



The 28th annual Egyptian Event

USA

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Junior Champion

Filly

& Reserve Supreme
Champion Mare

Desha Indeed

(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Asra Salaa)
Owned by Hank DeShazer.
Gigi Grasso photo.

Reserve Junior Champion

Filly



Naadirah KA

(Makhnificent KA x Isabella KA)
Owned by Kehilan Bloodstock.
Darryl Larson photo.

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Like the ebb and flow of the ocean's waters on the shoreline, each Egyptian Event carves its own unique landscape and this year's 28th annual Egyptian Event US was a very special part of that landscape indeed. The week long event was filled with lots of activities from major horse show classes to performance clinics, a 25 and 50 mile endurance competition, interesting seminars, barn parties, art auction and banquet and more. There were also several important tributes honoring the 50th anniversary of Don and Judi Forbis and the Ansata legacy. Complete horse show results are available at the Pyramid Society's website: www.pyramidsociety.org.

The week commenced with an amateur halter handling clinic presented by Robin Hopkinson and Mike Neal. On Monday morning, Dr. Dennis Banks gave an informative presentation on population genetics with respect to relatively closed breeding groups such as straight Egyptians. Also Warner Waite presented a performance clinic on Western Equitation. In the afternoon the week long horse show began with a nice blend of halter and performance classes concluded with the always entertaining liberty class.

Tuesday began with a welcome breakfast for newcomers to the Egyptian Event, as well as new members of the Pyramid Society and international visitors. The breakfast was held at the magnificent, historic Spindletop Hall, a large mansion built in 1935 in the style of dramatic classical architecture. Back at the arena was another performance clinic on English Equitation presented by Warner Waite, followed by the continuation of the horse show classes, again with halter and performance classes, concluding with the second section of the liberty class.





Junior Champion

Colt

Justynn

(Alixir x Bint Bint Justina)
Owned by Timothy Manring.
Holly McDonald photo.

Reserve Junior Champion

Colt

Pinnacle Desha

(Richteous x Om El Shadina)
Owned by Hank DeShazer.



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Wednesday continued the performance clinics with a presentation on Endurance riding and the Tevis Experience by Heidi Vanderbilt. Whit Byers gave a very informative seminar on the advances in Equine Reproduction and updated technologies. The horse show continued throughout the day with performance classes and Futurity preliminaries. The day was concluded with the Stallion Showcase presentation in the arena.

Thursday morning started with a seminar on the value and intrigue of collecting unique books on Arabian horses and how to create a library. The horse show continued with Extended Specialty classes, Futurity classes and World class stallions and mares. Following the horse show was a presentation of 19 straight Egyptians that were a part of the "Jewels of The Nile" private treaty sale. Thursday late afternoon into the evening is always the time set aside for various barn parties and celebrations. At the High View Arabians barn party, hosted by Steve and Lisa Zukowski, was a special unveiling of a unique Karen Kasper

sculpture in tribute to Don and Judi Forbis's 50th anniversary. The work of art was a one of a kind set of busts of Ansata Halim Shah and Ansata Ibn Halima, finished in white patina with colored halters. While later limited edition bronze versions of these will be available, this particular set, casting #1, the only one with white patina and colored halters, was the opening featured artwork at the later Friday night Art auction.



Karen Kasper busts of Ansata Halim Shah and Ansata Ibn Halima.
Karen Kasper photo.





Senior Champion & Supreme Champion

Mare

EHP Ayanna

(Imperial Imdal x Dorian Fa Hallima)
Owned by Hank DeShazer.
Gigi Grasso photo.

Reserve Senior Champion

Mare

EE Bella Lucia

(Hawkeye CC x LS Thee Desiree)
Owned by Az. Agr. Peppoloni Cristina.
Moshe Sandbank photo.



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Friday morning began with a wonderful tribute seminar on Moniet El Nefous, by Cynthia Culbertson. She traced the Arabic origin of Moniet's name and eloquently presented the extraordinary influence of this grand matriarch on Egyptian breeding worldwide. The horse show continued with performance classes and World Class and Futurity classes. Friday evening was the Golden Years Gala banquet, honoring the 50th anniversary of Don and Judi Forbis. They were presented with a very special book called Dream Journey, a 48 page artful publication reviewing the legacy of Don and Judi Forbis and Ansata. It is a limited edition, one time only printing of 500 copies. The Forbises also received the Board of Trustees Award for their lifetime commitment to the Egyptian horse.



