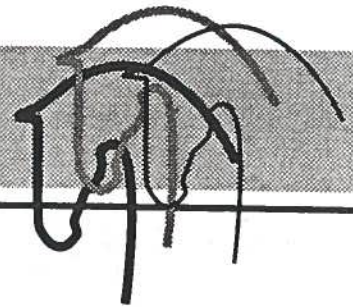
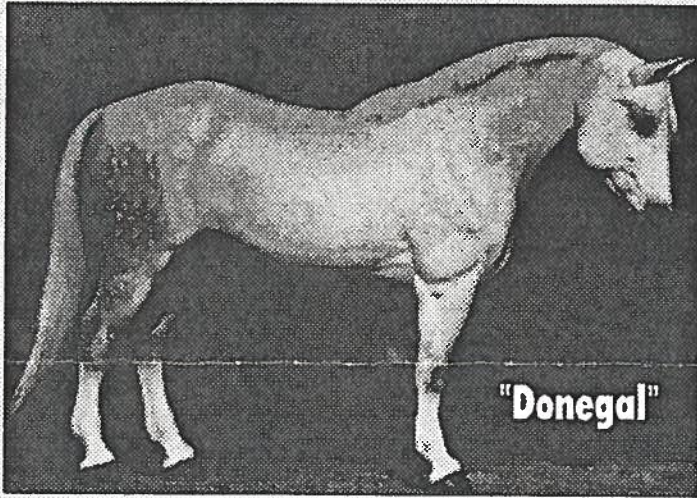


The Small Horse



Items of interest to the model horse collector and shower. Published monthly.



Featured Model

An Adios mold customized to a light grey Irish Hunter Gelding, by Shelly Poirier. A multi-champion in limited showing and Grand of Show in the very competitive Open Division of the 1992 Mid Atlantic Regional live show. Owned by Lisa Strang.

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Editor's Notes

We have a real first issue, thanks to all of the people who sent in ads and news! Do keep *The Small Horse* in mind, and send stuff for future issues!

This paper is supposed to be dedicated to ads & news briefs, but since I got more than enough stuff for 2 pages, but not enough for 4, I am including a review of WRC '92 that I wrote.

In case anybody was looking for me, I wasn't able to get to BreyerFest as planned, because I couldn't get a flight to Lexington! It was booked before I called, due to the "Fare Wars". I did manage to get awesome low fares to the M.H. Jamboree in southern CA, and, at the very last minute, to WRC! (I decided to go due to immense pressure and arm-twisting from militant west-coast activists!) And by the way, someone PLEEZE send me a review of BreyerFest!

On to business...now that I've received the first batch of submissions, I feel I need to clarify a few things about contributions:

First, please remember to write out your submissions legibly! I'm going to type everything as I read it, so if your message gets garbled, it was probably because I couldn't read it.

I will run all contributions in ONE issue only, unless you tell me otherwise. I can run an ad "forever" if that is what you want, but it will only run one issue unless you specify the number of additional issues. This information must be sent with the original ad. If I run out of space, all ads running in multiple issues will be bumped for that issue in favor of single-issue submissions.

A note about the Featured Horse photo: I have decided to limit submissions to subscribers only! Please send a photo of your best customized horse, or a rare/unusual OF. I don't want to have to put just any-
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WRC '92...Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On!

I think people will be talking about Western Regional Congress '92 live model horse show for a long time, and not about the horses seen there! Yes, believe it or not, horses took a back seat to mother nature at WRC '92, held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

But of course, I must tell the story in the proper order. Your intrepid author is a WRC and Las Vegas first-timer; a true innocent sent out into the sizzling heat of this strange city, where slot machines beg for your food money in smoke-filled halls, and the hottest model horse competition in the country causes your showstring to have a meltdown. Living in the the east coast for all my hobby-years, I really didn't believe that horse models could achieve such a level of detail and perfection as the rumors about west coast horses were indicating. But I came, I saw, I went away moved! Moved to perhaps take up tack-making! Because artists like Sarah Minkiewicz, Lynn Fraley, Elaine Lindelef, Elizabeth Bouras, and Lisa Rivera, (to name those that moved me the most!) are pushing the envelope on the customized model, and the rest of us better get ourselves cranked up to a new speed, or get run over! (I'd like to point out that Liz Bouras came all the way out from PA to join the melee, and her newest works are fantastic! YAY Liz! You're reassuring us that *all* the awesome stuff doesn't have to come from California!)

