

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

## *Annette Bakic - 2022 NYSMHS Silver Horseshoe Winner*

Annette has been an active and dedicated member of the New York State Morgan Horse Society for many, many years. Since 2004, she has served as Recording Secretary and, as such, has been (and continues to be) responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors. I suspect she has been to more club meetings than any member over the last 18 years. With the changes necessitated by the Covid pandemic, Annette took on the role of maintaining the club's Zoom account and organizing the many Zoom calls for all Board and committee meetings. As Recording Secretary, Annette has worked with six Presidents and numerous officers and directors. She has gladly worked with everyone, always with a positive ("can do") attitude and with the objective of serving our club and the Morgan horse to the best of her ability.

In addition to her duties as an officer, Annette has been an active and continuous member of the Regional Show committee and Sport Horse committee. In 2019, she was instrumental in ensuring that we were able to hold the dressage and western dressage competition in the Expo Center. We had contracted for the facility but were later notified that a boat show would be held instead. Using her skills as a sales representative, she took on the fight with the fairgrounds. She was civil but direct, and we got the Expo Center!

Annette has also been a longtime advocate and ambassador for the Morgan horse in both traditional and western dressage. Starting with Hartland Vivoque (Vivo") and then Fortress Initial (Iggy) and now Twentieth Century Fox (Bentley) and GP Blessing "N" Honor (Bode), she has been a constant presence in the dressage ring at the Regional show as well as open competitions and clinics.

Thank you, Annette, for everything you have done and continue to do for our club and the breed we all love.