

NOTICES:

- Annual Championship Show underway!
- New Season 2021-22 classlists and judges
- MEPSA BOD election July 30
- **New website:**
<http://mepsa.club>



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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. Guest Editor: Elizabeth Jones. Contact Marie to sign up for email or snail mail! RIAP57@aol.com

NEWS

In Short (From the Editor) –

The 20-21 Champ Show has been put to bed, and the 21-22 season is well underway! We have lots of new showers joining in the fun. Now that you have seen the MEPSA Championship Results Book, I hope you have ideas, experiences and knowledge you would like to share with your fellow hobbyists in next year's book! See more below.

MEPSA needs your help

The Championship Show took a little longer to wrap up than we might have hoped. But the reason is clear. We were “short-staffed” – like so many other groups. Elena Lemm who has been champ show coordinator now for FIVE years, took on the additional task of producing the Champ show book after the Book Coordinator stepped down in mid-season. Champ show coordinator is an intensive summer commitment, and of course, Elena has quite an active life outside MEPSA, with kids, horses, and NAMHSA events. Elena is willing to do it all (Show and book) again next year, but it is a lot to ask. There is enough work for two, which is why We split the job between two board positions. Book production should begin in February, laying out the framework and adding the articles from the annual writing contest. The ads can be added in June/July, and finally the results need to be added. Elena asks that judges scan the champions if they can, but it is optional. This year, Elena said NONE of the judges scanned their champions, which left the entire job to Elena.

In addition to a “BOOK COORDINATOR” POSITION OPEN, our donations coordinator, Shana Bobbitt, who did a marvelous job, stepped down and we have DONATIONS COORDINATOR POSITION OPEN. The Donations Coordinator (DC) should have experience with the model auction sites and it helps to be well connected with artists in the hobby. The contests held (such as customizing models, tack and prop making) offer the contest winner a desirable prize such as an up resin or a doll. The donations coordinator obtains the prizes as donations or partial donations from the model horse community, advertises the contests, runs the contests, handles sales of contest pieces to raise funds for MEPSA, etc. The DC may also seek donations directly, such as from model horse producers, and promote MEPSA within the community.

Contest News

Why do we hold these contests? The idea came from Laurel Dedes a number of years ago when she was donations coordinator. The idea was to inspire artists to donate their work to MEPSA by offering a prize to a winner chosen by popular vote. The entries are then either auctioned off or used as prizes in the MEPSA championship show. Since we are operating without a Donations Coordinator right now, we are just scheduling a few contests, and I don't think the prizes for these contests have been determined.

Annual Writing Contest

Deadline: February 15, 2021. Features we like to have in the MEPSA Championship Show Results Book:

A Breed article – What can you tell us from your experience that most of us may not know? Share pictures and stories of your real horse(s)

A performance article – share your photos from real horse events or your model photos and your knowledge about tack and rules.

An article about photography or photo showing

About an artist, customizer, tack maker ...or model horse maker/company

How to ... [make a prop, halter, scene, etc.]

A transformative experience regarding the model horse hobby

Our makeover challenge invites all artists to work on the same body. In the past that has included, the Stone Western pleasure horse, Breyer Adios, PAM, and Big Ben. This season our victim is the Proud Arabian Stallion! I can't wait to see what we all do with that one! You provide the model and ship the finished custom to MEPSA. The deadline is the end of February to allow for use as a NaMoPaiMo model as well. Because of this, we are allowing you to share in progress photos. In order to prevent "stuffing of the ballot box" we are determining the winner by the highest-selling horse at auction or best-offer sale. We may also have a prize for the most popular entry, determined by polling. This contest is our biggest fund-raiser of the year and allows us to purchase models to award to Grand champions at the Annual Championship show.

Other contests we like to hold are a mini custom contest and a mini tack and prop contest, to obtain prizes for the popular Mini Division Special at the championship show, a larger scale tack and/or prop contest, and a fantasy deco customizing contest. These have not been scheduled due to the lack of a DC, but if held, we will try to do that early in the season, so watch for announcements.

