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Maryland Horse founder Finney to be honored for journalism career

The Robert and Anne Heighe Award for Excellence in Equestrian Journalism, established in 2012 by the Hays-Heighe House Committee of Harford Community College, is recognizing icons who have covered the industry in the state.

The inaugural award was presented to racing writer, publicist and historian Joe Kelly. The late William Boniface, longtime racing writer for *The Baltimore Sun*, was honored in 2013. This year's award, sponsored by Steve Dance Auctions, is being presented posthumously to Humphrey S. Finney, founder and former editor of *The Maryland Horse*.

The award is named for the late owners of the former Prospect Hill Farm in Bel Air, now the site of the Harford Community College campus. The award will be presented to Finney family members at Hays-Heighe House in October, and is one of a series of events to be held at the college in upcoming months.

Finney is being recognized for his work as the founder and longtime editor of *The Maryland Horse* (now *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*), for his journalism efforts in other equine publications, his two books *Stud Farm Diary* and *Fair Exchange*, and for his life-



The late *Maryland Horse* editor Humphrey Finney is being recognized for his excellence in equestrian journalism.

time achievements in the arena of bloodstock sales.

The life and career of Finney will be part of an exhibit also opening in October at Hays-Heighe House titled *The Racehorse, The Royals and The*

Writer. Created in six parts, the exhibition, curated by Maryanna Skowronski, director of the Historical Society of Harford County, begins by telling the story of Herman B. Duryea, a wealthy New York

racing patron during the days of the "Gilded Age."

When anti-betting laws were handed down in the United States, Duryea moved his entire breeding and racing operation to France where he established the Haras du Gazon stables. During that time he was the breeder and owner of *Durbar II, who won the 1914 Epsom Derby, in doing so defeating King George V's runner Amner.

Upon Duryea's death in 1916 his estate passed to his wife Ellen, who was the aunt of Robert Heighe. Upon her demise 12 years after her husband's passing, the entire Duryea fortune was bequeathed to Robert Heighe.

It is unclear whether *Durbar II was part of the estate, as news accounts vary. It is known that the stallion was sent from France in 1926 to stand at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky for approximately five years. In 1931 he was brought to Maryland's Prospect Hill Farm to stand at

stud. However, the horse died a few months later, at the age of 20 and was buried on the farm. Skowronski discovered the story of *Durbar II in 1995 while doing research for an article on the history of racing in Harford County.

The exhibit highlights *Durbar II's career as well as the part the stallion plays in Thoroughbred bloodlines today. Other exhibit rooms will showcase the British Royal Family's equestrian pursuits, the horse in World War I, the British suffrage movement and its ties to the Epsom Derby and Prospect Hill Farm itself.

In conjunction with the exhibit, which runs through February 2015, the college will welcome Hugo Vickers, author and biographer of the British Royal Family, to Hays-Heighe House as featured speaker at a fundraising dinner the evening of Oct. 10. Vickers will give a talk entitled "All the Queen's Horses," which was written specifically



Courtesy Gerry Childs

***Durbar II, winner of the 1914 Epsom Derby, was buried at Prospect Hill Farm, which is now Harford County Community College.**

for the occasion. Those attending will have a preview of the overall exhibition before its public opening.

The "Evening in the Company of Hugo Vickers," is open to the public.

For information on the exhibit or tickets for the Vickers talk, contact the college at (443) 412-2539 or haysheighe@harford.edu.

— OBITUARY —

Priscilla Menzies

Equine artist Priscilla Fuller Menzies, an editor and writer for *The Maryland Horse* in the 1940s, died Aug. 24. The Baltimore native, and former Butler resident, was 94.

Menzies earned a bachelor's degree at what is now the Maryland Institute College of Art after graduating from Garrison Forest School in 1938. In the spring of 1941, she was hired as a correspondent for *The Maryland Horse* and reported on horse shows and other events during the year. She married John Menzies Jr. in 1942, was editor of the magazine for a brief period during World War II, raised four children, and expanded her career as an artist.

