

Jay Snider

Jay Snider was born and raised in the southwest Oklahoma and calls Cyril, Oklahoma home. Born to a ranching and rodeo family, his dad a top roper and rodeo cowboy and his granddad a brand inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He rodeoed throughout most of his early years and now stays busy raising ranch horses, cattle, and team roping.

Jay has appeared at many of the major poetry gatherings around the country such as the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, the Arizona Cowboy Poets Gathering, the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering, and the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada. Jay has also been honored to be a part of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering as an invited poet and one of the feature poets for many years. In July of 2001, Jay was honored to have been chosen by CowboyPoetry.com to be the fifth Lariat Laureate winner.

Jay's cowboy poetry CD, "Of Horses and Men" was named "Cowboy Poetry Recording of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists for 2006 and was honored to receive the male "Cowboy Poet of the Year" by the Academy of Western Artists in 2008.

Jay's latest CD, "The Old Tried and True" is a compilation of many of his favorite classic poems written by many of the great cowboy poets of the past.