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2004 MEETING IN WILLIAMSBURG A SUCCESS

We had the largest gathering of members in recent ACDHA history with 42 attending. The event started out on Thursday evening with dinner at Christiana Campbell's Tavern. Then (after a brief tour of the Williamsburg area while members tried to find the Fifes and Drums Building) we heard a lecture on "Accidents and Runaways" by Richard Nicoll, director, Coach and Livestock Department, and chairman of the Driving Committee for Federation Equestre Internationale.

Friday was a little misty and rainy, but members got into the spirit of things. (Remember, at home we all have had

to go out in the rain to take care of livestock, right?) The morning started with a tour of the stables at 9 A.M. led by Colonial Williamsburg volunteers Frank Coffman and Jerry Hedgepeth and staff member Allison Harcourt, followed by a walk into the Historic Area to visit four sites. Three groups of members rotated through the Harness and Saddlemaker, where leather goods such as harnesses, saddles and bridles are made; the Geddy

Foundry, where different metals are cast into items such as bits and brass buckles for harnesses; the Wheelwright, where the tradesmen make and repair wheels, carts and wagons; and, our last stop, an oxcart driven by Darin Tschopp, who interpreted the use of cattle in colonial Virginia.

After a lot of walking, everyone headed back to the stable for some home cooking thanks to volunteers Bill and Emily Armstrong and Carolyn Webb and stable staff member Dan Hard. Nancy Phillips provided the entertainment with a slide show presentation using members' photos. The hat was passed, and members donated \$156 for the association.

The Geddy Foundry cast and showed off some horsey items just for ACDHA members (top left).

Members tour Colonial Williamsburg's Wheelwright shop (bottom left).



The Harness and Saddlemaker, one of the four sites ACDHA members toured in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Photos by Nancy and Jeff Phillips.

At 1:30 P.M. Lance Pedigo and Amy Miller, staff members of the Fifes and Drums, presented "The Art of Fifeing and Drumming," which explained the importance and use of music in the colonial military as well as in Colonial Williamsburg's present-day programs with children 5 to 18 years old.

At this time, most members chose to explore the Historic Area on their own. A small group went to the Costume Design Center where Brenda Rosseau gave a tour on how Colonial Williamsburg outfits over 3,000 different positions at the Foundation. ACDHA members were encouraged to handle the costumes and ask questions.

That evening, members gathered for dinner at the Golden Corral and then made a successful trip back to the Fifes and Drums Building to hear Elaine Shirley, supervisor of Rare Breeds and member of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) Board of Directors, talk about why Colonial Williamsburg selected the breeds they have, their genetic importance and why we need to maintain these breeds.





Colonial Williamsburg's Amy Miller and Lance Pedigo talked to ACDHA members about the "Art of Fifeing and Drumming."

Saturday, meeting day, started out early at 8:30 A.M. with president Frank Tremel and secretary Nancy Lively getting things going. As a guest speaker for

Members had dinner at Golden Corral on Friday night. Here are ACDHA director Don Johnson and Linda Johnson along with secretary Nancy Lively.



the third time in ACDHA history, Dr. Phillip Sponenberg, professor at Virginia Tech Veterinary College and technical advisor of the ALBC, talked about the future of the Creams and some of the proposed by-law changes. Dr. Sponenberg also offered to help guide the association for the next five years in helping eliminate the JEB (junctional epidermolysis bullosa) threat.

At NOON, members hopped on a bus to the stables for a catered lunch, some 60th anniversary cake and good fellowship.

By 1:30 P.M. we were back to business. Dr. John Baird from the University of Guelph, Ontario, talked to the group for a second time on JEB. Dr. Baird repeated a slide show from last year and provided an update on research and testing since the annual meeting in 2003. Both Dr. Baird and Dr. Sponenberg agreed on the importance of careful breeding and not eliminating the JEB carriers. With careful management, breeding lines can continue while eliminating JEB.

Oxcart driver Darin Tschopp on Palace Green talked to members about the uses of cattle in the 18th century. Photo by Nancy and Jeff Phillips



Director Karen Smith welcomes members to the annual meeting being hosted by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. ACDHA's Nancy Lively, secretary, and Frank Tremel, president, prepare for their part in the meeting. Photo by David Lively.



