

The Pony Parade

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Chairman's Corner

2010 was a productive but difficult year for NPS America. Health concerns forced me to take a 4 month leave of absence from my Vice Chairman duties in the spring and summer. I came back in late September ready to help out with elections and writing and publishing a fall newsletter to discover that founding member Kathryn Freeman would unexpectedly resign as Chairman in November. This unforeseen development created some immediate confusion for the NPS America Council and ultimately meant that fall elections did not take place and that a fall issue of the **Pony Parade** was not published. Kathryn's enthusiasm and hard work will surely be missed (see her goodbye message on page 2) and we all wish her the very best and hope she can join us again in the future.

The remaining seven Council members came together in early December to decide what to do next. The result was to name me as Interim Chairman until the next election (probably in fall 2011). With Melissa Kreuzer elected to the Secretary position late last year and Adrienne Grasso remaining as Treasurer, we feel confident we can get business done in 2011.

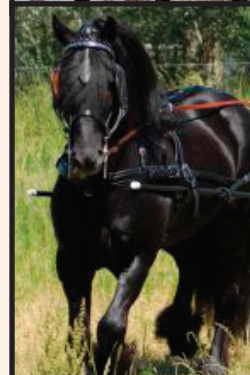
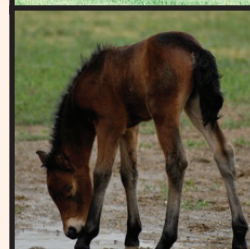
Now for the good news - 2010 was a record year for competitive opportunities for M&M ponies across the country (see pages 4-7)! We saw 11 venues hosting classes for M&M ponies, with many of these shows on the East Coast. Four of the 2010 venues were new to hosting M&M classes - including the first Shetland Pony Society of North America (SPSNA) show to include opportunities for M&M breeds. The results and a few photos of these events are featured on our web site. Please take a minute to review the show season at www.NPSAmerica.org.

NPS America also signed on our first sponsors! Please see page 2 to learn more about the exclusive discounts that Nation-Wide Horse Transportation will graciously offer our members. As the new year unfolds, we hope to continue to build our sponsors list as a benefit to our members.

If you have questions about your membership or the organization in general, or have ideas on how we can best support M&M ponies and their owners in the US, feel free to contact me at KDavidson@mvsd.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing all of you, and your four-legged friends, a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Kelly Davidson Chou



A Farewell Message from Kathryn Freeman

My dream was simple: to hold a few Mountain & Moorland pony classes at a nearby Welsh show and to meet local enthusiasts who shared my interest in Mountain & Moorland ponies as a cohesive group, not just as individual breeds. The last five years have far surpassed what I imagined.

I've met countless people of great knowledge, experience, generosity and passion both here in the United States and abroad. I have seen many wonderful examples of the nine Mountain & Moorland breeds and learned so much about this group of diverse yet similar ponies.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of this fledgling organization – the first International Area (chapter) of the venerable NPS. Most days, I still find that hard to believe – that we were the first! I owe a great debt to those who assisted and humored me throughout this journey – many thanks to you all.

*I truly believe NPS America can make a difference not only in the Mountain & Moorland movement in this country, but also in the acceptance of the “pony” as a force to be reckoned with in the equestrian world. **Power to the pony!***

I wish Kelly Davidson Chou and the NPS America Council the best of luck as they move forward with the organization. In their capable hands I know the success of NPS America will not only continue but grow substantially.

With warm regards,

Kathryn Rayner Freeman
Past Chairman
NPS America

Inaugural NPS America Award of Excellence!

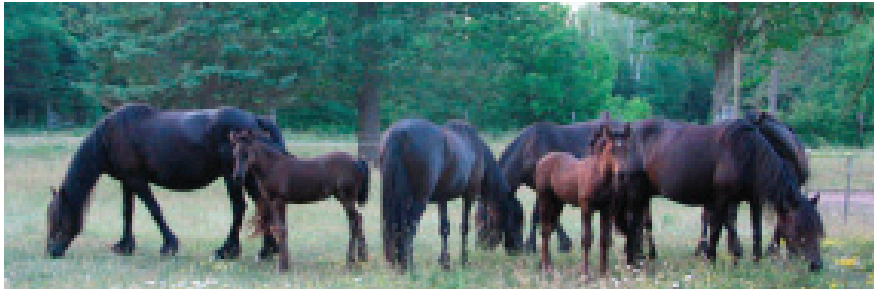
Early in 2010, the NPS America Council unanimously voted to develop the *NPS America Award of Excellence*. This new award will recognize an organization or individual who has made significant contributions to support and recognize Mountain and Moorland or British Riding ponies in the U.S. Honorary President Linda Impey donated a beautiful traditional Scottish Quaich for the perpetual trophy that will be given to winners. Members are encouraged to nominate those they believe represent the spirit of NPS America and its mission. If you know of an individual or organization worthy of acknowledgment, please tell us!

