

# 2022 MORGAN BROODMARE HALL OF FAME

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AMHA's Broodmare Hall of Fame program has become a prestigious designation for Morgan breeders. Bill Haines is pictured here receiving certificates for Ledyard Farms's three Broodmare Hall of Fame inductees, two of which are featured in this article (photo by Ashleigh Wood).

If you are a Morgan breeder or if you have talked shop with one, you know there is universal consent for the importance of the dam line in the genetic equation. Traditionally, however, fame and fortune accrue to stallions. They are more prolific than mares can ever be. They are promoted through the success of their get. Breeding programs are often constructed around them. The good ones tend to be money makers.

The Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame was established to balance the scale; to put objective information into the calculations of breeders and buyers; and, we hope, to recognize and enlarge the prestige associated with the great producers of our generation.

The following bullet points recap the history of this program,

inaugurated four years ago in these very pages:

- The Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame (BHOF) was originally a project of *The Morgan Horse* magazine. We at the magazine were approached by a few breeders who thought there should be such a program in our breed as there is in others. Refining and developing the idea involved two years of research.
- We set a high bar for qualification in the BHOF: to be eligible, mares had to have produced a minimum of three world champions. The world championship database provides a singular source for quantifiable research. And entries at Grand National compete in nearly every discipline for which the Morgan breed is utilized.
- Determining the qualified mares was an enormous project. *TMH*





staff imported the names of more than 3,300 world champions who have been crowned since the beginning of Grand National in 1973 into a spreadsheet (the list has now expanded to more than 4,300 world champions in the years since). We then looked up and entered the dams of all these Morgan horses, enabling us to sort the results electronically.

- We introduced the results in the January/February 2019 Breeding Guide. At that time, we identified a remarkable 63 mares had earned inclusion based on their production record. Including the most recent results from the 2021 Grand National, one mare has nine world champions; one mare has produced eight world champions; two mares have produced seven world champions each; there are two with six; eight with five; 21 mares have four; and the remainder three. The total number of mares inducted into the hall of fame has increased to 83.
- At the April 2019 meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors it was voted that the BHOF would be an official program of AMHA as well as *The Morgan Horse* magazine. And the Registry Committee agreed that BHOF would become a designation on the permanent record of each inductee in the Registry database.

### HOUSEKEEPING AND UPDATES MOVING ON UP

The following mares already inducted into the BHOF have seen their stock go up as additional progeny recently earned world titles. They are:

- GLB Bell Of The Ball** – Five
- Aljaks Miss Wham I Am** – Four
- Graywood's Epona** – Four
- MEM Twisted Sister** – Four
- Queen's No Mercy** – Four

### EQUITATION RESULTS

The AMHA Board of Directors has agreed that titles won in the equitation section will now be entered into a horse's permanent show record starting with the 2020 show season (previously those titles accrued to the rider only). The record of a Morgan in an equitation world championship now counts toward its dam's eligibility for inclusion in the BHOF. An application form is available at [www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/](http://www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/) to have past equitation results submitted toward BHOF status.

### NEWLY INDUCTED

Grand National 2021 results qualified two additional mares to join this prestigious group, each now the dams of three world champions. They are Seasons French Fantasy and Slip Into Silk.

### MARE PROFILES

Introducing the BHOF in 2019 we profiled a dozen of the inducted mares, starting with those with the highest numbers of world champion offspring and proceeding alphabetically,

profiling another dozen each year in the "TMH Breeding Guide." We continue that practice here with the featured mares who follow.



### DUTCH-MOR'S JOY

**BAY • 05/22/2006**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**  
Ledyard Company LLC  
**BREEDER:** Margaret Van Meter  
**SIRE:** Astronomicallee (Futurity French Command x Liberation Starbrite)  
**DAM:** Pompp And Pazazz, BHOF (Serenity Masterpiece x Cy Don's Cynthia)

**DAM OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Ledyard Bombshell, Ledyard's One More Time CH (both by Mizrahi); Ledyard Mysterious Prince GCH, and Ledyard Serenity (both by CBMF Crown Prince GCH)

Bill Haines measures the success of Ledyard Farms based upon results. And those results have been nothing but prosperous for the rather young Ledyard breeding program. Bill will tell you he has "relied upon beautiful mares who are also beautiful movers to produce the world champions donning the Ledyard prefix and behind each of his broodmares is a powerful sire." Dutch-Mor's Joy defines that total package.

Early in his Morgan venture, Bill Haines added Joy to the Ledyard show string for her beauty and trotting ability. "I purchased Joy as a two-year-old. I was not even considering her as a broodmare. I wanted her as a show horse. She came into her own as a four-year-old and won a reserve world championship with Mike Goebig."

