



SIMMONS' STABLES PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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2018 Walk Back In Time



The historic Simmons' Stables again participated in the Audrain County Historical Walk Back in Time. Friday was Education Day and students from area schools visited the stable to hear a brief history and to interact with the saddlebred horse, Citation. We truly appreciate Tom Usnick bringing Citation, owned by Dr. Wilbers, to the stable as this is the highlight for the students to see and interact with horses.

Saturday Sept 22nd, Bobette and Mary were at the stable for a historical presentation and to welcome visitors to tour the stable. Sunday Sept 23rd, Sarah Track, equestrian professor at William Woods, and three of her students brought three saddlebred horses to the stable for two exhibitions. Numerous people came to view the horses and residents of King's Daughters Home were out on the lawn enjoying the event.



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2018-19 Tours & Events

This has been a busy year at the stable! The stable was open for prom pictures in April and numerous groups toured the stable including Leadership Mexico, William Woods Riding Camp, Anderson Riding Stables of Fulton, a DAR group, a PEO chapter, and the Class of 1968. The stable was rented by various groups and/or individuals including United Credit Union for its area meeting, four weddings and/or receptions, a memorial service, and SSM St. Mary's booked the stable for their Soiree. Without advertising, the stable already has six weddings and receptions booked for 2019. If you have a group that would be interested in scheduling a tour or have event questions, please contact Bobette at 573-473-5930 or Mary at 573-473-2521



2018 Walk Back in Time *Continued*



**Thank you to Sarah Track & the
WWU Equestrian Students**



In Loving Memoriam



Doug Balser 1927-2018

As we went to press with our newsletter, we suffered a huge loss. On November 8, Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund, Inc. lost one of its long-time members, Doug Balser, father of Co-President Bobette Balser Wilson. Doug had been with the organization since its inception in 2001 and had been an avid champion of the project. Not only has he been a generous donor, but he was a loyal attendee of events, and was always a morale booster. He never failed to compliment us on our hard work and marvel at our accomplishments knowing we faced many uphill battles. We will forever miss his kind words, presence, and generous support. Thank you Doug for being such a devoted advocate and for believing and supporting a project that many thought was impossible. He was preceded in death by his lovely wife Betty. We extend our deepest sympathy to the entire Balser family.

Roe Ann Groves 1937-2018

Roe Ann Groves, 80, of Mexico, passed away April 25, 2018 at King's Daughters Home in Mexico. Roe Ann worked at A.P. Green Refractories for over 30 years, first as a secretary and later as the billing supervisor. Roe Ann was an early member of the Simmons' Stables project. She attended monthly meetings and volunteered at events helping cook and serve food. Roe Ann loved the stable project and numerous memorial donations were made to the stable in her honor. Her son Mike Groves continues her support for us as a wonderful auctioneer at our annual Barn B-Que in the fall. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Groves family.



Doug Kreyling 1969-2018

Doug, son of Ed Kreyling (our groundskeeper) was part of our demolition crew when we were tearing down the John Hook barn. He came to our rescue and helped take the salvageable tin off the barn's roof. Doug was a person that was always willing to help others. Even in his passing, he helped others to live by being an organ donor with Midwest Transplant. Doug left behind a lasting legacy that's changed one or more lives forever. Donors give recipients a second chance at life. We extend our deepest condolences to the Kreyling family.

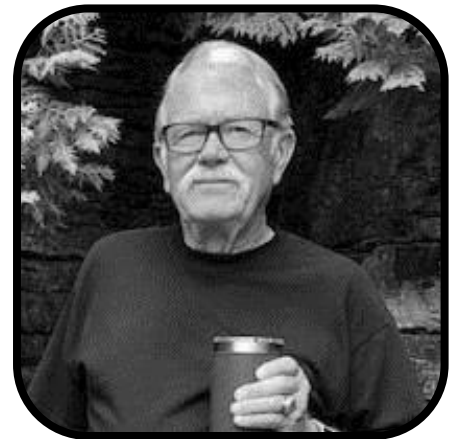
13th Annual Barn-B-Que

The 16th Annual Auction and Barn-B-Q was held September 16th at the Stable. It was a beautiful day and attendees enjoyed delicious barbeque pork steaks grilled by Steinman Hall and sides of baked beans, slaw and homemade rolls and pies. After the meal a brief business meeting was held and officers for the upcoming year were elected. Serving for 2019 are Mary White Littrell and Bobette Balser Wilson, Co-Presidents, Ann Stubblefield, Vice President and Board members, Gene Potter, Marty Jones, Morgan, Delores Groves, Joan Volkmer and Sarah Track. We are in need of a volunteer for the office of Secretary and Treasurer. If interested please contact Mary or Bobette.