LETTERS

Dear Karen and all the fine folks of Williamsburg,

Can't thank you enough for the wonderful time we had during our stay. The many tours and delightful people that we met will be treasured memories for many years to come. I also did my part for the local economy by buying so many souvenirs that my luggage was overweight at the check-in. (Must have been the wine; the Two Shillings Red is really quite nice.)

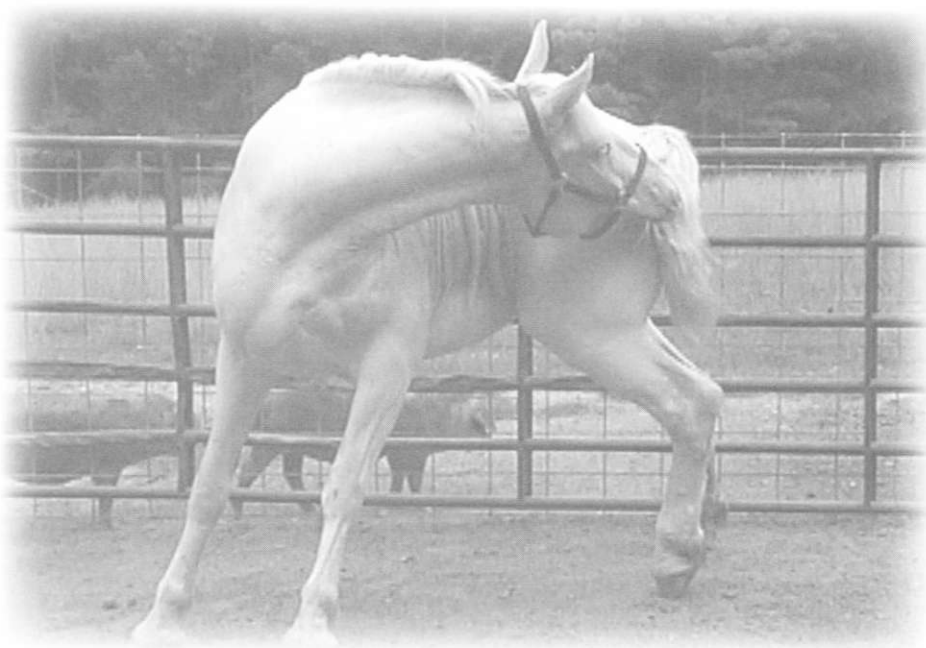
I only wish there were any of the note cards to purchase with the American creams, maybe like Allison with the packhorse or you riding sidesaddle (hint, hint).

For myself, it was a trip that exceeded my expectations, and I'm looking forward to next year's meeting in California. I hope we live up to the standard you've set!

Thank you, Karen, for putting it all together.

Betsy Aufdenkamp

The Orange County Virginia Fair was held at James Madison's historic Montpelier home from Friday, July 23, through Sunday, July 25, 2004. James Madison was the fourth president of the United States and the father of the Constitution. This is the third year that the county fair had their Heritage Breed Expo. Melody Ann #489 was displayed during this event along with other rare breeds. A brief history of the American Cream Draft Horse was posted and ACDHA brochures were on hand for people who were interested.



Melody Ann

Melody Ann was recently purchased from Don and Linda Johnson and she has been a delight ever since she has arrived at her new home!

James Harper

Karen,

Thanks so much for all your planning and work. It was great. We enjoyed it all. Just not enough time. We will have to come back.

Please give an extra thank you to all your staff. They were all enjoyable and helpful. A beautiful setup.

Thanks again!

Don and Linda Johnson

Melody Ann

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Our annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, was a full three days of tours, lectures, our meeting and just plain socializing. Karen Smith and the staff in the Coach and Livestock Department did an outstanding job.

Once again Dr. Phil Sponenberg spoke. We spent two hours on Saturday morning asking questions and getting his opinion on some of our by-law proposals. Dr. John Baird gave us an update on JEB. In a little over a year, we have tested over one-third of our animals.

We are on to California in 2005 with Donna Miller heading the committee. Then on to Shipshawana, Indiana, in 2006 with Shelia Johnson heading up that committee. Now is the time for the East Coast members to start looking for a meeting site for 2007.

