



Meredith “Peg” Senterfit Edmondson

Born in Sarasota on May 18, 1933, Meredith “Peg” Senterfit Edmondson was always an animal lover. She became widely known for her talent with horses, but her coaching and training skills were evident from a young age with the neighborhood stray cats.

After graduating from high school in 1951, she attended the University of Florida, earning an associate degree. She dreamed of becoming a physical therapist but put that aside after marrying Tom Edmondson and starting a family in 1954.

The mother of four found her calling after her oldest child, Melissa, began riding.

With her daughter active in showing, Edmondson started working at the shows as a way to help offset competition expenses. Soon Edmondson was managing the shows herself, putting her organizational and people skills to good use.

Before computers simplified tasks in the show office, all the work was done by hand. Edmondson became a show secretary whose

professionalism, efficiency and compassion inspired countless others in the industry.

Edmondson began working for the Florida Quarter Horse Association in May of 1974 as executive secretary and manager. She managed approximately 20 Quarter Horse shows every year and was involved with the association for the next half century.

Starting in 1986, she also provided executive secretary services to the Florida All Breed Racing Association, Inc.

She was the driving force behind starting the Florida Gulf Coast Circuit in 1984, which became one of the largest AQHA circuits in the country.

It was Edmondson who came up with the idea of the Split/Combined format, which changed the show world as we know it.

She was managing an FQHA show at West Palm Beach in the early 1990s when weather made it impossible to finish that day following the standard format. She called the AQHA to suggest they use a Split/Combined format.

At Edmondson's request, AQHA accepted the new format for that one show. It worked so well that AQHA formally adopted it, and the Split/Combined format became standard practice.

Greatly respected and beloved for her professionalism and friendliness, Edmondson was active in the Quarter Horse world throughout her entire adult life.

She became an AQHA director in 1985 and director emeritus in 2004. Among the AQHA committees she served on were the Affiliate Council, Marketing, Nominations and Credentials, and the Show Committee. She was show secretary at multiple AQHYA and AQHA World Championship Shows.

She and Tom had four children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She had Edmondson Farm, her breeding operation in Nokomis, Florida, from 1974.

Meredith “Peg” Senterfit Edmondson was 90 when she died on January 6, 2024, at her farm.