Kathryn Freeman presented the first *NPS America Award of Excellence* to the Welsh Pony and Cob Association of California (WPCAC) at their annual meeting in February 2010. The WPCAC is a long-standing and enthusiastic supporter of the M&M movement in California. The organization paved the way for M&M competitions in the US, and its annual Pacific Coast Classic is still the “gold standard” of M&M shows in this country. We are thrilled to have such a dedicated organization providing support, recognition and encouragement to M&M ponies and their owners.

Congratulations to the WPCAC!



Past NPS America Chairman Kathryn Freeman (middle) presents the NPS America Award of Excellence to Diane Sommers (left) and Gerald Verkuyl (right) of the WPCAC – February 2010.



A beautiful herd of Dales Pony mares and foals owned and bred by NPS America members Ken and Darlene Raspotnik in Wisconsin. Photo by Darlene Raspotnik.

NPS America Gains First Sponsors

NPS America is pleased to welcome its first sponsor, Nation-Wide Horse Transportation, Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mountain & Moorland ponies now have their own official transport company, with NPS America members receiving an exclusive **25% discount** on shipping services.

Nation-Wide has been a premier transport company for over 40 years. Since 1959, they have provided safe, reliable, door-to-door transportation from coast-to-coast using all air ride commercial equipment. Their philosophy, "Service is our business, satisfaction is our goal", says it all.

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Year End Awards – Ponies Needed!!

Did you know NPS America has a comprehensive members only **Awards Program**? We recognize ponies for their success in both M&M specific competitions and a variety of other equestrian disciplines.

Do you have a pony that's won an NPS America Championship? Do you have a pony that's done well in dressage or carriage driving events? Do you have a pony that is a regular mount for a Pony Clubber or 4H member? How about ponies who have participated in festivals, fairs or demonstrations? ALL of these activities are recognized by the NPS America **Awards Program**.

In 2009, only 4 member ponies participated in the Awards program – but many more were out and about succeeding in their chosen professions. **Let 2010 be the year we award YOUR pony!** Information and forms can be found on the NPS America website. For more information, contact Secretary Melissa Kreuzer at Fells@Dreamhayven.com.

2009 Awards:

Lunesdale White Heather owned by M. Kreuzer
Recognition Certificate, Youth Organizations
Achievement Certificate, Ridden M&M

Littletree Bodini, owned by M. Kreuzer
Achievement Gold Medal, M&M In-hand

Dream Hayven Aurora, owned by M. Kreuzer
Recognition Certificate, Expositions

MidSummer Knight, owned by G. Freeman
Recognition Certificate, Expositions
Recognition Certificate, Youth Organizations
Achievement Certificate, M&M In-hand

M&M Competitive Results - 2010

Eleven venues across the country offered classes, in hand and/or performance, specifically for Mountain and Moorland Ponies in 2010. Not all of the shows were successful, but many of these efforts did see interest in these classes despite the gloomy economic situation facing so many. Below are the results of a few of the shows. For a full report of results, please visit www.NPSAmerica.org.

American Connemara Pony Society – Region IV Show Thompson, Georgia – June 5, 2010

This first Connemara show of the year and the first competitive opportunity for M&M ponies in 2010 – was well attended, with over sixty ponies participating. The Dartmoors have a strong presence at this event and have their own in hand classes. Because no additional M&M breeds showed up for this year’s event, the show organizers made a “day of show” decision to open the M&M classes to all ponies of UK origin. Dara Go Lightly & Megan Fullgraf captured the NPS America Champion M&M Pony rosette, with Thistledown Juniper & Jessica Edwards Cutsforth (last year’s Champion) taking the Reserve honors. In 2011, this event anticipates moving to Georgia or South Carolina but will continue to offer M&M classes and hopes to grow M&M participation. Thanks to Carole Moss and her team for all of their hard work!

