

Horseshoe Nail Award

Each year at least one staff show volunteer receives recognition for their outstanding service – someone who goes “above and beyond” during the current VA State Show. Nominations are made by the approximate 125 staff show volunteers. A poem describes this volunteer’s importance to our show:

*For want of a nail, the shoe was lost.
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost.
For want of a horse, the rider was lost.
For want of a rider, the battle was lost.
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost,
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail!*

Past Recipients:

1980’s – Danny Pearce, Gary Agnew, Janet Matkins, Thurman Register, Lynn Leigers, Keith

2002 – Ronnie Marshall

2004 – Bertha Durbin

2005 - Connie Collier

2006- Kendell Kniseley and Bob & Julie Williamson

2007- David Law and VT Equestrian Team

2008 – Tammy Nichols

2011- BeBe Fulton

2012 – John Jones and Fallon St. James

2013 – Eleszabeth McNeel and Janet Smith

2014 – Marshall Cofer, Cookie Ketron, Helen Matney, NeNe Estep and Linda Fogleman

2015 – Rose McDonald and Ronnie Marshall

2016 – Donna Newbraugh and Sue McDonald

2017 – Rebecca Adams, Amber Robinson, and Little Ben from the Virginia Horse Center

2018 – Hannah McDonald, Brandon McDonald, Jacob Griffin, Hunter Shoemaker, Dominic Cox

2019 – Hattie Robinson and Chris Ringer