

NOTICES: Up next:

- Writing Contest
- Big Ben remake



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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) –

Happy 2021! I hope that this New Year finds you all well and ready to take new show photos! While we are all still social distancing and avoiding crowds including live shows, it's a great time to take new photos, write an article or participate in one of our many contests! I hope that you'll take some time to think about how you can contribute to our amazing club. And Welcome to our new members! Stay safe, my friends!

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! The writing Contest provides the articles you love to read in the Champ show book!

February 15 deadline - Writing Contest

Prize: Painted stablemate size Platinum Daylily resin painted by Angelica Nelson

- 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/illustration 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.
- Email your files to ejlemm12@gmail.com
- 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, harness ...
- 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 Elena ejlemm12@gmail.com if you are interested in participating!

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February 28 deadline - Custom Contest Big Ben

Make over a Traditional scale Big Ben any way you want, with some customization when compared to the original mold or a simple repaint.

Prize: U/P AR Elton sculpted by Jennifer Scott. A second lesser prize may also be awarded if entrants warrant.



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

Artist provides the model to be customized. The model must fit the criteria (in this case, Breyer Big Ben) 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. 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. **Send the finished model to:**

ELENA LEMM
37103 Robin George Tr
Magnolia, TX 77354

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.

Platinum Day Lily



In hand – ready to ship.

Unpainted resin \$85 ppd*. Paypal 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 20th 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

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.**

MEPSA Qualifier Show schedule – Third Quarter

January 2, 2021 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100

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

**January 9, 2021 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100
per division, 150 total**

Carissa Kirksey
PO Box 31
Creston, OH 44217
sprucewoodfarmsstudio@gmail.com

January 16, 2021 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total

Carolyn Bailey
4N742 Honey Hill Cir
Wayne, IL 60184
foggynote@att.net

January 23, 2021 - Stock type Special (all Divisions) - Photo limit 100 halter, 150 total

Charlotte Martin
3097 Hillery Rd
Lake Charles, LA 70611
carousel1093@aol.com

January 30, 2021 - 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

Rhonda Chisholm
3066 Emerald Lane
Magnolia, MS 39652
Littlepintos2016@gmail.com

February 6, 2021 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100

Summer Simpson
191 Gum Ridge Rd
Marksville, LA 71351
camarofinkette@aol.com

February 13, 2021 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total

Elena Lemm
37103 Robin George Trl
Magnolia, TX 77354
Ejlemm12@gmail.com

February 20, 2021 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total

Charlotte Martin
3097 Hillery Rd
Lake Charles, LA 70611
Carousel1093@aol.com

February 27, 2021 - 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

Alyssa Bailey
336 Marquette St
Park Forest, IL 60466
Alyssa.bailey090611@gmail.com

March 6, 2021 - OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Div A) - Photo limit 100

Carolyn Bailey
4N742 Honey Hill Cir
Wayne, IL 60184
foggynote@att.net

March 13, 2021 - OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Div B,C,D) - Photo limit 100 per division, 150 total

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37103 Robin George Trl
Magnolia, TX 77354
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March 20, 2021 - All Performance Regular Qualifier (Div E,F) - Photo limit 150 per division, 300 total

Stephanie Micel
2358 Standridge Ave
Maplewood, MN 55109
msjmicel@comcast.net

March 27, 2021 - Draft, Pony/Other pure/mix and Long Ears Special (all Divisions) - Photo limit 100 halter, 150 total

Shana Bobbitt
1101 Grandview Ave
College Place, WA 99324
starfroggie@gmail.com

Novice shows -

JANUARY 16, 2021 - Halter

Charlotte Martin
3097 Hillery Rd
Lake Charles, LA 70611

carousel1093@aol.com

FEBRUARY 20, 2021 - Performance

Terry Boaz

350 Springhill Ln

Garner, NC 27529

ashwoodgsds@yahoo.com

MARCH 20, 2021 - Halter

Janet Bonney

36987 Carter Rd

New London, NC 28127

faline123@yahoo.com

BOD news

The board of directors meets once a month. Each board member reports on their activities – progress on their assigned tasks, etc. Each board position has different characteristics. Very soon, the champ show coordinator will be ordering the awards (ribbons and rosettes) for the 2021 championship. Have any color requests in mind? But most of her job takes place in summer when she is verifying qualifiers and getting photos to (and from) the judges. Soon we will wrap up the annual writing contest and the articles will go to our new “book lady”, Elena Lemm.

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.

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.

To donate items for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 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, 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. Email ejlemm12@gmail.com or snail mail to Elena Lemm 37103 Robin George Trl. Magnolia, TX 77354.