

## NOTICES: Up next:

- Writing Contest winner announced
- LP remake – vote!
- Champ show entry info
- Special Mini championship
- Other Animal fun show
- Performance clinic prep



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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

### ***!Postal Rate Increases!***

Priority Flat rate envelope shipping is now \$7.35; Legal size: \$7.65.

50 photos (8 oz) first class package in a half size envelope is \$4.39.

A 1 oz Forever stamp is now worth 55c, while a second ounce stamp has fallen to 15c (not a good investment)

A 3 oz Forever stamp is now worth 85c (down from 91c)

### ***In Short (From the Editor) –***

The end of the season is approaching. There are still a few more shows to qualify models for the Championship. This newsletter has everything you need to enter the 2019 MEPSA Championship. I encourage you to order the results book, an annual publication full of interesting articles, complete results, and pictures of all the Grand Champions! The book will have a new look thanks to the new book coordinator, Kristen Taylor. Once again MEPSA will cover part of the cost of the book and part of the return shipping. This is possible through the support of artists, donors, and various fund-raising contests.

**Contest News** contests are a fun way for MEPSA to raise funds and provide prizes for our annual Championship show. NEW DATE for the mini contest: April 15! The last contest of the season will be the mini tack and prop contest, NEW DEADLINE May 15!

### ***Writing Contest Results –***

We received 12 amazing entries which were submitted without the authors' names attached to our judge Jeanne Grunnert. The prize-winning article was submitted by Traci Durrell-Khalife, one of our regular contributors (about the author). Traci won an unpainted mini Brio Sombra, Sculpted by Sheila Bishop. As you read the results book, I hope you get inspired to write an article to submit to next year's contest (January 2020).

### ***Lady Phase Custom Contest is closed – We have a Popular winner!***

This year the contest was coordinated with NaMoPaiMo (national model painting month) and some of the entries were finished during that February event. We received 14 outstanding entries, in which artists remade the popular Breyer "Lady Phase". Winners were chosen by popular vote. First prize went to Corina Roberts, for her bowing Lady Phase. She will receive a traditional AR by Maggie Bennett, and second prize went to Kristen Taylor for her bay sabino trotting Lady Phase. Kristen won a Platinum Daylily mini AR by Carissa Kirksey. All

of the entries are currently being auctioned on MH\$P. This is generally MEPSAs most successful fund raiser, allowing the purchase of many NIB Breyers and other fabulous prizes for the MEPSA Championship.

### ***MEPSA mini-CM contest***

This contest has been extended to April 15. The winner, chosen by popular vote, will receive an u/p Platinum Daylily mini AR (see picture below).

### ***MEPSA mini tack and prop contest***

This contest is so important. We may not all have funds to donate to support MEPSA, but we surely have a little time and imagination to build a prop, maybe even the skill to make tiny tack. Our Championship mini-division entrants deserve special prizes. And so do our Performance entrants. You may enter larger scale props in this contest as well. The new submission date is May 15. And THIS JUST IN -- the prize, donated by P. Stone and Co. is a \$100 gift certificate to the Peter Stone Co!!!!

### ***Platinum Day Lily – still available for purchase***



In hand – ready to ship.

Unpainted resin \$85 ppd\*. Paypal [mepsa3@att.net](mailto:mepsa3@att.net). Include your name and address.

This limited resin casting was sculpted by Carissa Kirksey and produced only for MEPSA to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I look forward to seeing how these models get finished! I'd love to feature some pictures in next year's champ show book.

\*international shipping extra

### ***MEPSA Qualifier Show schedule – Forth Quarter (seasons end)***

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**April 6, 2019 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100**

CHARLOTTE MARTIN  
3097 Hillery Rd  
Lake Charles, LA 70611  
carousel1093@aol.com

**April 13, 2019 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total**

ELIZABETH JONES  
10241 Battlefield Dr.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
ubersu@verizon.net

**April 20, 2019 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total**

KAREN HARPER  
700 Happy Valley Rd  
Pleasanton, CA 94566  
cacheymom@comcast.net

**April 27, 2019 - Mini Special (all Divisions) Stablemate, Little Bit, CollectA 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**

