

NOTICES:
New mini show scheduled
Writing contest entries due!



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MEPSA is an educational group for model horse enthusiasts, promoting the hobby of model horse mail-in photo showing.



Happy New Year!
I hope you got some new horses under your Christmas tree!

New Mini show added!

We still do not know what happened to Esther Johnson. Anyone who has contact with her is asked to email the MEPSA BOD. In the meantime, we have added a mini show at the end of April, which will have free entry for anyone who entered the September 13 mini show.

MEPSA is an open, photo show organization. You do not need to pay any membership fees to show.

No registration needed. Just send your model photos, return envelope and your show fee, and you will be competing with some of the best. Not quite there yet? MEPSA also has a Novice division, designed to help coach new MEPSA showers to reach the level they need to compete in the open division! Contact Marie Phillips (riap57@aol.com) if you have questions about entering novice shows!

Reminders for judges!

The revised judge's packet has been streamlined so it is easy to read and it should answer any questions you might have. In addition, there is a check list to make sure you don't forget anything important. When you complete your checklist and submit it to the Judge coordinator (Linda) you will be entered in the annual drawing for an outstanding prize. It is important to complete your show (judging and submitting results and entry fees collected) in the time allowed.

If you are judging a specialty qualifier you probably will have fewer classes with more entries in them. For example, in the light breed special, stock classes will have 0 entrants. Feel free to split classes with high numbers of entries.

Adios Makeover – don't forget to vote

The contest is over as of the end of 2014. Pictures of the customized Adios models will be on the MEPSA blog and we will be asking you to vote for favorites in various categories. Thank you to the artists who painted these beautiful models! The models will be available for sale to raise funds for MEPSA or as prizes in the MEPSA championship. If you fall in love, send an offer to the donations coordinator, Danielle Duggan. Several wonderful models will be arriving late – while they won't be available for voting, we do look forward to seeing them and including their pictures in the 2015 championship book!

The 2015 makeover challenge will be the Breyer Khemosabi. If you wish to participate in the customizing contest, get yourself a Khemosabi body and customize it any way you like. Send it to Danielle Duggan or Carolyn Bailey by Nov 15, 2015 (the model becomes the property of MEPSA for fund raising purposes). One winner will be chosen to win an artist resin. Show off your customizing work on the MEPSA blog, web site, and in the 2016 championship book!

Qualifier schedule for the third quarter of the 2014-2015 Season:

February 7, 2015 - OF Plastic/China Regular Qualifier (A,B,E)

Tonjia Clark
7195 Brickchurch Rd.
Cambridge, OH 43725
tonjiacklark@yahoo.com

February 14, 2015 - Performance Specialty for Light Breeds (Performance only - E,F; ONLY breeds eligible for Classes 22-27)

Robin Nere
20610 SW Blanton St

Aloha, OR 97007
nerebcr@msn.com

February 21, 2015 - AR/CM Qualifier (C,D,F)

Marie Phillips
93 Franklin Ave
Oakville, CT 06779
RIAP57@aol.com

February 28, 2015 - Halter Specialty for Draft & Pony Breeds (Halter only - A,B,C,D; ONLY breeds eligible for classes 32-37)

Anne Giles
359 Stickney Hill Rd
Union, CT 06076
annesrockinghorse@yahoo.com

March 7, 2015 - OF/China Regular Qualifier (A,B,E)

Sherry Ball
809 Lynn Ann Rd
Red Oak, TX 75154
thunderglanranch@yahoo.com

March 14, 2015 - Specialty for Minis (all divisions)

Deanne Creviston
220 Culver St Apt 16
Chattanooga, TN 37415

March 21, 2015 - AR/CM Regular Qualifier (C,D,F)

Carissa Kirksey
PO Box 31
Creston, OH 44217
sprucewoodfarms@yahoo.com

March 28, 2015 - Halter Specialty for Stock Breeds (Halter only - A,B,C,D; ONLY breeds eligible for Classes 17-21)

Jennifer Sneed
1208 4th Ave. N.
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
seifer_babe@hotmail.com

April 4, 2015 - OF Plastic/China Regular Qualifier (A,B,E)

Cindy Neuhaus
110 Oak Ridge
Edwardsville, IL 62025
cneahaus@charter.net

April 11, 2015 - Specialty for China (B,D,E,F)

Kathy Dodson
PO Box 912

Emmett, ID 83617
kathyjd5@gmail.com

April 18, 2015 - AR/CM Regular Qualifier (C,D,F)

