

AMHA MASTER ANN KNOLL

The New York State Morgan Horse Society is very pleased to nominate Ann C. Knoll for an AMHA Master's Certificate. Ann is one of the founding members of the NYSMHS, has shown at all of the NY Morgan (Regional) Shows and is still active at NYSMHS events and shows.

Ann purchased her first Morgan in 1948, Valley View Pal, a bay gelding by Upwey King Benn x Upwey Goldie Emerald. He was used for pleasure riding by the whole family. Ann rode him on several 40 mile competitive trail rides. He also introduced the girls to showing. Later the family purchased 2 mares with strong government bloodlines who became the foundation mares for the Knollcrest breeding program. The first offspring of these mares are now 24 years old and still in excellent health in their retirement.

In addition to raising her family of three daughters, Nancy, Elizabeth and Katherine and caring and working her Morgans, Ann was the show secretary for several large shows including the Morgan Regional, the Morgan Amateur Show, Syracuse International Horse Show and the NY State Fair as well as many smaller local shows. She was also a 4-H Horse Project Leader and introduced many youth to the Morgan horse. Many of these youth still own and show Morgans and several have become professionals. She was employed by New York State Cooperative Extension where she recruited and trained leaders as well as helping them carry out their projects. Daughter Nancy is married with two grown sons, and also raises Morgan horses and is active in the local New York State Morgan Horse Society. Daughter Elizabeth is a CPA/accountant, who is married and living in New Jersey. Daughter Katherine is living and working in Syracuse, NY.

About 15 years ago, Ann decided to get in on the fun and started showing some of her Morgans in driving classes. Today, at age 76, she still drives two mares five times a week and is busily schooling them for ADS competition in 1996. She owns 5 Morgans at this time. Knollcrest Minstrel, Knollcrest Bit O' Elegance and Knollcrest Crown Victoria which she has at home plus she owns KC Bit O'Magic and Knollcrest Mona Lisa which are out on lease.