

**ONTARIO MORGAN HORSE CLUB
HALL OF FAME
2015 INDUCTEES**

CATHERINE SAMPSON



Catherine Sampson's involvement with Morgans has spanned 40 years.....so far. Catherine is well known and respected as both a breeder and a trainer of the Morgan. She has a wonderful flare for writing and has been a guest writer for several horse publications. Over the decades, her breeding and training programs have produced countless pleasure horses and show ring Champions and she has introduced innumerable people to her much loved Morgan Horse.

Catherine and her husband, Robert Sampson, better known to friends as Cathy and Bob, own and operate the Trillium Equine Complex and its parent the Trillium Morgan Horse Farm in Orono, Ontario. Since 1973 the Sampson's have been

dedicated to preserving the traits of the Morgan breed through the Trillium breeding program. Disposition and distinctive type have been the focus, while retaining the natural kindness and intelligence of the Morgan horse, whether for pleasure, endurance or the show ring. Through foundation with Vigilmarch, Flyhawk, Nocturne pedigrees, combined with the Government lines, the Trillium program has strived to maintain not only good breeding, but style and refinement.

The birth of Trillium Morgan Horse Farm started with Cathy's purchase of Lauralee Foxy Man from Deanna Wilson (a fellow OMHC Hall of Famer) in the 70's. Foxy was purchased with the high expectation that he would become Catherine's foundation stallion. He was correct, flashy and had a wonderful disposition. All the characteristics wanted in a Morgan. Foxy was the beginning of Catherine's journey in the Morgan world. From there she purchased a couple of broodmares to breed to Foxy and the Trillium prefix began. The Canadian Livestock Records currently lists over 50 Morgans with the Trillium prefix. It was with Catherine's fine eye and knowledge to create the right combination to bring out the best, that produced the lovely Trillium Morgan horses.

For over 30 years, Trillium has created and hosted a variety of educational programs that have benefited horses and riders of all ages, and introduced many new riders, young and old, to the Morgan breed.

In 2001 Catherine created a private sector educational program called the Trillium Equine Short Studies Program. In 2002 the Trillium Apprenticeship Program was launched with success. Many riders past and present, were introduced to the Morgan through Trillium and started riding under Catherine. Some of those talented riders include Tanya Allen, Sarah Hawkins, Emily Rice, Jennifer Sills, Melanie Thomas, Angie Bond, just to name a few.

Catherine's involvement with the Morgan breed since 1973 has garnished several awards recognizing Trillium's efforts in promoting the Morgan horse breed. The Farm, with Catherine at the helm, has received the Gold Medal Award from the

American Morgan Horse Association and also Special Recognition award from the Canadian Morgan Horse Club. Catherine has also been a strong supporter of the Ontario Morgan Horse Club. She is a Past President of the OMHC; served on the OMHC Board of Directors for a number of years and is also a past editor of the OMHC newsletter. Her dedication to the Morgan Horse in Ontario and to the OMHC is long standing and very much appreciated.

On February 27, 2016 at the Ontario Morgan Horse Club's annual banquet in Port Perry, Catherine Sampson was inducted into the Ontario Morgan Horse Club Hall of Fame. Catherine was presented with a James Walls limited edition print of Figure as a token acknowledgement of the occasion. A surprised and delighted Catherine accepted the award to much cheering from those in attendance.

ANITA JACKSON



From a very young age, Anita Jackson was an avid horse lover. Anita dreamed of owning & operating a horse farm some day. It was during Anita's travels with the Ice Capades, she first learned of the “Morgan” breed from one of her fellow Ice Capets. After returning home from those skating tours, in 1972 Anita saw her first Morgan Horse. She was immediately hooked and the Morgan breed has been near and dear to her heart ever since. It has been a four decade journey....so far....full of many thrilling moments.

In 1973, Anita purchased her first Morgan, a yearling colt by the name of Adanac Baron. This handsome youngster was bred by Ralph D. Parker of Adanac Horse

Farm in Kendal, Ontario. Mr. Parker was one of the first inductees into this OMHC Hall of Fame. Adanac Baron was to become the foundation stallion of the future Baronial Morgan Farm. He was originally purchased as a trail riding prospect, but after winning the Canadian Bred Championship at the Ontario Morgan Horse Show as a yearling in 1973, Baron's star potential was much brighter and further sparked Anita's love affair with the Morgan horse.

After that first show Anita caught the horse show bug and with Baron attended many more shows, travelling throughout Ontario, Quebec & the Northeastern US promoting the Morgan breed along the way. Over those show years Baron accumulated enough points to earn six CMHA Justin Morgan Honour Awards. Not too shabby an accomplishment for a "horse enthusiast and her trail riding prospect".

Since those earlier days, Anita has taken on many different roles in horse organizations. She has assisted with the Promotion Committee of the Ontario Morgan Horse Club, spent several years as a Historical Representative to the Canadian Morgan Horse Association, and six years as the Canadian Equestrian Federation Rep for the Ontario Morgan Horse Club, including scoring of the CEF Ontario Morgan awards. She has also been involved with a few smaller equestrian groups closer to home throughout the years. Her biggest and her continuing role with the Morgan horse has been as an owner and breeder. To date, almost 160 foals have been born at Baronial Morgans, all with the wonderful unique charm and personality of the Morgan breed. Anita is a strong believer that it is the character and versatility of the Morgan horse that sets the Morgan breed apart from others.

