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EASTERN CRABBIT ARABIAN HORSE SOCIETY



ECAHS Newsletter



Announcements



Condolences

Margret S. Gafford, of Dinwiddie, passed away November 2021. She was born and raised in Bremen, Germany. Later in life she purchased a farm in Dinwiddie County, VA where she lived for many years. Margret was a long time equestrian and horse breeder. She had a passion for dressage and show jumping. She also enjoyed breeding her Jack Russells. She was a member of the United States Equestrian Federation, International Federation for Equestrian Sports, VADA, and VHSA. Margret was devoted to the equestrian sport and teaching all of her knowledge to many others. She was preceded in death by daughter, Nicole Gafford; and son Shelton D. Gafford. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Southlawn Memorial Park, Prince George, VA.

Our long-timers may remember Margret gave a dressage demonstration at our very first Crabbit Celebration aboard FFC Geynius, a musical Dressage presentation at Crabbit Celebration VI in 1999 and she showed Ahmeetz as well as a couple of her own horses in 2004 at Crabbit Celebration XI.

Prayers Needed

One of our ECAHS members need prayers for a speedy recovery. Jean Seay has broken her leg...after x-rays and a CT scan it was determined that she had a lateral fracture of the tibia/fibula that would require surgery to repair. She is home after surgery, but will have to stay off her leg for three months and will need help with her animals. The surgery required 10 screws and one plate for the bones in the lower leg under the knee to stabilize the damage. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Membership Dues are Payable

You should be getting an email shortly if you owe dues for 2022. If you do not receive an email from Vivian, you are paid through next year or you are an honorary member.

Also, we would like to ask each member to try and recruit one new member for 2022. We could double our membership easily..... Help us grow ECAHS.

Thanks to everyone!

Nomination / Elections News

Nominations for two Director positions were called for in August and October. Dawn Jones-Low and Cricket Gates' terms are ending as of December 31, 2021. Very few nominations were made and Dawn Jones-Low was the only person nominated that agreed to run as a Director.

Lisa Littrell, as the 1st alternate, has agreed to serve in Cricket Gates' vacated Director position.

Therefore, elections will be waived for 2021 and the following people will serve as Officers and Directors for the coming year(s).

We would like to ask the current Advisors to continue for 2022.

Officers-Directors-Advisors

President-Buzz Moore

Secretary/Treasurer-Vivian Mack

Vice President-Pat Bobb

Directors

Lisa Littrell-#1 (2022-2023)

LoAnn Haines (2021-2022)

Susie & Bob Hammond (2021-2022)

Dawn Jones-Low (2022-2023)

Randy Stoneback (2021-2022)

Alternate Directors

Patty Gerdes-#2

Advisors

Sherry Crow

Rosemary Doyle

Jennifer Neemann

Jane Peple

Announcing ECAHS' 2021 Honorees

Update!—look for their stories on [ECAHS.org/honorees](https://www.echahs.org/honorees) or request a 2021 ECAHS Membership Directory!

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dirk and Kimberly Johnson
Belesemo Arabians
Caldwell, ID

Hall of Fame

Dr. James & Jeanne Rooker
JR Arabians
Davidson, MI

Margaret Haverstock
Haverstock Arabians
Murrieta, CA

Benefactor of the Breed

Randy Stoneback
Randy Stoneback Arabians
Strattanville, PA

Laura Anderson
Randy Stoneback Arabians
Strattanville, PA

Jim Robbins
R-Farm Arabians
Oregon City, OR

Wayne E. Thompson
St. Paul, MN

Lonny Hitchen
B V L Arabians
St. Mary's, OH

Horse of the Year

Jubilee WGR
63.60% Crabbet
Owned by Lisa Pembleton-Del Mundo
San Antonio, TX

Exemplary/Extraordinary Achievement

Russian Enncore
52% Crabbet
Owned by Lisa Beckwith
Hanover, VA

and

Madison Sexton
Russian Enncore Rider/Handler

AM Mysterious Mistres +++++// and Lisa Littrell at Sport Horse Nationals

AM Mysterious Mistres +++++// (Bremervale Andronicus X AM Miss Missile) aka Missy and I had another great year at Sport Horse Nationals. After our fabulous year in 2019 it was very unrealistic to think 2021 could even come close....but it did! We were Champion Arabian Hunter Hack AAOTR, Reserve Champion Arabian Hunter Hack ATR, and Top 10 in Arabian Hunter Hack, Arabian Green Working Hunter and Regular Working Hunter ATR.