Three of our long time supporters were honored at our event. Ed Kreyling has been mowing the stable grounds for the past 8 years. From lawn care, groundhog control to demolition work, Ed is always available when asked to help. Ed is our hero!

Joan Volkmer is a long-time board member and served as treasurer since 2010. Joanie will remain as board member but will retire from the treasurer position at the end of 2018. Joanie's attention to detail is amazing and she can come up with needed information in a flash.

Jim Stubblefield has been with the organization since he came to our first organizational meeting with his wife Ann. Little did he know what he was getting into. He is always there when needed and lets his crew come help too. Jim designed and makes our Hall of Fame trophies. He gripes and gives us grief but always with a grin.



Thanks to the support of interested individuals and the business community, we had many great items for both the silent and live auction. All auction proceeds benefit the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame to preserve The Big Barn on the Boulevard. Once again, we are indebted to auctioneers, Richard Henke and Mike Groves who provided a fun and fast paced auction. We deeply appreciate their willingness to donate their time to help make this event a success.



13th Annual Barn-B-Que *Continued*



In the Movies



Presser Performing Arts film camp produced a short film on Tom Bass. Our very own Tom Usnick portrayed Cyrus Clark who built the historic Simmons' Stable in 1887. Portions of the film were filmed at the historic stable. You can search for and watch the video on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/286332943>

Search Tom Bass by Presserpac on website: VIMEO. This 13:02 minute student movie is well done and worth the watch.

HAVE A PRIVATE PARTY TO HOST THAT

NEEDS TO BE A SHOW-STOPPER?

2018 SSM St Mary's Health Soiree, Table of Eight?

Right this way. We turned a horse stall into a luxury private dining room. Drop the Mic.

If you have a group that would be interested in scheduling a tour or have event questions, please contact:

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2018 Hall of Fame Ceremony



Our 3rd annual International Saddlebred Hall of Fame ceremony was held at the historic Simmons' Stables on June 2. This year's class of inductees included the Greenwell Family of Shelbina, Missouri; Hulse Family of Center, Missouri; Gayle Lampe of Fulton, Missouri; and Smith Lily of Princeton, West Virginia. Posthumous inductees were the Lee Brothers, William and George, former owners and operators of Simmons' Stables and Shirley Drew Hardwicke, former equestrian instructor at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Mayor Chris Miller opened the evening welcoming the guests to Mexico while Paulette Schroeder of Edmund, Oklahoma served as Master of Ceremonies. Attendees traveled from seven states outside of Missouri – Kansas, California, Arizona, Oklahoma, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Kentucky. Prior to the ceremony, guests attended a social hour with cocktails and were charmed by a string trio from the University of Missouri. Following dinner, all inductees were honored and their names added to a special plaque made from the original red boards of the stable and the John Hook barn. We congratulate and thank the outstanding horsemen and women who have devoted their lives to the saddlebred industry. Photos from the event can be seen at <https://davidpickering.biz/>, clicking on recent, and scrolling down to 2018 Hall of Fame.