Among her commissioned equine portraits were those of Sagamore Farm greats Native

Dancer and Discovery, Alfred Smith's top timber horse Grand Chal, and Triple Crown winner Secretariat. She painted well into her 80s, counting among later subjects Barbaro and Funny Cide.

Menzies and her husband owned a 20-acre farm in Baltimore County they called Last Chance Stables and raised and raced Thoroughbreds on a modest scale for more than three decades. In 1984 their yearling Damitrius colt was pinned grand champion of the MHBA's 50th annual yearling show.

Mrs. Menzies is survived by her daughter, Priscilla Menzies Keller, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; a son, Scott Menzies of Upperco; and 13 grandchildren. Her husband died in 2000.



Above: Menzies' portrait of Discovery. Below: Cary Jackson made the trophy presentation to Menzies for her 1984 MHBA Yearling Show Champion, exhibited by Cricket Goodall.



One less bull in the ring

By Josh Pons

This cancer stuff is like that old football drill we did at Glenelg High back in the '60s, Bull in a Ring. You lay down in the dirt and five, six players surround you in a circle. Coach blows a whistle over and over, and a fresh guy comes runnin' at you each time. Stupid drill. That's what this cancer is like. I whip one kind, here comes another, all fresh to tackle me, and me getting tired. A cure is not to be. I hear the Lord saying: Come to me.

They'll be digging out the '65 Yearbook soon. Me with my flattop, in a white tuxedo jacket, black bowtie. All the boys wearing the same getup, Woody, Jon, Steve, Charles, John and Joe. Those writers asked what I wanted under my photo. How 'bout: "Everything is funny as long it happens to somebody else." Ok, but you sure? They asked what I disliked most. How 'bout: "Anyone who can't take a kidding." OK, that works. Future plans? "Hope to see the world." You, Brice? You don't like leaving the farm. Vocation? "Agriculture." Duh.

Mary Anne's in that room out in the lobby. The Family Room, it says over the door. Doctors probably telling her it'd be one thing if he only had one thing. But it's a gang tackle. It's Bull in a Ring, I wanna tell them I don't want to play anymore. She knows I can't live with seven tubes tucked into a nightgown.

Here's what I'm going to remember before I slip off the barn roof: Horsebacking across the farms of Howard County from Spring Meadow to Doughoregan

Manor with my dad Worthington, back again in time for milking. My grandchildren's basketball games.

"Hit 'em," I call from the sidelines.

"You can't hit in basketball," they call back at me.

"Hit 'em, anyway," I say laughing.

Mary Anne telling me I can't buy those two mares out of the classifieds unless I buy the weanling too. The day that filly runs third in the Black-Eyed Susan. The night she foals Declan's Moon. He's blue ribbon at the Yearling Show, but his cousin Katie's Love is grand champion.

Driving Humphrey Finney around Saratoga in my Fasig-Tipton days, Steve and me and Finney, like he's Roosevelt, he's that famous up there. That photo of Missy graduating from law school.

The way my alfalfa rows were neat as the Orioles' outfield. The day I swept all the lady tellers at The Cracked Claw back from smoke break, and they bet what I bet, and Randy's Moon wins by a neck, and the whole place is chanting "Thank you Brice, Brice, Brice."

So much more, so little time. Storm's gonna rain on my hay. Here's what'll happen next. My hard-working hands will rest. They'll put me in a box and tell my friends what time to come by. You won't find five guys in ties out of a couple hundred from 2-4, or from 6-8, either. Next day, Elaine will introduce herself as sorry she's not Vince Gill, but she'll sing it out of the park in between Danny and Billy and Steve telling stories on me. Danny with

Dad's buckshot still in his butt. Steve saying, "All You Can Eat might not mean that, Brice." Billy saying, "He never kept score. It wasn't about the money to him. It was about loyalty."

