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FMHA ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET JAN 19

The General Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn in Ocala on January 19, 2013. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5 pm with the meeting and Banquet to follow. Anyone staying overnight in Ocala can take advantage of the special FMHA room rate at the Holiday Inn. The hotel is located just west of Interstate 75 at the Highway 200 exit. The following Directors are up for re-election and have agreed to run again: Glen Winograd, Valerie Siemer, Kellie Ramsower and Alicia Davis.

Banquet details and reservation form are on the colored insert in this issue. Please return your reservation to Nina Spencer as soon as possible - no later than .

Questions, contact Nina at 351-591-0910 or ninaespencer@aol.com.

REMINDER

Memberships are due as of Jan 1. The membership/renewal form is located on pg 2 of this newsletter or on line. They should be returned to Membership coordinator, Ann Smith.

CITRUS CUP SET FOR APRIL 10-13

Citrus Cup will be here before you know it. Don't forget to get your hotel reservations made early! The Best Western Gateway Grand is our host hotel and the rates are \$89 for a double and \$93 for King suite. By staying at the Best Western, a quality hotel which is the closest to the show grounds, you help the club. Our comp nights for officials are based on the number of nights booked by our exhibitors. Remember those staying at the Best Western are entered into a drawing for a FREE stall at the 2014 Citrus Cup. For reservations call 352-331-3336 or toll free 877-464-2378, be sure to ask for the Citrus Cup rate.

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Lawrence Thurber of East Concord, NY
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The entire slate of judges will be announced in the near future.

AMHA/WORLD MORGAN FUTURITY STALLION SERVICE

AuctionBidding has begun on the 2013 AMHA/World Morgan Futurity Stallion Service Auction! Go to 2013 Stallion Service Auction to see this year's roster. You'll find new stallions, returning stallions, and some world champions just crowned at the 2012 Grand National! Also offered this year is the December 2013 cover of The Morgan Horse magazine, one of the most widely read issues of the year. Online bidding will close on February 21, 2013 at 6 p.m. PST (9 p.m. EST). Telephone bids will be accepted throughout the day of February 23, 2013 until 7 p.m. PST. Bidding will continue on the stallions with the Top 10 bid "amounts" on February 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. PST during the live stallion service auction, held at The Benson Hotel in Portland, Oregon. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the World Morgan Futurity, Regional Shows, and AMHA's Show Grant and Marketing Programs.

By Andrea Whiting

If you are thinking of breeding your mare in 2013 you may wish to consider making a bid at the NY Stallion Service Auction on February 9, 2013. We are returning to the beautiful Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, NY for the live auction.

New this year! live, secure, internet bidding streamed from Turning Stone, provided by DV Auction Service. We are proud to be the first Morgan Stallion Service Auction to offer live, online bidding. Register at www.DVAuction.com to watch the auction or to place bids. We are offering advertising opportunities on the DV auction site at for \$50. In return for your sponsorship you can have a professionally-designed banner ad for your farm, horse for sale, or business that will rotate on the website both prior to, and during, the live auction.

The goal of the NYSSA is to raise as much money as possible through the sale of donated breeding contracts. After expenses, the money raised is used as prize money in the Stallion Service Auction Sweepstakes classes at the NY Regional show. Twenty-five percent of the auction proceeds go to a Weanling Sweepstakes class in which ALL registered offspring of stallions whose service is sold are eligible to compete. In addition, there is an opportunity for eligible weanlings to win a portion of the \$5,000 bonus. Please check the NYSSA web site, www.NYMorganStallions.com for details. When those Weanlings are Four-year-olds, they are eligible to compete for the remainder of the auction proceeds in one of two performance classes at the NY Regional.

To see the stallions whose owners have graciously donated a breeding contract, please visit the website. It will provide you with information about each stallion, including their contract, contact information, a link to their pedigree, notable offspring, and past winners of the Sweepstakes classes. Follow us on Facebook for updates to our stallion line-up. Sign up with Horse Show Wire to receive our e-catalog. If you would like a hard copy of the auction catalog, please contact Diane Garrow at Garrow4668@comcast.net

We are looking forward to our 25th Annual Auction. We hope you will join us.

HISTORIC BACK ISSUES OF THE MORGAN MAGAZINE

Peggy Carter has a collection of back issues of The Morgan Horse magazines with issue dates from 1953-1995. Anyone interested in owning some of these historical magazines can contact her at peggycarter.macmail@me.com.

Arbordale Riding Academy of Odessa, FL was burning up the winner's circle at shows all year prior to making the long trek to Oklahoma City this past October. In only their second year attending the Morgan Grand National and World Championship show, their successful 2012 streak continued.

Kaley Felberg and her horse, Mapleton True North (White Rock's Calliope x Kendall Kara Lee) marched around the coliseum showing off his trademark "chesspiece" headset and incredible powerful road trot in the Saddle Seat Road Hack Finals. It was no surprise when Kaley and "Carlos" were called to the winners circle for the National Championship win to bring the tri-color ribbon, plaque and blue cooler back to Florida.

