



Morgan Dressage Association 2012 Scholarship Awards



KIMBERLEE BARKER

USDF Silver Medalist and professional dressage trainer in Corvallis, Oregon, Kimberlee Barker began her involvement in Morgans over fifteen years ago as a resident dressage instructor at a local facility where many of the lesson horses were Morgans. Most recently, she has been working with two Morgans: a young stallion, Gladheart Black Harris (DJJJ Ebony Gold x Rogue's Midnight Melody) and a FEI gelding, Gladheart Linhawk (Funquest Diviner x Rogue's Midnight Melody).

Kim has been a strong promoter of Morgans in dressage; riding Gladheart Linhawk in two Northwest Horse Fair and Expositions (2009 and 2012) as well as in the Oregon Dressage Society's Introduction to the 2011 Tests Clinic. Most recently she and Gladheart Linhawk were chosen for the 2012 USDF Region 6 Adult Clinic. She actively shows both "her" Morgans in open competition.

Kimberlee clinics under such instructors as Lilo Fore (FEI "I" Judge and member of the USDF Instructor Certification Program), Mike Osinski (USEF Senior ["S"] judge and USDF Gold Medalist), and Alfredo Hernandez, a California-based dressage trainer who specializes in piaffe & passage and work in-hand. She plans to use her scholarship monies to continue to clinic under these instructors.



Kimberlee Barker and Gladheart Linhawk



Kristi Haines and Fenway Park

KRISTI HAINES

Kristi Haines of Marshfield, Massachusetts is the assistant trainer at Furnace Brook Farm and is currently training her 8-year-old Morgan, Fenway Park. Kristi and "Carl" have successfully competed through Second Level at both Open and Morgan competitions. In 2012, the pair traveled to Florida to train extensively under "S" judge, Ida Andersen. Kristi plans to use her scholarship money to continue riding under Ida and other FEI trainers with the hopes of one day competing with Carl at FEI.

KRISTAL HOMOKI

Kristal Homoki is a third generation Morgan owner, breeder and professional trainer—inheriting her love of the breed from her great Aunt Ethel Gardner and her mother, Niven Owings of Spring Lake Farm. Kristal continues to train and breed Morgans on her own farm, MtnTop Morgans, in Brooklyn, Michigan.

Although new to dressage as a sport, Kristal has always used the basic principles of dressage in her everyday training and riding; strongly believing that these principles are very important for all horses, no matter what the discipline. Kristal has taken lessons from USDF Bronze Medalist Julie Arkinson of Synchrony Farm in Saline, Michigan, as well as taken clinics with Grand Prix rider and noted clinician Mette Rosenkrantz.

Kristal has recently begun showing dressage, finding that she really values the information and suggestions gained by being individually judged and scored. She hopes to show one of her mares, Universal Selection (aka "Faith"), in 2013. She plans to use her scholarship funds to continue lessons on a local level with Julie Arkinson as well as take advantage of dressage clinics that are available in her area.



Kristal Homoki and Universal Selection