

## NOTICES: Up next:

- Prop/Tack contest
- Mini CM contest
- Annual Championship show



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

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to showers who do not have internet access. It is mailed free of charge (courtesy of Marie Phillips). The newsletter is also available by email and on the website as a secondary source of information and updates for all members.

## NEWS

***In Short (From the Editor)*** – We are coming to the end of another year. Just two more months to qualify your models for the championship! If this is your first year, you have an exciting summer coming! The rules for entering the championship show are different from the qualifiers, so pay close attention and read the FAQs in this newsletter.

***PAM Contest Winners*** – We had another successful remake challenge. This year we gave awards in four categories, but all the entries were wonderful and helped raise funds for the championship show! The winner in Novice custom was Elizabeth Jones. The winner in the repaint category was Shandi Bech. Simple custom winner was Carole Ingram, and drastic custom was Julie Brooks. Each winner received an unpainted artist resin. Thank you to all the artists who donated their work, and to the supporters who purchased the models. The funds raised are being used to buy NIB 2017 Breyer models which will be awarded as prizes in the big show!

### ***BOD news***

The MEPSA Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for Champ Show judges. We prefer outside judges (who do not show in MEPSA, or have not in the last season), but we will also accept MEPSA showers who may judge a division they have not judged this season (e.g. showers who show only OF could judge Division C or D, or who only show plastic could judge china). Halter judges should be well versed in breed requirements, and performance judges should be expert in some areas of performance and proficient in all. Champ show judges receive their choice of a free book or \$25. Do you know someone who might be interested?

Many members of our board of directors have a lengthy service record, some having served for over ten years! Things change and people have other obligations – turnover is inevitable. This means we need to have new people step up. Last year, two board members stepped down, and we were joined by a new Judge Coordinator, Shanly Bryant, and a new Championship show coordinator, Elena Lemm. This past year we have been operating without a dedicated Donations Coordinator (we have all been pitching in). Our Vice President, Anne Field, has a new full-time job (in addition to doll making) which she loves ... And while we can never replace her, she would appreciate it if a new board member could step up to the task. The primary focus of the VP is public relations. If you monitor MEPSA list emails and follow the Facebook page, and are knowledgeable about model horse showing, this might be the board position for you! Think about it. Board members receive a free champ show book in recognition of their service. Elections will be in July.

*Judges – Important reminder –*

There are a number of “other performance” classes which allow multiple entries. It is important/critical/required that the judge states what the performance is along with the horses name in the results, even if only one photo of the horse is entered. This is so the tabulators can record what horse AND performance are qualified, as the same horse could qualify a number of times with different performance entries in the “other performance” classes. In addition, for class 119, scene, the name of the scene must be recorded in the results. Showers: *make sure you give your scene a unique name.*

*Shipping rates*

Postage for a priority flat rate envelope is \$6.45 (legal size is \$6.80). While priority rates have gone up, first class postage has gone down a bit. For 50 photos, \$3.39 is the package rate (due to thickness and inflexibility) that's: 3 – 3oz forever stamps, 1- 1oz forever stamp, +17c in stamps.

**LAST CHANCE TO QUALIFY –**

*Qualifier shows for the fourth quarter – Open Division*

**May 6, 2017 - OF Plastic/China Qualifier (A,B,E)**

Linda Watson Gresham  
2842 Kane St  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
watsongresham@charter.net

**May 13, 2017 - AR/CM Qualifier (C,D,F)**

Joan Yount  
294 E 550 N  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
she\_flies\_she\_flies\_@yahoo.com

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**OPEN QUALIFIER SHOW FEES:**

The fee for the open show is based on the number of entries.

Up to 50 photos: \$2

51 to 100 photos: \$4

101 to 150 photos: \$5.

**THERE IS A MAXIMUM OF 100 HALTER PHOTOS ALLOWED PER SHOWER/PER OPEN SHOW.**

**And a limit of 150 for halter plus performance.** You may send 150 performance photos (and 0 halter) if you wish.

*Novice show series –*

**MAY 20, 2017 - Halter**

Terry Boaz  
5680 Ashwood Lane

Loma Rica, CA 95901-9557  
[ashwoodgsds@yahoo.com](mailto:ashwoodgsds@yahoo.com)

**The fee for the Novice show is \$2. For this show series you must take your own photos as the objective is to improve your model horse photography skills. Critiques of each photo will be provided by the judge. You may take new photos at any time. It is the HORSE not the photo that qualifies.**

## ***2017 MEPSA Championship show***

### ***Who can enter?***

Each model horse must qualify to enter the championship in a MEPSA qualifying show of the current show season (Aug 2016 – May 2017). There are two show series: Novice and Open. Novice qualifying shows are held once a month, alternating between halter and performance. In the Open series, two to four Qualifying shows are held each month from August through May. Note that some shows are only for original finish (OF) and some are only for custom or artist resin models. Specialty shows are also offered. All instructions are on the website and there is an optional entry form to make things easy for you and the judge.

