

# 2023 MORGAN BROODMARE HALL OF FAME

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**MARES THAT BREED ON:** A trend is developing in BHOFF research showing Hall of Fame mares with Hall of Fame daughters. Pictured here, as Arboria Morgans is inducted into AMHA's Breeder Hall of Fame, are Arboria Satori, BHOFF (left) (photo © Jamie Donaldson), and her dam Kendalwood Fortune, BHOFF (right).

If you are a Morgan breeder or if you have talked shop with one, you know there is universal consent for the importance of the dam line in the genetic equation. Traditionally, however, fame and fortune accrue to stallions. They are more prolific than mares can ever be; they are promoted through the success of their get; breeding programs are often constructed around them; and the good ones tend to be money makers.

The Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame was established to redress the balance; to put objective information into the calculations of breeders and buyers; and, we hope, to recognize and enlarge the prestige associated with the great producers of our generation.

The following bullet points recap the history of this program, inaugurated five years ago in these very pages:



- A Morgan Broodmare Hall of Fame was originally a project of *The Morgan Horse* magazine. We at the magazine were approached by a few breeders who thought there should be such a program in our breed as there is in others. Refining and developing the idea involved two years of research.
- We set a high bar for qualification in the BHOFF. To be eligible, mares had to have produced a minimum of three world champions. The world championship database provides a singular source for quantifiable research. And entries at Grand National compete in nearly every discipline in which the Morgan breed competes.
- Determining the qualified mares was an enormous project. *TMH* staff originally imported the names of more than 3,300 world champions who have been crowned since the beginning of Grand

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As our annual profiles of inductees to the Broodmare Hall of Fame continue, *TMH* is featuring more vintage mares. We make every effort to contact previous owners or those knowledgeable about the mares' careers. Occasionally the passing of time or of key players makes that effort challenging.



National in 1973 into an Excel spreadsheet. (At the conclusion of Grand National 2022 that number had increased to 4,546 world champion titles held by 2,291 individual horses.) The next step was to search and input into the spreadsheet the dams of all these Morgan horses, enabling results to be sorted electronically.

- We introduced the results in the January/February 2019 Breeding Guide. At that time, we identified that a remarkable 63 mares had earned inclusion based on their production records. Tallies change with each annual edition of Morgan Grand National. Currently, one mare has nine world champions; one mare has produced eight world champions; two mares have produced seven world champions each; there are two with six; 11 with five; 18 mares have four; and fifty mares have three. The total number of mares currently inducted into the Hall of Fame is 85.
- At the April 2019 meeting of the AMHA Board of Directors, it was voted that the BHOF would be an official program of AMHA, as well as *The Morgan Horse* magazine. And the Registry Committee agreed that BHOF would become a designation on the permanent record of each inductee in the Registry database.

## HOUSEKEEPING AND UPDATES

### MOVING ON UP

A few mares already inducted into the BHOF have seen their stock go up as additional progeny earned world titles. They are:

**Aljaks Miss Wham I Am**, now with 5

**Graywood's Epona**, now with 5

**Merriehill Dusk To Dawn**, now with 5

### EQUITATION RESULTS

The AMHA Board of Directors has agreed that titles won in the equitation section will now be entered into a horse's permanent show record, starting with the 2020 show season (previously those titles accrued to the rider only). The record of a Morgan in an equitation world championship now counts toward its dam's eligibility for inclusion in the BHOF. An application form is available at [www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/](http://www.morganhorse.com/registry/bhof/bhof-equitation-eligibility/) to have past equitation results submitted toward BHOF status.

### NEWLY INDUCTED

Grand National 2022 results qualified two additional mares to join this prestigious group, each now the dams of three world champions. They are CHMH Spice Town Girl GCH and Minion Marquise.

### BLOOD THAT BREEDS ON

An interesting and hopefully predictable trend can be observed as we move further down the list of eligible mares: Hall of Fame mares are showing up in the pedigrees of Hall of Fame mares profiled below. The paternal granddam of Honeytree's Simply Unique is J'st Coastn Countess, BHOF; Honeytree's Simply Unique, BHOF, is also the dam of Town Assets, who sired CHMH Spice Town Girl GCH, BHOF; Kendalwood Fortune, BHOF, is the dam of Arboria Satori, BHOF; Fletcher Music Lee, BHOF, is the dam of GLB Bell Of The Ball, BHOF; Lost River Sanfield, BHOF, is both the dam

and paternal granddam of JW Belle Aire, BHOF.