The most interesting forum for all this model horse art (is it a model horse or horse art or can it be both.?) was the First Annual LEGEND Auction, held Friday night. Ed Gonzales was the mastermind behind this very high-brow affair, black tie optional! He did a great job of setting the stage for a model horse auction that was as entertaining just to watch as it was to bid in! Although the information asked attendees to please dress up for this event, sadly only about half did. It was FUN to show that we in the hobby do have some taste, but I guess not everybody got caught up in the spirit of the occasion.

The room was darkened and strategically-placed lighting illuminated the 19 or so horses to be auctioned, set among white clouds, stars and glitter. The initial music went a bit overlong and the crowd grew restless; even the spectacle of Laurie Jensen in red dress crawling out from behind the display table wasn't enough to release the tension of
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News

Laurie Jensen has just completed a commissioned portrait model of Karen Grimm's fabulous World Champion Appaloosa Mare, "Night Deck". The reclining "Night Deck" model should be available for reviewing at BreyerFest, KY, along with other examples of Laurie's work.

Adoption Announcement! Karen Gerhardt is the proud new mama of a 3-year old Keeshond doggie named "Panda"! She is the happy recipient of all my maternal instincts...

CONGRATULATIONS to artist DARIAN BUCKLES on completing her first year "moonlighting" as a junior high Science/Math teacher in Fontana, CA! This woman wears many hats! ("Some of which are attractive"--Laurie Jensen.)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN (and you know who you are!) *The Small Horse* does NOT accept BUGS for Featured Model.

A Salute to the Competition! Big congratulations to Lee Francis' grey Paso stallion, LAGO, for winning the 1st Annual Desert Challenge photo show and bringing home the \$100 prize! She is very proud to have won in such elite company! And Lee sends a big, hearty THANKS to Lisa West for sponsoring such a show, and managing to survive with her mind mostly intact!

I SURVIVED WRC Official Support Group forming now. First-time WRC attendees join FREE. Get rid of those aftershocks for good in our group therapy sessions. Write c/o this publication.

Live Shows

News from the San Francisco Bay Area: Club WestCoast and the Bay Area Model Horse Club are hosting the 1992 Championships on November 7 & 8 in San Jose. Divisions for OF Plastic, OF China, Custom and classes for Novice, too. Nationally Known Judges, 50+ exhibitors, Auction, Collector's classes, Sweepstakes classes with cash awards and more! For show packet send LSASE and 2 stamps to: Kathy Kurz, 5152 Felter Rd., San Jose, CA 95132. (ask about free housing for out-of-towners!) Kathy has lots of LSQ RRH models by famous artists for sale; send another LSASE & 2 stamps for a list with photos!

New England Fall Classic Live Show to be held Saturday, October 17th (Senior & Intermediate shows) and Sunday, October 18th (Junior/Novice show). Plan now to

attend this great live show -- better than ever in the show's fifth year (and Massachusetts is GORGEOUS that time of year! Wish I could go...-Ed.) SASE for program to: Michelle Bacon, 16 Rosebay Dr., Ashland MA 01721.

COME PARTY WITH US! October 10th is "Delmarva Live" time again in Georgetown, Delaware (which can be conveniently accessed from PA, NJ, MD & VA). Due to the success of last year's show, we have reserved a hall over twice the size! LSASE for show packet to: Alison L. Beniush, 1521 Fawn St, Deerfield, Dover DE 19901; (302) 678-2526.

BIG LIVE SHOW coming up in SAN DIEGO, CA, September 12-13th. Send SASE for info. to Joan Berkwitz, 5440 El Arbol, Carlsbad, CA 92008. (619) 431-1014. RUMOR has it that Sarah Minkiewicz will be attending along with other surprise guests!

Central Florida Model Horse Expo *LIVE* '92. Kissimmee, Florida, Aug. 29, 1992 (Disney Area!) SASE to Lori Daniels, 3720 Friars Cove Rd., St. Cloud, FL 34772.

LIVE SHOW REPORT! NW EXPO was held June 13 in the spacious fairgrounds auditorium in Corvallis, OR. 32 entrants competed with over 900 models! Congratulations to the top winners: Novice Grand: Autumn Safina o/b Jessica Walling; Reserve: Wayward Wind o/b Tara Miller. OF Grand: Owyhee Maiden o/b Cari Zisk; Reserve: Bang Tango o/b Elizabeth McMaster. Custom Grand: Rio Gold o/b Linda Watson-McCormick; Reserve: Lord Blackpool o/b Daphne Macpherson. Plan now to attend the 10th edition of NW Expo, to be held June 12, 1993. Send LSASE for show packet when available to: Traci Durrell-Khalife, 1666 Squaw Creek Pl., Corvallis, OR 97331-1561.

