

**Columbia County Ag Society
Department 05A Horse Show**

The Eighth Annual Columbia County Fair Horse Show was blessed with perfect weather, a fantastic judge, and 64 impressive exhibitors, making it our most successful show to date. "Given the rainy summer that we've had, combined with the current economic climate, I wasn't sure what to expect this Labor Day," said Jennifer Lawrence, superintendent. "But we got so lucky with that incredibly gorgeous week of weather beforehand, and I think people were really excited to come and show!"

Competitors came from as far away as Altamont, Milan, and Pittsfield to compete under the very professional and astute eye of Ohio judge, Jennifer Moshier." Judge Moshier kept the classes moving at just the right pace to keep spectators engaged. I have to say that I think this is the first year that the bleachers were filled from 9:00 a.m. right through til the show ended around 3:30. It was wonderful to see so many people there to watch." said Lawrence.

Announcer Lael Locke kept the crowd informed about what they were watching and what the Judge was looking for. Ellen All and Vance Pitkin split duties as Ring Master, assisting the Judge. Secretaries Barbara Irvine, Sandy Wooding and Liz Fina helped everyone get entered into their classes in a timely fashion, while Chris McDermott answered questions and calmed nerves at the Information desk. Gate Keepers Sara Hausamann and Rob McDermott kept the show running smoothly and safely. Carolyn Bove checked horses' health papers as they entered the grounds, adhering to N.Y.S. Ag and Markets rules. Miller Young Fina and Julia Reynolds were representing the Berkshire Morgan Youth Club as the awards presenters.

" I have to tell you that it really takes a village to put this show on and keep it running as safely and professionally as possible. We really want people to have a great experience at this show, and these volunteers make it happen. I have to credit all of these people. I can't say enough good about each and every one of the staff! And the amazing thing is that we've all been doing this for the 8 years it's been happening!" said Lawrence.

Speaking of all eight years, Country Tack of Lanesboro, Mass. has been a sponsor of the show from its inception. C and K Tack Shop of Chatham has been our sponsor for three years, Cedar Flow Construction for two, and the newest sponsor is the Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Coalition. "We can't thank our sponsors enough for their generosity and support" said Lawrence. "They're great businesses run by really nice people, and I hope that they benefit from it as much as we benefit from having them on board!" Horse treats, called Blue Seal Rounders, were also donated by Country Tack, and handed out to all exhibitors. The Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Coalition offered free "No Smoking" signs with a variety of horse oriented motifs, made especially for the show! If you'd like to order one, or several, call them at 822-0999.

Kudos also go to Fair Board members Ron Davis, who keeps the ring's footing so terrific, George Kerner , who painted the fence this year , Bernie Kelleher who manages the trailer parking, and the entire Fair Board who gave the show a really terrific, improved sound system.

Results as follows:

1) Adult Fitting and Showmanship. 1)Jessica Matthies, Elizaville 2) Tammy Barnard, Ghent 3) Wendy Mitchell, Altamont 4) Casey Danton 5) Heidi Gerlach, Hudson 6) Meghan DePaula, Selkirk

2) Junior Fitting and Showmanship 1) Mannon Scionti, Claverack 2) Chelsea Palladino, Valatie 3) Kaley Langenbach, East Greenbush 4) Ashley Keen, Tivoli 5) Morgan Mitchell, Altamont 6) Cheyenne Shufelt, Ghent

3) Training Horse in Hand 1) Arion, Lisa Wojan, Preston, Ct. 2) Trumps Wild Ace, Francesca Piano, Cairo 3) Porky Pine Woodman, Margaret Gerowe, New Preston, Ct. 4) Derby, Cheryl Rings, Nassau 5) Lil Leo Pard Lily, Katherine Edwards, Pittsfield, Mass.

4) Western in Hand 1) Risky Broker, Kaley Langenbach, East Greenbush 2) OHF Rap In Command, Cindy Rustica, Germantown 3) Just Swattin Bugs, Tammy Barnard, Ghent 4) TQ Miss, Sierra Dexheimer, Chatham 5) Joe, Emma Adams, Rhinebeck 6) Mr. Poco Fifty, Jessica Matthies, Elizaville

5) the Amberly's Cosanostra Perpetual Trophy, English in Hand, trophy donated by Courtney Scionti 1) Arion, Lisa Wojan, New Preston, Ct. 2) Chocolate Slide, Ashley Keen, Tivoli 3) WHS Hot August Night, Francesca Piano, Cairo 4) Classical Super Lady, Casey Danton, Delmar 5) Porky Pine Woodman, Margaret Gerowe, New Preston, Ct. 6) Comorarra, Robyn Pitcher, Chatham

6) Leadline Equitation, ribbons and prizes donated by Berkshire Morgan Youth Club . All winners! Citrus Triplett, Tivoli, Daisy Blass, Chatham, Johnna Henderson, Nassau, Ellie Blass, Chatham, Dante Tapler, D'Artagnon Tapler, Ghent, Bridgette Brackett, Chatham Ethan Miller, Castleton, and Laurie Aquario, East Nassau.

