

## NOTICES: Up next:

- Contests
- BOD elections
- Champ Show 2018!



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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) –*

Well – here we are into the new season! And I believe everything is going swimmingly. I know that some folks were unable to enter shows that overlapped with the championship because they were lacking a second set of photos, but we hope you were pleased with your championship results, prizes, etc, and that you will be joining us at the qualifiers soon. (*Subscription Coordinator's Note-Champ show is finally judged, but still finishing up the results book, and boxes will be going out very soon!*)

Don't forget the performance clinic is this quarter. Why not try your hand at performance? You-tube videos of the action are a fun place to start, and can help you decide how to set up an entry suitable to your model. It's a great way to expand your hobby experience.

**Contest News** These contests provide a fun way for MEPSA to raise funds and provide prizes for our annual Championship show. Everyone loves to get great prizes in their champ show box!

### **January 15 deadline - Writing Contest**

*Prize: U/P AR Brio Sombra sculpted by Sheila Bishop, SM scale*

- We need both longer and shorter articles. 1000-3000 words is the length to shoot for.
- Text should be formatted in Microsoft Word (.doc) or .rtf or .txt.
- Name your text file using your last name (e.g. jones.doc).
- Do not embed images in your article. Send the illustrations for your article as separate .jpg files (no more than 2mb each), named using your last name and the figure number (e.g. "jonesfig1.jpg"). Illustrations must be original or used by permission from the source. Provide a source for each illustration as they will be listed in the figure captions (e.g. photo by Corina Roberts). Illustrations are an essential part of almost any article.
- You may include a short byline describing yourself/credentials/place in the hobby.
- Choose a subject related to model horses in which you are knowledgeable. Here are some examples that would be topics of interest:

- Performance-the tack, rules, setting, etc. illustrated with photos of real horses/tack and/or model horses.
- Customizing – how to ... (paint, resculpt, do hooves, braid a mane, etc.)
- How to make tack – a halter, bridle, saddle, costume ...
- How to make props
- Breeds (e.g. "Tiger Horse", "exotics") – with real horse illustrations. If you breed, keep or train horses, speak from your experience and illustrate with your horses! What model horses best represent your breed? Why?
- Photography – share your special tips on model horse photography with our readers!
- Model horse manufacturers: a history of Hagen Renacker or Breyer or artist resins ...
- Fiction/poetry – We are willing to accept these submissions. Of course they should be horse related. We will not be printing more than one "creative work" in the Champ book. Others may appear in the club newsletter.
- Other similar subjects of interest to photo model horse showers. To see an example MEPSA Championship book, go to Lulu.com, search for MEPSA, and look at a preview.

Thank you for your consideration! These articles help to make our Champ show book awesome :). Please contact Shana [starfroggie@gmail.com](mailto:starfroggie@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating!

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**February 28 deadline - Custom Contest / Lady Phase**

*Prize: U/P AR Maggie Bennett Traditional model - TBA either Tumbleweed or Amarant*

Winners will chosen from a poll on MEPSA’S blog that will be advertised on MHSP, ModelHorseBlab and Facebook.

Make over a Traditional scale Lady Phase any way you want, with some customization when compared to the original mold. It can be minimum, like a mane and tail or head position change, or a drastic custom -it's up to you! One body is available to a live show proven artist, please inquire. Otherwise, artists must provide their own body. Get the body soon, so you have plenty of time to work!.

Artist provides the model to be customized. The model must fit the criteria (in this case, Breyer Lady Phase) of the contest it was meant to be entered into. Each entrant may enter one model.

Artist may use any technique, any materials, and customize the model and/or item any way they choose. The model customizing contests are open to any equid- not only horses, but donkeys, zebras, fantasy equines, etc.

All finished models and/or items must have a clear digital or scanned photo of each side, sent in to MEPSA-Shana Bobbitt [starfroggie@gmail.com](mailto:starfroggie@gmail.com) MEPSA can do the photographs for you if needed, when we get the model or item.

ALL entered models and/or items become property of MEPSA to raise funds or use as Championship show awards. This is a MEPSA Benefit contest. Artist must send the finished model to MEPSA upon completion at their own expense. There is no other fee to enter.