Then Chip will lead that long black car past the Howard County Fair where I worked the back gate all those years, then I'll be back at Spring Meadow, up on a wagon behind a team of horses, and they'll drive me down the lane one last time to check on the cattle. The mares and foals will start running because they know something's up. Then out we'll go, down ol' 97 to Union Chapel, a cool day to follow the wagon on foot like some 18th-century country folk, and they'll add another Ridgely to that good Howard County ground. Then it's cole slaw and local tomatoes.

Every year without knowing it, I have passed the day when the last fields will wave to me. This is different. I feel like a square bale's sitting on my right side and I can't get it off and the bale is hot because it wasn't cured.

Wind's blowing over the grain field like water. I can see it from this barn roof. If I push off just right, I can land in the pond, and put this fire out. My family and friends, they all love me dearly, but they can't make me stay. They'd have you think I'm the best. They won't take credit, but it's me that's been blessed. 🍷

Marylander A. Brice Ridgely, a horseman's horseman and a farmer's farmer, died Aug. 5. His obituary can be found on page 89 of this edition.

Maryland State Fair Hunter Breeding Day

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association annually presents the Champion Thoroughbred, best Maryland-bred Thoroughbred, and Champion Non-Thoroughbred awards at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. The show was held Aug. 26.

Tina Walters' unnamed yearling gelding (right) by Jockey's Dream (Brz) out of My Dance was Grand Champion Thoroughbred as well as best Maryland-bred. Magdalene Carolan's Ironreign, Grand Champion non-Thoroughbred, is by Ironman (a Hanoverian) out of Jr's Freedom, by Demidoff. Carolan also bred the non-Thoroughbred Grand Champion in 2012 and 2013, Iron Rose, by the same stallion out of Mal's Mystery, a half sister to Jr's Freedom.



Barrie B. Reightler (2)

Maryland Horse Industry Foundation awards \$29,000 in 2014 grants

Fourteen non-profit organizations received a total of \$29,000 in grants from the Maryland Horse Industry Foundation (MHIF) in 2014.

Projects supported by these grants include industry education and promotion, land preservation, Thoroughbred retraining and rehabilitation and therapeutic riding.

Grant applications are evaluated based on the value of the project to the Maryland horse industry, the size and scope of the activity, each organization's financial need and the quality of the written application.

Non-profit organizations from nine counties throughout Maryland will be receiving MHIF grant funds this year.

"The MHIF is an important part of what Maryland's horse industry represents," said Tom Bowman, chairman, "and, through dedicated fundraising efforts like the auction at the Maryland Million Gala, was able to support a variety of worthy projects this year."

The 2014 MHIF grant recipients:

- Baltimore County Extension Advisory Council

- Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding Inc.
- Day's End Farm Horse Rescue Inc.
- The Fokie G Foundation Inc.
- Free Spirit Stables at Rushing Winds Farm
- Lost and Found Horse Rescue
- Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (MARC)
- Maryland Therapeutic Riding
- MidAtlantic Horse Rescue.
- Retired Racehorse Project
- The Retreat at Beckleysville
- Thoroughbred Placement Resources Inc.
- The University of Maryland
- The University of Maryland Extension 4-H Horse Program

The MHIF was chartered in 1988 by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association to serve educational and charitable needs of the Maryland horse industry.

For more on this year's grantees and projects, visit marylandthoroughbred.com and go to "Get Involved," Foundation.



Barrie B. Reightler

Maryland State Fair Thoroughbred Day

The second annual Thoroughbred Day at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium featured an all-Thoroughbred hunter show on Aug. 27, with classes sponsored by the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Million.

A new ride at the Maryland State Fair

The Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Million sponsored the inaugural Maryland State Fair Pony Races, run over two days at Timonium, Aug. 29 and 30. Friday afternoon featured five flat races for ponies; Saturday morning, there were two Shetland pony steeplechase races. Riders were age 15 and under.

