



Special Recognition award recipients.

McAlexander demonstrating another of her talents by providing piano music for the appreciative crowd. Shelby Nail, an exhibitor from St. Louis, played the flute during lunch as well. After lunch and an opportunity to shop the silent auction, the annual business meeting began, led by President Sarah Booker. After serving the MHSA for over 31 years, Dr. Dean Hodge was presented with Board of Directors Emeritus status on his retirement. He received a standing ovation. Dr. Hodge will continue in a consulting role to the organization. Sue Webster received The President's Award. The Jeff Shikles Distinguished Service Award went to Kenny Burgdorfer, and Kent Swalla was recognized as the Horse Person of the Year. The

much-coveted School Horse of the Year award went to Bart, from Drew Training Stables. After these recognitions, the group split into separate rooms for the remainder of the awards. In the Show Horses and Ponies group, nearly 100 embroidered coolers were awarded to the high point champions of 2008. Ken Wheelan served as emcee. Special awards, including embroidered camp chairs, were presented to Lauren Brannon, High Point Equitation Rider; Margie Torkelson, ASB Amateur High Point Adult; and Sue Webster, ASB Amateur Senior High Point Adult Rita Diekroeger Perpetual Trophy. The 2008 Medallion Finals winners were Lyndi Skinner, The Scott Haines Memorial Trophy; Nadine Van Zomeren,



Lynn Frazee and Liz Drew.

Ashley Re' Curl Memorial Trophy; Lauren Hagan, Sir Love A Lot Trophy; and Becky Pettaway, Janian's Midsummer Knight Trophy.

Additional MHSA activities included a trivia contest, a silent auction, and an art contest for juveniles and adults. Cathy Harris's glasswork was awarded Best in Show.

While many attendees noted the irony of a roomful of horse people spending the day indoors when it was an unseasonably glorious 70-degree day outside, there was a familiar warmth within the banquet hall as well, as the Missouri Horse Shows Association community gathered for a day to acknowledge one another's achievements in 2008. See you at Kickoff!

CENTRAL STATES *Connection* By Carol Clasby

Mike Roberts Stable reports Such A Sport was sold to Joey Neuman, to be trained by Greg Haston. Lovely Addition, previously owned by Mike and Chris Kaplan of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, sold to Donna Smith of Anniston, Ala. Princess Mara, a full sister to Sir William Robert, previously owned by Tom Galbreath and Midwest Charity Open Park Champion, sold to Jo Ellen Blount, to be trained by DeLovely Farm. The Coup family has two new babies, Designed To Shine, a chestnut three-year-old, and Kemaraff, a bay two-year-old by Leatherwood's Starlight. The Fox family has acquired A New Tune, to be shown by the mother-daughter team of Sue and Katrina. And from LionHeart Riding Academy, instructor Kate Coup Younker reports 2008 Midwest Regional Academy Champion rider Amanda Ebling will be stepping up into Pleasure Equitation for 2009.

Cheradon Acres' youth club, the Cheradon Chevals, raised \$200 for Saddlebred Rescue and plans another fundraiser for May.

Timber Hills Farm rider Samantha Thomas sold her Pleasure Equitation horse, My Amarillo, and will be entering Juvenile Five-Gaited classes with her new horse, The West Wing.

Iowa American Saddlebred Association is sponsoring clinics with Jo Cornell over the first weekend in March, concluding with a schooling show on Sunday, March 8, at Jester Park, in Des Moines.

Brenda Benner Stables had a visit from Cupid. Kara German received Callaway's Right Triumphs Might as a Valentine's Day gift from her parents. German is moving into the performance division with this four-year-old after a stellar finish to her Pleasure Equitation career.

Jennifer Louw Stables is geared up for show season 2009 and is offering summer camps in saddles eat riding.

The UPHA Equitation Committee would like to announce a very important event for all riders, instructors, judges, parents and trainers of all breeds. **UPHA Equitation Update III: Inspiration for Today's Rider, Instructor and Judge: Focus on Horsemanship** will be held at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri on March 14-15, 2009. A wide variety of topics will be covered, including pattern work, fitting the saddle, achieving an effective and balanced riding position, being an equitation judge, rider/ instructor/ parent communication as well as an open discussion of hot topics. Over 25 expert speakers will be there to inform and inspire. Attendance to the clinic will be free to all UPHA members, and those young instructors who would like to attend, but don't have the financial means to get there should contact us for help. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express (573-642-2600). For more information, please call Sandy Sessink at 248-207-4956.

Oops

In our February 2009 issue, photo credits were not included with the Coup-Younker wedding. These photos were provided by Amy Enderle, Silverbox Photographers.

We apologize for this omission and any inconvenience it may have caused.