Joy's successful show career naturally led her to the Ledyard broodmare band. She brought the already productive blood of Astronomicallee, as well as Serenity Masterpiece, through her dam, Pompp And Pazazz, also a BHOF inductee. "Joy's offspring are not only powerful performers, they are trainable. Joy is producing civilized horses that are a pleasure to be around. Plus, the quality is unsurpassed," Bill says. "I am also really happy that her offspring are being shown by amateurs, like Mrs. Francis Pugh with Ledyard's One More Time. Joy's offspring are being shown from junior exhibitors to senior amateurs and everything in between. I get pleasure as a breeder seeing them continue to develop and continuing to produce good results for people."

Dutch-Mor's Joy is the cornerstone of Ledyard Farms's program, according to Bill. "I would not have the breeding program I have today if not for Joy. She is a pleasure to have here at Ledyard. You are just lucky when you can get one mare to produce multiple world champions and she just does it over and over again. There is no more important mare in my breeding program. We are very proud of her."



**GRAYWOOD'S  
EPONA**  
BAY • 03/15/2005  
LAST RECORDED  
OWNER: Ledyard  
Company LLC  
BREEDER: Katrina Wood  
SIRE: SpiceOLife Right  
Answer (Issues 'N  
Answers x SpiceOLife  
Allura B)

**DAM:** Salem Showgirl (Tedwin Topic x Fiddler's Show Girl)  
**DAM OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Ledyard Oberon  
GCH, Ledyard Solitary Man (both by Man In Black GCH);  
Ledyard's Lucky Lucas GCH, and Ledyard's Midas Touch GCH  
(both by Astronomicallee)

Graywood's Epona represents the Ledyard breeding plan of powerful broodmare bloodlines which are reinforced by a strong tail female line. Epona is the daughter of Salem Showgirl, daughter of the remarkable sire of mares, Tedwin Topic, who was proven to be an exceptional producer when crossed with SpiceOLife Right Answer. Confident wagers that Graywood's Epona would be a

predictable producer could be made solely based on her pedigree.

Purchased as a two-year-old, Epona was one of the first Morgans Bill Haines acquired for his budding Ledyard Farms. "I bought her because of her beauty and conformation. She also has an exquisite neck and was a fabulous show horse." Bill also shares that Epona had plenty of charisma to go with her stunning silhouette. "She is very independent. She has her own ideas and her own life. She is always a handful, not mean, but she marches to her own beat. Once you get on her line, everything is fine, and you better understand that."

You never know what you will get in breeding, but Bill Haines's philosophy is to get 60 percent of the foals to be good show horses. "We try to get our mares to produce well within the first two foals. If you have good bloodlines and a good show horse, you have a chance of producing good babies. I have learned from the greats in the business and I have taken advantage of that. I listen more than I talk. Every year I try to learn a bit more."

The first great foal Graywood's Epona produced was Ledyard's Lucky Lucas. According to Bill, "Lucas looks exactly like her and is a colorful character. Epona and 'Johnny' [Man In Black] always produced good heads and necks. Lucas has one of the most beautiful necks of any Morgan today. Lucas won the \$10,000 in-hand class at New England a few years back because he was a

## Looking to the future...

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beautiful horse and I give Epona credit for that.” Bill also credits Epona’s bloodlines and ability to pass on her conformation to the world champion good looks of Ledyard Oberon GCH. Bill goes on to share that a “new stage for Epona is Ledyard Solitary Man, he is the best park horse that she has produced. She has a record of producing in-hand, English pleasure, classic pleasure, and now park champions. She has run the table on disciplines. She is an amazingly great producer. We are very lucky to have her.”



**MEM TWISTED  
SISTER**

**BAY • 07/31/2002**  
**LAST RECORDED**  
**OWNER:** Lynn M. Begalla  
**BREEDER:** George Schott  
**SIRE:** Cedar  
CreekHarlequin (I Will  
Command x Serenity  
Anna Rose)  
**DAM:** Star Lake Ellisa,

BHOF (Carlyle Command x Suzy’s Suzette)

**DAM OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Cimi’s Avant Garde GCH (by Futurity French Command); Cimi’s Voodoo Daddy (by Liberation First Star); Mendon Twist Of Fate GCH (by Lamborghini In Black); Tony Soprano (by Graycliff Tony GCH)

When Lynn Begalla made the decision to get more serious and competitive on the Morgan show scene, she picked Phil Fountain to be her trainer before she picked a horse. “I wanted Phil to choose a horse that he liked and wanted to train. We started the search and Phil went out to Rick Lane’s to look at a few long yearlings. Phil walked into the pasture, knowing George [Schott] probably had 30 horses in the field, with a bag whip and shook it. ‘Sis’ raised her head the highest, so Phil brought her home. She passed the bag whip test!”

