

Mark S. Meyers

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Profile

I have dedicated the last 20 years to improving the plight of the American Donkey. In 2000 my wife and I founded the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue and it has since grown into the largest equine rescue organization in the Western Hemisphere. In my career as a donkey rescue professional, I have rescued over 10,000 donkeys from all across the country, Hawaii and the Caribbean. Our organization currently manages over 3,000 donkeys.

Business Experience

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEACEFUL VALLEY DONKEY RESCUE — 2000-PRESENT

Duties include fundraising, web design, marketing, transportation and donkey capture projects.

PRESIDENT, MARK S. MEYERS CONSTRUCTION — 1993-2005

Duties included project estimation and project management. Construction included retail stores, churches and light industrial buildings. Licensed in both general construction and master electrician.

PRESIDENT, WISE ELECTRIC — 1990-1993

Duties included project estimation and project management. Construction included regional malls, tenant improvement and retail stores.

PROJECT MANAGER, WISE ELECTRIC — 1987-1990

Duties included project estimation and project management. Construction included regional malls, tenant improvement and retail stores.

Education

The Center on Philanthropy at the University of Indiana
Certificate in Fund Raising Management 2009

Skills

My skills in marketing, organization and people management stemming from my background in construction have been instrumental in the success of the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. As a rescue professional, I hold a Commercial Drivers License, I have invented several safe and effective donkey capture methods and I am a highly successful fundraiser. I have published four books in my Talking With Donkeys series that have been highly acclaimed and have sold thousands of copies. I am also a film maker and have been awarded an Aurora Award for my documentary Forgotten: The Plight of the American Donkey.

I am a professional wildlife photographer. My photographs have been reproduced literally millions of times in support of the Rescue's Operations. My calendars raise an average of \$500,000 each year, with all proceeds benefitting the donkeys. My work can be found at www.burro.photography

Accomplishments

Talking With Donkeys Book Series

Talking With Donkeys: An Intimate Look at the World's Most Maligned Animal (2005)

Talking With Donkeys 2: The Simple Philosophy of a 21st Century Burroman (2007)

Talking With Donkeys 3: Saving Them All (2009)

Talking With Donkeys 4: Riding For The Brand (2011)

Forgotten: The Plight of the American Donkey

Documentary Video: Aurora Award (2015)

Companion Book (2015)

Today's Donkey in the "New World" Book Series

Donkeys of the Caribbean (2017)

America's Wild Burros (2019)

The Burro Movie (in production)

Without A Voice: The eradication of Australia's Wild Donkeys

2019 Death Valley '49ers Encampment Keepsake "America's Wild Burros" written and photographed

2019 Equine Wellness Magazine "America's Wild Burros" article and photographs

2019 CNN Top 10 Hero

Communication

Presentations and Demonstrations

2019 Equine Affaire

Springfield, MA

Presentation

2019 Death Valley '49er Encampment

Death Valley, CA

Presentations and Demonstrations

2019 Equine Affaire

Columbus, OH

Presentation

2018 Death Valley '49er Encampment

Death Valley, CA

Presentation-UC Davis

2018 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis

2017 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

Lecture-Cornell University

2016 Donkey Veterinary Course

Ithaca, NY

Lecture and Demonstration-Cornell University

2016 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Ithaca, NY

Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis

2015 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis

2014 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis

2013 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

Lions, Rotary, Moose and Kiwanis Clubs

Leavenworth, KS

Ballinger, TX

San Angelo, TX

Miami, FL

Mesquite, NV

Tehachapi, CA

Glendale, CA

Los Angeles, CA

Lancaster, CA

Bakersfield, CA

Topeka Zoo

Summer Camp Kids presentation with donkeys

Topeka, KS

Red Hat Ladies

Tehachapi, CA

San Angelo, TX

Bear Valley Equine Association

Tehachapi, CA

Featured in

LA Times

New York Times

Wall Street Journal

Dallas Morning Star

National Geographic

Animal Planet

Texas Country Reporter

Lion's Roar Magazine

Sidelines Magazine

Pony Pals Magazine

Rural Heritage

Photography Credits

2017 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar

2018 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar

2019 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar

2010 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar

2020 Lost Meadows Mule Refuge Calendar

Outside Magazine

Sidelines Magazine

Pony Pals Magazine

2019 Rural Heritage Calendar

Equine Wellness Magazine

References

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Websites

DonkeyRescue.org
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WildBurroManagement.org
WildBurroProject.org