### MARE PROFILES

Introducing the BHOF in 2019 we profiled a dozen of the inducted mares, starting with those with the highest numbers of world champion offspring and proceeding alphabetically, profiling an additional handful each year in *The Morgan Horse's* Breeding Guide. We continue that practice here with the featured mares who follow.



### CHMH SPICE TOWN GIRL GCH

**BAY • 04/21/2007**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER:**

CAL III Horses LLC

**BREEDER:**

Eugene Brubacker

**SIRE:** Town Assets

(Man About Town LPS

x Honeytree's Simply

Unique, BHOF)

**DAM:** CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey, BHOF (HVK Grand Entrance x CEN Touch And Go)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Out Late (by Stand And Deliver GCH), Get Out (by Get Busy), and Khaleesi (by CBMF Uprising GCH)

Six-time reserve and world champion CHMH Spice Town Girl's successful show career naturally led her to C. A. "Tony" Lee's broodmare band. "We saw her win the two-year-old pleasure driving in Oklahoma and I liked her immediately. She was game, stretchy, and looked to have a great attitude," Tony Lee remarked. Turns out trainer Dwayne Knowles was on the same page. He liked her so much that he was plotting to match her with someone in the Broadmoor clientele. "Nancy [Flower] did such a beautiful job starting her and taking over her training was seamless," Dwayne said.

"From day one she was sweet and easy going, but once she got tacked up 'Posh' was game and ready to go. She was all show horse." Tony remembered first showing her as a three-year-old, saying "Dwayne, who is so good at putting his amateurs in the ring with their horses, told me I was entered with her at Southern States. That was the only time I showed her in a junior horse class. After that, we switched to the amateur ranks and won five consecutive Reserve World Championship Pleasure Driving Amateur titles."

Once her first foal hit the ground in 2016, the new matriarch of the CAL III Horses LLC breeding program quickly escalated to Broodmare Hall of Fame status. "Posh was initially purchased as a performance horse, but with the intention of breeding her at some point," Tony said. "I thought she would cross really well on Astro-nomicallee, plus she had other ties to the Broadmoor family, being a granddaughter of Cindy Nord's CEN Touch And Go, who is by The Master's Touch."

Cross well she did, with four different sires. All of her four



offspring have taken victory passes, and three have world titles. Adding to her production record is the fact that Spice Town Girl is a direct descendant of Broodmare Hall of Fame greatness from her tail line as dam CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey is also an inductee. She has additional BHOE ties from her sire as the granddaughter of Honeytree's Simply Unique, BHOE. With all this good blood, Posh is producing "herself with the stallion's characteristics added in," Dwayne said. "Her foals are just like her, no drama, quick learners, tractable, and sensible, but they all have that go power and love the horse show."



Reference photo: Hyland Acres Command

**EXCESS PRINCESS**  
**CHESTNUT**  
**06/21/1979**  
**LAST RECORDED**  
**OWNER:** Rick Lane  
**BREEDER:**  
Joe E. Higgins  
**SIRE:** Hoosier Viking  
(Devan Cap x Bettina)  
**DAM:** Cotton Princess  
(Jubilee's Flash x Cargill's

Lady)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Hyland Acres Command (by Wham Bam Command), Hyland Acres Obsession (by Troutbrook Hallmark), C'est La Vie (by Futurity French Command)

If Excess Princess had only ever produced her first foal, the 1986 gelding Hyland Acres Command (by Wham Bam Command), she would be forever revered as the dam of one of the greatest Morgan show horses of all time. But she did more.

Her foals with the Hyland Acres prefix were bred by Jane Tornatore. Jane's husband at the time, Robert Tornatore, says, "She came from a trade with Dave Scanlon, who suggested breeding her to Wham Bam Command at Joan Lurie's farm in Kentucky. The resulting foal was Hyland Acres Command. It was a great match."

