



## **Greater Los Angeles Paint Horse Club**

### **Sue Fleczo: President**

I first lived in Simi Valley, CA in 1962. Purchased a home in the Bridle Path Community of Simi Valley in 1978. I worked on the advisory board for the then Gateway Equestrian Center with The Rancho Simi Equestrians. The group later donated the jumps for the arena in 1986.

The Greater Los Angeles Paint Horse Club was formed in 1984, with the majority of its members from Simi Valley, CA. Five years later I moved to New Hampshire and joined my local club, the New England Paint Horse Club. At the time I was a working member of GLAPHC and serving as club secretary for NEPHC while putting on shows in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

I have set up booths and Paint Horse demonstrations at Equine Affaire in both Pomona, CA and Northampton, MA.

GLAPHC has hosted many horse shows in Simi Valley and other venues such as the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank, CA, Conejo Creek Equestrian Center in Thousand Oaks, CA and many other locations around the county. As a club we hold community events such as an annual trail ride to benefit St. Judes Children's Research Hospital, tack sales, benefit horse shows, fundraisers and more.

I enjoy being an advocate for presenting the equestrian lifestyle to the community in fun, engaging and educational ways. Living in the Bridle Path Community I have a very large network of like minded equestrian folks. I help my local events committee plan and put on events like horse shows, gymkhanas, even an Easter Egg Hunt every year at our local neighborhood arenas. We are trying to engage the young riders to come out and have some family friendly fun.

GLAPHC is now managing The Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center at 3495 Chicory Leaf Place in Simi Valley.

We will handle the operation, management, rental, promotion and maintenance of the facility which will stay open to the public and other equestrian groups.

In addition to horse shows, GLAPHC would like to start holding educational clinics for all riders in many different seats, such as; Western Dressage, Ranch Riding, Jumping and more. Our group would really love to see the Simi Valley Horse Show be presented there again.

The arena will attract many different equestrian clubs, groups and local riders, but there are other opportunities to host events like dog agility competitions, 4H activities, scouting groups like the Boy and Girl Scouts of America and various other types of events. GLAPHC will make sure that the facility is always kept in good condition for the enjoyment and safety of our community.

What's next on the horizon, stay tuned...