

What's New at the Stables?



- ◆ Our 8th International Saddlebred Hall of Fame Ceremony for 2024 was held on Sat, June 22nd at the stable. Janet Thompson and Allie Layos served as dual Master of Ceremonies. This year's class of 2024 Inductees were: Judith Werner, Jimmy, Jim B. & Walt Robertson, William Lee & John H. "Buck" Field.
2024 Posthumous Inductees: Lewis "Splint" Barnett, Frank & Garland Bradshaw, and Sallie & Kenneth Wheeler.
Congratulations to all the 2024 Saddlebred Hall of Fame Inductees!
- ◆ Painting the peeling barn, saving the Granary Bins, and making necessary repairs on the stable & many windows are the next big 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)
- ◆ We like to thank Bucky's Sit-or-Get for cooking the pork steaks & hotdogs today and Sturgeon Meat Market for their donation to this event.
- ◆ A note of passing, long time board member Gene Potter passed in February of 2024.

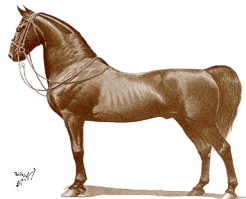
Something Borrowed, Something New

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 for Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund are available at Stubblefield Furniture. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more for details.

Thank you for joining us today at the Barn.

We warmly welcome you to our **22nd ANNUAL AUCTION & BARN-B-Q**



Sunday, September 15, 2024

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 & 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 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 Homestead Auctions. 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.....Heather Little
- ◆ Treasurer.....Mary White Littrell
- ◆ Proposed Board: Heather Little, DeAnna Amos, Bobette Balser Wilson, Ann Stubblefield, Sarah Track
- ◆ Returning Board Members: (1yr terms) ...Tom Usnick, Laura Mackey; (2yr terms) ...Joan Volkmer, Mary White Littrell
- ◆ Graphic Design/Media: ...Laura Mackey
- ◆ Honorary Board Member: Delores Groves



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

2024 Honorees

GATE DONORS

It took longer than we planned, but the gate and fence are finally finished and we want to express our gratitude to our generous donors who made the fence & gate possible. The gate began with an initial donation by Martin Jones, former board member, to build a gate at the entrance to the property. Adding to Marty's initial donation were Dale & Patti Cone and Lynn Badaracco & Dwight Quiring.



FENCE DONORS

The new fence surrounding the 3-acre historical property was built from treated lumber, which meant it could not be stained for a year while it cured out. The fence was made possible by donations from the Griffin Foundation, Leach Foundation, Green Foundation, US Equestrian Foundation, John Parker Jr, and Barbara Robinson. We truly appreciate these individuals and foundations for their generous donations to beautify the grounds of the Stable.



2024 Honorees

SADDLE SEAT INSTRUCTOR- SARAH TRACK with CH ROYAL CREST'S RHINESTONE COWBOY and WILLIAM WOODS SADDLE SEAT STUDENTS

Sarah Track, equestrian saddle seat professor at William Woods, not only serves as a stable board member but also volunteers to bring horses to the stable for Walk Back in Time and History Camp when education campers visit the stable. Sarah and her students perform saddlehorse exhibitions on the old cinder track during Walk Back in Time to the delight of onlookers. People stand at the fence to watch horses perform their gaits just as people did during the time when the stable was a full time operation by the Simmons' family. The horses are housed in specific stalls within the stable and Sarah's students groom the horses and answer varied questions by the many visitors. Cowboy is a shining black beauty (featured in the middle shot) and huge favorite with children and guests. Cowboy relishes the attention, too.



SARAH & COWBOY

AUCTION TEAM

The Simmons' Stable Preservation Fund was organized in 2001. Since that time we have held an auction every year (except during covid) to raise funds for renovation and operating expenses. We count twenty two auctions that have been planned and organized by Ann Stubblefield, Joan Volkmer, & Jim Stubblefield! Tracy Wells and Tony Stubblefield also lend helping hands during many of the auctions. This is a major undertaking (maybe a nightmare for the auction team) that requires much time and effort. Thank you to our Auction team.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

- ◆ Dec 8th: Old Fashioned Christmas at the Stable 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 Belgian draft horses to pull a sleigh (weather permitting). Thanks to our many sponsors, this Christmas Event is free to the public. Hope to see you all there!

