



KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION

FAIRS & HORSE SHOWS

The annual convention of the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows annual convention, which was scheduled to convene on January 14-16 at the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, was, like so many events in the past year, cancelled due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that has gripped our nation. This is the first time in the 73 year history of the KAFHS that this event has not been held.

Although all were disappointed that the convention could not go on as planned, it was the pertinent decision for the board to make when taking into account the cost of the facility, the social distancing that would be necessary for the huge number of attendees at the dinner and beauty pageant, and whether or not people would even be able to come and support the convention this year. These are all valid points, however, most go about their business as usual in their day to day lives.

While most came and supported the shows that were able to be held in 2020, from the Kentucky State Fair to the smaller one day events, and all sizes in between, a few people chose not to participate in the 2020 events for whatever reasons. There was some talk that the awards should not have been held, which would have been unfair to those who came, showed and made the effort.

The annual convention has been held for several years at the vast river front complex of the Galt House. It has been a very popular location due to its proximity to the downtown Louisville area and the things to do there. The event is typically compromised of meetings; trade show exhibits, including a booth staffed by the Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show; the Horse Show dinner on Friday night, where the high point awards are presented; and the Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant that rounds out the weekend on Saturday evening.

In typical years, the convention kicks off with a welcoming party sponsored by the Kentucky State Fair/World's Championship Horse Show, that is comprised of a huge buffet, entertainment, and the Charles Kachler live auction, which is so named for the late KAFHS board member. Proceeds from the auction fund scholarships that benefit young Americans across the Commonwealth. David Beck, the CEO of the Kentucky Expo Center is always in attendance, and speaks briefly on how important this association is to the Commonwealth as well as the Kentucky State Fair and World's Championship Horse show. Several of the KSF board members are generally in attendance as



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Karina and Kim Smith and their SHELBY'S GENIE IN A BOTTLE were the overall high point champions and the recipients of the William Munford high point award.

2021 KAFHS Officers

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On the Friday afternoon of the convention, there is historically a horse show forum, led by Miranda Chaplin, the horse show chair of the KAFHS. In the past, this has been generally well attended, but in the future, more exhibitors and trainers should make the effort to come and voice their views.

This year, instead of the fun filled horse show banquet on Friday evening, a wonderful video was compiled by Chaplin and posted to the group's Facebook page honoring the 2020 high point winners. The overall winner of the William Munford Memorial High Point Award was Kim and Karina Smith and SHELBY'S GENIE IN A BOTTLE, who competes in the Huntseat division. The award is sponsored by the Bluegrass Horseman in honor of the late Munford, who was a former President of the association.

The KAFHS board was able to have an in person meeting, in which new officers were named and the L. "Doc" Cassidy award was presented. Cassidy was a founding member of the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows who helped establish the foundation that continues to further the organization today. Each year, the association's most prestigious award is presented in his memory to the person(s) contributing outstanding service and dedication to our members. This year's recipient is Jimmy England from the Hart County Fair.

The dates for the 2022 convention have yet to be announced, but it is planned to continue its usual four day run in January at the Galt House complex, which is a great way and place to spend some time in the winter month between Christmas and spring.

Results:

Three-Gaited Amateur Champion

1. ROSELANE'S NITE SHOW, Carla Ritzie
2. ROSELANE'S FIRST IN LINE, Barbara Pionk

Three-Gaited Country Pleasure, Adult Champion

1. WORTHY SUNSET, Jim and Judy Dolwick
2. SURPRISE ME, Randy Stoess

Three-Gaited Country Pleasure Juvenile Champion

1. PURE ROYALTY, Brie Keeton
2. DOC HUDSON, Karina Smith

Three-Gaited Show Pleasure, Adult Champion

1. K SUE RAH, Cathy Holtman
2. DJANGO JIVE, Kim Smith

Three-Gaited Show Pleasure, Juvenile Champion

1. DJANGO JIVE, Karina Smith
2. TIZ REALLY MINE, Natalee Bond

Three-Gaited Show Pleasure, Open Champion

1. MOUNTJOY'S BLACK ROYAL, May Baker
2. REIGN IN ME, Cliff Crail
 ROSELANE'S STARRY STARRY NIGHT, Angie White

Three-Gaited, Open Champion

1. ANOTHER WISH, Colleen Brown-Crone
2. TRUE FORTUNE, Hannah Widmer

Five-Gaited Amateur Champion

1. APOCALYPTIC, Kristen Neddermeyer
2. NEVER HAVE I EVER, Sandra Halliburton

Five-Gaited Open Champion

1. EMERALD'S BLUE HEIR, Ashley Biggins
2. FOX GRAPE'S DREAMS ARE FREE, Sandy Gallagher

Five-Gaited Pleasure Champion

1. RIO DE JANEIRO, Diane Nyhammer
2. MADELYNES ESCORTED IN STYLE, Maddie Stephens

ASB Three-Gaited Park Champion

1. DOUBLE BLACKJACK, Sherry Frankel

ASB Model

1. FULL MOON RISING, Mindy Greenwell
2. SIR WILLS, Sloane Fleig

Country Pleasure Driving Champion

1. TWO IF BY SEA, Anita Miles Curpier
2. RUN THIS TOWN, Alexander and Alyssa Curry

Show Pleasure Driving Champion

1. REEDANNS GIRL CRUSH, Candy Aversenti
2. MOUNTJOY'S BLACK ROYAL, May Baker

ASB Western Pleasure Champion

1. EMILY'S GUY, Shelby McCord
1. DOUBLE PARKED, Charlotte Kurtz

Equitation Saddleseat Champion

1. ELISE HAYES

Fine Harness Champion

1. CHC DIVINE PASSION, Michael Brown
1. SAMURAI LADY, Candy Aversenti

Harness Show Pony Champion

1. ANGELS ENVY, Kathleen Ververelli
2. HEARTLAND SOLID GOLD, Stacy Bonham

Huntseat Open Champion

1. SHELBY'S GENIE IN A BOTTLE, Kim Smith
2. SHE'S A DEUCY, Sherry Frankel

Road Horse, Amateur

1. NOTHING ELSE MATTERS, Judith McNeish
2. RIN TIN TIN, Alexander and Alyssa Curry

Road Horse, Open Champion

1. CLEMENZA, Jim Schack
 PICK YOUR POISON, Lisa McMackin

Roadster Horse Under Saddle Champion

1. WALNUT LEVEL JUSTIN, Lindsay Lenhof
2. KENTUCKY CHROME, Brittany Stumpf

Roadster Pony to Bike Amateur Champion

1. STORM CHASER, Debra Mathis

Roadster Pony to Bike Open Champion

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2. HEARTLAND HIGH PROFILE, Emily Brock

Roadster Pony Under Saddle Champion

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William Munford Memorial High Point Award

- SHELBY'S GENIE IN A BOTTLE, Kim and Karina Smith



At the KAFHS board meeting, the traditional passing of the gavel occurred between the outgoing 2020 president, Al Smith, to incoming 2021 president, Darlene Gifford.