Phil quickly determined that MEM Twisted Sister was going to be a good choice for Lynn and would be special. Multiple world and regional titles in the English pleasure and pleasure driving divisions with Lynn reflect her natural talent and performance genes. Phil’s eye was on the prize that day at Rick Lane’s.

In addition to a remarkable show career, Sis has become an exceptional producer, no matter the cross. She has had nine foals, by eight different sires, and eight have been shown to date. All eight carry some type of Grand National or world title. “People give the stallion a lot of credit, but I think most of the attributes come from the mare, especially when it comes to Sis,” Lynn says. “I think it’s better said as, ‘what qualities hasn’t she passed on?!’ All her foals have her fearlessness; nothing bothers Sis. Her foals are strong willed, smart, sound, fit, and ready to go, but it’s her physical structure which shines through in her offspring. She adds size to her foals and very few look like their sire, they all resemble and are structured like her.”

MEM Twisted Sister is now retired at Vegas Valley Morgans in Las Vegas, Nevada, and with the breeding program available there she is in a wonderful place. “She has better digs than I,” Lynn

boasts, “I am very proud of her and her offspring. I will continue to visit her babies every time I am at a show with them.”



**QUEEN’S NO MERCY**

**BAY • 04/17/2204**  
**LAST RECORDED**  
**OWNER:**  
Jill & Steven Tassinari  
**BREEDER:**  
Queens River Farm Inc.  
**SIRE:** Mizrahi (HVK Bell  
Flaire x Schiaparelli)  
**DAM:** Queen’s Mercy Me  
(Queens First Impression

x LCS So Fine)

**DAM OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Ledgefield Angel Of Mercy, Ledgefields Jagged Edge (both by Get Busy); Ledgefield Leonidas CH, Ledgefields Sovereign Son (both by BKC Valiant Star)

Queen’s No Mercy is leaving a legacy as a producer of world champions and significant sires, and in some cases both. Her first two offspring, both by BKC Valiant Star, have been show ring superstars. Ledgefield Leonidas CH was crowned World Champion Futurity Yearling Colt in 2011 and Ledgefields Sovereign Son has won three consecutive world titles in English pleasure.

Following the Valiant Star crosses came two with Merriehill Home Stretch GCH. Here “Mercy” produced Ledgefields Intrigue and Ledgefield Potenza, both with show ring success that made them popular acquisitions to breeders in the Amish heartland. Intrigue is rapidly rising to significance, most notably as the sire with the highest number of foals and breeding the highest number of mares for 2020. Potenza is also making a statement as a sire with get who are show ring champions. (Peruse the stallion ads in this issue and you will note the growing influence of these breeding stallions.)

Four crosses to Get Busy were next for Mercy. The first result being the incomparable Ledgefields Jagged Edge, the 2018 Junior Stallion World Champion, 2019 Senior Stallion World Champion, 2020 Park Saddle Four-Year-Old World Champion, and 2021 Park Saddle World Champion, all under the direction of the Tassinari’s long-time trainer, David Rand. In addition to winning a world title in every Grand National appearance, “Jagger” had the highest selling stallion service at the Superior Sale (\$20,000) this past November. Quite simply, he’s a big deal. Ledgefield Angel Of Mercy was the third result from the Get Busy cross and her world title as a two-year-old earned Mercy’s hall of fame status.

Queen’s No Mercy is impressive both on paper and as a producer, but what attracted the Tassinaris to her was her beauty. “We loved the Queens River bloodlines,” said Jill. “They produce impressive horses and as soon as David showed her to us, we fell in love.” After a brief time in the show ring, the Tassinaris transitioned her to the breeding shed where she has obviously excelled. “All of her foals are wonderful. They are all typey and we love that quality which she passes on, and they all got a lot of size from her. Mercy’s



foals are good workers and I also love how personable they are. It has been a joy to have the babies grow up on the home farm and get to know them before sending them on to David for training.” Anna Tassinari echoes her mother’s sentiment that getting to know the foals in person is a joy. “They love to work and show off and are very willing. They always have this poise that for the mares looks angelic and for the stallions looks very regal.”