The mare was bred to Troutbrook Hallmark producing a 1989 foal named Hyland Acres Obsession, who took victory passes at Morgan Grand National in 1993, ultimately winning the Four-Year-Old Park Harness World Championship that year.

Rick Lane says he had never seen Excess Princess when he pursued a lease of the mare solely on the merits of her famous son, Hyland Acres Command. "I wanted to breed his dam," he says, noting she had crossed well with Wham Bam Command and other Waseeka's Nocturne horses and, "I had a Nocturne stallion. I was a little shocked when she stepped off the truck. I thought she would look like Hyland Acres Command. She was chestnut with a big white strip. She was lovely to be around and so good with her foals."

With so many horses on the farm at Cabot, it happened that Excess Princess foaled her third world champion, the 1999 colt C'est La Vie, by Futurity French Command, while out to pasture. "I came around the corner and he was standing there all upheaded and really a cute foal," Rick says. "[Trainer] David Rand bought

him as a weanling, and he won for several owners throughout a long career."

Excess Princess produced great foals for a number of breeders. Their prefixes include Salem, Graywood's, Coalition, and Cabot, as well as Hyland Acres.



**FRF STOLEN MOMENT**  
**BAY • 03/27/1999**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**  
Ledyard Company LLC  
**BREEDER:** Kurt & Teri Rumens  
**SIRE:** Cedar CreekHarlequin  
(I Will Command x  
Serenity Anna Rose)  
**DAM:** Exhale  
(Centerpiece x Fond Memories)  
**DAM OF THREE WORLD**

**CHAMPIONS:** RWF On Display (by Stand And Deliver GCH), Ledyard Octavia CH (by Astronomicallee), CBMF Momentarily GCH (by Ben's Rhapsody)

Bill Haines was one of the first in line when his friend, Anne Hailley, dispersed the enormous herd of Copper Beech Morgans. FRF Stolen Moment, BHOE, was one of Anne's best producers and Bill wisely made her his. She has not disappointed as part of the Ledyard group of broodmares.

Jim Sebring is Equine Manager at the multi-faceted Ledyard Company LLC, and he brings a unique perspective to the mare he calls "Bunny," whom he knew at Copper Beech Morgans when the Sebring family were herd managers.

"One thing she has done is that she gives beauty to each of her offspring," Jim notes. She is a very pretty mare, and she has these great ears and face. CBMF Momentarily GCH has won title after title. He's been in different training barns, but he is so handsome that whenever you see him in the ring, he is immediately recognizable. From her world champion daughter Ledyard Octavia we have this beautiful yearling filly [Ledyard What Do I Care, by Man In Black GCH] with these beautiful eyes, head, and neck. She also gives ability. Her offspring can really move, as they have demonstrated with performance titles."

Jim shares the observation of a breeding manager. "You take note of the mares who tolerate our presence when we work with them. Stolen Moment is a love, easy to get along with. Our reproductive vets rant and rave about being around her.

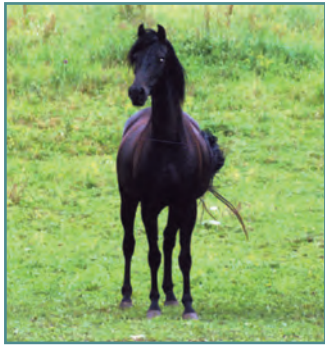
"There are good genetics here. Bunny's first foal was CBMF Stealing The Scene [by War And Peace], dam of Carol Dawson GCH. RWF On Display [by Stand And Deliver GCH] is the dam of MLF Dynamic GCH. We think Bunny's daughter Ledyard Octavia CH may join her in the Broodmare Hall of Fame. Her youngsters are being loved by their trainers."

Jim reveals the more sentimental side of his relationship with the mare. "She knows her name and will come up to the fence when you call her. She's a pet. She is retired here and shares her



pasture with fellow Broodmare Hall of Famer Dutch-Mor's Joy.”

Bill Haines proudly adds, “No doubt she is one of the best producers of beautiful, talented Morgan horses in the past 15-plus years. Her offspring are easy to train and have outstanding conformation.”



