

**"GOLDEN GIRLS" HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**



For more than 50 years, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association has supported the sport of rodeo by selecting a young lady to serve as ambassadors for both rodeo and the state of Nebraska. The success of the MRNA is the result of a group of dedicated volunteers. At the core of the organization are four women who have just over 100 years of combined service. We love these ladies and they were honored during the 18th Annual Miss Rodeo Nebraska Style Show which took place during the pageant held in North Platte. The "Golden Girls" are better known as Betty Priel, Mardee Swanson, Karen Troyer, and Sharon Halligan. Chairwoman of the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant, shared the following valuable information about each of these ladies.

- Betty has been a member of the MRNA for 14 years and has served on the MRN Pageant Committee for 10 years. She not only lends her talents to the pageant committee but has been on the Silent Auction, Queen Clinic, Send-Off, and Coronation Committees. Betty's special project has been to grow the Scholarship Fund, insuring that every contestant receives a scholarship. During Nebraska Land Day's Bud and Betty have hosted 15 Miss Rodeo America's making her a comfortable home away from home during her visit to the Buffalo Bill Rodeo.
- Mardee is a Charter Member of the MRN Pageant Committee and a Charter Member of the MRNA, currently serving as the President. She was instrumental in the foundation of the Association, and has served on every committee in every capacity. She was our State Delegate to Miss Rodeo America, Inc. and currently sits on the National Advisory Council. Mardee has been a judge for State Pageants, the Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen Pageant, and the National High School Rodeo Pageant. Mardee served on the Nebraska Land Day's Board, and was one of the few woman president's while serving on that board.
- Karen Troyer was on the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Queen committee for many years, and has continued serving on the MRN Pageant Committee after it was organized in North Platte. Karen has been both Chair and Co-Chair for the pageant. She is a Charter Member of the MRNA, of which she has been president, chairman for the Queen Clinic, and served on every event committee. Karen has served on the Horsemanship and Registration Committee's for Miss Rodeo America.
- Sharon started her volunteer career by serving on the Buffalo Bill Rodeo Queen Committee. She was MRN Pageant Chairperson for several years and currently sits on the Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska committee. Sharon has also been the State Delegate for Nebraska at Miss Rodeo America. On the National Level, Sharon served 9 years on the Miss Rodeo America Executive Board, where she was president for 2 years. She was re-elected to the Executive Board last year. Due to illness, last year was the first Miss Rodeo America Pageant she missed attending. Sharon has judged 17 State Rodeo Queen Pageants, the Nebraska High School Rodeo Queen Pageant, and the National High School Queen Pageant. She has privately worked with several State Queens in their preparation for Miss Rodeo America Pageant.

THANK YOU LADIES!!!!



HOWDY ALL!!

It seems time has flown and I am in the slower part of my year. Recently I attended the Nebraska State Rodeo Association Finals in North Platte September 6-7. My duties were numerous throughout the weekend. Before it all started I had to send-out letters to invite all of the State Rodeo Royalty. I had 12 girls there to help me during the weekend. They were great and very efficient with the grand entry and carrying sponsor flags. There were numerous activities of the weekend that I had a blast with. Cleaning the arena, visiting with the contestants and spectators, and helping with the kids rodeo. I enjoyed seeing the future faces of our amazing sport of rodeo show off their competitiveness. And I think with the all of the rains that provided mud for them that weekend, it made it all the better for them. They all cow boy'd up and didn't complain. I would have to say the absolute best part of my weekend was the opportunity I was given to carry the beautiful American Flag for all three performances. It was so moving; it sent chills up my back knowing I was carrying the symbol of the country I love so much. God Bless America!! I would like to thank Linda Evans and Mardee Swanson for giving me an amazing weekend. Also to my mom, Laurie, for all she did in organizing us ladies!!

