

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL ALL-MORGAN HORSE SHOW

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Mary Ann Virgo carries off an armful of prizes and trophies on the back of Long View Lancer. All told, she took the Ted Davis Challenge Trophy and seconds in the State Futurity Alumni and In Command

The 1973 New York International Morgan Horse Show drew the country's top Morgans to compete for the coveted titles awarded at this annual event. The show, held in the Syracuse Coliseum during October 3-6, had 507 entries from 19 states, and filled the arena to capacity.

This year's show, dedicated to the enthusiasm of the exhibitors who made it the leading Morgan show in the country, was the 14th in the history of the NYS Morgan Horse Society.

A policy of the show, said Show Secretary Mrs. Carole Thoms, is that it should "continue to grow with ever increasing returns to the exhibitors." This year it offered 112 classes with \$10,000 in premiums; three amateur championship classes each awarded \$1,000.

Unique to the International All-Morgan Horse Show are the famous international championship classes, started six years ago. These classes are open only to Morgans which placed in a similar championship class in an all Morgan show in either the U.S. or Canada.

The feature exhibition on two evenings was cavalcade Americana, a parade of New York members with their Morgans and a variety of horse drawn vehicles, which had also been shown at the State Fair.

New ribbons, designed for the International, were awarded this year. They feature a logo bearing a prancing Morgan over a map of New York, embellished with the U.S. and Canadian flags.

The International heavily accented youth with a full Youth Division. Youth entered the big time with two new International Youth Championship Classes.

Competition was stiff, particularly in the driving classes. Benfields Ace conquered the house when he took the International Park Harness Championship. Rochester, owned by Ruth Cole, won the International Youth Pleasure Championship, while Saddleback Supreme took the International Junior Park Harness Championship and Orcland Donlendon the International Pleasure Championship. UVM Teatime carried home the International Pleasure Driving Championship and Figures Lorelei the International Junior Park Saddle Championship.

Mar-Jos Ringo ran off with the International Western Pleasure Championship, while Gladgays Promenette won the Youth Park Saddle Championship. Trophy's Keepsake was International Park Saddle Champion.

Benfields Ace copped Grand Champion Stallion for his second year in a row, while the leading lady was Schenectady as Grand Champion Mare. Petalbrook Sigmalect sired the winner of the New York Sires Stakes for his second year.

A special bonus for exhibitors this year was the free "Championship Afterglow" party held down the center aisle of the main barn, with silver, flowers and good cheer.

Thank you to Jenn Thoms for sending in this great "Blast from the Past" article.