**TREBLE’S POMP  
AND BYAZZ**

**CHESTNUT • 04/04/2004**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**

Treble’s Morgan Manor Trust

**BREEDER:** Judith B. Swartz

& Kim Golden

**SIRE:** Stonecroft Byzantine

(Stonecroft Masquerade x

Century Enjolie, BHOF)

**DAM:** Relentless (War And Peace x

Pompp And Pazazz, BHOF)

**DAM OF FOUR WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Treble’s She’s Mizbehavin GCH, Treble’s Patent Pending GCH (both by Mizrahi); Treble’s Chrome Plated CH, Treble’s Wow Factor (both by Tug Hill Commando)

By a sire of world champions, Stonecroft Byzantine, and out of Relentless, both of whom are the products of Broodmare Hall of Famers, Treble’s Pomp And Byzazz is exactly what one would expect given her pedigree. She is producing better than herself, which was inevitable in the hands of Treble’s Morgan Manor owner and breeder Carol Hudson. The objective of Hudson’s breeding program to produce offspring that define beauty has been proven; undeniable “eye candy” is key to Treble’s legacy.

The acquisition of Treble’s Pomp And Byzazz is a testament to friendship and good taste. Carol and dear friend Ann Hailey were at a New England auction when well-known breeders, the Swartzes, added an embryo transfer to the lot. Both Carol and Ann found themselves bidding on the future. “Ann, knowing how badly I wanted that embryo, said, ‘I am going to quit bidding,’” Carol shares. “I loved Byzantine but the mother, Relentless, also the dam of CBMF Restless GCH, only had three foals, and she really needed to only have the two, if you know what I mean.”

The resulting filly exceeded Carol’s expectations. “I would just look at her and she thrilled me. I could not believe she was mine. She was my horse, period. There was simply something special about her.” “Cindy,” as Carol calls her, is “all Morgan with beautiful, smooth curves. She is passing her incredible attitude on to her offspring; she has a lot of life and a good mind, what more could you want in a horse? She has a lovely long neck, a gorgeous hip and croup, and depth to her gaskin—textbook conformation—which she passes on. It’s even starting to show up in her grandchildren.”

Cindy has produced horses that dominate in a variety of disciplines: two Western pleasure world champions in Treble’s Patent Pending GCH and Treble’s Wow Factor, English pleasure

three-year-old world champion Treble’s Chrome Plated CH, and the two-time World Champion Mare, Treble’s She’s Mizbehavin GCH. Cindy crosses well no matter the sire, according to Carol. “Every horse has strengths and weaknesses. It was a wonderful compliment that the good parts of both horses came through no matter the cross. It was a good, educated guess to take two successful bloodlines and cross them. And your hope is that the stallion and mare out produce themselves, which is exactly what happened.”



**CT GINGER LEE**

**CHESTNUT**

**04/02/1996**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Tamara L. Johnson

**BREEDER:**

Clarence E. Test

**SIRE:** Fleetwing’s Major

(Black River Major x

Java’s Pam’s Pride)

**DAM:** Flintalee (B-L Flintson x Breezilee)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Another World, Noteworthy (both by Forevermore); Don’t Blink GCH (by Cartier)

CT Ginger Lee’s longtime owner Tami Johnson, the brains behind the popular Morgan sales website Morganshowcase.com, found the mare while doing what she does best, editing ads. “A classified ad for a yearling filly was sent to the Mississippi Morgan Horse Club newsletter. When I saw the breeding, I immediately wanted her. Needless to say, the ad never went to press.” Tami purchased the filly because her sire was Fleetwing Major, a stallion she fell in love with while working for Doris Ryan.

“I will never forget the thrill of showing ‘Ginger’ at Jubilee Regional in the large Open Yearling Filly class as the only non-professional and winning the blue,” Tami reminisces. “Unfortunately, our performance career was not quite as stellar.” CT Ginger Lee’s brief foray in the show ring led to a successful career as a broodmare with the help of Tami’s good friend Renee Page. “Renee called me at work one day and said, ‘Ginger Lee’s in heat and Forevermore is in the bucket, so the decision was made then to breed her,’” Tami recalls.

While Ginger Lee was pregnant with her second foal Tami almost sent her to the Cochran sale, but luckily the lack of a presentable tail kept her home. That second foal was Another World, who became her first world champion offspring. “We continued the cross because Forevermore was such a good thinker. Ginger passed on the vigor, and he passed on the sensibility.” The next four foals were by Forevermore because the cross worked and according to Tami, “if it ain’t broke...”

“As a producer she could be depended on for a beautiful head and eye, length of neck, and smooth, deep body,” Tami elaborates. “Her Fleetwing breeding gave her the go-power to pass on to her foals. There was not a bad apple in the bunch, and I always felt there was no risk in breeding Ginger Lee—she would nick well with any stallion.”