When your model places first through third in a qualifier halter class (Division A, B, C, D or the novice division), you qualify for **all** the halter classes that model is eligible for. That is: gender, breed, color, and make/workmanship in the Open series and breed and gender in the novice division. However, if you qualify a model in a performance class (Division E, F or Novice), this qualifies you only to enter THAT performance class in the championship show. If your model showed in a class with *100 or more entries*, and you placed sixth or better, your model qualifies to compete in the championship. If the class was split and the split had less than 100 entries, then only first through third qualify. If the split had more than 100 entries, 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> qualify.

Our wonderful tabulator team has been keeping a record of qualified horses throughout the season and their records will be available on the website. Simply visit the “show dates and judges” page and you will find links at the top of the page. Thanks to Kay Myers, Betty Hook, Charlotte Martin, Randa Garrett and Marie Phillips for keeping track of qualifiers.

### ***Good News for mini showers***

Once again, we will be including a special “extra” division just for minis, thanks to the generosity of MEPSA donors and contest entrants! “Mini” includes both stablemate/chip sized models and Pebble/Paddock Pal sized models. We offered several mini specials this year to help you qualify, however, if your mini qualified in *any* qualifier, you may choose to enter the mini show. As in previous champ shows you have a choice whether to show your mini in its regular division (competing with large scale models) or in the special division for minis only. **You may not do both!** In the mini division, A and B (OF Plastic and OF China/factory resin) compete together, and C and D (artist resins and customs) are combined. The performance class list is abbreviated and both mini performance divisions (E and F) compete together. If I have managed to confuse you, see the entry form in this newsletter for more information.

### ***FAQ (Frequently asked questions)***

- *If I qualified more than one photo of a horse, can I enter both?* No. You may only enter one photo per horse in halter divisions and only one photo per class in performance, except where multiple photos are specified. I.e. If you qualified multiple kinds of performance in “other performance” classes (limited to three per horse in a qualifying show), you may enter *all* of them in the championship show (not limited to three), but each must represent a different event.
- *Do I have to enter the actual photo that qualified?* No. The *horse* qualified, not the *photo*. Send the best photo you have – or take a new one.

- *Do I need to relabel my photos for the champ show?* Only in the mini division. Add the special division designations and change the performance class numbers as shown on the champ entry form.
- *Can I use my judge's certificate for free entry?* No, special entry fees apply. See the champ show entry form.
- *When will I get my photos back after the show?* The show takes all summer. You will not have your photos back in time for the first shows of next season. Your entry first goes to the champ show coordinator, where your entry qualifications will be verified. The coordinator will then sort all the photos, sending each division to a different judge. Judges may take up to a month to judge, type results, and return photos to the coordinator (hopefully less). Results and photos of the champs go to the champ book coordinator, who compiles them into the book, the last step prior to sending it to the printer. Meanwhile photos go back to the champ show coordinator, who starts organizing return shipments with prizes and awards. Once the shipment of results books arrives, the champ show coordinator can seal the boxes and start shipping them out. If all goes well, your champ show box should arrive on your doorstep sometime in August.
- *Can I pay for the championship using PayPal?* You may PayPal your entry fee directly to MEPSA. However you are responsible for paying any PayPal or credit card fees associated with this type of payment.
- *Should I include a SASE?* No. We will be sending a package with your photos and prizes. We do ask you to include \$10 as your share of the return shipping cost. Your entry fee is broken down into three parts: \$2 per 50 photos to cover shipping photos to and from judges, \$10 toward your return postage, and \$15 toward the cost of the champ show book. MEPSA is subsidizing the actual champ show costs thanks to donors and participants in various fund raising events.

***PLEASE be sure to check your class numbers as judges continue to report errors. You may miss your class in the championship show if your photos are not numbered correctly. Remember class 53 is must be marked "a" or "b" (vintage).***

### ***Champ show prizes***

We have a new champ show coordinator this year – Elena Lemm! Elena has ordered ribbons and rosettes (what color will they be???), and, thanks to our supporters, we are purchasing some new 2017 Breyer releases to award as prizes! We also have some Stones and older Breyers available as prizes. If you would like to contribute models for us to use as prizes, please send them to Elena.

Postage continues to go up. We will not be able to send out excessively heavy prizes, so please keep this in mind when you are donating. Some entrants would prefer performance related prizes – props, dolls, costumes, etc. These would make wonderful donations! Smaller items will be used for door prizes and other awards. Promote your business or your stable, both by offering prizes which represent your talents and by advertising in the champ show book. All donors receive space in the champ show book. MEPSA will even help design your ad if you like.

