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# THOSE AMAZING MORGAN FOALS



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*Photos of these Morgan foals, taken by amateur photographers and submitted by our readers, were published in our October issue. Results of the contest follow:*

## MORGAN CHARACTER ~ Judged by Sally Longenecker

Sally Longenecker is an obvious choice to judge the “Morgan Character” exhibited in these photos of Morgan foals. She’s the breeder of nearly 200 Morgans, many of our breed’s classiest champions

among them. However, the animals she has personally selected over the years—the likes of Troutbrook Hallmark, Joyful Command, and WildBlue Yonder—suggest she has a sharp eye and remarkable sixth sense about the best a Morgan horse can offer. She’s hands on at her Saralin Morgan Horse Farm where she stands popular stallions, foals out royal broodmares, and may have a horse or two tucked away just because she loves them.



### CHAMPION ~ 1

I love this foal’s expression, confidence, beauty, and “look at me attitude.” That shoulder, WOW!

### RESERVE CHAMPION ~ 4

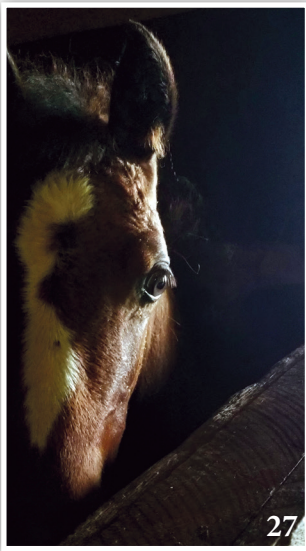
This foal just screams quality and refinement. You can almost tell what he/she is thinking; “I’m really special!”

### THIRD PLACE ~ 45

This action shot captures balance, excitement, and a Morgan’s natural inclination to be a performer, whether it be in the show ring, pasture, or trails.







## ARTISTIC COMPOSITION ~ Judged by Maretta Kennedy

Maretta Kennedy could quite easily be labeled as the Morgan breed's resident artist. Her work decorates the nation with larger-than-life bronzes residing in Florida, as Treble's First Take welcomes visitors to Trebles Morgan Manor, in Vermont, with baby Bazinga flagging his tail on the drive into Salem Farm, and most recently, Wild Bill Hickok astride the Morgan Black Nell in the foothills of Kansas. Morgan world champions and breeders of world champions receive trophies created by Maretta honoring their accomplishments, and the AMHA Broodmare Hall of Fame is branded with Maretta's original sculpture titled, "Mine."

### CHAMPION ~ 30

Deciding for artistic composition wasn't easy, but I'm glad that I wasn't asked to judge categories of "cutest photo" or "prettiest foal," that might have been impossible!

Any of these three could have won first place, but I had to choose, so number 30 it is! I love the light in this photo and how the background could stand alone as a landscape; like you might see in a Jeanne Mellin Herrick painting. You can tell that the foal is pretty young but has found its legs and is giving them a try. I can almost hear this lovely, obviously Morgan mare speaking like mothers everywhere, "You're doing great, careful, not too fast, don't go too far..." We all know it's just a matter of a few days before she loses control of this pretty baby. It's all together a sweet and well composed photo.

### RESERVE CHAMPION ~ 27

I love the foal's curious expression. There's a lot that you don't see in this photo yet there is plenty to express a mood of quiet interest. Characteristic of Morgan babies, this pretty-faced foal wants to know what's going on and is learning his or her person's habits. I like the use of negative space, there is almost a Yin-Yang quality to it.

### THIRD PLACE ~ 4

As in the first-place photo, I like the lush background. Often, when sculpting, I see in silhouette. That may be part of what draws me to this photo. I love how the light frames this lovely foal. Many years ago, I helped "get ears" for photographer Polly Knoll. She was a master of backlighting and I've been a fan of its use ever since.

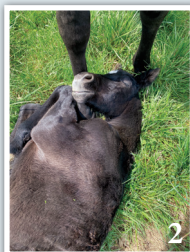
## THE PEOPLE'S CHOICES

Voted on by Friends of *The Morgan Horse* on Facebook.

We posted the foal photos to Facebook and asked the public to vote—every "like" constituted a vote for that photo. Here are the results:



Placing	Number	Votes
Champion	32	152
Reserve	2	138
3rd Place	3	106



*Thank you to the Amazing Morgan Foal Contest prize sponsor, the Maine Morgan Breeder's Cup.*

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**2023 ENTRIES** (all winners in boxes, un-registered, non-RAF Morgans are in quotes):

## 1. "Hello Ladies"

(No Contest GCH x Turned Up CH)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Erica Dorwart

## 2. Black Filly

(JAX Silver Lining x WRR Notorious)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Lori Sargeant

## 3. Bay Colt

(JAX Silver Lining x TFF Selene)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Lori Sargeant

## 4. Chestnut Filly

(Equinox Heir Of Courage x Equinox Pillow Talk)

Owner/Breeder: East of Equinox Farm

Photographer: Yasimine Stoner

## 5. "Equinox Mia Joy"

(Townshend Mark The Date x Equinox Shania)

Owner: Lynda & Gerry Lemeiux

Breeder/Photographer: Yasimine Stoner

## 6. GR Aurora

(GR Chamberlain x GR Who's Your Daddy)

Owner/Breeder: Genetic Resources, LLC

Photographer: Kim Viker

## 7. GR Midnight Special

(GR Chamberlain x GR After Midnight)

Owner/Breeder: Genetic Resources, LLC

Photographer: Kim Viker

## 8. Charmstone (RAF)

(Positively's Pride x Positively Charmed)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Laura Behning

