



SIMMONS' STABLES PRESERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**FALL
2020**

2020 STILL STANDING, WAITING

Spring has sprung and dog days of summer are passing quickly into fall. We're sure we all feel it has been a weird and tough year, but time marches on. The stable's boards and beams have learned perseverance and so it stands, quietly and majestically, waiting for us all to come back. We will remain optimistic that the virus threat wains and we can open our doors again to the public for tours, meetings, weddings, events and general merriment. But until then, we want everyone to know, we are still here...

A lovely Ash tree guards the front south-east corner and welcomes visitors to its shade. Come lean on the weathered fence and take in the view of a barn's 133 year structure that stands as a testament to Mexico, Missouri's history.

We wish you well and hope to see you back soon!



2020 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



The podium stands quiet, waiting for 2020 & 2021 years' inductees to be celebrated.

Our plan to induct our 2020 Hall of Fame inductees into the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame was scheduled for June 20, but unfortunately had to be canceled due to Covid-19. We plan to honor our inductees in June of 2021.

They are as follows: Callaway Hills Stables – Betty, William, & Toni Weldon, New Bloomfield, Missouri; Janet Green, Janet Green Stables, Liberty, Missouri; Robert Leu, Keokuk, Iowa; and Marion "Vandy" VandeWall, Altoona, Iowa. Posthumous honorees are: John Hook, Mexico, Missouri; Lynn Weatherman, Mifflin, Ohio; Jimmy Stewart, Columbia, Missouri; and R.S. and Ruth Palmer, Palmer Stables, Columbia, Missouri. Stay tuned for the future date to be announced in early 2021.

We hope you will join us at the "Big Barn on the Boulevard" to honor and celebrate these inductees.

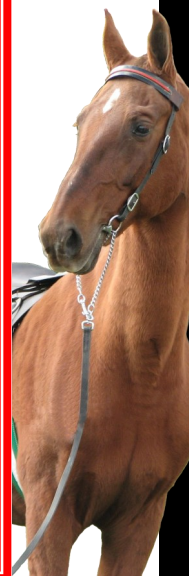
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!!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!



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IN MEMORIUM

We want to honor those who have passed this 2019-2020

Horsemen, barn supporters, donors & members who have honored us.



Alice Neihardt-Thompson
1921-2020

William Edward Newberry, DMV
1921-2019

Bill Byars
1936-2020

Ruth Kent
1927-2019

Jim Aikman
1929-2020

Mary Lou Enslen
1931-2020

Joan Weinand
1926-2020

NEWS FLASH



Maupin-Woodson Stained Glass Display: Dave and Mary Jo Maupin donated this magnificent stained glass window modeled from a photo, c1937, of Dave's Grandfather, David Rudy Woodson of Auxvasse MO. We were fortunate to have a local stained glass artist, Melanie Kriegel, make repairs to the window and Jim Stubblefield & crew construct the metal frame to stabilize the window. Lance Leighton custom built a sturdy wooden frame to allow the window to sit safely in the loft. We are currently consulting with an electrician for proper lighting. We are excited for future events, we know the stained glass display will add to the beauty of the stable interior.

Ground Work and New Entry Gate: The Simmons' Stable Board members voted to have a wrought iron gate constructed and installed at the front entry to the stable on Boulevard Street. Currently, we are working with Turner Welding to design and construct the gate and once this

is completed, they will be installing the finished product. During our site meeting it was determined that the area in front of the stable needed to be surveyed and graded prior to the gate installation. Kevin Jennings has surveyed the area and we are scheduled to meet with Marvin Tyree regarding grading and dirt removal to obtain the proper drainage.

We are eagerly anticipating the new entry gate as it will replace a wire cattle panel that we have used since 2007, when the fence was constructed. Our deep gratitude goes to board member, Martin Jones, who is donating a sizeable amount for the new gate, but it will not cover all costs. We need additional donations to finish that project. Interested? Contact Bobette: 573-473-5930



Congratulations: Paulette Schroeder of Edmond, OK was chosen as the recipient of the 2019 UPHA Sallie Wheeler Distinguished Service Award presented in January in Lexington, Kentucky. Paulette has served as Chairman of our International Saddlebred Hall of Fame Committee and Master of Ceremonies at our annual induction ceremony since its inception in 2016. Congratulations, Paulette, for this well-deserved award!

Construction Update: Due to safety, storage needs, and enhanced bar area, four additional stalls were finished with concrete floors. Kevin Jennings and sons were contracted for this project. Lance Leighton is in the process of rebuilding two of those stalls. Two of the upgraded stalls are located in the bar areas which are used for special events. The additional two stalls are located near current storage areas which were finished to place our inventory items. Future purchases of a freezer and refrigerator are planned to be placed in the bar area which needed the concrete for leveling purposes.

Website Redesign: Our website is being redesigned by a hometown Mexico girl, Olivia Pratt, who now resides in Columbia, Missouri. During her elementary years, Olivia attended Eugene Field Elementary School, the school that sits directly across the street from the stable. Once Olivia has redesigned the website, former board member Laura Minor Mackey will maintain and operate the site. Laura also attended Eugene Field Elementary School and has been in love with the barn since her elementary school years. Laura currently designs and produces our media brochures, programs and newsletters.

Be sure to check out our newly designed website www.saddlebredhalloffame.org in the near future for events, historical articles, photos, rental information, and current items related to the stable.