**HONEYTREE'S SIMPLY UNIQUE**

**BROWN • 04/01/1996**

**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**

Lynn Peeples

**BREEDER:**

Bryna & Wayne Watson

**SIRE:** Born To Boogie

(TVM I Promise x

J'st Coastn Countess, BHOF)

**DAM:** UVM Unity

(UVM Lash x UVM Mystic)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** LPS The Boogie Man GCH (by Man About Town LPS), Street Smart (by DBA Street Talk), and Diversify GCH (by Roberto Cavalli)

Lynn Peeples's profound sense of familial Morgan type and eye for quality has led him to be one of the industry's top breeders for decades, as is evidenced by a collection of top stallions, world champion offspring, and his Broodmare Hall of Fame inductees, which includes MI First Love, Devan Melmore, CHMH Grand Gift Of Honey, and Honeytree's Simply Unique. But Lynn will be the first to state that the mares are the fundamental piece to the breeding puzzle.

Honeytree's Simply Unique is from royal Government lineage, descending through tail male line from UVM Promise and being out of UVM Unity. “I was crazy about her parents,” says Lynn. “She is very much and still is the definition of Morgan type. Her breeding is packed with type and quality. She has got a ton of attitude, always has, and I think that she gives that to her babies across the board.”

Lynn first bred “Unique” when she was three, she had her first foal when she was four, and as he says, “the rest is history. You can cross her with a larger, stretch-ier horse without losing the Morgan type.” Though there may not have been a golden cross with Unique, she produced three world champions all by different sires. “I think it says a lot for her as far as what she puts into her offspring. There is a similar personality, drive, and ambition which she stamps on them all,” Lynn states.

Lynn hand-picked Unique and the result of Lynn's matchmaking is influencing generations through her sons LPS The Boogie Man GCH and Town Assets (by Man About Town LPS, also bred by Lynn). Not only have these two sires produced world champions, their offspring are doing the same. LPS The Boogie Man is the sire of the world champion-producing sires ECP Anchor Man and Rowenda Boogie On Down, as well as the mare AMHF She's Got Boogie, the dam of Western Pleasure World Champion JRH Remember Me GCH. Town Assets is the sire of Man In Black GCH, whose get with the Ledyard prefix dominate Oklahoma. Honeytree's Simply Unique has proven to be the proverbial gift that keeps on giving.

Reference photo: HVK Bell Flaire



**HVK BELLEEK**

**CHESTNUT**

**01/15/1983**

**LAST RECORDED**

**OWNER & BREEDER:**

Herbert V. Kohler

**SIRE:** HVK Hotspur

(Vigilmarch x

Bar-T Bermuda)

**DAM:** Gallant Colleen

(Mr Breezy Cobra

x Princess Penette)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** HVK Port Rush (by HVK Noble Obsession), HVK Classic Design and HVK Bell Flaire (both by Noble Flaire)

Noble Flaire gets a lot of credit as the sire of HVK Bell Flaire, the influential sire of modern-day Morgan show horses. Of course, Bell Flaire in turn sired Mizrahi, longtime number one sire of Morgan World Champions today.

Shirley O'Gorman, trainer at Kohler Stables, gives HVK Belleek a lot of credit for the quality, beauty, and charisma of her son HVK Bell Flaire. Shirley says, “Belleek was a very typey Morgan, she had one of the most beautiful eyes I've ever seen on a horse—huge, soft, doe-y—she looked like she had eyeliner on. Very correct, a little more stout than you might think. Great legs, on each corner.”

Shirley suggests that the mare's classic Morgan type was her significant contribution to her famous son, but she also offers, “Belleek's personality was stoic and serene, calm, almost placid. Until something cranked her up and she would snort and blow with the best of them. She contributed that to Bell Flaire. He was a perfect balance of Noble Flaire's talent and fire and Belleek's trainability and temperament.”

The trainer feels Belleek's other son, HVK Bellweather, would have made a greater contribution had he not lived his life in the shadow of his full brother, Bell Flaire. “Bellweather was a different type of horse, not as extreme as Bell Flaire, but could have been a great English pleasure horse. He did not get the opportunities he should have.”