Judging for MEPSA

There are actually a couple of shows that still need judges. If interested, please submit a judges application (mepsa.club) to Alyssa Bailey. Ask any judge: it is a lot of work to judge, but it is also a lot of fun. It is such a treat to see all the models, all the photo set ups, and to put some faces to the names – who is that "Rumpus Cat" I've been hearing so much about? It's just one more aspect of the hobby to enjoy. You do need a computer to type up the digital results, a little bit of space to sort and judge photos, and time: a little each day, a weekend or two ... whatever works with your schedule. Though we allow up to 4 weeks, we expect judges to start on time and finish more quickly – four weeks takes into account that "things happen", but our fastest judges (triple A rated) finish in less than a week! Here's how one judge, Anne Field, judges a halter show:

Anne sorts the first section (Gender) and judges it. Then she starts typing results. After typing up the first class (setting aside the first place horse for callbacks), she sorts that class for the next section (breed); she judges the second class, types results and sorts that class for the next section (breed). By the time she has finished typing the Gender section, she is ready to judge breed. Repeating this process she can judge an entire show in just one weekend. One thing I like about Anne's method is that you don't need to sort 1000 or more photos at once.

Sorting can be tiring or even painful to your arms and back. Anne's method breaks this into smaller manageable bits. I will never get my judging down to a weekend, but I'm happy if I get it all done in two weeks.

Second Quarter qualifier judges, 2021-2022 (see the July issue for class lists and rules)

November 2021

November 6, 2021 – OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Division A)

Photo limit 100

Mail your photos to:

Tonjia Clark

7195 Brickchurch Rd.

Cambridge, OH 43725

tonjiac Clark@yahoo.com

November 13, 2021 – OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Division B,C,D)

Photo limit 100 per division; 150 total

Mail your photos to:

Nancy Dement

4415 Fortune Cir S

Colorado Springs, CO 80917

ynpnan@gmail.com

November 20, 2021 – All Performance Regular Qualifier (Division E,F)

Photo limit 150 per division; 300 total

Mail your photos to:

Rhonda Chisholm

3066 Emerald Ln.

Magnolia, MS 39652

Littlepintos2016@gmail.com

December 2021

December 4, 2021 – OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Division A)

Photo limit 100

Mail your photos to:

Nancy Dement

4415 Fortune Cir S

Colorado Springs, CO 80917

ynpnan@gmail.com

December 11, 2021 – OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Division B,C,D)

Photo limit 100 per division; 150 total

Mail your photos to:

Betty Hook
800 Hunters Valley Rd
Liverpool, PA 17045
eclipse@pa.net

December 18, 2021 – All Performance Regular Qualifier (Division E,F)

Photo limit 150 per division; 300 total

Mail your photos to:

Anne Lyon
1440 W Kemper Rd Apt 602
Cincinnati, OH 45240
lyonessestables@gmail.com

January 2022

January 1, 2022 – OF Plastic Regular Qualifier (Division A)

Photo limit 100

Mail your photos to:

Roberto Ramirez
9283 Mission Blvd
Riverside, CA 92509
Rrlhah4108@gmail.com

January 8, 2022 – OF China/AR/CM Regular Qualifier (Division B,C,D)

Photo limit 100 per division; 150 total

Mail your photos to:

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

January 15, 2022 – All Performance Regular Qualifier (Division E,F)

Photo limit 150 per division; 300 total

Mail your photos to:

Katy Niles
1250 N mentor Ave Apt 11
Pasadena, CA 91104
katyniles@gmail.com

January 22, 2022 – 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 200 (max 150 halter, no more than 100 in any one division)

Mail your photos to:

Daphne Headley
260 N 100 W
Hyde Park, UT 84318
Browniewhite@comcast.net

January 29, 2022 – Draft/Pony and Other Breed Special (All Divisions)

Photo limit 200 (max 150 halter, no more than 100 in any one division)

Mail your photos to:

Anne Lyon

1440 W Kemper Rd Apt 602

Cincinnati, OH 45240

lyonessestables@gmail.com

NOVICE show series (see the July issue for class lists and rules)

All shows will run on the 3rd Saturday of the month

NOVEMBER 20, 2021 – Halter

Heather Roell

319 Kayray Cir

Richmond KY 40475

blugnat@gmail.com

DECEMBER 18, 2021 – Performance

Elena Lemm

37103 Robin George Trl

Magnolia, TX 77354

ejlemm12@gmail.com

JANUARY 15, 2022 – Halter

Marie J. Phillips

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