

American Sidesaddle Association (ASA) Banquet weekend, May 19-21, 2023.

The awards banquet, held in 2023 for the previous year's awards, will be hosted by the Southern Ohio Ladies Aside (SOLA) in Chillicothe, Ohio. Chillicothe is an active restored Victorian town, on the Smithsonian's list of the top ten must-see small towns in America. One of the buildings is the oldest continuously operating theater west of the Alleghenies. The downtown area offers shopping, restaurants, antiques, and trolley transportation. During the banquet weekend, participants will receive points for each separate attended activity. Several planned events are on the agenda for Friday and Saturday. Attendees must register separately for each one. Any funds collected above the actual costs will be donated to the ASA.

Friday, May 19, 2023, 1PM

Attendees may wish to arrive in time to attend the **Instructor Certification** and **Saddle-Fit Clinic**, by Maggie McAllister, ASA President. This will be held from **1PM to 4PM** in the horse barn at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601. Horses will be provided for the demonstration. Those who are seeking certification can lease a horse on site. If you bring your own horse, stabling must be arranged with Maggie, so be sure to contact her. There will be no jumping at the clinic. All participants must sign a waiver and, if needed, a lease agreement for horse and/or tack. The cost of the clinic will cover the venue rent. There will be a sack lunch provided. This is a separate registration. Cost per participant is \$25.

Hotels and Accommodations, 2 nights

Check into your hotel or other accommodations after **3PM** on Friday. The closest **airbnb** to the banquet venue and in the heart of downtown is the newly renovated, **The Principal**, 79 N. Paint St. There is off-street parking and 3 bedrooms to sleep 6. This apartment has already been paid for and reserved for ASA. The cost is \$200 per person, for the weekend, with check-in on Friday and check out on Sunday. This is a separate reservation. Be sure Vicki Pritchard has your phone number when you make a reservation, so that Maggie, Bryan, or Vicki can be on hand to ensure that you get a smooth check-in for this apartment.

There are other bed and breakfasts and airbnb's in the town, should you wish to use one. Hotels in the town's outskirts are as follows: Holiday Inn, Christopher Inn, Best Western, Hampton, Fairfield, Quality Inn, and America's Best Value. Make your own reservations for these.

Closest Airport

Fly into John Glenn International, **Columbus, Ohio** (all major airlines) or Rickenbacker Airport (Allegiant Airlines). One of the SOLA members can pick you up at the airport. Both airports are less than one hour from Chillicothe and both have rental car venues.

Friday evening, 6PM

Dinner at the ASA Library, 355 Sunset Drive, Chillicothe, Vicki Pritchard's house, where the library is housed. Enjoy a meal and beverages (alcoholic too) with the gang, peruse the library, and participate in

the **yearly in-person business meeting**. This is a separate registration. The cost is \$25 per person for the catered meal. Please note any dietary needs. This is a separate registration.

Saturday, May 20th, 11AM to 4PM

The **Annual Banquet luncheon meal** will be held in the City Park at the Pump House Center for the Arts, 1 Enderlin Circle, Chillicothe. The cost is \$45 per person. Please specify dietary needs. This is a separate registration.

After the meal, the earned and nominated **awards from last year's high point participants** will be presented. Those present will have their awards in hand and members not in attendance will have theirs mailed.

There will be a **White Elephant** sale to benefit the club. Tickets for the raffled white elephant items will be sold. The items do not have to be equine-related. Please bring a nice item for the white elephant.

Last of all, there will be a **fashion show**, so wear your favorite costume or riding habit. Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday evening and Sunday morning

On Saturday evening, relax and visit together. Maggie will have something fun planned and several suggestions of things to do.

Check-out Sunday morning. Some members may want to accompany Maggie on a tour of the Adena mansion or of the Hopewell Culture National Park.