ANOTHER LIVE SHOW REPORT! Colorado Classic Live Model Horse Show II, 6/20-21/92. Judges were Nancy Dement, Lynn Fraley, Tiffany Ryan, Jenny Ryan. OF Champions: Stock Breed Grand: Elmer's Tune o/b Christine Patterson; Reserve: Silver Reef o/b Cher Underwood. Light Breed Grand: Ultika o/b Tiffany Ryan; Reserve: Ibn Fayar o/b Fran Lowe. Draft Grand: Miss Midnight Mystery o/b Fran Lowe; Reserve: Duke o/b Tara Underwood. Park/Gaited Grand: Proud & Fierce o/b Fran Lowe; Reserve: Odysseus o/b Teri Melton. Customized Champions: Stock Breed Grand: Mighty Medicine o/b Teri Melton; Reserve: Smokey Mountain o/b Christine Patterson. Light Breed Grand: WV Farad'n o/b Karen Gerhardt; Reserve: Darius o/b Tiffany Ryan.

Draft Grand: Nellie o/b Christine Patterson; Reserve: Mists of Mourne o/b Christine Patterson. Park/Gaited Grand: WV R'thana o/b Karen Gerhardt; Reserve: Jemez Windswept o/b Lynn Fraley. (I hope to see MORE of you there next year-don't miss it! Colorado Springs is lovely!--Ed.)

THE KAATSKILL VERNAL CLASSIC held in Sidney, NY, was a big success. The competition was keen, but friendly. Everyone loved the rosettes and trophies, but mainly, everyone had FUN! We plan two more shows for 1992, August 8 & 9, and October 24 & 25. Our 1993 schedule is also ready! The dates for '93 will be June 19 & 20, August 21 & 22, and October 23 & 24. If you are interested in information on the Kaatskill shows, send 2 loose first class stamps to: Linda Sturhann, RR 1, Box B7, Mt. Upton, NY 13809.

For Sale

HAGEN-RENAKERS FOR SALE. NEW H-R mini Shetlands have arrived! LSASE for complete current Hagen-Renaker Mini Horses Pricelist. W.M.H.C., c/o Mrs. Alison L. Beniush, 1521 Fawn St., Deerfield, Dover DE 19901-8204; (302) 678-2526.

FOR SALE: Breyers current and disc., Hartlands, saddle blankets, and customs by Deb (Preuit) Lenzner & myself. Send LSASE to: Jan Stevens, Circle Bar Ranch, Ashland MT 59003-1411. (406) 784-2469 9am-9pm MST.

FOR SALE: OF Breyer #'s 23, 41, 54, 63, 69, 68, 83, 90, 116, 156, 174, 817, 818, SR Bay Trak w/4 sox, and others! Also have RR's by Meixner, Baum, Jensen, Rohlfing, Williams and Froelich. All must go! SASE for photo list to: Laura Von Hagel, 5431 Hildebrand Ct., Columbia, MD 21044-1919.

FOR SALE: I've got a small saleslist of RR's, Hartland Horse and Riders, and tack, which I'll send you if you send a SASE! Laura Behning, 5639 Patillo Way, Lithonia, GA 30058.

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WANTED: Glossy Bay Fighting Stallion and

Decorators. Jan Stevens, Circle Bar Ranch, Ashland, MT 59003-1411. (406)-784-2469, 9am-9pm MST.

WANTED! Hagen-Renaker cats, dogs, horses. Especially mini standing black/white pinto; Abu-Farwa; Turning Arab. Several Monrovia mini animals for sale. Send SASE for list. Bonnie E. Elber, 8302 N 21st Dr., #204, Phoenix, AZ 85021-4950.

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TO:



WRC, con't. from front page... anticipating when the first horse would go up for bids. Finally the moment was at hand. Each horse was placed in the spotlight. Auctioneer Darian Buckles described each horse and artist, while Steph Robson played Vanna White-wanna-be and displayed the horse. Some of the evening's highlights were the Friesian by Sarah Minkiewicz selling for \$1,250.00 (a new hobby record? Does anyone know?), the Carol Williams specially-customized resin-cast QH selling for \$1,150.00, a Lynn Fraley Warmblood for \$800.00, and a Jensen/Minkiewicz ASB going for \$700.00.

Whew! The evening was not for the faint-hearted checkbook. Maybe these buyers had good luck in the casino first. This event demonstrated like nothing else that if someone wants something bad enough, all they need is money. (My Dad calls it the Greater Fool Theory: you might have been a fool to pay that much for something, but you buy it in the hope that when you're ready to sell it, you'll find an even greater fool!)