Mountain and Moorland, 3 & Under

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Blue Heron Denim	Dartmoor	Jessica E. Cutsforth	J. E. Cutsforth
2	Foothills Caroline	Dartmoor	Rachel Blalock	Jami Collins
3	Black Dogs River Ghost	Dartmoor	Beth Davidson	Beth Davidson

Mountain and Moorland, 4 & Over

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Dara Go Lightly	Dartmoor	Megan Fullgraf	Megan Fullgraf
2	Thistledown Juniper	Dartmoor	Jessica E. Cutsforth	J. E. Cutsforth
3	Caroway Charlotte	Dartmoor	Grace Bridges	Grace Bridges
4	MC Sailor	Dartmoor	Meg Ingram	Meg Ingram
5	Singletree Lady Luck	Dartmoor	Susan Deuterman	Susan Dueterman
6	Aladdin	Dartmoor	Meg Randall	Meg Randall

NPS America Championship and Reserve M&M

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
Champion	Dara Go Lightly	Dartmoor	Megan Fullgraf	Megan Fullgraf
Reserve	Thistledown Juniper	Dartmoor	Jessica E. Cutsforth	J. E. Cutsforth

***American Connemara Pony Society – Region III Show
Middleburg, Virginia – July 17 & 18, 2010***

Although numbers were down for all entries, including the M&M Ponies as compared with 2009, everyone attending had a great time. The NPS America Champion M&M Pony Rosette was awarded to the Dartmoor, Farnley Dude, owned by Terry Trimble. The Reserve Rosette went to the Judy Brescia's Highland gelding Circle H MacKenzie. The M&M ponies were not only active in their own division, but in many of the open classes as well, including dressage, combined tests and the Fancy Dress (Costume) Class. Many thanks go out to Judy Brescia and her team for all of their help!

Purebred Mountain & Moorland Mares, 8 years and under

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Kellwould Primrose	Highland	Lee Ann Bunn	Lee Ann Bunn

Purebred Mountain & Moorland Mares, over 8 years

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Kellwould Tilly	Highland	Lee Ann Bunn	Lee Ann Bunn

Purebred Mountain & Moorland Colts & Geldings, 8 years and under

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Circle H MacKenzie	Highland	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia

Purebred Mountain & Moorland Geldings, over 8 years

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Farnley Dude	Dartmoor	Terry Trimble	Terry Trimble
2	Cyfaenad Cadr-Brenin	Welsh D	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia

NPS America Championship and Reserve M&M

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
Champion	Farnley Dude	Dartmoor	Terry Trimble	Terry Trimble
Reserve	Circle H MacKenzie	Highland	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia

Mountain and Moorland Under Saddle (Walk, Trot)

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Circle H MacKenzie	Highland	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia
2	Cyfaenad Cadr-Brenin	Welsh D	Judy Brescia	Mandy Davis
3	Kellwould Tilly	Highland	Lee Ann Brunn	Lee Ann Bunn
4	Farnley Dude	Dartmoor	Terry Trimble	Shannon Dowling

Mountain and Moorland Under Saddle (Walk, Trot, Canter)

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Farnley Dude	Dartmoor	Terry Trimble	Shannon Dowling
2	Cyfaenad Cadr-Brenin	Welsh D	Judy Brescia	Mandy Davis
3	Circle H MacKenzie	Highland	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia

***National Dressage Pony Cup
Wilmington, Ohio – July 30 through August 1, 2010***

The top scoring Mountain & Moorland Pony at the 2010 National Dressage Pony Cup was the Welsh Cob Nyewyn with a 67.3% in the FEI level test of choice. Nyewyn also scored a 66.5% in his FEI Intermediate I Freestyle performance. He is ridden by Lauren Chemley and owned by Jill Sackman. Many M&M breeds were represented at the Dressage Pony Cup, including Welsh A, B, C, and D, Connemara, and Fell. Many thanks to Jenny Carol and her team for their efforts in furthering ponies in the sport of dressage and for supporting and recognizing M&M ponies at this venue.

