



Morgan Dressage Association 2014 Scholarship Awards



Each year the Morgan Dressage Association awards scholarships with the objections of promoting Morgans in dressage, and assisting MDA members in advancing in the sport of dressage. We are delighted to announce the four winners of scholarships for calendar year 2015:

ASHLEY ANDERSON (MANTIC NEMO)

Ashley Anderson, from Bigfork, Montana, has been riding since before she was born; in fact, she "rode" a Grand Prix test inside her mom! She is now 13, and competing at First Level. She hopes to qualify for the Junior/Young Rider programs, and eventually to compete at Grand Prix. Right now she is planning to move her horse, Mantic Nemo, up to Second Level this coming summer, and working to improve her skills for the Dressage Seat Medal Finals in August.



MARGARET BAILEY-MILLER (KENNEBEC LADYHAWKE)

Margaret Bailey-Miller, from Durham, Maine, has been riding Morgans for over 20 years. Her competition horse, Kennebec Ladyhawke, is a fixture in the New England dressage world where, besides competing at Prix St. George, she demonstrates Side-Saddle Dressage, Carriage Driving, and even a bareback Pas de Deux. Margaret has earned her USDF Silver Medal on Ladyhawke, and is schooling Intermediate I for the coming show year. Her hope and plan is to take Ladyhawke to Grand Prix.

KAREN ROSSEN (PINK MARTINI)

Karen Rossen is from Ballston Spa, New York, and her horse's name is Pink Martini. Rossen is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist, and competed Martini at First Level last season. She hopes to move her up through the levels to Third Level over the next 18 months, via the design of a First Level musical freestyle which will aid in improving collection and impulsion. She also has a younger horse that will profit greatly by the extra lessons on Martini, and will be campaigning in freestyle as a way of drawing eyes to the Morgan in the ring.



BRYNNE VARVEL (V BACK IN BLACK)

Brynne Varvel is from Bloomington, Indiana. She is 15-years-old, and has been riding Morgans all her life. Her Morgan, V Back in Black, shows in the FEI Pony division, where Brynne qualified him for the US Dressage Festival of Champions, ranking at #11 in the nation. She is showing at Third Level and plans to continue to advance him as long as possible, while also bringing along her other pony, Big Indian Creek, and her horse, Coulee Bend Harmony. Brynne has been accepted into the Emerging Dressage Athletes program and is working very hard toward a future at the highest levels with her Morgans.