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

**May 2019**

**May 4, 2019 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100**

ELENA LEMM  
37103 Robin George Tr  
Magnolia, TX 77354  
ejlemm12@gmail.com

**May 11, 2019 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total**

CORINA ROBERTS  
PO Box 702  
Simi Valley, CA 93062  
redbirds\_vision@hotmail.com

**May 18, 2019 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total**

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

*Novice shows – last chance to qualify for the 2019 Championship!*

**APRIL 20, 2019 - Performance**  
BJ Owens

4862 SW 44th Terrace  
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33314  
donutdudesmom@aol.com

### **MAY 18, 2019 - Halter**

Holly Goldman-Craig  
P.O. Box 417  
Averill Park, NY 12018  
[shepherdquen@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdquen@gmail.com)

### ***BOD news and volunteer opportunities***

The Board is working hard to prepare for the Annual Championship as well as beginning the process of looking for judges for next season. Corina Roberts will be assisting the Board by kicking off the judge sign-up effort for next season. MEPSA's Judge Coordinator, Alyssa Bailey will then ensure that all slots are filled. Nothing is more rewarding and more inspirational than judging a photo show! If you have never judged a photo show, we will find a smaller show for you to start with. Many mail-in photo showing venues have folded due to difficulties getting enough judges. At MEPSA we reward our judges – with a token payment of \$5, a free show certificate, and a chance to win a big prize at season's end. Champ show judges receive their choice of \$25 or a free results book (a \$35 value). If you are interested in judging a qualifying show contact Alyssa Bailey for a judge's application. If you are interested in judging a division of the Championship show contact Elena Lemm.

As the season draws to a close, we approach the annual elections (July 30)! If you are interested in joining the MEPSA board of directors, please contact Carissa Kirksey.

You should always feel free to contact a board member if you have a question or concern that you need help with. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

### ***Things to do in the off-season***

Once your photos are shipped off to the Championship show, how will you be spending your hobby time? Just for fun, we will be holding the FOURTH ANNUAL "OTHER" ANIMAL SHOW; to give you a chance to show off what ELSE you keep on your shelves! The judge has not yet been selected but will be announced in the July newsletter. In the meantime, have fun taking pictures and preparing your photos, using the class list below.

And why not try equine performance? If you show in the Open Show Series but feel intimidated by performance (like me) this is your chance to receive one-on-one input from a knowledgeable judge and qualify for the Championship at the same time! **The Performance Clinic** has been moved up in the 2019-20 show schedule to **August** so get busy with your preparations soon! See below for more.

### ***MEPSA OTHER ANIMAL SPECIALTY July 20, 2019***

Judge: TBA – Do you want to volunteer?

Please mark the back of your photos just as you would your normal MEPSA entries including your 5-letter codes. This show is NOT a MEPSA qualifying show. There will be MEPSA show coupons awarded to the Champions in each division. Entry fee is \$2.00 per 50 photos, no limit. All entries may enter one class in the species divisions and one make class. Brand new this year is a Performance division for the adventurous!

Regular rules apply. Payment forms for this show include cash, MEPSA show coupons or by PayPal to mepsa3@att.net. Please do not send checks.

### **Division A- Domesticated Dogs**

1. Sporting Group
2. Herding Group
3. Terrier Group
4. Hound Group
5. Toy Group
6. Working Group
7. Non-Sporting Group
8. Non-AKC Recognized Breeds
9. Mixed Breeds

Champ/Reserve

### **Division B- Domesticated Cats**

10. American Longhair Breeds
11. American Shorthair Breeds
12. European Longhair Breeds
13. European Shorthair Breeds
14. Oriental Breeds
15. Asian Breeds (non-Oriental)
16. African Breeds
17. Domestic Shorthair
18. Domestic Longhair
19. Other Cats

Champ/Reserve

### **Division C- Farm Animals**

20. Dairy Cattle
21. Beef Cattle
22. Other Bovine
23. Goat
24. Sheep
25. Pig
26. Other Farm Animals

Champ/Reserve

### **Division D- Birds**

27. Perching (Parrots, Canaries, Jays, etc.)
28. Flightless (Ostrich, Rhea, Kiwi, Penguin, etc.)
29. Aquatic (Duck, Swan, Gull, Flamingo, Heron, etc.)