Dream Journey,
50th anniversary Forbis
tribute limited edition book.
Joe Ferriss photo.





**Senior
Champion**
& Supreme Champion

Stallion

Arabest Samir

owned by Theron King.
Christine Emmert photo.

**Reserve
Senior Champion**
& Supreme Reserve Champion

Stallion
The Legend

owned by Donald Brandenburg.
Christine Emmert photo.



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Saturday is the final day of the Egyptian Event and for many the most eventful. It began with 25 and 50 mile endurance rides which were later won by: Jordan Bryant, riding the 25 mile ride; and Karen Cummings riding the 50 mile ride. An excellent seminar on the History of the Babolna Stud was presented by Tzviah Idan. The show continued with various championship classes throughout the day. In the afternoon was the stallion breeding service auction, where excited bidders get to select and bid on their next breeding choice.

Then the finale of the evening opened. Some awards were presented and then one of the crowd favorites was the children's "Stick Horse" class. Many charming youngsters paraded around their arena on their stick horses, some wearing turbans, as the judges called out the movements. In the end it was the hardest job the judges had to do. Unable to determine a champion, the judges declared all of them winners! Then the final championships commenced, to the elation of many. Just before the last four classes of the night, the lights dimmed down, and again as a surprise to Don and Judi Forbis, they were escorted into the arena in a white 1958 Bentley, classically built in the year

of their enduring marriage. They were seated in front of the judges tent where, on the arena's big screen, was presented a special video and tribute to the enduring legacy of the Forbises and Ansata. The Forbises were then driven around the arena with a resounding applause. At the conclusion of the championships, the announcer noted that the judges wanted to convey that they very much enjoyed judging this group and were very impressed with the overall quality and consistency.

While the week was full with the show, seminars, barn parties and tributes, there is something else special which sets the Egyptian Event apart from ordinary horse show gatherings. It is that feeling that this is an annual "grand majlis" where people come together to share the common passion for the all that is best in the Arabian horse--to agree and to disagree on favorites, to tell horse stories, share photos, videos, knowledge and experiences. No matter how long we have known this breed, or how new we are, we still come to share, and learn, and look forward to seeing next year's most beautiful, most noble, most unforgettable Arabian horses, and to celebrate it with our family, and friends, and make new acquaintances. □

Egyptian Event USA Final Championship

Junior Champion filly

Desha Indeed

2 year old grey filly

(AI Adeed Al Shaqab x Asra Salaa)

Owned by Hank DeShazer, shown by Joseph Polo

Res. Junior Champion filly

Naadirah KA

yearling grey filly

(Makhnificent KA x Isabella KA)

Owned by Kehilan Bloodstock

shown by Terry Holmes

Junior Champion colt

Justynn

yearling black colt

(Alixir x Bint Bint Justina)

Owned by Timothy Manring

shown by Gary McDonald

Res. Junior Champion colt

Pinnacle Desha

2 year old grey colt

(Richteous x Om El Shadina)

Owned by Hank DeShazer

shown by Joseph Polo

Senior Champion mare

EHP Ayanna

6 year old grey mare

(Imperial Imdal x Dorian Fa Halima)

Owned by Hank DeShazer

shown by Joseph Polo

Res. Senior Champion mare

EE Bella Lucia

4 year old chestnut mare

(Hawkeye CC x LS Thee Desiree)

Owned by Az. Agr. Peppoloni Cristina

shown by Lawrence Jones/ Steve Dady

Supreme Champion mare

EHP Ayanna

6 year old grey mare

(Imperial Imdal x Dorian Fa Halima)

Owned by Hank DeShazer, shown by Joseph Polo

Res. Supreme Champion mare

Desha Indeed

2 year old grey filly

(AI Adeed Al Shaqab x Asra Salaa)

Owned by Hank DeShazer, shown by Paolo Capecci

Senior Champion stallion

Arabest Samir

9 year old grey stallion

(Akid Geshan x RA Amber Nabel)

Owned by Theron King, shown by Paolo Capecci

Res. Senior Champion stallion

The Legend

3 year old bay stallion

(Thee Desperado x Alia Shaniah)

Owned by Donald Brandenburg

shown by Steve Dady

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