7) Training Horse, Walk Trot only 1) Trumps Wild Ace, Francesca Piano, 2) Derby, Cheryl Rings 3) Joe, Emma Adam 4) Joey, Allysa Fellar, Red Hook

8) Jr. English Walk Trot Equitation, 1) Rachel Cordato, Valatie 2) Grace Cornelius, Valatie 3) Bryony Walker, Hudson 4) Kashia Tranchita, Hudson 5) Madelyn Pierce, Valatie 6) Abigail Stearn

9) Jr. Western Walk Jog Equitation 1) Mannon Scionti, Claverack 2) Sierra Shufelt, Ghent

10) Training Horse Walk, Trot, Canter 1) Trumps Wild Ace, F. Piano 2) Derby, C. Rings

11) Adult Walk Trot Equitation 1) Sarah Sage, Altamont 2) Megan Lopez, Copake 3) Steve Super, Hudson

12) Jr. English Equitation 1) Robyn Pitcher 2) Kalie Langenbach 3) Ashley Keen 4) Chelsea Palladino, 5) Victoria Thomas, Ancram 6) Paige Moore, Castleton

12b) Jr. Western Equitation 1) Sierra Dexheimer, Chatham 2) Francesca Piano 3) Cheyenne Shufelt 4) Morgan Mitchell, Altamont

13) Adult English Equitation 1) Casey Danton 2) Karen Niccoli Timm, Hillsdale 3) Amanda Boltz, Greenville 4) Hillary Schwarz, Canaan 5) Cheryl Rings

13b) Adult Western Equitation 1) Jessica Matthies 2) Tammy Barnard 3) Heidi Gerlach 4) Meaghan DePaula, Selkirk 5) Wendy Mitchell 6) Holly Washburn

14) Versatility Class! 1) Risky Broker, K. Langenbach 2) Chocolate Slide, A. Keen 3) Montgomery, C. Palladino 4) Ric's Buds For You, H. Gerlach 5) OHF Rap In Command, C. Rustica

15) Walk Trot Pattern Class, 1) Rachel Cordato 2) Arrielia Espana Gross, Germantown 3) Mannon Scionti 4) Sierra Shufelt 5) Kashia Tranchita 6) Julia Henderson, Nassau

16) Columbia County Pleasure Challenge 1) Mr. Poco Fifty, J. Matthies 2) Rics Buds For You, H. Gerlach 3) Just Swattin Bugs, T. Barnard 4) Cheyenne's Conclusion, Wendy Shufelt, Ghent 5) UVM Ingrid, Karen Niccoli Timm 6) Fillis, Sjona Morrison, Copake

17) Dressage Suitability 1) UVM Ingrid, K. Timm 2) Bella Rose, Christy Juranic, Milan 3) Chocolate Slide, A. Keen 4) Montgomery, C. Palladino 5) Legend, Ellen Pierce 6) Comorrara, R. Pitcher

18) Western Road Hack 1) Mr. Poco Fifty, J. Matthies 2) Rics Buds For You, H. Gerlach 3) Just Swattin Bugs, T. Barnard 4) TQ Miss, Sierra Dexheimer 5) Risky Broker, K. Langenbach, 6) High Golden Nugget, Wendy Mitchell, Altamont

19) Jr. English Walk Trot Pleasure 1) Grace Cornelius on Double Trouble, Valatie 2) Pebbles, B. Walker 3) The Bold and the Beautiful, R. Cordato 4) Cappucino, Ariella Espana Gross, 5) Juliet, Kayla Law, Valatie 6) UVM Ingrid, Madelyn Johnson

20) Jr. Western Walk Jog Pleasure 1) Cassandra's Zeno, Mannon Scionti 2) Cheyenne's Conclusion, Sierra Shufelt

21) English Road Hack 1) UVM Ingrid, K. Timm 2) Del Amor Pilgrim's Diamond, Francesaca Piano 3) Chocolate Slide, A. Keen 4) Classical Sugar Cody, C. Danton 5) Risky Broker, K. Langenbach 6) Bella Rose, C. Juranic

22) Jr. Walk Trot Egg and Spoon Ride 1) Mannon Scionti 2) Rachel Cordato 3) Sierra Shufelt 4) K. Tranchita 5) Grace Cornelius

23) English Bareback Equitation 1) Robyn Pitcher 2) Susanna Toledo 3) Chelsea Palladino 4) Kalie Langenbach 5) Hillary Schwarz 6) Christy Juranic

24) Western Bareback Equitation 1) Ashley Keen 2) Katherine Edwards

25) Adult Walk Trot Pleasure 1) Storm, Megan Lopez 2) Zippo's Travelin' Chocolate, Sarah Sage, Altamont

26) Open Pleasure Sweepstakes, 1) Risky Broker, K. Langenbach 2) Chocolate Slide, A. Keem 3) Bella Rose, C. Juranic 4) Montgomery, C. Palladino 5) Mr. Pocos Fifty, J. Matthies 6) Classical Sugar Cody, C. Danton (note: there were 20 entries in this class!)

27) Jr. English Pleasure 1) Risky Broker 2) Chocolate Slide 3) Double Trouble, Robyn Pitcher 4) Legend, Ellen Pierce 5) Fllis, Syona Morrison 6) Columbus, Stephanie Reetz, Germantown

27 b) Jr. Western Pleasure 1) Trumps Wild Aces, F. Piano 2) TQ Miss, S. Dexheimer 3) Hee Bee Royal, Cheyenne Shufelt 4) Bloo Regards Q Kazoo, Morgan Mitchell

28) Adult English Pleasure 1) Classical Sugar Cody, C. Danton 2) Diamond River, Amanda Boltz 3) UVM Ingrid, K. Timm 4) Third Times a Charm, Hillary Thomas

28b) Adult Western Pleasure 1) Mr. Pocos Fifty 2) Just Swattin Bugs 3) Rics Buds For You 4) A2, William Milroy, Ghent 5) Cheyenne's Conclusion, W. Shufelt 6) Baby, Holly Washburn, Hudson

29) Open Egg and Spoon Ride! 1) Wendy Mitchell 2) Cindy Rustici, Germantown 3) Francesca Piano 4) Paige Moore 5) Sierra Dexheimer 6) Robyn Pitcher Reserve, Christy Juranic