## 9. Fantabulous

(KS Bluestem The Old Guard x Fantastical)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Laura Behning

## 10. Filly

(Elm Ranch Koda x HyLee's Optimyztic)

Owner/Breeder: Harley Yoder

Photographer: Jordan Freitag

## 11. Colt

(Cherrydale Casanova x Super Moon)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Allen Bontrager

## 12. "Greentree Peaceful"

(Greentree Gathering Storm x Greentree Rhoda)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Cece Green Yelek

## 13. Stolen Legend

(Oregon Country Flash CH x MLB Play It Again)

Owner/Breeder: Stolen Aces Farm LLC

Photographer: Savannah Sturm

## 14. Stolen Glance

(SYP High Definition GCH x LRN Tiger Lily)

Owner/Breeder: Stolen Aces Farm LLC

Photographer: Savannah Sturm

## 15. & 16. AE's Return Flight

(Noble-T Sealskin x Royal Gold Galena)

Owner/Breeder: Aesthetic Equine

Photographer: Clayton McNamara

## 17. Colt

(Prairie Hill Armani x Ortawn Sweet-Az Bonnie)

Owner/Breeder: Prairie Hill Morgans

Photographer: Susan Motter

## 18. & 19. RMTF Sea La Vie

(Saralin Seabourn x RMTF Starscream)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Stefanie Salmonson

## 20. "Atwood Kantara"

(Treble's Chrome Plated GCH x Atwood Heliotrope)

Owner/Breeder: Randal Donelson

Photographer: Lynn Miller

## 21. "BAMF Queen Of Hearts"

(Play The Odds x AE Black River RoyalFlush)

Owner/Breeder: Bay Acres Morgan Farm

Photographer: Samantha White

## 22. For The Roses

(Brigantine x Scarlett Rose)

Owner/Breeder: Yvonne Bullock

Photographer: Lindsay Perry-Atkinson

## 23. Bay Filly

(Equinox Rock Star x LBJ Glamour Girl)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Liz Czok

## 24. & 25. "Fire Run Testarossa"

(Dragonsmeade Axios x FRF Bridalveil)

Breeder: Fire Run Farm • Owner: Ginger

White, Whitehouse Investment Group, LLC

Photographer: Teri Rumens

## 26. "DLMV Imperial Summer Rein"

(Old Vermont Recruit x Imperial Perfect Storm)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Lisa Lyon-Visny

## 27. & 28. "Ember"

(FieldcrestCaptainEclectic x Partridge Hill Havana)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Jess Farr

## 29. & 30. "Going Home Moonshadow G"

(Do More Monty x Do More BS Bodacious Babs)

Owner/Breeder: Joy von Wolffersdorff

& Melanie Hoffman

Photographer: Melanie Hoffman

## 31. HPS Rising Up (RAF)

(Ingate's Eye Of The Tiger x Chavalita)

Owner/Breeder: Elizabeth Ramsey & Charles

Adams • Photographer: Elizabeth Ramsey

## 32. HPS For Your Eyes Only (RAF)

(Minion Millennium x Morgan Valley Eyes On You)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Elizabeth Ramsey

## 33. "Spirit"

(Equinox Heir Of Courage x SMS Te-Party)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Sarah Yarosevich

## 34. "Spirit"

(Equinox Heir Of Courage x SMS Te-Party)

## "Handsome"

(Amberfields Sparkle Boy x Wachuset Elsa)

Owner/Breeder: John & Emma Stoltzfus

Photographer: Sarah Yarosevich

## 35. Bay Filly

(Equinox Rock Star x LBJ Glamour Girl)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Liz Czok

## 36. & 37. "CSCM May Day Delight"

(Red Rose Moonshine x UDM Savannah)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Tonie Schmitt

## 38. Brook Hill Hi Definition

(River Riders Rich x Wachuset Darcy)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Heather Smith

## 39. Brook Hill Admiration

(River Riders Rich x Morgandy's Melody)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Heather Smith

## 40. & 41. "Waterbury Twice As Nice"

(WMB Dustys Thunder x Waterbury Savannah Bay)

Owner/Breeder: Erin Flannery

Photographer: Tammy Flannery

## 42. NorthSky Silver Scooter (RAF)

(TruWest Silver Dollar x CSS Boot Scootin' Boogie)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Victoria Tormanen

## 43. Left: "Ruby"

(Do More Monty x DoMore Bucksnot's Beth)

Owner/Breeder: Scott Fladeland

Middle: NorthSky Silver Scout (RAF)

(TruWest Silver Dollar x Mortana Primavera)

Right: NorthSky Silver Scooter (RAF)

(TruWest Silver Dollar x CSS Boot Scootin' Boogie)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Victoria Tormanen

## 44. & 45. "Cardinal Hill Sashay Away"

(Treble's Chrome Plated GCH x Fancy Nancy)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer:

Leanna Confer, Cardinal Hill Stables

## 46. Starberry Millennial Mage

(Sarde's Shock Wave x JMF Wild After Dark)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Lindsey Berry,

Starberry Sport Morgans

## 47. Cormoran

(Privilege CH x Aikane's Lasting Endeavor)

Owner: Lindsey Berry & Karen Rossen

Breeder: Karen Rossen

Photographer: Lindsey Berry

## 48. "Fern l Park Feels Like Gold"

(The Thrill Of It All LBR

x Fern Park Champagne Frost)

Owner/Breeder: Fern Park Morgans,

Mary Fitting Clure

Photographer: Mary Fitting Clure

## 49. "Fern Park Thunderstruck"

(Sarde's Shock Wave x Fern Park Caliente)

Owner, Breeder, Photographer: Fern Park

Morgans, Mary Fitting Clure