Frank Tremel
President



Editor's note: This will be my final issue of the *American Cream News* as we turn the reins over to Nancy Phillips, who we know will do a wonderful job in expanding the newsletter into three issues a year with color photos and in new directions. I would like to thank all the talented people in various departments at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation who over the years have helped evolve the newsletter with their own style into what it is today. A big thank you needs to be given to Mr. Richard Nicoll, director of the Coach and Livestock Department, for his encouragement and commitment to opening up a line of communication in the ACDHA with the newsletter at a time when it was needed. Remember that the newsletter is what members make of it; we can only write about things that you let us know about or send, so please help Nancy Phillips as she moves us into the future of a new newsletter. We have many great things yet to do!



Members tour Colonial Williamsburg's Wheelwright shop. Photo by Nancy and Jeff Phillips.



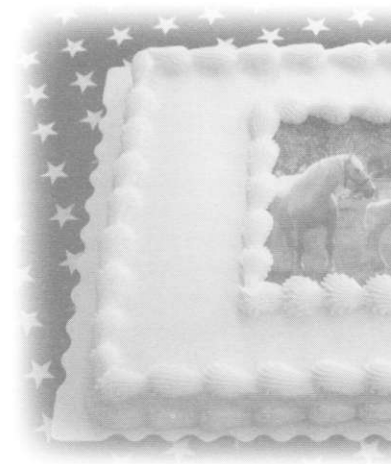
Dr. Sponenberg, professor at Virginia Tech Veterinary College and technical advisor of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, talks to members about the future of the Cream breed. Photo by David Lively.



Group shot of members and Doctors Baird and Sponenberg.



Members having lunch in the Fifes and Drums Building. Photo by Karen Smith.



Members at the Fifes and Drums Building have a chance to talk to Dr. Phillip Sponenberg. Photo by Nancy and Jeff Phillips.



Photo by Karen Smith.



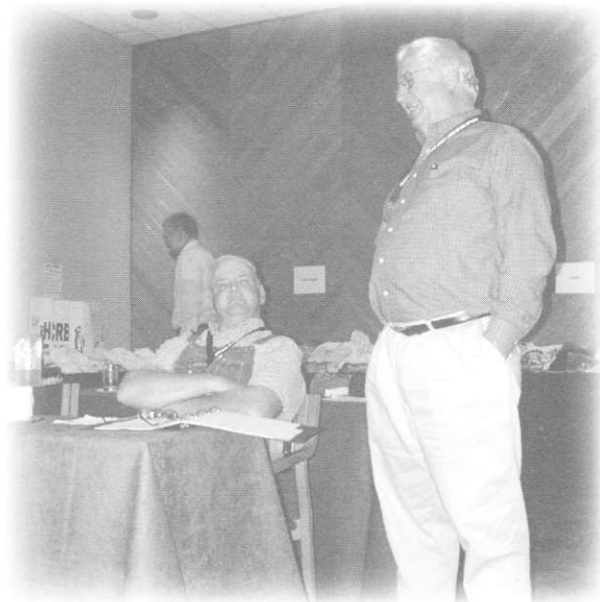
Dr. Baird on ACDHA's 60th anniversary.



Director Elizabeth Ziebell goes over bylaws at Saturday's meeting. Photo by Karen Smith.



Dr. Baird from the University of Guelph, Ontario, talked to members about Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa and provided an update on how to deal with JEB in the Cream breed. Photo by David Lively.



At this year's meeting, Director Don Johnson (sitting) talks to member Bill Heffeman, who is on the board of directors of the ALBC. Photo by David Lively.



Photo by Karen Smith.



Frank Tremel and Dr. Sponenberg. Photo by David Lively.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The 2004 annual meeting, the celebration of our association's 60th anniversary and Colonial Williamsburg's farewell newsletter publication are definitely the hot topics for discussion.

As we began trickling into Williamsburg, Virginia, to begin our weekend agenda on Thursday, October 14, most of us were convinced that the British lost the war because they couldn't find their way around Williamsburg! But, by Saturday night, we were giving other people directions and quite confident that we could start giving tours ourselves. Everyone had a great time and we thank Colonial Williamsburg for their gracious hospitality. In the midst of all the fun, however, Saturday was dedicated to making major decisions about our horses and our association. Hence, paragraph 3.

