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## **Presidents Letter**

Well into the second quarter of the year and the GPFA has been busy. The shop night/hammer ins have been small but a lot of fun. The precertification clinic went well with 21 attendees. There will be an AFA certification at the end of April (all info is on [www.georgiifarriers.org](http://www.georgiifarriers.org)). We are already working on the Fall Contest details. We are trying to make it so that everyone gets to shoe a horse, not just the top five. Put our everyday skills to the test.

The American Farrier's Association Convention in Baton Rouge, LA went well. Our own Chip Crumbly, CJF, AWCF presented one of the lectures and did an outstanding job. The Board of Director Region Reps are Jeff Pauley, CJF, Dianne Lemmon, CJF, and Shawn Ellis, CJF.

Dan Carter, CJF, DVM will have a clinic in June at Countryside Animal Hospital in Jersey, GA. He is still open to topic suggestions. He has had a Navicular Syndrome clinic and leg dissections there in the past. We want to know what you want to learn about. Call, text, or yell out the window at me and let me know what you think. My cell is 770-312-4841 and my email is [benttreeforge@gmail.com](mailto:benttreeforge@gmail.com)

Eric Gilleland, CJF

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## **Announcements**

- \* Check the Dates to Remember! Take advantage of every opportunity!
- ?? We will no longer be sending newsletters to non-members. The newsletter will still be available on the website [www.georgiifarriers.org](http://www.georgiifarriers.org)
- \* Stay hydrated this summer! The weather is already getting warmer, the feet are getting longer, so make sure to drink plenty of water.

## **Shop Nights**

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Whether or not you have an interest in building handmade shoes or modifying machine made shoes you should consider attending a venue that is provided periodically for GPFA members, "Shop Night." Recently Morgan Hurst was kind enough to open up his, shop, knowledge & hospitality to anyone interested in bettering their craft. Morgan's work speaks for itself, as anyone who knows him recognizes his modesty in building shoes & what no doubt keeps him striving for greatness. He & Dave Purves shared their knowledge in demonstrating good systems for passing both the AFA Journeyman & Certified exams for modifications & building bar shoes. Even if you don't have a desire to build shoes, the camaraderie you will find is invaluable. I personally have built friendships at these events that have benefited me far more than the time out of my schedule. As spring & summer approach be sure to stay hydrated & take some time out to attend a local shop night.

Jason Dover, CF  
GPFA Treasurer

## **Secretary Letter**

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The certification process is an amazing experience for any farrier that truly wants to go above and beyond. The pre-certification is a great opportunity to prepare oneself for their journey. Thank you to all the men and women who participated. I personally hope that each one of you succeed in this common trade we share. Thank you to Wayne Allen, CJF, Steve Muir, CJF, and Doug Workman, CJF for guiding us on the right track. Thank you to Dr. Dan Carter, CJF, DVM for opening our minds and the horse's leg, allowing us to understand more about the anatomy. Larry Williamson, CF deserves credit for supplying the well-tamed horses for the day. The GPFA could not host such a successful event, if it was not for everyone working together.

Sincerely,  
Lucas Gilleland, CF