Kristin Kohmetscher MTRN 2008



**2009 MISS RODEO NEBRASKA PAGEANT PLANS UNDERWAY**

Plans for the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant are in the making. Although the 2008 Pageant was a big success, changes will be made to make our 2009 Pageant even better!! Dates for this year's pageant are June 14-17. Events open to the public will include: Horsemanship Competition, the Queen's Luncheon, the Style Show (which will again be an evening event), Speech Breakfast, and Coronation of MTRN 2009, and the Coronation of the 2010 MRN during the Wednesday evening performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo. Those interested in competing for the title of Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2010 or Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2009 may contact Karen Troyer, 10641 West Foothills Road, North Platte, NE 69101, 308-532-7199, or Carol Nelson, 4020 West Sunset, North Platte, NE 69101, 308-534-1538. Deadline for applications will be April 1, 2009. We are again offering a Pageant Sponsorship Package to individuals and businesses wishing to be a sponsor during the four days of the pageant. Cost of the sponsorship will be \$500.00 and will include the following:

- Horsemanship (a free event), 2 tickets to the Queen's Luncheon, 4 tickets to the Style Show, 2 tickets to the Speech Breakfast and Teen Coronation, 4 tickets to the Wednesday night performance of the Buffalo Bill Rodeo and Queen Coronation, Introduction at events, Banner logo advertising at each event and at the LaQuinta Hotel (host hotel for the pageant), Logo advertising in the Pageant Program, Pageant Posters, North Platte Telegraph, North Platte Bulletin, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association Newsletter, the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Web Page, and a logo spot on KNOP TV's advertisement for the pageant.

Pageant sponsors will be limited to eight this year and there are only six spots remaining. If you are interested in being a 2009 Pageant Sponsor, please call Sharon Negley at 308-530-4064 or 308-532-8877.

The Pageant Committee would again like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who made our 2008 Pageant a success. Our best wishes to Kristen Schott for a safe and successful trip to the MRA Pageant in Las Vegas.

**"REALITY SHOW OF A RODEO QUEEN"**

MRNA Inc.'s 17th Annual Rodeo Queen Clinic  
March 7-8, 2009 @ Becky's Hall of Celebration in North Platte

Featuring: AMY WILSON, MRA 2008

Sessions Include:

- ♦ Dancing w/the Stars (Etiquette) Senior Girls Only
- ♦ Survivor (Rodeo Knowledge)
- ♦ Extreme Makeover (Appearance)
- ♦ The Amazing Race (Games)
- ♦ Project Runway (Modeling)
- ♦ America's Got Talent (Speech & Interview)
- ♦ Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader (Horsemanship and Rodeo Tests)
- ♦ So You Think You Can Dance (Respect) Junior Girls Only
- ♦ American Idol (Horsemanship) Senior Girls Only
- ♦ Deal or No Deal (Sponsorship) Senior Girls Only

COST OF THE CLINIC:

- ♦ Senior Girls (17 & over) 2 days \$150.00 Each girl shall bring her own horse.
- ♦ Junior Girls (11-16) 1 day only \$80.00 (Horsemanship is not offered to the Jr girls. If you want to stay and observe only, it will be an additional \$20.00 which includes meals.
- ♦ Pageant and Pageant Directors \$30.00
- ♦ Coaches \$60.00
- ♦ Adults MRNA Members \$20.00
- ♦ Horse stalls per horse/day \$10.00

REGISTRATIONS AND FEES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2009.  
For registration information: clinic@missrodeonebraska.org  
Or Sharon Halligan, 6454 West Foothill Road, North Platte, NE 69101

Cowgirl Mercantile—Saturday Night only 6-9 p.m. @ Becky's Hall of Celebrations

**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TAMMY MOORHEAD MTRN 2007

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation from the Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association to Tammy for the wonderful job she did as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2007. Her smile and bubbling personality most certainly made her welcome at every event that she attended; she touched many lives and hearts during her reign. Tammy is a young lady that has loads of potential to continue on in the Rodeo Queen World. We hope to see her at many Area Queen Contests the next few years; she would be an asset to any rodeo or pageant. Of course we hope her future includes the goal of becoming Miss Rodeo Nebraska.



Thank You Tammy for the dedication you gave as you carried the title of Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2007.

**MRNA MEMBER APPLICATION 2009**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ CELL# \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please write legibly—we communicate almost exclusively w/emails)

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 General Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Youth Membership (age 16 & under)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Rodeo Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ + \$10.00 late fee—renewals after 3-31-09
- \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount due

Please indicate all committee(s) you would be interested in serving on:

- \_\_\_ Queen Clinic \_\_\_ Little Cowgirls \_\_\_ Send-Off Style Show
- \_\_\_ Sponsorship \_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_ Queen's Luncheon
- \_\_\_ Any Other \_\_\_ Officer of MRNA

How Many years with MRNA??? \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!!**

Please fill out this form and return it with payment to: Bonnie Ehlers—MRNA, 12206 East Ehler Road, Stapleton, NE 69163.  
If you need more information email: membership@missrodeonebraska.org