Lisa Gorbatjuk
3754 Sutton Rd
Marion, IA 52302
spottedponyfarm@yahoo.com

April 25, 2015 - Halter Specialty for Spanish & Gaited Breeds (Halter only - A,B,C,D; ONLY breeds eligible for Classes 28-31)

Jennifer Tomey
6601 E 34th St
Indianapolis, IN 46226

April 25, 2015 – Extra Special for Minis (all divisions)

Linda Watson Gresham
2842 Kane Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Novice series:

FEBRUARY 21, 2015 - Performance

Arlie Ireland
311 Holladay Dr
Cheney, WA 99004-1110
arlieireland@yahoo.com

MARCH 21, 2015 - Halter

Betty Hook
41 Old Trail Road
Liverpool, PA 17045
eclipse@pa.net

APRIL 18, 2015 - Performance

Laurel Dedes
5193 Coventry Ln
Barboursville, VA 22923
dserthorse@aol.com

Novice class list (limit 15 photos. Each will receive an individual critique):

Each model/photo may enter 1 gender and 1 breed type class. Specify the breed of your model.

There is a maximum of two years allowed for novice showers, *unless* you are under 16 years old at the end of the second year. If most of the judges recommend you move to open, you may get early graduation after just one year. Graduation is mandatory, but we will consider an appeal if you feel you would benefit from a second year in novice.

SHOW FEES:

You can pay using [Paypal](#) for your show fees **mepsa2@hotmail.com**, but you **MUST** use the Personal Payment option or You will be responsible for any transaction fees. Remember to let the judge know you have paid. Try the optional qualifier entry form available at: <http://mepsa1.tripod.com/forms.html>

Prepaid Show coupons for MEPSA Qualifier entry!

Nervous about sending cash through the mail? For your convenience, you can now send one check or paypal payment to Robin Nere (esteemed treasurer) and receive coupons for show entry! Cash equivalent Coupons will be available in \$2 and \$5 denominations (combine 2 for a \$4 entry). You may receive your coupons electronically or by mail. Each will have a serial number so they can only be used one time. Simply enclose the value needed in place of cash or check in your entry. For example: for 100 halter photos, enclose two \$2 coupons. No more cash in the mail, no more check fees – entering shows just got easier!

Tips for showers

Having trouble qualifying horses for the championship? Sometimes I look at the results and only two models qualified. I get a pack of photos back and look through and – yes I did send my latest photos, and they look good. What's wrong? Well, dear readers, there is nothing wrong. MEPSA is just that competitive. Classes are large and there are many beautiful horses. Small differences in photos can make the difference, so of course, keep experimenting with lighting, background, color ... But here's another tip: enter the specialty shows: they have some smaller classes. Also, china, AR and CM (basically anything other than OF) all have smaller classes, making it easier to qualify.

Make the Judge Happy!

Sort your photos, first by division, then into first class order. Judging is a lot of work and saving the judge from that first sort is a true act of kindness. I find sorting between classes to be the most tedious (my back complains, and I'm really glad when it is over and I can get back to the fun of judging). It helps to **Design your photo back** to make sorting easy for the judge. Below is an excellent example. Of course, you can also include reference material and detailed make info (OF release or artists involved in AR/CM).

name/breed/ gender/ make info	SHOWME D. MONEY Grey Missouri Foxtrotter stallion OF Breyer SR (Penneys gaited horse set)		Consistent visual id.
5 letter entrant identifier	BJOWE		BJ Owens 4862 SW 44th Ter Ft Lauderdale, FL 33314
return address	Proxying for BJ Owens Return pix to: TARDIS STABLES Marie J. S. Phillips 93 Franklin Ave Oakville CT 06779-1418	ELLEN OF BLAIRFIELD 	
contact info	Email: horseknapper@juno.com		
Division	(A)		
classes easy to read	1-30-47-55		

If you move, make sure to update your return address. This will help a wayward photo find its way home, as they do sometimes wander after a show! Having a consistent visual identifier is not required, but helps the judge on that last sort of your photos into your return envelope. For unusual breeds, you can help the judge by including a reference photo as part of your photo back (not a separate photo or sheet please) along with limited text or a link. And for rare models, you may place better in collectability if the judge knows there were only 5 made, for example.

Class 54 – What's current with Breyer? New 2015 models are out!

Breyer current for 2014-15 season (in the current catalog) + add newer releases as they come out.