Another full sibling from the cross, HVK Classic Design, was crowned Three-Year-Old Park Saddle World Champion in 2000, then showed in multiple divisions for Sandy Hendrick. HVK Port Rush, Belleek's son by HVK Noble Obsession, was the Four-Year-Old Park Saddle World Champion in 2002 before sustaining a show career in multiple divisions from pleasure driving to classic pleasure to parade for multiple owners.

Shirley adds an interesting aside, saying Belleek was one of the most unique colors she had ever seen, her bay coat being “a lighter-caramel color of chestnut with a bit lighter mane and tail.”

Belleek was never trained or shown. Shirley adds her predecessor at Kohler, Tom Caisse, “...was smart when it came to knowing the ones who would become such good producers, not to jeopardize their career as a breeding horse. Belleek was an example of that.”



**JW BELLE AIRE**  
**BAY • 04/17/1991**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**  
 Stonecroft Farm  
**BREEDER:**  
 Judy Whitney Harris  
**SIRE:** Aristocratic Aire  
 (Noble Command x Lost River Sanfield, BHOF)  
**DAM:** Lost River

Sanfield, BHOF (John Wayne Brady x Jason's Winett)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Stonecroft After Midnight (by Stonecroft Byzantine), Stonecroft Tribute (by Stonecroft Trilogy), Stonecroft Notorious GCH (by Stonecroft Masquerade)

JW Belle Aire has a unique pedigree. She is out of Hall of Fame mare Lost River Sanfield and sired by that mare's son, Aristocratic Aire (by Noble Command). She is double Lost River Sanfield in three generations.

Stonecroft Farm's John Scheidt says, "I loved Judy and Bob Whitney and admired what they were accomplishing as breeders. I went to visit them when Belle Aire was a yearling. She was one of the last out of Lost River Sanfield and sired by a Lost River Sanfield son. I've never backed away from linebreeding, but this was a son to his mother. I always wanted what just grabbed me. They brought Belle Aire out for me and turned her loose. It took one circle of that mare trotting in a round pen and I bought her. Also, Stonecroft Masquerade crossed well with all the horses from the Lost River Sanfield line, the Noble Flaire and Nobility daughters."

John says he was especially impressed with her strong, two-ended trotting motion. "She was a sweet mare, but tough with leather on. I had bought her to be broodmare and I wanted to get going with breeding her. She turned out to be exactly what a broodmare should be. She was consistent with everything she produced, regardless of the stallion. You could see her in everything she produced."

As a representative of his breeding program, John holds in high regard Belle Aire's son, Stonecroft Tribute (by Stonecroft Trilogy). He was undefeated at Grand National in his junior years, winning both the Three- and Four-Year-Old Pleasure Driving World Championships before his accidental death. Stonecroft Notorious GCH was World Champion Classic Pleasure Driving for Elaine Olsen in 2012 and the handsome black Stonecroft After Midnight won world titles in classic pleasure saddle for both Amy Gatewood Gendjar and Donna Zimmerman.



**KENDALWOOD FORTUNE**  
**BAY • 01/25/1977**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:**  
 Arboria Morgans Inc.  
**BREEDER:** Philip H. Ashmore  
**SIRE:** Rapidan Apollo (Chas-ley Superman x Lippitt Ethan Georgia)  
**DAM:** UVM Treasure (UVM Flash x UVM Fairetor)  
**DAM OF THREE WORLD**

**CHAMPIONS:** Arboria Top Gun and Arboria Victor's Pride (both by Arboria Noble Victor), Arboria Satori, BHOF (by I Will Command)

Dale Farabee says he had paid attention as breeder Phil Ashmore promoted the young mare Kendalwood Fortune. "The thing that attracted me to her was that she was so full of energy and was a talented trotting mare. She had talent, conformation, and was well-bred, being by Rapidan Apollo and out of a UVM Flash daughter, UVM Treasure.

"When we bought her, she had won the 1981 Grand National Four-Year-Old Mare Championship in hand, but I bought her to be a broodmare." She went on to be a great one, producing 10 foals for Arboria Morgans.

Dale says, "I bred her first to I Will Command and she produced Arboria Satori, who is also in the Broodmare Hall of Fame." Indeed, Kendalwood Fortune and Arboria Satori are among the mother/daughter duos populating the list of BHOF inducted mares.