### **Division F- Aquatic**

1. Whales/Dolphins
2. Sharks
3. Freshwater Fish
4. Saltwater Fish
5. Seals, Walrus, Sea Lion
6. Other Aquatic (Octopus, Crab, Manatee, etc.)

Champ/Reserve

### **Division G- Other Animals**

7. Wild Canine (Fox, Wolf, Coyote, Dingo, etc.)
8. Wild Feline (Lion, Tiger, Bobcat, Panther, etc.)
9. Deer Family (Moose, Antelope, Elk, etc.)
10. Large Animal (Elephants, Rhinos, Hippos, Giraffe, Bears)
11. Small Ground Dwelling (Squirrel, Chipmunks, Rabbits, Mice, etc.)
12. Primates (Chimpanzees, Gorillas, Baboons, etc.)
13. Other Animals

Champ/Reserve

### **Division H- Dinosaurs/Mythological**

14. Land Herbivore Dinosaur/Prehistoric Reptile
15. Land Carnivore Dinosaur/Prehistoric Reptile
16. Flying Dinosaur/Prehistoric Reptile
17. Aquatic Dinosaur/Prehistoric Reptile
18. Prehistoric Mammals
19. Dragon
20. Other Mythological (Griffin, Pegasus, Hydra, etc.)
21. Unrealistic Animals

Champ/Reserve

### **Division - Make**

22. OF Plastic

<p>30. Ground Dwellers (Chicken, Turkey, Sandpiper, etc.)  31. Birds of Prey (Eagles, Hawks, Owls, etc.)  32. Other Birds</p> <p>Champ/Reserve</p> <p><b>Division E- Reptiles and Amphibians</b></p> <p>1. Snakes  2. Lizards  3. Crocodiles/Alligators  4. Turtles/Tortoises  5. Frogs/Toads  6. Other Reptiles or Amphibians</p> <p>Champ/Reserve</p>	<p>23. OF China  24. OF Other Material  25. CM Plastic  26. CM China/Other Material  27. Original Sculpture</p> <p>Champ/Reserve</p> <p><b>Division - Performance</b></p> <p>28. Dog Performance  29. Bull Performance  30. Other Animal Performance</p> <p>Champ/Reserve</p>
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## *Performance Clinic*

It takes time to prepare performance entries, starting with research. You may need to make or acquire special tack. And then it can take many attempts to get the perfect photo – where the bit has not fallen out of the horse’s mouth, the reins from the rider’s hands, the foot out of the stirrup ... So focus on one or two disciplines and start early to give yourself plenty of time to get some photos you can be happy with. If you can access Facebook, you can post your pictures on the MEPSA page and get advice on tweaking your entry. While performance can seem daunting to those of use with limited experience, it is amazing how much you can learn online! If you don’t have a computer, visit your local library. Also consider the BACK of your photo. You will want to describe to the judge what your horse is doing and include a diagram of the course. You can also check out the MEPSA gallery of champions on the MEPSA website for inspiration. You can add a whole new dimension to your hobby by getting into performance! And the Performance Clinic is a GREAT place to start.

## *2019 Championship – entry deadline June 22.*

If this is your first MEPSA Championship, here is what to expect. Your entry goes to the Championship Coordinator, who will verify that each model is qualified to enter. She will then separate out the divisions and send them to the judges. The MEPSA BOD is taking steps to ensure our judges will complete their assignments within a month this year. Grand and reserve grand champion pictures will be scanned, and the results entered into the RESULTS BOOK. The book will then go to the publisher. Meanwhile, the Champ Show Coordinator will be selecting prizes for each box, including ribbons for each class and 162 rosettes for the Grand Champions and Reserves! There will be many more prizes such as model horses, props, gift certificates, and more. Here are some things to note:

- Do not include an SASE. Instead you will be getting a package of prizes along with your photos, to which you contribute a portion of the shipping.
- MEPSA subsidizes the cost of the results book. While you do have the option to opt out of the book (you will be able to access an online download at a nominal fee), *you will want this book: **over 100 pages of informative articles, complete results and pictures.***
- It is thanks to our donors and artists that support our fund-raising contests that we can keep the championship entry fees down. We spend thousands of dollars on prizes and nearly as much on return shipping.