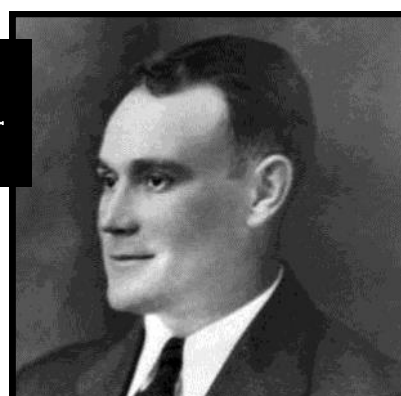
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Bobette Balser Wilson and Mary White Littrell, Co-Presidents; Ann Stubblefield, Vice-President; Joan Volkmer, Treasurer; General Board Members, Gene Potter, Martin Jones, Morgan, Delores Groves, and Sarah Track



Grants & Improvement News



Three foundations generously awarded grants to make improvements at the stable. The Green Foundation and the Griffin Foundation awarded the stable with grants that will provide the needed funds to build a modern handicapped accessible bathroom. Work has begun with the plumbing and concrete work. The Edmonston Foundation awarded a grant to install exit lights and emergency exit doors to meet city code. We are truly grateful to these foundations for their generosity and support of this project!

Since our building has become a venue for various events we must meet city code which requires us to install an emergency exit and emergency exit lights. This past summer one stall on the west side of the stable was designated as an emergency exit. Our builder, Lance Leighton, cut the opening and built a wooden door. Once the door was finished, Kevin Jennings and Camron Jennings poured a concrete floor in the stall and a concrete pad outside the door as part of the emergency exit. Rodney Rapp of Rapp Electric moved the breaker box in the stable due to construction of the restrooms. They also installed electrical outlets throughout the loft area. Two exit lights were installed in the stable, one over the front door and the other exit light was installed over the egress stall.

Work on the restrooms has begun. Marty Hildebrand of Hildebrand Plumbing and Heating of Mexico and Dennis Taylor of Taylor Plumbing in Auxvasse installed the plumbing in the floor area of the two restrooms that are being built in the stable. Once the plumbers had the plumbing roughed in, Kevin Jennings and Camron Jennings poured the concrete floors for the two restrooms.

While we were pouring concrete for the restrooms, the decision was made to concrete four stalls on the east side of the building. These four stalls are used for the storage of tables, chairs, Christmas decorations, tools, and supplies.

In the next few weeks, Dennis Wylie of Wylie Excavating and Plumbing will be trenching to install the sewer line for the restrooms and connecting the line to the city sewer system. The stable is receiving a fresh coat of paint. Brighter Sides of Mexico has been hired to paint the stable and blacksmith shop. Work began in mid-October and should be finished by the beginning of November, weather permitting.

We have hired Travis Miller of Miller Plumbing & Heating to install a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the office and restrooms as we get further along with these rooms. We'd like to thank each of these gentlemen and their employees for the numerous ways they have helped us keep this project moving forward.

Paver & Flagpole Update

In the fall of 2017 Simmons' Stable Preservation was gifted the flagpole, that had once stood on the Mexico courthouse lawn, to be painted and erected on the stable property. Fluid Power Support of Mexico sandblasted the base/pole/top of the flagpole to prepare it for galvanizing. Once the sandblasting was complete, the flagpole was hauled to Glasgow, MO to have it galvanized.

Once galvanized and delivered back to the stable grounds, our plan was to erect it in the spring of 2018. During the winter we noticed that the base and top were rusting so we visited with the company that had galvanized the flagpole. They told us that even if they galvanized it again, they did not think it would get coated in the spots that were rusting. We went back to Fluid Power Support and asked if they thought they could get the base and top of the flagpole coated properly and protected from the elements if it was powder coated. We are happy to announce the base and top of the flagpole have been successfully powder coated and we will install the flagpole as soon as time allows. For those who have purchased flagpole pavers, they have been engraved, are stored at the stable, and will be installed at the base of the flagpole soon, weather permitting. We will have a dedication ceremony in the spring or early summer. Those who have purchased pavers will be notified of the date of the ceremony. Additional pavers can be purchased and will be installed next summer before our annual Barn B-Q in September. Complete the enclosed form if interested in purchasing a paver to honor a loved one or commemorate an individual.



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Do you have a Mexico stable or horse story to share? We'd love to hear it & share your memories in the next newsletter! Jot it down, include pictures if you have them and mail to address above, or email them to: grl@ktis.net

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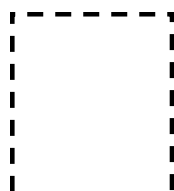
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