Photographs by Anne Litz



Maryland's top earners in 2014

(through September 4)

1. The Big Beast \$415,500	11. Seseri \$97,966
2. Ben's Cat 303,350	12. Turbin. 97,675
3. Daring Dancer 186,000	13. Love Heart 97,190
4. Delaunay 172,005	14. Always Smiling 96,171
5. Awesome Flower 150,665	15. Horizontalyspeakin. . . 94,050
6. Steady N Love 127,930	16. Qualify. 93,950
7. Kiss to Remember . . . 110,779	17. Talk Show Man. 92,051
8. Coco Punch. 103,157	18. Joint Custody 91,425
9. Purely Hot. 101,029	19. Brenda's Way 90,735
10. Senza Fina 98,500	20. Connemara Coast. . . . 87,228

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services (TJCIS),
these statistics were compiled on September 4. Lifetime earnings
for stallions with at least one starter in 2014. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2014

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
E Dubai	158	820	76	116	\$2,478,701
Orientate	133	681	67	101	1,946,361
Not For Love.	99	488	43	65	1,936,579
Giacomo	105	578	40	56	1,273,059
Petionville	71	401	38	59	1,213,912
Dance With Ravens . .	84	475	35	52	1,201,705
Louis Quatorze.	52	272	20	32	970,442
Lion Hearted.	80	353	31	47	969,916
Great Notion.	43	172	15	24	911,643
Outflanker	51	235	24	37	816,346
Scipion	47	241	25	35	791,019
Two Punch	50	260	19	26	622,272
Rock Slide	48	214	21	27	533,271
Gators N Bears	35	186	13	14	528,787
Cherokee's Boy.	26	183	13	22	478,870
Showing Up	39	213	16	26	374,564

2-year-old earnings in 2014

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Petionville	3	6	1	3	\$142,631
†Street Magician.	7	15	1	1	81,120
E Dubai	8	15	2	2	39,683
Lion Hearted.	8	18	1	1	36,807
Outflanker	6	12	0	0	29,652
Giacomo	5	14	0	0	22,496
Rock Slide	4	7	1	1	22,420
Dance With Ravens . .	2	2	1	1	17,525

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	731	15,938	585	2,415	\$66,821,093
Allen's Prospect	928	23,305	769	3,379	54,695,552
Two Punch	924	17,561	710	2,613	53,550,632
Petionville	577	12,332	463	1,703	40,095,011
Orientate	589	10,843	446	1,623	39,515,552
E Dubai	606	11,118	456	1,601	38,765,337
Louis Quatorze.	729	13,413	538	1,786	33,677,242
Polish Numbers	442	9,347	365	1,370	33,374,702
Waquoit	484	11,406	368	1,519	26,881,979
Outflanker	385	8,175	291	1,185	25,661,008
Lion Hearted.	439	7,691	325	1,083	24,007,319
Eastern Echo	417	8,676	292	1,129	22,690,713
Go for Gin	318	5,872	210	701	18,313,980
Dance With Ravens . .	235	3,921	160	468	11,904,117
Giacomo	188	2,797	121	355	8,017,842
Great Notion.	115	1,623	91	277	8,005,734

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love.	329	1,034	124	167	\$6,163,654
Two Punch	444	1,430	164	207	5,628,298
Allen's Prospect	458	1,555	175	240	5,624,197
Orientate	335	1,030	125	166	4,672,459
Petionville	347	1,086	114	141	4,466,499
E Dubai	286	938	115	155	3,994,510
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,673,216
Louis Quatorze.	321	993	100	126	3,344,708
Outflanker	206	840	87	118	3,175,621
Eastern Echo	220	814	74	101	3,059,366
Lion Hearted.	201	644	74	102	2,732,343
Waquoit	204	694	59	84	2,000,531
Giacomo	108	397	34	55	1,482,928
Dance With Ravens . .	124	441	34	42	1,276,830
Great Notion.	41	125	18	28	984,860