Reference photo: Simple Dreams

**DEVAN MELMORE**

**CHESTNUT**

**06/06/1974**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Lynn Peeples Stables

**BREEDER:**

Merle D. Evans

**SIRE:** Devan Mel (Silverhawk x Devan Circe)

**DAM:** Devan Madam (O

C R x Devan Gadabout)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Let's Boogie (by Born To Boogie); Man In Motion (Man About Town LPS); Simple Dreams (by Tug Hill Celebrity)

Lynn Peeples probably knows bloodlines as well as any living Morgan breeder. Especially those foundation Ohio pedigrees. In an effort to find an outcross to the popular In Command blood of the 80s, Lynn added the mare Devan Melmore to his breeding program. "She was something other than the popular bloodlines of the time. I thought there were a lot of different ways you could breed her for an outcross to some of the ones that were intensely bred. That is her attraction for me, as I had heard a lot of the older Morgans in the Devan pedigree were really nice horses."

Lynn purchased the chestnut mare in 1990 and she produced six foals for him. He describes her as pretty, straight-legged, and very correct. "Her foals were very trainable with a great work ethic, two important attributes." The first of those foals was World Champion Simple Dreams who had a strong influence herself in the show ring and still does today through her offspring. Simple Dreams in turn produced six foals, all mares, five for the Galatz's Vegas Valley Morgan breeding program. One of those mares was the multiple World Champion VVM Dreamkeeper who is the dam of the incomparable VVM Another Dream GCH. There are two Morgans who have achieved the triple crown. Another Dream is the youngest horse and the first mare to earn World Champion Mare, World Champion Pleasure Driving, and World Champion English Pleasure (the other Morgan is the stallion HVK Bell Flaire who showed in the park divisions). Simple Dreams is also the grand dam of multiple world champion VVM Encore.

The only colt produced by Devan Melmore was Man In Motion who became the 2000 World Champion Stallion and World Champion Park Harness Four-Year-Old, and 2001 World Champion Senior Stallion. Man In Motion has sired 100 offspring, many who have gone on to become world champions with multiple titles across the disciplines. Through Devan Melmore's daughter, Town Sweetheart (x Man About Town LPS), Man In Black, the legendary breeding stallion for Ledyard Farms LLC, was born and he gave the Morgan show scene countless regional, Grand National, and world champions. And her last foal, the hunter pleasure super star Let's Boogie, went on to win five world titles: 2004 World Champion Futurity Hunter Pleasure Three-Year-Old, 2004 World Champion Hunter Pleasure Three-Year-Old, 2005 World Champion Hunter

Pleasure Four-Year-Old, 2006 Reserve World Champion Hunter Pleasure, and 2007 World Champion Ladies Hunter Pleasure.

Lynn notes that his special mare "has had world champions by three different stallions, which says a lot about her as a broodmare. I am all about the mare. She has been part of the lineage of some of the best in the breed."



**DG MORNING GLORY**

**BAY • 05/02/1985**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**

Kevin & Debbie Davison

**BREEDER:** Sandra & Dan Gardner

**SIRE:** Tedwin Topic (Fiddler's Contender x Waseeka Cajun Queen)

**DAM:** Lazy Acres Gigi (Thorebony x June Dawn)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Tracemark Tapestry GCH (by Up Hyre Te-N-Te);

Tracemark Top Shelf GCH (by Tug Hill Celebrity); Tracemark Touch Of Gold (by Pot Of Gold)

DG Morning Glory is one of the prestigious legacy daughters of Tedwin Topic. She has nine offspring to her credit with six of those coming from Kevin and Debbie Davison's Tracemark breeding program (and three of these are prominent Western pleasure world champions). She specializes in passing on her temperament and distinguishing herself as a producer of Western pleasure stars, no matter who she is crossed with.

Her daughters Tracemark Tapestry GCH and Tracemark Touch Of Gold have both won the Western Pleasure Open World Championship. Tapestry also has world titles in the junior horse, ladies, and Western gentlemen finals divisions. Touch Of Gold has done everything from pleasure driving to carriage to sleigh horse for longtime owner Beverley Olsen. With trainer Daryl Hopson she was the 2011 Western Pleasure World Champion, but her most iconic moment may be her appearance on the cover of *The Morgan Horse* with Daryl carrying the American flag. When crossed with Tug Hill Celebrity, Morning Glory produced Tracemark Top Shelf GCH, who has been successful in the show ring since his debut as a three-year-old and was the Western Pleasure Amateur World Champion in 2011, making 2011 a banner year for the Tracemark program.