We encourage you to be specific about what prizes you want. If you specify a particular model, you may not get it, but we will try to fulfill as many dreams as possible. If you enjoy customizing, by all means specify that you would like bodies or a particular body. If you like Schleich, tell us! Remember: "Let us know; you never know!"

Once again we are fortunate to have Chelsea's Model Horses sponsoring the "Judge's Choice". Chelsea will be supplying a gift certificate to the judge's choice of each division.

New for this year – we will have a catalog of prizes on the website! Even if you don't want models for prizes, you might find something you like in the catalog! All items will be numbered, so you can specify on your entry form which items you covet! Keep checking back to the page for new items.

## *Where to send your MEPSA donations*

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may send a check directly to the treasurer:

Carolyn Bailey, 4N742 Honey Hill Cir., Wayne, IL 60184

Or use Paypal (friends and family) address: [mepsa3@att.net](mailto:mepsa3@att.net).

To donate items for the 2016-17 MEPSA championship season please send them to the Champ Show Coordinator,

Elena Lemm, 37103 Robin George Trail, Magnolia, TX 77354

PLEASE DO NOT send catalogs or other heavy items. And apply the golden rule “Donate to others what you would like to see in your champ show box!”

## *Track your 2016-17 donations using the Donor record:*

At the end of the season, did you have trouble remembering what you donated so that you knew what size ad you should get in the Championship book (well guess what so did the champ show coordinator!)? Don't let that happen again! Start keeping a list of your donations today! (and help out the coordinators!) Form available at <http://mepsa1.tripod.com/forms.html>. Record each donation and the value. You can also record 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 (a \$35 value) for free!

## **MEPSA 2017 CONTEST SCHEDULE**

**The writing contest** was won by Corina Roberts. Congratulations Corina! Corina donated her prize back to MEPSA, so one lucky person will win this prize at the Championship show! You can look forward to reading this year's contest entries and more in the Photo-showers Annual Championship book.

## **Spring 2017 contests - prizes announced!**

The prize for the tack/prop contest will be a \$50 gift certificate to Rio Rondo (tack making kits, supplies and tools)

The prize for the mini custom contest will be YOUR CHOICE of one of three Deborah McDermott artist resins (subject to availability).



Ardennes Stallion



Camargue Mare



Black Forest Stallion



Winners will be selected by popular vote. The contest entries will be used primarily as champ show prizes for the mini division.

Entries should be sent to Elena Lemm, 37103 Robin George Tel, Magnolia, TX 77354

**Tack/prop contest – April 30.**

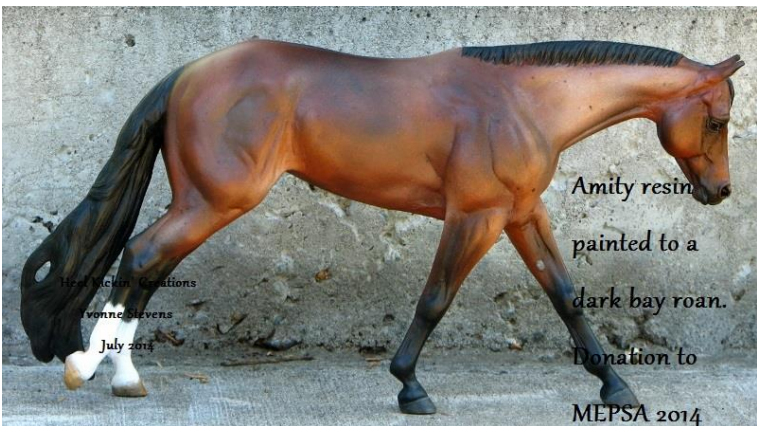
Although we are looking for mini scale performance related items, you may enter tack or props in other scales. These will be awarded as prizes in the championship show, so we welcome halters (foal, draft, Arabian, you name it), bridles, saddle blankets, miniature tack, or mini scale and larger jumps and other obstacles that you make or modify (provide before and after pictures) from OF.

**SM CM contest – May 30.**

Paint/remake models in mini scale (e.g. Breyer BOTW resins, Collect A, stablemates, little bits, chips, Pebbles, mini AR). This is always a fun contest and entries will either be used as Champ show prizes for this year's big show or auctioned off as fund raisers to support the extra costs of holding a mini-division.

*Still available -- Artist painted Artist Resins for sale – MAKE AN OFFER!*

MEPSA has two painted artist resins by Amanda Dionne (top) and Yvonne Stevens (bottom) which we would like to sell to raise funds. Aren't they beautiful? \$200 or best offer. Support MEPSA and get a new performance friendly model at the same time!!! Please contact Liz Jones (we currently have no donations coordinator) [ubersu@verizon.net](mailto:ubersu@verizon.net) or 703-361-8081.