- You may include a donation with your entry or anytime. Donors get advertising space in the book!
- You may specify which prizes you are dreaming of as well as any you do not wish to receive. Grand and Reserve Grand prize winners will get the biggest prizes, but we will have a little something for everyone.
- You may not get your photos back in time to enter the first shows of the next season (though we hope you will).
- We do plan to include a calendar as one of your prizes again this season – see below.
- **The entry form for the championship is included at the end of this newsletter!**

## *Important information about headstudy/The 2019-2020 Calendar*

Headstudy is a popular class, but there has long been argument over where it belongs. Historically it was in the halter division. For quite some time now it has been placed in the Performance divisions. This year, with the separation of Performance shows from Halter shows in the regular qualifiers, it was decided that Headstudy, Class 134, would be included in both Performance and Halter qualifiers, but that it would not contribute to a championship in any division. *If you qualify a model in headstudy in both halter and performance (for example both Division A and E), you need (and should) only send one headstudy photo of that model, as these will be competing together regardless of where they qualified. There will be two headstudy classes: OF and CM/AR.* **The MEPSA board of directors has decided to honor the top qualified Headstudy Photos on this year's calendar. So, head's up: if you want to get your photo on this year's calendar you need to qualify your Headstudy entry for the championship! You still have time – there are a few more qualifying shows!**

## *Mini Championship! Back for its Seventh Season!*

For many in the model horse hobby “Mini” is where it's at! In 2013, MEPSA found sponsors (Marie Phillips was the biggest sponsor) to pay for extra ribbons and rosettes so that we could hold a special division just for the minis. We have also been including four qualifier specials just for minis each season. Of course, minis can also enter regular qualifiers throughout the year, and many do qualify against “the big guys” as well as in their respective make classes. The MEPSA championship is, and has always been, open to the smaller scales, where Grand Champions can bring home a new-in-box Breyer or other traditional scale prizes. But whether your mini qualifies in a regular qualifier or a mini special qualifier, **you have a choice**: show in the regular divisions (A-F) or show in the special championship just for minis (Divisions G-I).

The mini scale includes Breyer Stablemates and Paddock Pals, Stone Chips and Pebbles, most Collect A, Schleich, Hagen Renaker minis, and Artist Resins and customs of similar size (less than about 4” in length). The Mini Divisions have a full halter class list just like the qualifier class list, and an abbreviated performance class list, where some classes are combined. Original finish plastic and china/factory resin minis are combined in Division G. Artist resin and custom minis compete together in Division H. All finishes (OF, AR, CM) compete in performance together, in Division I.

The mini division winners receive ribbons and rosettes, just like winners in the regular divisions. It also has its own set of “mini” prizes. Halter Champions may receive Breyer SM sets or SR, CM or china minis. And performance champions may receive mini tack or props. Hopefully the MEPSA mini contests will generate some nice champ show prizes in the mini scale! We encourage you to participate as a donor as well as a shower in the special “mini community”.

So, now you have a choice to make: On a case by case basis, will you show your entry in the mini division, or in the applicable regular division? Some people focus only on the regular divisions; some, only the mini division. You may wish to select some entries for each, but they cannot enter both. In my personal experience, I have received more rosettes since the inception of the mini division. But if you are coveting a Traditional NIB Breyer, take a chance in the “Regular” ring. Remember the mini rallying cry: “Bring it on, Big Job”

Hmm ... do I smell Tee shirt?

## ***MEPSA donation 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!

### ***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. Email [ubersu@verizon.net](mailto:ubersu@verizon.net) or snail mail: Elizabeth Jones, 10241 Battlefield Drive, Manassas, VA 20110.



**2018-2019 MEPSA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW (JUNE 22, 2019) 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 2018 - May 2019) may be entered in the Championship Show. Limit is one photo per model per class except for performance classes where multiple entries are specified. (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 (e.g. ELLEM=Elena Lemm). Please include a list of the qualified model's 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.

**\*\*New this year, qualified Headstudy entries will be judged in their own special show. Please separate your Headstudy entries into their own baggie (regardless in which division they qualified). The Championship Show Coordinator will take it from there\*\***

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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-letter code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Headstudy: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 ( <b>please</b> 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Donation: Entitles you to an ad in the results book. This would include any sponsorships. 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)

\*International entrants may be required to pay additional shipping costs.