Debbie Davison added the special mare to her breeding program because she was interested in Tedwin Topic daughters. "I liked what his daughters were producing so I purchased her specifically to be a broodmare. She was a gorgeous mare with a sweet temperament and easy to handle. She was everything I was looking for in a broodmare, typey and refined and a pretty, fluid mover. She reproduced herself and all those qualities. 'Glory' passed on her beauty, trainability, and temperament, which I think is important, especially since the breed has a reputation of good dispositions. Her offspring have always been safe and sensible." DG Morning Glory is a testament to the productivity of the Tedwin Topic daughters.

**DONATELLA****BAY • 02/18/1999****LAST RECORDED OWNER:**

Dragonsmeade

**BREEDER:** Louise Brandon Shane**SIRE:** HVK Bell Flaire (Noble Flaire x HVK Belleek, BHOF)**DAM:** Schiaparelli, BHOF (Wham Bam Command x Townshend Donachime)**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Cavalli GCH, Drag-

onsmeade Varvatos GCH, Zanetti GCH (all by Bocelli)

The only full sister to Mizrahi, Donatella has been a highly productive broodmare and breeder's dream for Dragonsmeade. She is the dam of three world champions, Zanetti GCH, Cavalli GCH, and Dragonsmeade Varvatos GCH, who have shown in multiple disciplines. All are by Bocelli, a son of foundation Dragonsmeade stallion Beethoven (Noble Flaire x MyBlue Heaven). In addition, she adds to the growing list of mothers and daughters both inducted into the Broodmare Hall of Fame. Her dam is the great Schiaparelli, a Park saddle world champion and daughter of the prominent sire Wham Bam Command. It's important to note that her sire's dam, HVK Belleek, is also a member of the Broodmare Hall of Fame.

Dragonsmeade added Donatella to their illustrious herd after consulting then-trainer Bob Hughes. "When we were with Bob, we owned Mizrahi. Bob being Bob and knowing all the full siblings and who's who and what's going on said to us, 'Well, there's Donatella. The only full sister to Mizrahi. It would be fun to show and breed her and she is absolutely gorgeous,'" Iann Fu Longenecker remembers. "We initially jointly owned Donatella with The Design Group composed of the Fu family, Sandy and Pete Hendrick, and Bob Hughes and Rock Walker. When the group amicably split, I had my speech ready to negotiate keeping Donatella but thankfully I didn't need it. We definitely won when we got her."

When Iann speaks about any of Dragonsmeade's horses there's obvious emotion in her voice. She knows each one personally and clearly studies their bloodline traits and individual mannerisms. "Donatella is a strong-willed, alpha mare. She hates being in the barn, she thrives outside. Bob tried to train and show her, and I don't think she ever made it to the ring, but she loves being a broodie. She was always kind of a wild Mustang." To temper her alpha disposition, Donatella was also bred to Beethoven, And The Beat Goes On, and HollyBrook Stage Rage. The logic worked.

"She is still, to this day, one of the prettiest mares on the farm. We are blessed to have Donatella. She has a strong back end and a lot of heart, and all her babies do too. It's so dominant in those lines," Iann says. "I am sad that I never got a full sister because the Bocelli daughters are golden. The Bocelli cross with Donatella added in that Beethoven stretch and that blood is so rare now."

**DOUBLE M TEMPTATION****BAY • 05/15/1981****LAST RECORDED****OWNER:** Cheri Barber**BREEDER:** Metta L. Baxter**SIRE:** Treble's Willy Wild (Windy Hill Willie x Junehill Fascination)**DAM:** UVM Tempest (UVM Highlight x UVM Kit)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** ER Treble My Command, Grand Cru Beaujolais GCH, Trebles Wild Command (all by Tug Hill Commando)

One dollar and a handshake secured the future of what would become a Morgan breeding trifecta for Cheri Barber. Treble's Willy Wild, Tug Hill Commando, and Double M Temptation have been just three Morgans associated with Cheri, and the combination was golden. Cheri crossed paths at a horse show with breeder Metta Baxter and her yearling by Treble's Willy Wild, Double M Temptation. "I saw her in the stall and fell in love. I quickly made arrangements to purchase what would become my first Morgan. I gave Metta one dollar and my word to hold her."

"Willy Wild was known for his extremely beautiful head, and he passed that on to Temptation. Her beauty and elegance were unmatched. Everyone was accusing us of having Arab in her blood, but she was straight Willy Wild and UVM." In 1982, Temptation was named World Champion Futurity Yearling Filly and Reserve World Champion Futurity Yearling. "Back then the boys competed against the girls for overall champion, so the classes were very competitive," Cheri recalls. The following year Temptation was crowned Junior Champion Mare at New England and then entered the broodmare ranks. At the age of three, Temptation was one of the first mares to cross with Tug Hill Commando, helping to launch the young stallion to stardom. The first foal was Treble's Wild Command who, as a yearling, followed in his dam's footsteps, winning the Yearling Colt Championship at the Morgan Grand National. In 1987, he was World Champion Junior Stallion and multiple world championships and Grand National titles in Western pleasure followed. "Trebles Wild Command began performing when the trend was starting that Western pleasure horses had to have quality and be pretty. Temptation's foals oozed quality and fit that bill. The Commando babies were so trainable. The combination of good thinking and beauty led those crosses to the Western discipline."

