

## What's New at the Stables?



- ◆ Our 7th International Saddlebred Hall of Fame Ceremony for 2023 was held on Sat, June 11th at the stable. Janet Thompson served as Master of Ceremonies. This year's class of inductees consisted of: Saddle & Bridle Magazine - William, Chris, & Jeff Thompson- St. Louis, MO; Sally McClure Jackson -Overland Park, KS; R.H. Bennett, Richfield Video - Shelbyville, KY; Edward "Hoppy" Bennett, Undulata Farms - Shelbyville, KY; Charles Judd, TX & MO; Earl Teater 1904-1972, Lexington, KY; Lloyd Teater - Illinois and Wisconsin; Cyrus Clark 1847-1934; Joseph Potts 1846-1915 - Mexico, MO; The Hamilton Brothers- Jim and Jack - Mexico, MO. Congratulations to all the 2023 Saddlebred Hall of Fame Inductees.
- ◆ The south and east portions of the wood fence were replaced in late summer by Jordan Bruce and crew. We are grateful to the Griffin Foundation, Leach Foundation, Green Foundation, and the US Equestrian Foundation of Lexington, Kentucky for the grants to fund this portion of the project. The north and interior fencing will be completed this Fall. When the wood cures out for a year, it will be stained black. Staining the wood black will seal it & eliminate peeling paint and expensive yearly maintenance.
- ◆ On Sept 7th, Mexican native, Kenny Wyss, shot a drone video of the stable & grounds. His footage will soon be available to view on the new website- that's in current development.
- ◆ Painting the peeling barn, staining the fence & the Granary Bins are the next "SAVE" projects on the list. The 1950's granaries are in danger of collapsing. If you would like to help with any of the restoration projects- please see one of our board members for details.
- ◆ Stable rentals continue to be a popular option for special events. Dates of availability and rental prices for the barn are available upon request. Call for more information. (Mary: 573-473-2521) -or- (Bobette: 573-473-5930)

## Something Borrowed, Something New

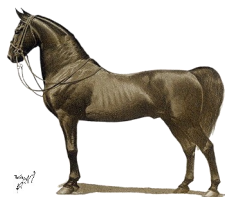
### REX MCDONALD

By Walter Palmer

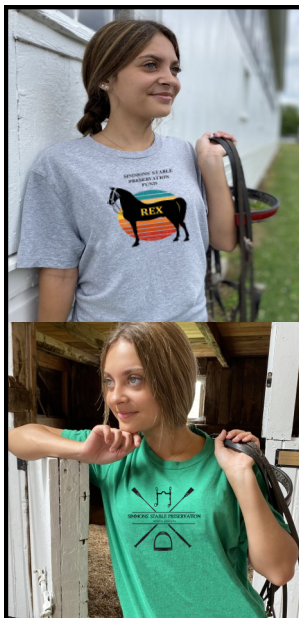
He little knew, that sable-coated king,  
Just what the future held of fame and fate;  
He little dreamed of what the years would bring;  
He reasoned not that men would call him great.  
It was not his to think that down the years  
His progeny would sleep where poppies blow;  
He never heard the plaudits and the cheers  
That greet his royal kinfolk as they show;  
His equine monarch of a bygone day;  
He left for us the story that we tell  
As Rex McDonald sleeps the years away.

Ottawa, IL  
Nov. 17, 1931

1890



1913



Classic & New designs of mugs & T-shirts for Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund are coming soon. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details.



Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.

We warmly welcome you to our

## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Barbeque Pork Steak, Sides & Homemade Pies  
Lunch served at 12:30 with Auction to follow



All proceeds from today, benefit the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame to preserve & rebuild the Big Barn on the Boulevard.



## Today's Auctioneers



Tom Usnick and JR Johnson are our esteemed Auctioneers today. Tom has volunteered his time to assist us with *many* auctions and has cooked his famous BBQ pork steaks for numerous stable barbecues. A crowd favorite, Tom always keeps the auction entertainingly lively and bids rolling. This year we again welcome JR Johnston from Cyrene, Missouri as he has graciously volunteered to assist Tom. JR is a second generation auctioneer and has sold everything from ostriches to ironing boards. JR is a master leather craftsman and he owns JR Johnston Tack & Harness in Cyrene, MO (that's just south of Bowling Green). We truly appreciate them both being here & giving up their



Sunday to help us raise funds for this project. Enjoy the show today!