- Don't look twice
- Glitterati
- Jubilation
- Picasso
- Santiago
- Smokin Doubledutch
- Harley D Zip
- Flexible
- Magic
- Hamlet
- Weathermont Ethan Morgan
- OT Sara Moniet RSI
- Marwari (palomino)
- Gypsy Vanner (pinto)
- Sam Olympic Gold Medalist
- Trooper
- Guy McLean's Nugget
- Overo Paint (LP) Mare and Foal
- RCMP (black big ben)
- Northern Dancer (John Henry Mold)
- Secretariat (Smarty Jones mold)
- Ballou
- Misty and Stormy, Chincoteague ponies
- Lil Rocky Rocker
- Lets Go Riding Western (buckskin foundation stallion)
- Lets Go Racing (black secretariat)
- Padre (mustang)
- SBH Phoenix
- GVF Sjololade
- Ssameless++
- RCH Ventarrones
- GG Valentine and Heartbreaker
- Totilas
- Hickstead
- Topsails Reinmaker
- Lindsay's Faith
- Big Chex to Cash
- Grullo Paint ethereal mold
- Zenyetta
- Zenyetta's first colt
- Frankel (Smarty Jones mold)
- Brookside Pink Magnum
- Indian pony (appaloosa on foundation appaloosa mold with feathers)
- Sgt Reckless
- Lets Go Riding English (Appaloosa Pluto)
- Camila, Springtime foal (not technically traditional scale, but we'll include here)

Everyone showing performance should be reading <http://www.positivelyperfectperformance.com/>, and printing it out for their binders. I'm not saying it's perfect in every way, but it certainly is a lot of good information in one place!! Another site with easy to access information specifically for model performance showing is the IMEHA site: <http://www.imeha.org/imehaguidebook/imehaguidebook.html>– Laurel.

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Feel free to contact any of us if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

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If you are an artist – and would like to donate a paint job to MEPSA, we have bodies on hand and artists ready to prep a body for you! Contact any board member to get started, or contact Marie Phillips for a list of available bodies (and see below). You may also request a specific body, and we will try to find one for you.

If you have newer body quality models (Nakota, Salinero, Esprit, etc) or classic “Love” molds, you can send these to:

Marie J. Phillips
93 Franklin Ave
Oakville, CT 06779

We will pair the bodies up with artists willing to paint them. Yet another way to raise funds or obtain nice prizes for MEPSA!

MEPSA 2015 CONTEST SCHEDULE

Here is our contest schedule for the rest of this season! MEPSA reserves the right to be somewhat flexible if necessary, and to substitute prizes for something of equal or greater value if necessary. We may, in fact, offer a choice of the prize named here, or an alternative, as we get closer to each contest date. We may offer two divisions of any contest with enough entries, and a second, smaller, prize!

Next up – the writing contest!

It is very important to participate so we will have another extra special champ show book!

Did you get inspired reading the Annual Champ show book? Time to sharpen your pencils and write about your favorite breed, performance, photography tips, or other model horse items of interest! Shorter and longer articles are needed, generally 1000-3000 words. The contest ends on January 15 (possible extension to January 30). As always we will have a very nice prize! ubersu@verizon.net for more info.

Stablemate Custom contest- deadline April 15th 2015 Supply your own Stablemate or Chips sized mold to remake it any way you like. Winners will chosen from a poll on MEPSA’S blog that will be advertised on MHSP and ModelHorseBlab -Prize, TBD
Stablemate size Unpainted and unprepped artist resin

Holiday Custom contest- deadline June 15th, 2015 Create a holiday themed model, tack, or props (sky’s the limit here, as long as it has a holiday theme such as but not limited to Valentine’s, St. Patrick’s, Halloween, Fourth of July, etc.) Winners will chosen from a poll on MEPSA’S blog that will be advertised on MHSP and ModelHorseBlab Prize, CM SM by Shawn McNeely and painted by Donna Lorello of Sunshine’s Creative Endeavors in your choice of color, even patterns!

Tack/Costume contest (any scale) deadline July 15th 2015 (includes modified OF tack with before & after photos) Various types of tack desired, for all sizes of models, micro-mini through large traditional. These could be saddle sets of all persuasions, rigging,

costumes, stud tack, etc. Winners will be chosen from a poll on MEPSA'S blog that will be advertised on MHSP and ModelHorseBlab. -Prize, main prize- Doll by Anne Field, with the right to substitute a smaller prize, should we not receive at least 1 saddle entry set, or at least 8 items valued at \$30.00 each, should be receive entries above and beyond this rate, we *may* offer a second prize

Prop contest (any scale) deadline October 15, 2015 Any kind of prop that would be used in a performance set up! All scales, the ideas limited by your imagination! Winners will be chosen from a poll on MEPSA'S blog that will be advertised on MHSP and ModelHorseBlab. -Prize, To be determined!