# MEPSA



Model Equine Photo Showers Association

## 2016-2017 MEPSA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (June 17, 2017) ENTRY FORM:

**Instructions:** Please enclose this form with your entry. Only models that qualified, placed 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (or 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in classes in excess of 100 entries) in a MEPSA qualifying show of the current season (Aug 2016 - May 2017) may be entered in the Championship Show. Limit is one photo per model per class except for performance classes where multiple entries are permitted. (In those classes, all entries that qualified may enter, no limits as long as they are of different disciplines). Place photos for each division in separate baggies (**alphabetized by horse's name- not first class order- in halter, and class order, then alphabetized, in performance**). Write your name and the number of photos on the outside of the baggie. Make sure your class numbers are correct. Make sure your NAME (not your stable name) and address is on each photo. Please be sure to have your 5 letter code on EACH photo (ELLEM=Elena Lemm). Please include a list of the qualified models names (in alphabetical order). MEPSA may request additional postage funds for international packages. Novice entrants please enter the Novice Division. Minis may enter either the Mini Division or the regular division, but not both.

### Special Mini Division Instructions

The halter sections of the Mini Division will have the same class numbers and classes as the normal Open Division. They will be combined into OF Plastic/China (Division G) and AR/CM (Division H). The Mini Division Performance will be combined OF/CM (Division I) and have the following modified classlist (multiple entries permitted in all classes that have multiple entries or were combined from the original classlist (i.e. roping/cutting, hunter/jumper, costume/parade):

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Western Pleasure                | 13. Hunter/Jumper                  |
| 2. Western Bareback                | 14. Dressage                       |
| 3. Western Trail (arena/natural)   | 15. English Games                  |
| 4. Roping/Cutting                  | 16. Other English Performance      |
| 5. Other Stock Work                | English Performance Grand Champion |
| 6. Barrels/Poles                   | 17. Harness                        |
| 7. Other Western Games             | 18. Costume/Parade                 |
| 8. Other Western Performance       | 19. Showmanship                    |
| Western Performance Grand Champion | 20. Liberty                        |
| 9. Huntseat Pleasure               | 21. Other Performance              |
| 10. English Bareback               | 22. Head Study                     |
| 11. Saddleseat/Park/Sidesaddle     | Other Performance Grand Champion   |
| 12. English Trail (arena/natural)  |                                    |

## Entry Form

Send your photos, entry fee and this entry form to:  
**Elena Lemm 37103 Robin George Trail, Magnolia, TX 77354**  
Email: [ejlemm12@gmail.com](mailto:ejlemm12@gmail.com)

### Entrant info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry info

Number of entries per division:

Open

Div A: \_\_\_\_\_

Div B: \_\_\_\_\_

Div C: \_\_\_\_\_

Div D: \_\_\_\_\_

Div E: \_\_\_\_\_

Div F: \_\_\_\_\_

Div G: \_\_\_\_\_

Div H: \_\_\_\_\_

Div I: \_\_\_\_\_

Novice: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of photos entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your photos shipped to an address other than the entrant address? If so, what address? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your prizes shipped to an address other than the entrant address? If so, what address? \_\_\_\_\_

Prize preferences: Possible prizes may include the following. Please mark your preferences:

Traditional size models    Y/N    Classic models    Y/N    LB/SM models    Y/N  
Ribbons    Y/N    Rosettes    Y/N    Other (**please** specify)

By tradition, MEPSA publishes copies of some of the entered photos (such as champions) in the MEPSA Championship results book. Please indicate if you do NOT want your photos published. \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Fees

\_\_\_\_\_ Championship Show Entry Fee: Based on number of photos entered (\$2.00 per 50 photos). Includes ribbons, rosettes, awards, and a flat shipping fee\* (\$10.00).

0-50= \$12    51-100= \$14    101-150= \$16    151-200= \$18    201-250= \$20    251-300= \$22    301-350= \$24  
351-400= \$26    401-450= \$28    451-500= \$30, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Results Book: A copy of the Results book with articles, ads and full color photos of the winners. (Please do not add \$15.00 if you are a Board member, a Patron Donor (>\$150 in donations) or do not wish to receive a copy of the results book. The results book will be available as a pdf file download from Lulu.com, for a nominal cost, to those who choose not to receive a book. \*International entrants may be required to pay additional shipping costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation: Entitles you to an ad in the results book. Please use donation form available online.

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance Charge (If using Paypal add \$2.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total: Please make checks payable to Elena Lemm or via Paypal to [mepsa3@att.net](mailto:mepsa3@att.net)