Both mares produced some of their best when crossed with Dale's stallion Arboria Noble Victor (Noble Command x UVM Victoria, BHOF by UVM Flash). Fortune produced Arboria Top Gun, who climaxed a stellar park harness career by winning the Amateur Park Harness World Championship with owner and Morgan stalwart Jim Stewart at the lines. The other world champion from the cross is Arboria Victor's Pride, a mare who always fired up and put on a show in park harness.

Dale says, Fortune "...gave her foals a lot of attitude, full bodies, long hips, and nice, long necks. They were all super talented. Remember an extremely high percentage of Arboria Noble Victor's foals did well at Grand National. Victor and Fortune were both hot horses. Their offspring had a lot of get up and go to them." When asked where the well-known high spirits came from, Dale is quick to locate it in the pedigrees, noting that both Victor and Fortune were out of UVM Flash daughters.

Another daughter of this vaunted cross, Arboria Fortune, is

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the dam of the dynamic show horse Millennium Force GCH.

“We felt fortunate to have owned the mare,” Dale says of Kendalwood Fortune.



**KJM FIRST LADY**

**BAY • 04/25/2000**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:** Dragonsmeade  
**BREEDER:** William G. Silber  
**SIRE:** Futurity French Command (Carlyle Command GCH x Nobelle, BHOF)  
**DAM:** Nemours Elegant Flaire (Noble Flaire x Nemours L'Elegante)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Dragonsmeade War Emblem (by Dragonsmeade Icon), KJM Five Star GCH (by Liberation First Star), KJM Grandslam GCH (by Man In Motion)

Shelley Silber had been a lifelong, hands-on horse person when she met and married Dr. Bill Silber. Starting a breeding program was something they could do together, Shelley recalls. They started with advice from trainer Rick Lane who, at the time, owned the Noble Flaire daughter Nemours Elegant Flaire. “Bill was smart and studied bloodlines when he got involved and he was enthralled with her pedigree,” Shelley remembers, sharing the story of Elegant Flaire’s acquisition. “We asked to see her but doubted we could buy her.” However, between inquiry and the visit, fate intervened. “Rick tried to ride her, and she pitched him headfirst into the kick boards.” Shelley calls Rick “motivated” by the time of negotiation. They bred Elegant Flaire to Rick’s highly ranked sire, Futurity French Command, and produced the only foal from her to carry their new prefix, KJM, which stood for Kourt Jester Morgans.

Of KJM First Lady, Shelley says, “She was a doll. Wonderful to be around, easy to manage. Her foals sold easily due to our relationship with trainer Tim Roesink.” KJM Five Star GCH (by Liberation First Star) has had a long career with multiple world titles for various owners under the direction of Tim Roesink. First Lady’s son, KJM Grandslam GCH (by Man In Motion) has been a game competitor in the roadster division for Dale and Jeanne Fueling, trained by Jim and Jenny Taylor. Shelley observes, “You could definitely see the stallion’s mark in her offspring. The foals looked like their dads, but she added a great temperament and trainability no matter what stallion we bred her to.”

The mare is retired today at Dragonsmeade, where she joined the broodmare herd in 2015. “We considered it an opportunity to own her,” Iann Fu Longenecker says. “We did not have a lot of Futurity French Command bloodline in our herd. I love their heads. And First Lady is beautiful and exudes Morgan type.” Iann has crossed her with the late Dragonsmeade Icon, producing Dragonsmeade War Emblem who sold in Oklahoma the year he won the English Pleasure Futurity World Championship in 2020 to the Truglia family in Florida. Iann, always the breeder,

is enthused about the daughter they have retained, the 2015 filly Dragonsmeade Xs And Os. “She got a lot of her mother’s beauty, and we look forward to breeding her in the future.”