Makeover Challenge Contest- November 15 2015! Makeover a Traditional scale Khemosabi any way you want, with at least 25 percent or more customization when compared to the original mold. Make it better, in any medium, just make it better! A few bodies may be available to live show proven artists, please inquire. Otherwise, artists must provide their own body. Get the body soon, so you have plenty of time to work!. ***This contest requires not only photos of the finished piece, but a "before" photo of the actual model used before customizing. Please mail Danielle_duggan@ymail.com if you are interested in more details. Winners will be chosen from a poll on MEPSA'S blog that will be advertised on MHSP and ModelHorseBlab. -Prize/s, TBD Traditional size unpainted, unprepped artist resin

For this season, MEPSA is in need of, and looking for, donations of classic scale models, either show quality or body quality. We need many (>88!) for our Champions! Also, we need small items for the Championship: saddle pads or blankets, rails, potted plant props, halters, SMs, craft items like mohair, pastels,

Website update:

RESULTS! Get your results by visiting the "show dates and judges" page. Click on the RESULTS button! If the results are ready (as soon as our webmaster Jennifer gets them) they will pop right up!

Donor record:

Start keeping a list of your donations today! Form available on the website. Record each donation and the value. You can also record shipping you have donated to MEPSA, as well as judge's fees donated. Get credit for all you do for MEPSA! Value of contest entries should not be included as these have their own separate reward system. Submit your donation record at the end of the season (or with your championship entry). This will make record keeping easier for the BOD. All donors receive ad space in the Championship book. Donate \$100 – get a full page, \$50 gets you half a page and \$25 gets you a quarter page ad. Become a patron level sponsor by donating \$150 or more and get your champ show book for free!

Newsletter

The MEPSA newsletter is published quarterly and is available by snail mail upon request. It is edited by Elizabeth Jones and distributed by Marie Phillips.

Have a question or contribution for the next newsletter? Email it to Elizabeth Jones at ubersu@verizon.net or mail it to 10241 Battlefield Drive, Manassas, VA 20110.

MEPSA BODY BOX Nov 2014

STABLEMATES

G1 Arab stallion

G1 Arab mare

G1 ASB

G1 Citation (3)
G1 laying down foal
G1 Morgan Mare
G1 QH stallion
G1 Native Dancer (2)
G1 Silky Sullivan (2)
G1 Swaps (2)
G1 TB mare
G2 Appaloosa/Stock (Unpainted/prep)
G2 galloping Drafter (3)
G2 Morgan (4)
G2 Mule
G2 Paso Fino (unpainted/prepped)
G2 rearing Arabian (3)
G2 rearing Arabian (partially painted may need stripping)
G2 Cantering Foal
G2 Scrambling foal
G2 Shetland
G2 Thoroughbred (4)
G2 Warmblood (4)
G3 Friesian
G3 Rearing Andalusians (2)
G3 Standing Thoroughbred (2)
G3 WB jumper (no stand)
Grey halfinger? Welsh? G4? Rear leg cracked.
Grey halfinger? Welsh? G4?

LITTLEBIT / STONE PEBBLES

Saddlebred
Stock horse
Warmblood
Schleich Drafter
Schleich Shire gelding
Schleich Draft gelding
Schleich Appaloosa foal

CLASSIC

Andalusian Mare
Andalusian Stallion (2)
Arabian Foal- tail missing
Black Beauty (2)
Flicka
Ginger

Keen (2)
Might Tango
Western Pony (Needs sticky paint stripped)

TRADITIONAL

Action Stock Horse Foal (2)
Andalusian (rear leg broken-piece missing.)
Black Beauty (old Mold) rear leg broken have piece.
Breyer Jumper with wall-tail removed
Family Arab Mare (2)
Justin Morgan (3)
Oldenburg-buckskin (tail broken have piece)
Lady Phase
Man O War (old mold)
Phar Lap (2) One is partially etched-be nice if someone finished him! Have pic
Proud Arab Foal
Proud Arab Mare
Proud Arab Stallion
San Domingo - (broken rear leg-have piece)
Silver body
Running Foal
Running Stallion (front leg broken-have piece)
Shetland Pony (4)
Stock Horse Mare
Stud Spider

RESIN

Unknown Morgan/Pony type stallion Three legs broken. Have pieces (Have pic)