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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Spanish Barb Horse Association (SBHA) is dedicated to the **Restoration, Preservation, Perpetuation and Promotion** of the genetically and historically unique Spanish Barb Horse.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

50 years! What a milestone! An impressive achievement made possible by numerous people working together year after year. Made possible by you, the members of the Spanish Barb Horse Association.

So many things have changed since the Association was founded including our name. Originally, we were the Spanish Barb Breeders Association which evolved into the Spanish Barb Horse Association. In the beginning we had big land preservation breeders, but almost all have retired.

Recently we've had to deal with a global pandemic and rising inflation amongst many other obstacles. Yet, we have persevered and continued to move forward towards the goals of the SBHA. A big part of our continued success is that this breed just seems to attract good people. In the 20 years I've been in the SBHA, everyone I've met has been dedicated to the horses and working together towards the goal of saving this unique breed.

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### Please Join With Us In the Preservation of The Critically Rare Spanish Barb Horses

**Ways you can help**

- Become a member: membership dues support the organization.
- Amazon Smile: simply sign up and designate SBHA as your charity to receive a small percentage of your eligible purchases.
- Tax deductible donations: one time or consider giving a small amount monthly. PayPal is available for this

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On the Front Cover: SBHA 50th Year Anniversary logo  
 On The Back Cover: Photo of Spanish Barb mare Fiesta de Mayo, PI 62 owned by Alana Carden, standing in front of San Xavier del Bac Mission, Tucson, Arizona.



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I want to say a big Thank You to our Board & Committee members:

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 Steve Turcotte – Director  
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The Board and Committees Chairs work tirelessly behind the scenes running the SBHA and working on many diverse projects to further our goals. We welcome any members who are interested in working on a committee. Help us help the horses!

A special Thank You to our new Lifetime Members: Blaine Gillis and Steve and Jane Turcotte.

In this special 50-year edition journal, you will learn about the beginnings of the SBHA, what's going on in the present, and what happened to get us here as well as where we, as your board, envision the SBHA heading into the future.

The Founders had a vision of preservation and restoration and made great strides towards that goal. Later the Wilbur- Cruce strain was accepted into the association and those new members and breeders have continued working toward the mission of the SBHA.

The last several years have seen a number of the big land preservation breeders retiring and having to disburse their herds. We changed our name from the Spanish Barb Breeders Association to the Spanish Barb Horse Association. We are now a 501c3 Non-Profit which makes us eligible for grants and other financial benefits. We are ramping up our promotional efforts; with a fabulous website, social media presence and numerous write ups in different magazines. We are being sought after to bring the horses and their history to a variety of public events and your board is actively pursuing other avenues to preserve our horses.

So, what does the future look like? How do we perpetuate the breed now that there are no more preservation herds? Luckily several members are interested in helping in that area. Now we head towards “suburban breeding”; breeding a few foals a year on limited acreage. This will entail intense cooperation and an emphasis, as always, on registration and communication!

We are working on helping owners keep stallions and keep them available to mare owners: getting everyone more knowledgeable on AI, both cooled and frozen semen, educating and putting a plan in place for post-mortem tissue collection especially in emergency situations, putting some type of plan into place to help owners as they age/retire or have emergency situations as to what happens to their horses. We cannot afford to lose any valuable genetics. We also want to mentor our new members/breeders so they can be successful in saving these unique horses into the future.

It will take ALL of us being stewards of the horses, and not leaving it to just the breeders to be successful in bringing the Spanish Barb into the future so that this living history will be here for many generations to come. The time has come for us all to work to educate the public and recruit new members to help to save something that is bigger and more important than we are. Let's move energetically forward into the next 50 years!

Only together can we be a voice in the present for the future of the horses from the past.

Warmest Regards,  
 Beth Mendivil, President SBHA



SBHA President Beth Mendivil and her Spanish Barb, Lorenzo.