"In the beginning I asked Carol Hudson if I could use her prefix," noted Cheri. "Eventually, I wanted to distinguish myself as a breeder, so I developed the Grand Cru prefix." After Wild Command came another Western pleasure world champion, ER Treble My Command, and the first foal and Western Pleasure World Champion donning Cheri's reputable prefix was Grand Cru Beaujolais.

Temptation was bred to only two stallions, Tug Hill Commando and Noble Flaire. The two Noble Flaire sons certainly add to Temptation's acclaim. Three Wishes became the foundation sire of Cheri's breeding program. Another successful cross with



Flaire was HVK Tempest, who Tom Caisse retained as a foal. He went on to win the Grand National Roadster Under Saddle Finals.



**DRAGONSMEADE VALKYRIE**

**BAY • 04/16/1999**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**

Dragonsmeade

**BREEDER:** Dragonsmeade

**SIRE:** HVK Hotspur  
(Vigilmarch x Bar-T Bermuda)

**DAM:** RER Vixon Aire

(Aristocratic Aire x  
Serenity Socialite)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD**

**CHAMPIONS:** Dragonsmeade An-

thracite CH, DragonsmeadeSynchronicity (both by Dragonsmeade Icon); Dragonsmeade Maxmara (by Mizrahi)

Susan Fu was asked about HVK Hotspur in a 2015 interview for *The Morgan Horse*. “Hotspur was just a dear, wonderful, giving animal. He did everything you asked of him. Once (Cedar Creek partner) John Wehmeyer was driving him at New England and his tail got stuck in the wheel. Hotspur just stopped and stood there and waited for everything to be taken care of. That was the kind of horse he was and the kind of horse we trusted with our daughters. All the Vigilmarch blood has this kindness to it. We treasure that.”

HVK Hotspur had the temperament and the bloodlines the Fus wanted as the foundation sire to begin their Dragonsmeade breeding program. He was the sire of the great HVK Bell Flaire’s dam, HVK Belleek, and all his daughters have been extraordinary. “He was a horse of his time,” recalled Iann Fu Longenecker. “I think in many ways Hotspur is a breeding stallion for the next generation like he was for Bell Flaire.” The Fus wanted to propel the strength of the old Vigilmarch and Bar-T bloodlines and crossed Hotspur with their Aristocratic Aire daughter, RER Vixon Aire, and the result was Dragonsmeade Valkyrie.

“Breeding Hotspur to Vixon Aire, one of my all-time favorite mares, gave us babies with heart and vigor. We bought Vixon Aire because she was by Aristocratic Aire and was out of a Serenity mare. She had so much personality. I knew the Hotspur temperament would calm her and it did,” Iann says. “Hotspur had the most gorgeous head that I have ever seen, and he passes that on.

“Valkyrie resembled Aristocratic Aire more than her sire; she is more angular and sharper. She inherited the Aristocratic Aire looks. Her foals are a good combination of all that blood and then the curves really come out. All her offspring look very similar. We have bred her to curvy stallions like Dragonsmeade Icon and Axios.” Park Saddle and English Pleasure World Champion Dragonsmeade Anthracite CH and two-time Futurity Park Harness World Champion DragonsmeadeSynchronicity are two offspring from the Icon cross. “Synchronicity reminds me of Vixon Aire. He looks like a black version of her with Icon added in.”

“Valkyrie is dear to me, just like her mother was,” Iann shares. “She is absolutely beautiful, and she has aged well. She gives us that

connection to Hotspur and Vixon Aire which is so special.”