***Shetland Pony Society of North America
Joppa, Maryland – August 22, 2010***

This was the first Shetland event in the U.S. to hold Mountain & Moorland pony classes. In the in hand classes, all M&M breeds including the Shetland were eligible to complete because this show did not offer Shetland specific in hand classes, though their were Shetland specific performance classes. A good time was had by all, and the SPSNA looks forward to offering more M&M classes in 2011. SPSNA members look forward to participating at more M&M events as well. Special thanks to Laurie Donaldson and her team for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Class Number: 503 Mountain and Moorland 3 & Under

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Celynnen Velveteen Rabbit	Shetland	Jennifer Long	Jennifer Long

Class Number: 504 M&M (Shetlands), 4 & Over

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Kalmia Rambling Rose	Shetland	Joyce Miller	Joyce Miller
2	Olny Nick Nack	Shetland	Amy Fenwick	Amy Fenwick
3	Sonara's Charade Rose	Shetland	Jennifer Long	Jennifer Long

Class Number: 504 M&M, 4 & Over

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Kellwould GlenLyon	Highland	George Clardy	George Clardy
2	MacTavish of New Skye	Highland	George Clardy	Cameron Clardy
3	Cyfaenad Cadr-Brenin	Welsh D	Judy Brescia	Pat Brescia
4	Circle-H MacKenzie	Highland	Judy Brescia	Judy Brescia
HC	The Patriot	Kerry Bog	Sharon Clark	Sharon Clark

Class Number: 505 NPS America Championship and Reserve M&M

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
Champion	Kellwould GlenLyon	Highland	George Clardy	George Clardy
Reserve	Kalmia Rambling Rose	Shetland	Joyce Miller	Joyce Miller

***Pacific Coast Classic/Welsh American National Show
Elk Grove, California – September 18, 2010
Judge D.S. Lloyd (UK)***

This was the 5th year for M&M classes at the Pacific Coast Classic sponsored by the Welsh Pony and Cob Association of California (WPCAC). This is considered by many, both here and abroad, to be the premier M&M event in the US because the WPCAC always brings over a UK judge who is listed on the National Pony Society's panel for judging Mixed M&M classes. We recognize that few venues are in a financial position to make this kind of effort for their M&M exhibitors, but when they do we just have to acknowledge them! Special thanks go out to Jackie and Gerald Verkuyl, Judy Hubert and the entire team for their continuous support and recognition of M&M ponies on the West Coast. It is always a wonderful show!

Class Number: 151.A Mountain and Moorland, 3 & Under

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Davidsons Black Shaman	Dales	Davidson Dales	A. Grasso
2	Braeberry Magna Carta	Fell	Susie Atchley	Jami Collins
3	Laurelhighland Oliver	Fell	René Bender	C. Grigrard
4	Braeberry Whimsical Legend	Fell	René Bender	Britney Benson
5	Fell Legend Bramwell's Tristan	Fell	N. Vaillancourt	N. Vaillancourt
6	Tulipkings California Poppy	Dartmoor	Davidson Dales	K. D. Chou

Class Number: 152.A Mountain and Moorland, 4 & Over

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Colliery Alick	Dales	Davidson Dales	A. Grasso
2	Redprairie Rose	Dales	Davidson Dales	Laura Waters
3	Brough-Hill Hadrian's Wall	Fell	René Bender	Kate Stuehm
4	Stonecreek Spencer	Fell	Elaine Dunson	N. Vaillancourt
5	Stonecreek Magical Celebration	Fell	Elaine Dunson	Elaine Dunson
6	Bickerdike by Design	Dales	Davidson Dales	K. D. Chou

Class Number: 152.A NPS America Championship and Reserve M&M

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
Champion	Colliery Alick	Dales	Davidson Dales	A. Grasso
Reserve	Redprairie Rose	Dales	Davidson Dales	Laura Waters

Class Number: 154.A Ridden Mountain and Moorland

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Colliery Alick	Dales	Davidson Dales	A. Grasso
2	Brough-Hill Hadrian's Wall	Fell	René Bender	Kate Stuehm
3	Redprairie Rose	Dales	Davidson Dales	Laura Waters

Class Number: 156.A M & M Novice Ridden (Walk-Trot Only)

Place	Pony Name	Breed	Owned by	Exhibited by
1	Stonecreek Spencer	Fell	Elaine Dunson	Elaine Dunson

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WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS

If you have good quality, high resolution photos of your favorite M&M ponies we would love to see them! We are always in need of quality photos for the newsletter and other marketing opportunities. Send photos along with suggested captions and photo credit to Kelly at KDavidson@mvsd.org. **THANK YOU!**

Next submission deadline is April 30th 2011!

Our Mission

To support, promote and recognize the Mountain & Moorland and British Riding Ponies in the United States.

The M&M breeds are:
British Shetland, Connemara,
Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor,
Fell, Highland, New Forest,
and all sections of Welsh!

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