The contest will be publicized heavily on the Internet and in model horse groups. Please help spread the word!

We will adhere to the deadlines mentioned should we receive enough entries for that contest. MEPSA reserves the right to extend the deadlines should there not be enough entries. Voting will take place within a month after the latest expressed deadline.

Winners will be selected by majority vote on MEPSA's blog, when the contest entries are announced and the voting completed. Winners will be notified via email or snail mail.

### *Our Board is awesome!*

The board is made up of creative individuals that offer a tremendous amount of service to our club. We have all been having trouble getting our entries labeled with the correct class numbers. So ... Currently, Stephanie Michel is working on a label making program that will number your classes for you! (I hope I have that right Stephanie!). I, for one, am super excited about this!

Though I am putting this newsletter together early, and hopefully someone will update it before it gets published – I like to think the champ show boxes are all out now! I hope you love the special surprise we included for everyone: a MEPSA season calendar! I hope you were happy with your results and are inspired by the articles and the champ show pictures. Please give some thought to contributing your knowledge to next year's champ show book. We even have a writing contest every year where we award a nice prize to the winning author!

*(Subscription Coordinator's Note-Champ show is finally judged, but our Champ Show coordinator is still finishing up the results book, and boxes will be going out very soon.)*

You should always feel free to contact a board member if you have a question or an issue that you need help with. In fact we rely on you to let us know when there is something we should be dealing with!

### *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 horse's 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.**

### *MEPSA Qualifier Show schedule – Second Quarter*

**October 6, 2018 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100**

LINDA GRESHAM  
2842 Kane St.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
watsongresham@charter.net

**October 13, 2018 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total**

LINDA GRESHAM  
2842 Kane St.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
watsongresham@charter.net

**October 20, 2018 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total**

LINDA GRESHAM  
2842 Kane St.  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
watsongresham@charter.net

**October 27, 2017 - Performance Clinic Special - this limited entry show is for both Divisions E & F and the judge will provide showers with individual feedback on their performance entries. Photo limit: if you enter just one division you may send 20; if you enter both divisions you are limited to 15 in each.**

ALYSSA BAILEY  
4327 Lindenwood Dr. Apt 2W  
Matteson, IL 60443  
alyssa.bailey090611@gmail.com

November 2018

**November 3, 2018 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100**

BEVERLY LYNCH  
11 Petersen Rd.  
Brookline, NH 03033  
purplepony@aol.com

**November 10, 2018 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total**

BETTY HOOK  
800 Hunters Valley Rd  
Liverpool, PA 17045  
eclipse@pa.net

**November 17, 2018 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo**

**limit 150 per division, 300 total**

TRACI DURRELL KHALIFE  
1666 SW Country Club Pl  
Corvallis, OR 97333-1561  
khalife@proaxis.com

**November 24, 2018 - Mini Special (all Divisions) Stablemate, Little Bit, CollectAs and similar sized models generally around 4" in height and excluding classic scale foals which are still classic scale regardless of height - Photo limit 100 halter, 150 total**

CORY HARTUNG  
1036 N Fairview St  
Burbank, CA 91505  
aceshigh14@yahoo.com

## December 2018

**December 1, 2018 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100**

KAY MYERS  
2700 Atlantic Ave #618  
Longport, NJ 08403  
pookaa01@comcast.net

**December 8, 2018 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifer (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total**

TONJIA CLARK  
7195 Brickchurch Rd  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
tonjiac Clark@yahoo.com

**December 15, 2018 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total**

GAYLE GOODLING  
2198 Molasses Rd  
Liverpool, PA 17045  
stockhorse\_lady@yahoo.com

**December 29, 2018 - Light/Sport/Spanish/Gaited Special (all Divisions) - Photo limit 100 halter, 150 total**

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Creston, OH 44217  
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## *BOD news*

### *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 2018-19 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 own champ show box!”

### *Track your 2018-19 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!

### *New – submit your short model-horse-related announcement for publication in the quarterly newsletter*

We often have a little extra room, and I will be happy to publish short announcements about your horse club or other news, as space allows. Also, I will happily accept short articles, and as you know, any articles submitted for the writing contest that do not make it into the Champ show book will probably be published here.

