

**The New York State Morgan Horse Society
proudly nominates
Al Celecki as an AMHA Master.**

Al started showing horses while a student at Penn State. He worked for Meadowbrook Farms, a Belgium draft horse breeding farm, during the summer. His showing career started at the Ohio State Fair, and he is still showing horses today. Al's interest in Morgan horses began at Penn State where Topfield & Ouaker Lady were included in the Penn State Morgan herd. Al showed both of these horses at the Eastern States Horse show in the 1950's.

Al and his wife, JoAnn, started Cum Laude Stables in 1970 with the purchase of Acadia's December. After a successful show career, December started producing show horses for her owners. December produced nine live offspring. Quintilian, Cum Laude Brandy, Cum Laude Candy and Cum Laude Finnigan to mention a few notables. December's legacy is being continued by her daughter, Cum Laude Brandy.

Al is spending some of his retirement years training Morgan horses. He trained and is showing a pair of Morgans for Ashland Farms, Richard and Kathy Talcott, of Aurora, NY. His latest endeavor is to train a pair of his Morgans in Tandem. With the assistance of his daughter, Diane Garrow, this pair should make their debut in the 1998 Carriage Driving season.

Al has served on the Board of Directors of the NYSMHS, Chaired the Amateur Horse Show Committee, and is currently the Chairman of the Membership and Auditing Committees. In 1997 he received the Silver Horseshoe Award for his continued leadership and participation in the NYSMHS and was the Carriage Driving High Score Champion. His other interests include officiating at swimming events and participating in triathlon relay races as a canoeist.