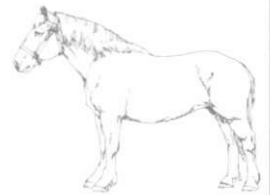
Please note the following bylaw changes that were passed:

- All horses registered, male or female, must be JEB tested. JEB applications are included in your annual mailing packet.
- Outside breeding to Belgian, Brabant or Suffolk horses (or any other JEB-carrier breeds) must be tested JEB negative.
- New registration fee schedule (effective January 1, 2005): Members—\$25 up to 1 year of age and \$50 for over 1 year of age. Nonmembers—\$40 up to 1 year of age and \$80 for over 1 year of age. New fee schedules are included in your annual mailing packet. Nonmembers will be encouraged to join the association.
- New transfer fee schedule (effective January 1, 2005): Members—\$20 within 14 days of sale and \$40 after 14 days of sale. Nonmembers—\$30 within 14 days of sale and \$60 after 14 days of sale. New fee schedules are included in your annual mailing packet. Nonmembers will be encouraged to join the association.
- Associate member dues have been raised to \$25.

All of these changes were made unanimously with the exception of one opposition to the fee schedule adjustment. I've attended many meetings throughout the years either as a board participant or minutes secretary, and, I've got to tell you, that group of members at the annual meeting knew what they wanted and what they didn't want and voted accordingly. It was very impressive.

On behalf of the association, a formal thank you to Karen Smith for all of her work on the newsletter over the past 14

CREAMS in the NEWS



"The Peaceable Kingdom," *House and Garden* (November 2003), is about the Swiss Village Farm, Rhode Island, and its rare breeds program, which includes Creams.

"Rare Breeds on Patrol," *The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy News* (May/June 2004), has a picture of Donald Johnson, Iowa, with one of his Creams in harness.

ALBC *News* (July/August 2004) has a short article about the ACDHA celebrating its 60th anniversary.

years and to Colonial Williamsburg for making it possible. The newsletter has been, and still is, our only consistent form of communication. Our debt of gratitude is priceless.

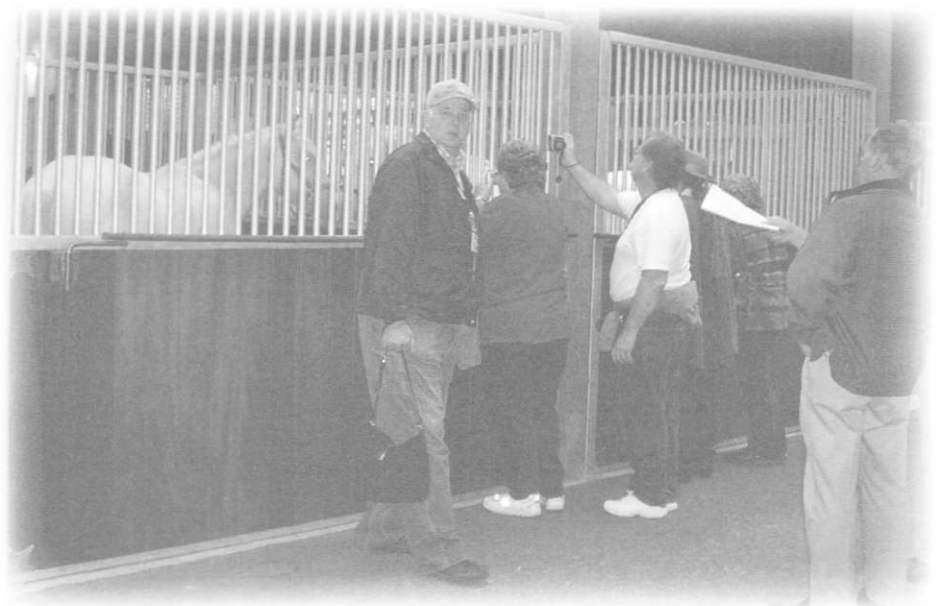
But, as is true of everything in life, one door closes and another one opens. Nancy Phillips has taken on the newsletter responsibilities with an eight-page publication to come out three times a year—January, May and September. Please contact her with your articles, photos, horses for sale and so forth. She can be reached at 10975 Barnard Road, Crocker, MO 65452, telephone (573) 736-3024 or email creamnewseditor@yahoo.com. If you would like to advertise your business or know of other appropriate businesses that would like to advertise

in the newsletter, contact Nancy. The advertising fee rates are in your annual mailing.

There's much more to tell you, but time and space are running short. Don't forget to give ACDHA merchandise for Christmas and that we accept Mastercard, VISA, Discover and American Express for EVERYTHING—dues, increased registration and transfer fees, merchandise, advertising . . . everything. In the January issue, look for Dr. Spoenberg's summary of his presentation at the annual meeting, our new herdbook design and much, much more.

