woman within the American Quarter Horse racing industry to recognize her achievement within the industry throughout the current year, January 1 – Present, 2012. The award is voted on by the AQHA Racing Committee. The first award was presented in 1994.

Mildred (Millie) N. Vessels was a longtime horsewoman whose heritage runs deep within the American Quarter Horse racing history books. Born in 1923 in Blythe, California, Millie grew up in Long Beach, the daughter of a Swedish ironworker. In 1948 she married Frank Vessels, Jr, whose father established Los Alamitos Race Course on his ranch near Cypress, California. In the early days of Los Alamitos, Millie and her husband aided Frank Sr. in the management of the racetrack, and upon the elder Vessels' death, Frank Jr. took over management of the track. In 1974, a year after the Vessels' stallion Timeto Thinkrich won the All American Futurity, Alamitos became the nation's leading American Quarter Horse racetrack in terms of attendance and handle. In 1984, Millie sold Los Alamitos and the adjacent property and began concentrating on Vessels' Stallion Farm and the San Luis Rey Downs training center, both located in Bonsall, California. Millie passed away on January 20, 1992 at the age of 68. She was the mother of Frank "Scoop" Vessels, III, 2004-2005 AQHA President.

Applications for this award are due to the
AQHA Racing Department by November 7, 2012.

Please send to:
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NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I hereby certify that all information herein contained in this application for the Mildred N. Vessels Special Achievement Award is true and correct.

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MILDRED N. VESSELS NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: _____ Hometown: _____

Please list any racing organizations (racing commissions, HBPA, AQHA affiliate or other industry groups) in which this person has been active. Include any offices the person has held or national, state or provincial racing events the person has attended (AQHA Convention, AQHA Racing Conference, etc.) or coordinated.

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Please list any special achievements made by this person in the American Quarter Horse industry.

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What outstanding contributions to the racing industry has this person made?

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Why do you feel this person is worthy of this award?

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