Saturday the main event of WRC took place, the show. I confess to not paying attention to who won what...I wasn't showing, myself, and they had a lot going on. I did see a lot of awesome horses, and was pleased to meet some new friends and see some old ones in person for the first time. That's one of the fun things about live shows. Every time I sold something and got a few quarters in change, I'd go down and pop it in a slot machine. I won \$50. on 2 quarters once! I think Darian Buckles and Bonnie Robb did a great job of running the show, and the Showboat casino was a fun and different place for a show.

Saturday night I went with a few people to view the Las Vegas Strip—what a weird place. Such an odd mix of tacky and stupendous. I kept wondering about how much energy the place used up just in keeping all those neon lights lit.

And then...At 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning there was a 7.5 magnitude earthquake centered in Yucca Valley, CA, about 150 miles from Las Vegas. AND DID WE FEEL IT! Yours truly was unlucky enough to be on the 17TH FLOOR of the hotel tower. Remember, I'm from New York, and never felt anything like THAT before! We were bounced out of bed! Fortunately I was sharing a room with Sheryl Leisure, who is from outside Los Angeles, so I had a veteran to tell me what was going on. The building literally swayed back and forth about 4 feet in either direction for more than a minute, as we huddled in the doorframe. It felt exactly like being on a boat in bad seas, but all I could think about was the building collapsing with me in it. We had no idea the quake wasn't centered in Las Vegas. It sure felt like it! It was so unexpected, and I am still amazed at how strong a reaction I had—I never have been so scared.

Almost as scary was having to run down all 17 flights of stairs to get out of the building after the quake stopped. I was SO afraid of experiencing another while IN the stairwell! Once we got out into the street, everything seemed so normal. Except for the guy who came out wrapped in only a sheet! People said the quake was from CA, so we felt a bit better. There were several aftershocks, and another one almost just as big at about 8:00a.m. while the show was going on, but on the ground it is so much easier to take.

I was surprised the show even continued on Sunday, because so many of the entrants and the show committee were from California, and worried about their own families and property. Darian Buckles was especially close to the epicenter, and later I learned she did have 2 models go crashing. But the show resumed, (all these CA folks think this is business as usual!) and I found myself experiencing the weird sensation of having the ground moving under me, even if it wasn't. My inner ear really got goofed up. I kept watching the chandeliers in the hall, to see if they started swaying.

After such events, everything else seemed anticlimactic. I stayed until Monday, and boy, I was never so glad to be on a plane lifting off a runway.

I think a lot of my new California friends these days, every time I hear a news report about a tremor out there. I hope you'll join me in praying they never get "the big one" that the media likes to talk about. Will I be at WRC '93? You bet! What could ever top this one? I would hate to miss out on it, whatever it is!

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thing on our cover! I want the best!

Also, folks have asked HOW I can produce a newsletter with free ads?! Well, as usual with model hobby things, SH is a labor of love! Your subscription fee pays for printing and postage of your issue. There's a little bit extra in the subscription fee to cover potential postal rate rises. Right now I can get it copied for 3 cents per copy, per SIDE. I'm looking for someone with a copier I can use for free, if I bring my own paper. I'm donating all my time, and if, in the future, prices or the size of the issues rise, I'll either charge for ads, or raise sub. fees. We'll see how it goes!

One last thing, (hopefully you're still reading...) I am interested in hosting some kind of model horse event here in fabulous Colorado next year. Colorado is suffering from serious hobby apathy at the moment, for unknown reasons! But this state is such a natural for a big hobby event, because:

It is very centrally located in the US, and Denver is a frequent stop for many airlines.

There's national and state parks and towns with casino gambling and tons of outdoor activities, among other things! A family vacation can easily be planned around the show!

Colorado is a HORSE state! They're everywhere! It would be pretty easy for someone who knows about PR to promote our hobby in the area, to get local folks to come.

Anyway, I just want you, treasured reader, to keep Colorado in mind for next year, because my big idea is to host an all-halter model horse show AT A DUDE RANCH!! It's a "See, why didn't I think of that?" idea! I want to have the show on Saturday, and then get everybody out on real horses on Sunday! (We'll see who REALLY knows their way around horses!) These guest ranches have meeting facilities for our show, as well as great food, swimming, guest RODEOS (with events even for the beginners! I've done this, and it's a total HOOT!), square-dancing, and more! I want to reserve the whole weekend as a package price, and have all entrants stay at the ranch. We could have seminars about remodeling and conformation, using a REAL horse for demonstration! ("The leg bends at the knee like this..., the neck moves like this, when sideways...") I'm looking into rates right now, and thinking of having it in the fall, when rates become lower off-season. So stay tuned! And write if you like the idea!

Karen