**EROTIC DANCER GCH**

**BROWN • 03/19/1998**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

Dawn Montgomery

**BREEDER:** Soldier Creek

Morgan Ltd Prt

**SIRE:** Troutbrook

Tapdancer (Troutbrook

Jazzman x Waseeka’s Joy)

**DAM:** Coalition Erotica

(Carlyle Coalition x Suzy’s Suzette)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Jake Ryan CH (by Graycliff Tony GCH); One Night In Bangkok (by Supernova); Optimus Prime GCH (by Futurity French Command)

Erotic Dancer has checked all the necessary boxes for owner Dawn Montgomery: she is the picture-perfect Morgan model, Dawn rode her to two world titles, and she has been a first-class producer. In the show ring she was electrifying. Balanced, energetic, and could hold her own. “I always like a mare that can stand up and perform against the stallions and I loved that Erotic Dancer could handle any challenge,” Dawn says. Riding her was Dawn’s own personal challenge. “I have always put ‘Ellie’ on this pedestal. I don’t know why, but I have put this pressure on myself to do right by her. I think part of it was that I was new to saddle seat, and she was a challenge. It was as if I did not feel worthy of her because she was so cool. I was dating out of my league. I worked hard to meet her at her level, and it was worth it. I finally got to where I could ride her, and we went to Oklahoma. I got last place. I remember picking up my ribbon and thinking, ‘this is humbling.’ The next year we won. I would be logical at times about the fact that she doesn’t care if we win but then I’d put this pressure on myself to do her justice and not let her down.” Erotic Dancer GCH was World Champion Amateur Park Saddle in 2005 and World Champion Ladies Park Saddle in 2007.

Six of the seven of Erotic Dancer’s offspring have been shown and have had distinguished careers (a colt by HVK Bell Flaire died at a young age.) Dawn herself rode Optimus Prime GCH to his 2011 English Pleasure Amateur World Championship and Jake Ryan CH to the 2015 Park Saddle Four-Year-Old World Championship when trainer Phil Fountain was sidelined. “Of all her babies that I have had experience with, Jake has been the most like her. He has her temperament.” And speaking of temperament, Dawn does not hold back in describing Ellie. “She was always a hot tamale; not unkind, she would just get so excited. There wasn’t a lot of finesse to her. She wanted to go, and my goal was to keep her under control and stay on the top side. She was a force.” All her offspring have her work ethic and what Dawn calls her big, expressive “Ellie eyes.”

“The last time I won with her and sat on her was in 2007 and she has never been ridden since coming home to retire. And I think she likes it that way.” ■





## BROODMARE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

DAM	WORLD CHAMPION OFFSPRING
Cache	9
Kim's Bellegante	8
AFF Beulah	7
Treble's Unchained Melody	7
HVK Ancient Cry	6
Lost River Sanfield	6
Century Enjolie	5
Century Oak Denali	5
GLB Bell Of The Ball	5
HVK Obsidian	5
JLS Deer Sal	5
Long Acres Broadway	5
Miss Bluegrass	5
Pompp And Pazazz	5
Aljaks Miss Wham I Am	4
Carlyle Ten	4
Cedar Creek Pirouette	4
Dancity Gracious Remark	4
Dutch-Mor's Joy	4
Graywood's Epona	4
Gulfwind Dawncommand	4
Havenwood's Beam-Que	4
HRH Trophyet	4
Lakehurst Sweet Sue	4
MEM Twisted Sister	4
Merriehill Dusk To Dawn	4
Napaley's Obsession	4
Nobelle	4
Queen's No Mercy	4
Rush To Judgement	4
Southview Whisper	4
Tedwin Tremendous	4
Treble's Pomp And Byzazz	4
Waseeka Valiant Lady	4
Wide Eyed Innocence	4
Arboria Satori	3
Bri-B Classicpiece	3
Cedar Creek With Bells On	3
CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey	3
Cingate Starry Night	3
Cozy Cole Kessie	3
CT Ginger Lee	3

DAM	WORLD CHAMPION OFFSPRING
Devan Melmore	3
DG Morning Glory	3
Donatella	3
Double M Temptation	3
Dragonsmeade Valkyrie	3
Erotic Dancer GCH	3
Excess Princess	3
Fletcher Music Lee	3
FRF Stolen Moment	3
Honeytree's Simply Unique	3
HVK Belleek	3
J'st Coastn Countess	3
JW Belle Aire	3
Kendalwood Fortune	3
KJM First Lady	3
Kresknoll Miss Val	3
Ladybird Command	3
Lookaway's Krystal	3
Mantic Mardi Gras	3
Merryweather Anne B	3
Merryweather Beldona	3
MI First Love	3
Penncrest Dyna Pepper	3
Porvenir B Bonnet	3
Purest Adrenaline	3
Saddleback Su Prano	3
Schiaparelli	3
Seasons French Fantasy	3
Silverheels Imari	3
Slip Into Silk	3
Snowcrest Precious	3
Southview Supersally	3
Star Lake Ellisa	3
Stonecroft Shalimar	3
Topic Of Conversation	3
TVM Tiara	3
UVM Nancy	3
UVM Victoria	3
Westwold Dona Resa	3
Wham Bam's Aeroflyte	3
Wild Imaginings	3