

## **Linda Johnson Named GMHA Volunteer of the Year**

SOUTH WOODSTOCK, VT: The Green Mountain Horse Association was very pleased to name Linda Johnson, of Brownsville, VT, Volunteer of the Year for 2010. The award was presented by Board President Jack Schofield at the GMHA Volunteer Breakfast, held on October 24.

Johnson has been a member of GMHA since the 1970's, and has made her involvement a family affair, participating in many trail rides with her daughter and other family members. Since moving to the area from Connecticut in 2005, Linda has been a frequent volunteer. In addition to sitting on the Chef's Night committee, Linda takes on any and all duties, from parking attendant to ring steward, hostess to office help. She has a flair for hospitality, and is frequently in attendance on "check in" days during big events, helping competitors settle in, and giving them a warm welcome to GMHA. Linda was also involved in planning the 75<sup>th</sup> annual 100-Mile Ride this year.

The GMHA staff chose to honor Johnson as Volunteer of the Year for 2010. "Linda is always here, and always willing to help in whatever way she can. We can always count on her to be here with a smile!" says Marty Hunt, GMHA Executive Director. "It's volunteers like Linda that keep our organization, and the many events we run each year, going strong."

GMHA thanks Linda, and all who volunteered in 2010 for being so generous with their time. We would also like to thank those who attended the first annual Volunteer Breakfast.

The Green Mountain Horse Association, a 65-acre equestrian facility in South Woodstock, Vermont, is a 501c3 non-profit organization, fully committed to serving our five equine disciplines including: trail riding, hunter/jumpers, dressage, eventing and driving. With approximately 1,900 members, GMHA is a vital community of equestrian enthusiasts. In addition to competitions and pleasure rides, GMHA offers many educational activities and is a leader in trail preservation and land preservation. Member support helps to ensure that GMHA will continue to exist for future generations and preserves its legacy in the equestrian community.