



# Clinician Bio: Rae Ann Bartz

Rae Ann Bartz has been involved with horses all her life. As a youth, she was very involved with 4-H, not only horses, but many other projects as well. She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Crookston with a degree in Light Horse Management. While there, she was a member of the General Livestock Judging Team.

Rae Ann also graduated from the Minnesota School of Horseshoeing and Blacksmithing and has been a farrier for nearly 35 years. Along with her farrier business Rae Ann has been extremely involved with 4-H both on the local and State level.

Coaching judging teams since 1975, she has coached numerous state champions, and numerous national teams to the top ten or higher at every major contest. In 2010 the team won the Grand National Morgan Contest. While coaching, her greatest joy comes not in the winning, but in the development of youth. It has been, and continues to be her life work.

Currently Rae Ann owns and operates Equine Connections, in Olivia, MN, where she boards, trains, and has a lesson program. She also works with youth and adults with disabilities. Her clients show mainly Arabians, Half Arabians, and Morgans.