Anissa Jessee showed the 2012 season as only a seven year old; this tiny tot and her talented horse Rare Treasure (Noble Flaire x Tedwin In Tempo) turned a lot of heads and earned a lot of fans at Nationals. They showed in the Walk/Trot Classic division and in the Grand National Pleasure class for riders 9 and under they left the ring with an 8th place ribbon and had a better go in the class for riders 11 and under to finish with a 9th place World Champion ribbon. In their equitation classes they shone brilliantly! This little girl and her bold horse left the Performance Arena in the 9 and under Grand National class with a 3rd place ribbon and a first place vote from one of the judges. In the 11 and under World Championship they again scored another first place vote and left the ring with a 7th place World Championship ribbon.

Young Cassidy Gill became a proud new horse owner in 2012 when her parents bought her Pomp And Circumstance (Born To Boogie x Sweetheart's Parade). This young team showed in the Walk/Trot Hunter division. They had brilliant rides in the Grand National classes for riders 8 and under with 4th place ribbons in both their pleasure and equitation classes. In their very large 11 and under championship, they trotted out of the ring with a 9th place in the World Championship Pleasure class.

Emma Banks also showed Pomp And Circumstance in the Junior Exhibitor hunter classes. In the 12 and under Grand National class they had an outstanding ride for a 4th place ribbon and then showed back in the World Championship for riders 13 and under and earned a very respectable 9th place in some very strong competition.

We also had riders participate in the Junior Judging competition and Arbordale students Jennifer Wayman won first place in the senior division and Lauren Gill won third place in the junior division. All in all we had a fun and fantastic time in Oklahoma City and we at Arbordale Riding Academy are very happy to have brought such great ribbons home to Florida. Our modest training and riding program is proud to have had such a successful 2012 season in general and we are eagerly anticipating what the 2013 season will bring! We wish all of our FMHA friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Coat Color Testing is Available

There are five separate tests that the Veterinary Genetics Lab can run that will tell you what coat color genetics your horse has. Most coat colors can be determined by physical appearance however, genetic testing can tell you what coat color genetics your horse possesses that are not apparent by visual inspection. For example, a black horse appears black, but will it produce black offspring or will they be bay? Coat color testing can tell you the answer! For more information about the tests that are available, the cost and how to order a testing kit, please visit these sites: www.morganhorse.com/upload/photos/1866Coat_Color_Test_Info.pdf



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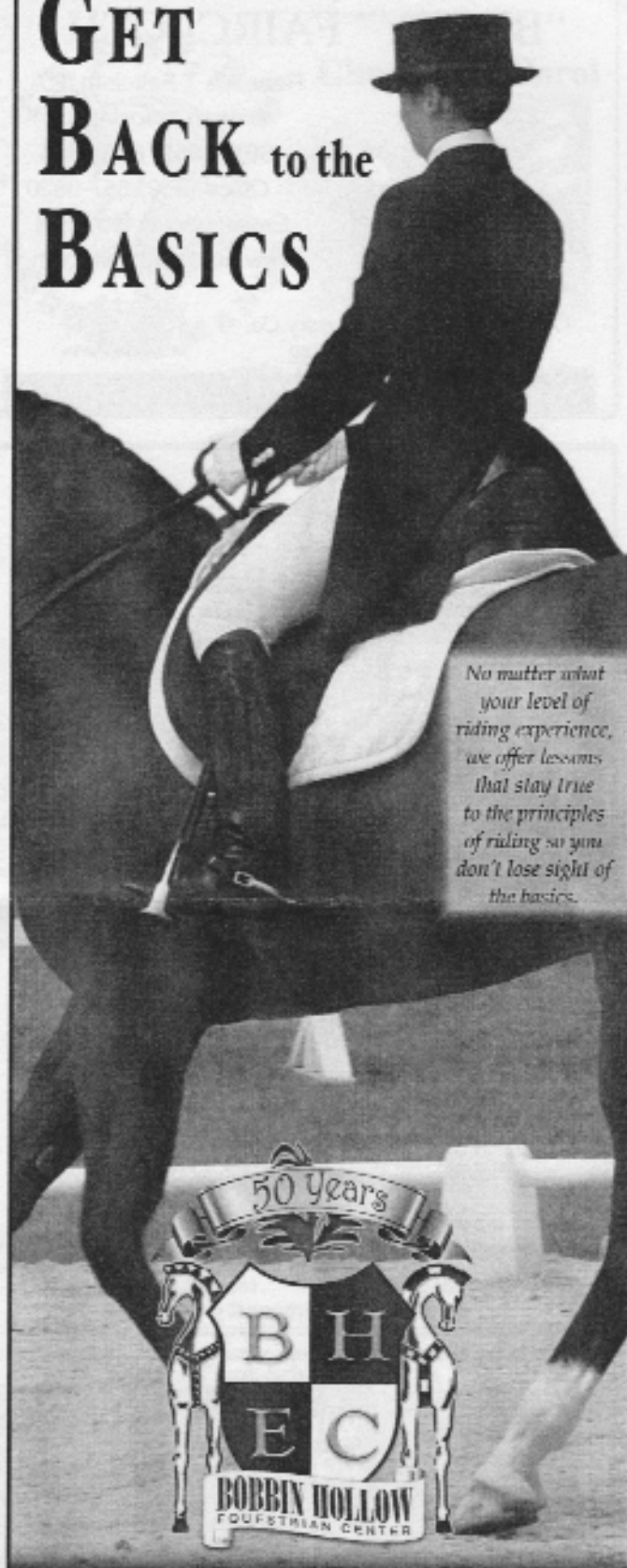
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