We still have bodies for folks to paint and donate to MEPSA for fundraising!

If you are interested in any of them please contact Marie Phillips at [RIAP57@aol.com](mailto:RIAP57@aol.com)

It's that time again! With the new show season on its way this is the perfect time to get your MEPSA Show Coupons. They are a great alternative to sending checks or cash with your photos and takes some stress off of your judges about needing to keep track of actual funds to send back to MEPSA. :-)

### *Show Coupons*

You may request show coupons from the Treasurer, Carolyn Bailey (MEPSA contacts page:<http://mepsa1.tripod.com/officers.html> ). Send one check or paypal (mepsa3@att.net) payment and receive coupons for show entry. Cash equivalent coupons can be made in any denominations you need. 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 one \$4 coupon or two \$2 coupons, etc. No more cash in the mail, no more check fees – entering shows just got easier!

### ***Photo Sizes:***

4x6 is preferred for consistency and ease of handling for the judges. 4x5.25 and 3x5 allowed but not encouraged. Any other size may be disqualified by the judge.

Also, if your photo doesn't "fill out" a 4x6 (has white margins at top and/or sides) please do not trim the photo down! A photo will not be disqualified for having extra white around the image. When you are in whichever photo program you use to adjust your photos, just center your cropped image in the 4x6 space and you will be fine (see sample below). :-)



### ***Return Envelopes:***

A self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) is needed for all show entries to return your photos.

Please adhere the proper postage before sending your photos, most judges won't have extra stamps and trying to have the postage added at the post office while you are handling a show's worth of envelopes isn't easy (not to mention the irritated people standing in line behind you while you finish packaging those entries!).

You can purchase prepaid flat rate priority envelopes from USPS at no extra charge (you just pay the postage) and you don't have to have stamps on hand for your show return envelopes, or worry about the stamps being taped over. Since you need to fit the return envelope into your out-going envelope, make sure that all of your entries will still fit.

Online postage is easy to use if you can't get to the post office often and you don't need an expensive mail scale to weigh your entries. I use our food scale (which cost us just over \$10) without any issues. :-)

Here are some links for online postage. If anyone uses a different online postage service please feel free to share!

<https://www.usps.com/ship/online-shipping.htm>

<https://www.usps.com/business/postage-options.htm>

<https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/shipping-center>

Another thing to keep an eye out for is changes in postage rates. If the rates have changed after you have sent out your entries it would be a good idea to contact the judge(s) to make sure you are covered. If needed, postage shortages can be rectified by either sending the extra postage/stamps to the judge or making arrangements with the show coordinator or treasurer to repay MEPSA for covering the shortage.

### ***Labeling and Pre-Sorting Photo Entries:***

These steps are very important for helping the judges get the shows done in a timely manner.

- 1) Make sure your photos have the correct class numbers on them. The breed directory should help determine which class your horse should go into <http://mepsa1.tripod.com/rft-doc-pdf/MEPSABREEDDIRECTORY.rtf> . If you are not sure feel free to post or contact a board member directly and we will be glad to help. :-)
- 2) Make sure performance photos have appropriate descriptions or identifiers. Performance photos need to have appropriate descriptions or identifiers so the judge knows what the horse is supposed to be doing. It is also very important to have these descriptions and identifiers for classes that allow more than one entry for each horse. Without the description or identifier, the show tabulators will not know which photo qualified in the class and the wrong photo may get the credit for the placing.
- 3) Make sure your photos are pre-sorted into their first classes before they go to the show judge. A show must be sorted multiple times and it is a time consuming task with the number of photos that arrive for each show. Having your entries already sorted into their first classes helps the judges start their show sooner and have one less sort to do. Remember, the judges may have 3 weeks to judge but they also have jobs, family, etc. on top of all the sorting, judging, typing, re-packaging photos to mail and the required "paperwork" that goes with each show.

*Subscription Coordinator's Note-Hopefully the Champ show results and prizes will be arriving soon to all entrants! Thank you all for your patience in this matter! Good luck in the 2018-19 Season!*