Reference photo: Denbury Regal Justice & Denbury Irish Justice

**KRESKNOLL MISS VAL**

**BAY • 02/14/1980**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:** Denbury Farm, Inc.  
**BREEDER:** Paul & Abbie Kresge  
**SIRE:** Applevale Boy King (Kingston x Ledgewood Pecora)

**DAM:** Neighknob Jolly (Ashley DeBoyd x Pineland My Gypsy)  
**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Denbury Irish Justice and Denbury Regal Justice (both by Jaded Justice), Winbay Kresflight (by Serenity Flight Time)

Kresknoll Miss Val got a leg up into the Broodmare Hall of Fame when two of her offspring, Denbury Irish Justice and Denbury Regal Justice, showed as a pair and won both the Carriage Pleasure Driving Multiple and Carriage Obstacle Driving Multiple World Championships in 2005.

The pair was technically bred and owned by Donna Dettman of Denbury Farm, but by that time the Dettman kids were grown and the Denbury stock resided with trainer Gene Brown. The pair was foaled and raised at his farm and were, in fact, leased to his brother, Jim Brown, for the big wins in Oklahoma.

Gene Brown says his friend, Donna Dettman, “...had a really good program based on Trophy bloodlines. They did a great job as breeders, ahead of their time in some of their crosses. They were sincere about what they were doing with their breeding program and in our industry. Their stallion, Jaded Justice, a Trophy great-grandson, was a bit small, but really athletic and beautiful. In my opinion, the Trophy horses were late developers and I think there would be more Trophy blood today if they hadn’t taken so long to reveal themselves. We enjoyed working all those Denbury horses. They brought quality to the process.”



**LADYBIRD COMMAND**

**BAY • 06/08/1981**  
**LAST RECORDED OWNER:** Stonecroft Farm  
**BREEDER:** John W. Stoker  
**SIRE:** Waseeka’s In Command (Waseeka’s Nocturne x Miller’s Adel)  
**DAM:** Trophy’s Corrigan (Trophy x Emanon)

**DAM OF THREE WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Man In Command (by Man About Town LPS),



Stonecroft Spellbound (Suite After), Stonecroft Trilogy (by Stonecroft Masquerade)

There is a storied history to John Scheidt's initiation into Morgan horses when he was establishing the breeding program at Stonecroft Farm. Being part of Kentucky's Saddlebred community he knew Joan Lurie well and "...fell head over heels in love with Wham Bam Command, Schiaparelli, BHOF, Liberation Starbrite, and Century Free Spirit. I was drooling." He claims Sue Steele as a mentor in Morgan breeding and says, "I bought all of Sue Steele's [Waseeka's] In Command daughters."

Obviously, the cross of Waseeka's In Command on Trophy's Corrigan was already known as golden, having produced the stallions I Will Command and Wham Bam Command. John knew the only full sister, Ladybird Command, belonged to Peter Schwartz and on a visit to Foals Paradise Farm he asked to see the mare. She was not for sale, but, John says, "I had to have her. It was important to me we start with the best mares we could find." Despite an asking price meant to discourage a buyer, she came home to Stonecroft.

Even though he's owned so many Morgans and Saddlebreds over his years in the horse business, John's enthusiasm for Ladybird Command is undiminished today. "At the time, I probably owned

five other In Command daughters. He really stamped his daughters, but she had a little different look to her. She had this regal elegance about her, this beautiful balance of the best of the Trophy and In Command bloodlines. Soft, big eye, a little more bone than the typical In Command, and she was correct, balanced, and a ton of neck. Everything fit in the right place. I was so impacted by that mare. She was Morgan royalty.

"Her great impact on the breed is through [Stonecroft] Trilogy. She produced Trilogy who will forever be my favorite Morgan horse." Stonecroft Trilogy (by Stonecroft Masquerade) achieved John's goal by winning the Park Saddle World Championship in 2009. Trilogy sired 47 foals with world champions like Stonecroft Tribute, Stonecroft Triumphant, and Bazinga among them.

Under a lease arrangement Tyese Bohan bred Man In Command (Man About Town LPS x Ladybird Command), a stylish and refined winner of the Ladies English Pleasure World Championship in 2005. Ladybird Command's 1992 daughter, Stonecroft Spellbound (by Suite After), won both the World and World Futurity English Pleasure Three-Year-Old Championships in 1995 and is the dam of Spellcaster (by Tug Hill Whamunion) sire of the popular breeding stallion Caffeinated.

Ladybird Command, John says, "...wasn't a princess, she was a queen." ■

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