This was our first year to jump 2'6" and actually had only been jumping that height in competition for 4 months, so I was most pleased with our 4th place finish in the Regular Working Hunter ATR division. It was great to go to Nationals and have some of your best rounds ever. Actually we had an almost perfect round, but as things go it was my warm up round! LOL.

Missy is currently lounging around in the pasture and the plans are to breed her next Spring. Thus for now she is retired from the show ring with 4 National Championships, 5 Reserve and 9 Top 10's. Not bad for a seven year old mare, but then she is the result of over 70 years of Bazy Tankersley's thoughtful and visionary breeding program. I was just blessed to be able to ride the rides!



Virginia Kelsall

1930 - 2021

One Person can make a difference!

I knew Virginia for over 50 years. I firmly believe that she is the main reason that the Arabian horse became a major part of my life for this same period.

Jean Phillos introduced me to Virginia less than six months after Virginia's husband, Arthur, died in a tragic automobile accident. I purchased my first Arabian from her in 1971. Patrician Alamat, a very nice colt, by her grand stallion, Al-Marah Rapid, who was bred by R. B. Field. That was the beginning of our long and eventful relationship!

Virginia introduced me to pedigrees and how to do research in the Stud Books. She helped me lease my first mare from Bazy Tankersly. She introduced me to the Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association and specifically the Southeast District. She persuaded me to become a director of Southeast as well as become a long term volunteer supporting numbers of Southeast events, including the Cheshire Competitive ride, the East Coast Show and the Judged Pleasure Ride.

She introduced me to ECAHS and encouraged me to become involved, become a board member and work for this organization along with her. We have also traveled extensively on many horses adventures.

I am sure many people can relate to my experience with Virginia. I am only one of hundreds of people who have been influenced by her over a lifetime. Virginia dedicated her life to the Arabian horse, AHA, Region 15, Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association and the Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society for over 77 years. Her first foal crop was in 1955.

No matter how much work you do on behalf of the Arabian horse or any organization, I always feel my efforts are part time, whereas the Arabian horse has been a full time passion and labor of love for Virginia. Her family and the Arabian Horse were what made Virginia the person she was.

Don't ever believe that a single person cannot make a difference. Virginia made a difference in many peoples' lives. The glass was always half full, no setback could not be overcome, she was the consummate optimist.

I will miss her and suffer from her absence in my life. Many, many people in her community and the Arabian Horse World will also feel this same loss.

William Noonan
True Blue Arabians

KIDS & HORSES: THE MAGICAL COMBINATION



BELESEMO BLACK BANDIT (1 months old)
DECLAN MERLO (3 years old)



BELESEMA MAGIC MYST
(Belesemo Magic x Belesema Mystica)
& **AVERY KETTERLING** (15 years old)
After the Old Selam Ride



BELESEMA OLYMPIA
(5 months old)
& **LEVICEE JOHNSON**
(20 months old)

BELESEMA SNAZZY LADY
(2 months old)
&
STEPHANIE COOKE
(14 years old)



BELESEMO DAZZLING LADY & AVERY KETTERLING (15)
INDEPENDENT KHURLEE & BETHANY TUTWEILER (16)
At the Halloweed Weenies Costume Ride

This is what our future looks like – after 40 yrs we are excited at the possibilities.
Please contact us for more information on our “tent” horses.

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Azy (Azraff x Poppy) 1968 with Jimmie Dean and Bruce Clark
Carolyn Hasbrook furnished these photos of her first farm tour to look at Arabian horses in 1968. The Hasbrooks are a pillar of the Azraff-Ferzon breeding community.

Collection: Carolyn Hasbrook

Location: Ames, Iowa

Owner: Carolyn Hasbrook

Creator of Item: Carolyn Hasbrook

<https://arabianarchives.org/.../azy-azraff-x-poppy-1968...>