## Proposed Officers & Board Members

- ◆ Co-Presidents.....Bobette Balser Wilson & Mary White Littrell
- ◆ Vice-President.....Ann Stubblefield
- ◆ Secretary.....OPEN (Mary White Littrell, acting Interim Secretary)
- ◆ Treasurer.....Mary White Littrell
- ◆ Proposed Board Members: Delores Groves, Mary White Littrell, Joan Volkmer
- ◆ Returning Board Members: (1yr terms) ...Bobette Balser Wilson, Ann Stubblefield & Sarah Track ; (2yr terms) ...Tom Usnick, Laura Mackey & Gene Potter
- ◆ Graphic Artist/Media: ...Laura Minor Mackey

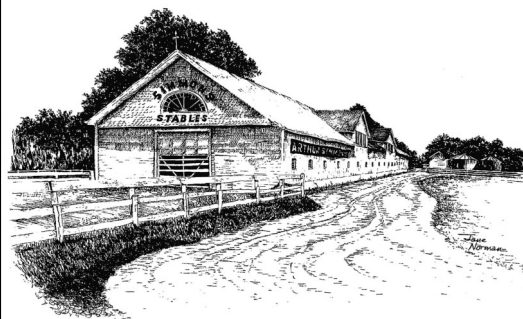
*A short business meeting will be held following the meal, special guests will be honored, then our live auction will begin.*

## 2023 Honoree

### JANE NORMAN (Posthumous Honor)

The extremely talented artist, Jane Norman, was an advocate for the preservation of the stable for numerous years. She generously allowed us to use her iconic black and white drawing of the stable for designs on t-shirts, totes and our Hall of Fame invitations which have been sent to invitees throughout the nation. She donated her beautiful notecards with the stable drawing to use for thank you cards, etc. Along with being an advocate for the preservation of the

stable, Jane was an art teacher for many years in the Mexico Public School system. Jane was also a community preservation artist sketching numerous historic buildings in the community preserving their images for future generations. Her friendship, generosity, and talents are sorely missed by our organization and a huge loss to the community.



## 2023 Honorees

### MORGAN



Morgan has served as a board member for several years and is a behind the scenes warrior. Despite her physical limitations, she helped tear down the John Hook barn by climbing a ladder using her cane. She has helped paint the stalls and single handedly did the tedious job of painting the black strip at the bottom of the stalls. She helped clean, scrape, and put a finish on the historic boards used in the bathrooms. She also helps out at events as much as possible and is responsible for the banners made for all events. She works behind the scenes doing various jobs and takes little credit. We thank you Morgan for your generosity, tenacity and care of the stable.

### FRONT GATE CREW

Numerous hours and head scratching went into the development and design of the gate. Warren Wilson and Dakota Moore spent countless hours talking about the design, development, and logistics of the gate before any actual work could be done. Civil Engineer, Dan Struempf of Simon & Struempf Engineering (Columbia), consulted with Warren about the size of the gates and signed off on a concrete pier drawing. Warren drew the final design of the gate and then helped construct them with Dakota Moore & Tyler Beamer (Turner Welding). Bobette Wilson and Caleb Moore of Thompson Plasma created the horse head design. Caleb then plasma cut the horse head figurines to be welded to the gate. Cody Kuda & Andy Smith (Cody Kuda Contracting) poured the concrete piers. Joe Hosenfelt (Hosenfelt Welding & Mechanical Sandblasting) sandblasted the gates. Cory & Dustin Miller of Show Me Powder Coating primed and powder coated the gates. The job of sandblasting and powder coating the gates was a challenge. Before he could sandblast the gates, Hosenfelt had to call on Dustin and Cory Miller to help him unload the gates which took several hours. After sandblasting, the gates were hauled to Show Me Powder Coating where the Miller's also needed help to unload and load the gates. They had to rent a bigger lift to handle moving the gates in and out of their oven as the oven measured 10' tall x 10' wide x 21' long whereas the gates measured 10'6" tall x 10'9" length, and side panels measured 11' tall x 10'6". Installation of the gate was done by Warren Wilson, Dakota Moore, Cody Kuda, and Andy Smith. Jason Moore graciously allowed the use of Turner Welding shop during the construction of the gates and stored the gates when the men were not able to work on them. He also allowed the use of his trailer to transport the gates to Fulton to be sandblasted and powder coated. This gate was a monumental group work effort.



### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023

- ◆ Sept 22-23-24- Walk Back in Time barn history tour (Sat) & SB riding exhibition, (Sat & Sun) from William Woods University, Saddle Seat Instructor, Sarah Track & her equestrian students.
- ◆ Dec 10- Christmas at the Barn Event. Santa & Mrs. Claus will meet children and free photos will be taken & printed for each child/group that would like them. Serving homemade cookies, & hot chocolate, with draft horses to pull a sleigh (weather permitting). Thanks to sponsors, this Christmas Event is free to the public.