Happy Holidays!
Nancy H. Lively
Secretary

Members looking at Colonial Williamsburg's American Cream and Canadian horses.
Photo by Karen Smith.



INFO FOR NEW NEWSLETTER

Hi, everyone! Here is some info for the new newsletter. Deadlines will be approximately December 20, April 20 and August 20. I hope to get to the printer about the 8th to the 12th of the following month, and that should get the newsletter to you about January 18, May 18 and September 18. You can send info and photos by mail or email, and anything mailed will be returned as soon as I get it scanned. Anything you send is free game! My address is 10975 Barnard Rd., Crocker, MO 65452-7178, email creamnewseditor@yahoo.com and telephone (573) 736-3024.

Ad prices will be as follows: business card-sized space: \$12; 1/8 page: \$15; 1/4 page: \$20; 1/3 page: \$22; 1/2 page: \$30; full page: \$50. Color: \$168 + ad. Line ads: \$3 for two lines, plus \$.10 per word over two lines. If you want color on an ad or photo, it will be \$168 plus the cost of the ad size. If you want to split the cost of color on a page with others, that's fine; they just need to let me know.

If you sell ad space to a business, send me the ad and the money for it. I will record the ad and payment and then mail everything to Nancy at the end of each issue. That way I know the ad is paid for before it gets published. Karen has done the association such a wonderful service for 14 years, but, with Colonial Williamsburg, there were no ads. We need to do this now, so don't be shy when it comes to asking your local tack or feed store, carriage shop and so forth to buy space. It's not costly, and it can only promote their business. The guy who built my barn advertised with me, for example.

Any article, suggestion for a story or photo is welcome. I want to display stallions in the January issue, foals and fairs in May, mares in September. A gelding will be featured in each issue. So, you can expect a call from me someday! It's not too early to get those perfect shots of your stallion in for the big promo in

the January issue. With any luck, the centerfold will be in color, but only six stallions will be featured there. That means, ONLY the first six stallions sent in for the January issue will be featured in color! This will be an association cost. The next three stallions will be listed prior to the color centerfold, and any more than that will be in the pages after the color photos.

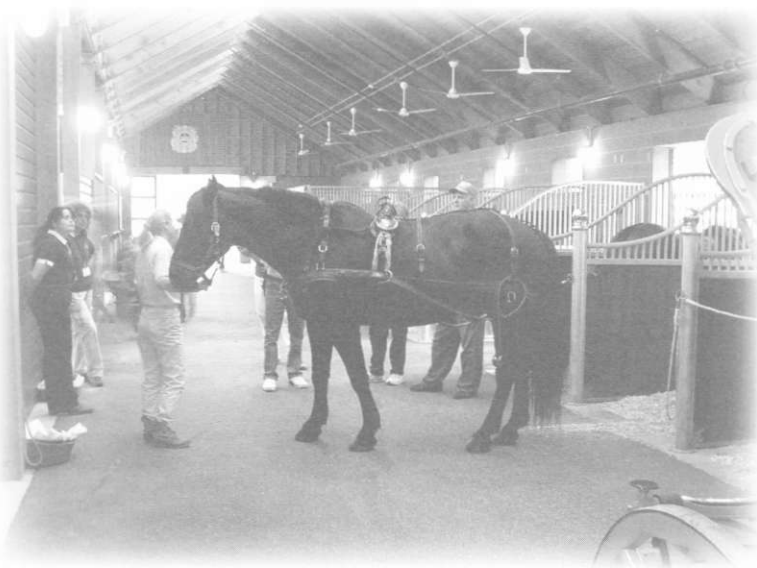
Any suggestions will be gladly considered. Anyone talented in cartoon drawings or pen and ink? Thanks again, Karen, for all your hard work over the last 14 years. Enjoy your time off!

Nancy Phillips

Colonial Williamsburg Coach and Livestock staff hitched horses to carriages to give rides to the general public after the rain stopped.



Karen Smith shows members Black Ben, a Canadian horse, which is a breed in Colonial Williamsburg's Rare Breeds Program. Photo by Nancy and Jeff Phillips.



AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE STATISTICS

(as of July 12, 2004)

330 full registrations

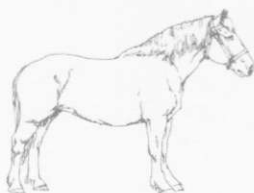
166 mares (4 years and over: 112; under 4 years: 54)

164 males (2 years and over: 47; under 2 years: 22; and 95 geldings)

40 tracking registrations

33 mares (4 years and over: 13; under 4 years: 20)

7 males (2 years and over: 3; under 2 years: 4)



CLASSIFIEDS

Corson, Ben and Linda, HCR 61, Box 193, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805; (208) 267-2174; bcorson@coldreams.com. Weanling colt, JEB free, light cream, pink skin, hazel eyes, white mane and tail, imprinted at birth and easy to work with, sire: #314 Captain's Timothy Taylor, dam: #417 HnJ's Mae Pearl. Weanling colt that will be gelded, dark skin, dark eyes, medium color, white mane and tail, sweet temperament. Both weanlings to be registered as appropriate. Three tracking fillies, one yearling, two 2 year olds, one 2-year-old gelding; all imprinted at birth and easy to work with.

Johnson, Sheila; (269) 244-8220; sulynnengel@juno.com. #471 JD's Earl of Duke, 4-year-old stallion, JEB free, dark cream, white main and tail, white blaze, white socks on back legs; he has very

impressive cream lineage and is a beautiful stud. \$5,500. #519 Rumsey Acer's Dick's Pattie Cake, 3-year-old filly, in foal for 2005 season, dark cream, light mane and tail, white star and stripe, one-half Percheron and very flashy. \$2,500. #517 HnJ's Dick's Jacob, medium cream with white blaze, mane and tail, recently gelded so is filling out very nicely, ready and willing to train. \$2,500. #520 HnJ's Dick's Brenda, 3-year-old filly, light cream with white mane and tail, white blaze on face, JEB positive but has nice conformation. \$2,750

Achter, Iald; (218) 243-2299. #311 Johann Acers Danny Boy's Jodee, 10-year-old mare. #358 Johann Acers Danny Boy's DeeDee, 8-year-old mare. Both mares are well matched and have worked in the public. #T00139 Johann's

Bonnie, 4-year-old mare, cream colored, from Cream/Belgian breeding, has done some farm work. #T00140 Johann's Ackers Kate, yearling mare, cream colored, from Cream/Belgian breeding.

Aufdenkamp, Dennis and Betsy; (503) 333-1008. #398 Vonda Farms Tom and #399 Vonda Farms Jerry, team of 10-year-old geldings, both medium cream with white blaze, white mane and tail, light eyes, pink skin, 16 hands, 1,500 lbs. Both have some experience with logging, wagon trains, parades and pleasure driving. These boys need regular work with an experienced teamster to fulfill their potential.

Smith, Doug, 493 Brooklyn Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331; (860) 546-1079; horselogger@juno.com. Gabe, 2-year-old colt, not gelded, medium cream, amber eyes, white mane and tail and stockings, will mature to 17 hands, 1,700-1,800 lbs., sire: #291 Dan-Bre Moses (JEB free), dam: #380 Rose Hill Cream of Wheat Bonnie. \$800 or best offer. #405 Vonda Farms Dyan "Lady," JEB carrier, in foal to #291 Dan-Bre Moses who is JEB free. Asking \$3,000. The following three horses are for sale by Crist Nisley of Butler, Ohio. Mr. Nisley is an Amish gentleman so there is no phone number or email address for him. Please contact us by mail. #549 Nisley's Cream Queen, 3-year-old mare, sire: #383 Forevergreen Eddy, dam: #409 Hockett's Easter Villa. Yearling filly and weanling colt, not registered, sire: #383 Forevergreen Eddy, dam: #551 Nisley's Gentle Megan.

"SUGAR COOKIE" STONE HORSE

Interested in a replica of an actual American Cream Draft Horse? Member Kris Penrod of Seaford, Delaware, owner of #514, entered the Peter Stone Company's contest that chooses a model each year. She submitted an application, numerous photos and an essay describing why Sugar Cookie deserved this honor. Because this mare has admirable conformation and an amiable disposition and displays all of the traits of the American Cream Draft Horse, she was chosen to represent the breed. Kris donated one of these beautiful replicas to our silent auction.

To learn more about the Peter Stone horses, visit www.stonehorses.com. To see the Sugar Cookie replica, click on "Show Line" and then "Draft Horses."

Congratulations, Kris!

Display table of Colonial Williamsburg products past and present.



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