The year 2014 was a particularly eventful year at Baronial Morgans. It not only marked the 40th anniversary of Anita's involvement/membership with the Canadian Morgan Association, but it has brought with it a new era of Baronial Morgan's in the show ring. She was so excited, yet nervous too, to return to the show ring after many years of absence. Anita, with the assistance of daughter Stacy, exhibited some of their young stock in hand at the OMHC Classic. Anita

was thrilled to have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, who love the Morgan breed as much as she does. Those 'old' friends were equally thrilled to have her back showing!!

Anita's successful Baronial breeding program continues. These past few years we have witnessed the 'new Baronial era' in full swing both in the show ring and as pleasure horses. Several of Anita's bright, talented Morgan youngsters have found new owners that have returned the Baronial prefix horses to the show scene. Youngsters such as Baronial Casanova, Baronial Blooming Star, Baronial Mr. Charisma and Baronial Blues N Jazz. The Baronial Morgans continue to bring with them the wonderful character and Morgan personality Anita Jackson's breeding program has strived to maintain.

On February 27, 2016 at the Ontario Morgan Horse Club's annual banquet in Port Perry, the very deserving and surprised Anita Jackson was inducted into the Ontario Morgan Horse Club Hall of Fame. An emotional Anita accepted a James Walls limited edition print of Figure as a token acknowledgement of the occasion.

BOBBIN HOLLOW MAXIMA (#6032)

(1975 – 2007)

(Oakwood's Adam x Bobbin Hollow Golly)

Bobbin Hollow Maxima, known as 'Max' to all who knew him, represents the ideal Morgan. He was born in February 1975 at Bobbin Hollow Stable in Amherst, Mass, bred by Woodrow Henry. Max was sired by Oakwood's Adam by Pecos and out of the mare Bobbin Hollow Golly (granddaughter of Upwey Benn Don). Max died at the age of 32, August 2007, in the care of his forever family, the Bartliff's of Campbellville, Ontario. He came to Ontario with the Bartliff family in 1987 when they repatriated to Canadian soil from the United States. His journey with that family is best described in these words from Donna Bartliff.

" Around 1984 our family was so blessed to have acquired our “once in a lifetime” horse, Bobbin Hollow Maxima. When we bought him, sight unseen, we were at Bridle Vale Farm in New Jersey under instruction with Kathleen Walsh (now Peeples). Max was a stallion and when he walked off that trailer I fell in love. He was absolutely beautiful! We had him gelded so that our daughters could show him and at the time we had no idea what a special horse he was. It is no exaggeration to say he taught our whole family how to ride, how to show and really is the reason we got “into” Morgan horses.

Max started out as a Park Harness horse and was called “Hotshot”. Soon it was evident that his forte would be Western Pleasure. Before we got him he was trained as a western horse and could be ridden with a string as a rein!

We showed Max while we were in New Jersey in Junior Exhibitor, Amateur and Open Western Pleasure, getting many very good ribbons. Max was known for his wild victory passes – the crowd loved them but they could be a little frightening for his novice riders!

In 1987 we moved back to Canada and bought a farm in Cambellville, Ontario so we could accommodate Max. That was the start of a whole life of breeding, loving and showing Morgans in Ontario and the U.S.

Max won many western pleasure classes at the OMHC Championship Classic, ridden by me, our daughter, Christine and our daughter, Jennifer. Even my husband, Chuck, showed him one year.

- Max won the Western Pleasure Championship at the Ontario Morgan Classic for 7 consecutive years - 1988 to 1994 and again in 1996.
- He also did very well as a Junior Exhibitor Western Pleasure mount with Jennifer.
- Max won four CMHA Justin Morgan Awards in Western Pleasure.
- He won a CMHA Justin Morgan Youth Western Award.
- In 1993 he was awarded a CMHA Superior Performance Award.
- Our girls won many equitation classes on Max, here and in the U.S.
- His wins in the US were numerous including Grand National Western Pleasure ribbons in the Open, Amateur and Junior Exhibitor classes in Oklahoma. His Oklahoma show ring success spanned many years, for example he won the Grand National Amateur Western Pleasure Stallion class in 1983 and five years later in 1988 took home Grand National top honours in the 14-15 Years Western Pleasure class.

Our family has trophies from our wins with Max in Syracuse at the New York Regional Horse Show. One of my favourite memories was winning the Canadian Owner/Rider Pleasure class in Syracuse as the only western rider in a class of English and Hunt horses.

All that showing aside, Max was a wonderful family horse and ambassador for the Morgan breed. He had a wonderful personality and really did believe he was a "hotshot". Also, he could be very gentle and safe, teaching all of us to ride. You couldn't call him a trail horse but that may have been more our reluctance than his! He did pony rides for lots of little children at our farm. He was my best friend

– whenever I was upset I would talk to him, and just being with him made me feel better.

We took Max to the “Cavalcade of Horses” at the Royal Winter Fair several times and he always behaved perfectly. He liked having people admire him! 😊

Our whole family still misses Max. He was, in every way, our one special horse in a lifetime of exceptional Morgans."

Thank you Donna for those words about your remarkable Morgan, Max.

On February 27, 2016 the Ontario Morgan Horse Club was extremely pleased to honour this outstanding Morgan ambassador Bobbin Hollow Maxima with his induction into the Ontario Morgan Horse Club’s Hall of Fame. We were extremely pleased to have Christine Bartliff Bejjany in attendance to accept his award on behalf of the Bartliff family.