A FLAGPOLE STANDS PROUD

On September 11, 2019 Dakota Moore and Balus Jones erected the flag pole on the south lawn at Simmons' Stables. Modifications were completed on the base of the flag pole to fit on the permanent concrete base, that contractor Kevin Jennings and sons completed last year. The relocated flag pole stands tall and proud as it once did on the Mexico courthouse square. Last fall, JK Landscaping of Hallsville, MO, installed the pavers at the base of the flag-pole. We are working with an electrician to install lighting so Old Glory can fly both day and night. We had planned to have a summer dedication ceremony for all the donors, but it had to be postponed due to COVID-19. We hope to have the dedication ceremony in 2021 and will invite all of our donors to attend the event. The paver project is an ongoing project and pavers will be installed once per year.

Would you like to purchase a paver? Please complete the enclosed form & return to our P.O. box or email to:

mlittrell24@gmail.com or call Bobette 573-473-5930 or Mary 573-473-2521



SEASONAL EVENTS



Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Stables: Despite inclement weather, the Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Stables event had a great turn out of over 200 visitors. Several Board members, sponsors and volunteers adorned the Stables in Old fashioned Christmas décor. Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Young) were on site for children to have their picture taken with Santa and deliver their Christmas lists. The Santa stall was decorated by local florist, Blossoms & Blooms. The event photographer was David Pickering of Mexico, Missouri. An anonymous sponsor provided these complimentary holiday photos along with coloring books and crayons to the children.

A wreath contest was held where participants had the opportunity to vote for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize with a monetary value of \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively. Participants were asked to donate a holiday wreath of their choice to be auctioned with proceeds to be used for future construction projects at the Stables. Entries included a variety of themes. The wreaths were adorned to the horse stall doors for display. This event was sponsored by Mexico Cardiovascular and Associates LLC. The winners of the wreath contest were: **1st Place** -Courtney Littrell **2nd Place**-Zelma Dillion **3rd Place**-Phoebe Frazier

The Stables were decorated in old fashioned Christmas décor which included a cedar tree donated by Harry Hudson and Sharon Fisher from Higbee, Missouri and decorated by Garden Gate Florist. Several other decorations included a horse sleigh, Santa buggy, fire pit, heaters, and table décor. Special music was delivered to the audience by Scott Weber, who sang for several hours, as a few musical groups could not make it to town due to blizzard conditions. A highlight of the entertainment was when several children joined Scott singing Christmas carols to the audience. Their small voices filled the Stables with Christmas cheer! Free cookies and hot chocolate were donated by the Board and general members for all guests. A good time was had by all. Several guests remarked to the Board that they hoped this could be made an annual event. Thank you to all sponsors for your donations and to the numerous volunteers, for your time and efforts, that made this memorable event, inclusive to the community.

BLUE RIBBON - Simmons' Family

RED RIBBON - Mexico Heating, Graf & Sons, Miller Plumbing & Heating, Webber Pharmacy/Jackson Street Drug/Parkway Pharmacy, Rodger's Rental, Cache River Homes, Sydenstricker Implement Co.

YELLOW RIBBON - Mexico Cardiovascular Associates, LLC., Mexico Altrusa Club

20th annual Simmons' Stable Barn-B-Que: will be held September 20th. Following health guidelines, we will be serving our delicious BBQ pork steaks, baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert as a drive thru pick up event. Unfortunately, due to Covid we will not be holding our auction this year. We are finalizing details and will be adding updates on our FB page or you can call Jim Stubblefield Furniture at 573-581-2880 for more information.

2020 DONATIONS RECEIVED (Thank You)

BLUE RIBBON SPONSORS - Dave & Mary Jo Maupin, Larry & Bonnie Kimbel, Jane Norman, Dwight Quiring and Lynn Badaracco

RED RIBBON SPONSORS - Jim and Sharon Kropf, Martin Jones, Wayne and Elizabeth Halter, Ken and Peggy Cornett, Bob Leu, Joan Weinand, Dan and Cheri Erdel, Jeff Track

YELLOW RIBBON SPONSORS - John and Teresa Freyer, Larry Million, Paul and Judy Koelling, Barbara Robinson, Betty Smarr, Wayne Halter, Shirley Jones, Kenneth and Carolyn Cox

In Memory of George Craddock - Betsy Cline, Gary and Mary White Littrell, Bobette Wilson
 In Memory of Mary Lou Enslen - Bobette Wilson, Mary White Littrell, Mary Louise Sonwalt
 In Memory of Bill Byars - Bobette Wilson, Mary White Littrell
 In Memory of Alice Thompson - Bobette Wilson, Mary White Littrell
 In Memory of Darlene Boswell Hill - Betsy Cline
 In Memory of Lisa Drummond - Bobette Wilson
 In Memory of Joan Weinand - Bobette Wilson, Mary White Littrell
 In Memory of Kevin Dowell - Laura Minor-Mackey

GENERAL DONATIONS

Dr. Elwood and Liz Rice	Ruth Chaney
Molly and Wayne Shellabarger	Murray and Gail Purcell
Donna Peak	Sue Waechter
Gary and Mary White Littrell	Charles and Frances Thomas
Donna Cline Mow	Cary Travis
Art Simmons	Tim and Laura Mackey
Phyllis Hornbeck	Joan Fecht



JOIN US

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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 Laura:

barndior@gmail.com



Have you renewed your annual membership for 2020-21?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership you would like:

___ Individual (\$15) ___ Family (\$30) ___ Lifetime (\$300)

YEARLY SPONSORSHIPS:

___ \$50-99 YELLOW Ribbon Sponsor

___ \$100-249 RED Ribbon Sponsor

___ \$250+plus BLUE Ribbon Sponsor

Additional Contribution: _____



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