

U.C. Ringmaster

To Be Remembered Always



*University of Connecticut
Department of Animal Science
UC Ringmaster Memorial
Ceremony*

Sunday, September 29, 2013

*11:30 AM – Tent adjacent to Horse Unit I
Horsebarn Hill Road*

RAIN OR SHINE

UC Ringmaster flourished at horse shows throughout the Northeast and was eventually sent by Orcutt to stand at stud at the farm of Richard and Andrea Hass in Newtown, CT. While there, he further transformed into a national caliber show horse under the guidance of legendary trainer Leslie Parker. UC Ringmaster went on to win World English Pleasure Championships at the annual World Champion Morgan Horse Show in 1991 and 1993.

UC Ringmaster's progeny includes foals that have gone on to emulate their sire as world champions, including UC Top Brass, World Champion Gelding; UC Merlin, World Champion Working Hunter; UC Town Crier, Reserve World Champion Junior Exhibitor Horse; and UC Serendipity, Reserve World Champion Working Hunter. UC Ringmaster was also sire of UConn's first embryo transfer horse, UC Wilde Mark.

In 2001, it was decided that UC Ringmaster should be allowed to retire at the place where his life had begun. The now-famous chestnut stallion would be in residence for another 11 years, during which time he acted as de facto head of UConn's band of Morgan horses.

In 2010, UC Ringmaster made a grand farewell appearance in at Eastern States Exposition, home to many of his triumphs as a youngster, when he was inducted into the CT Morgan Horse Hall of Fame at the age of 32 years.

UC Ringmaster was cremated and his ashes will become part of a permanent memorial marked by a headstone placed in front of UConn Horse Unit I. A fitting tribute to the horse and to the UConn's Morgan Breeding Program.

Excerpts adapted from Sheila Foran's UConn Today article "UC Ringmaster Leaves Indelible Mark on UConn's Morgan Horse Breeding Program"

PARKING – Follow signs to Cornucopia Festival. Turn on to Horsebarn Hill Road. Mention to volunteers/police blocking road you are attending Horse Event and you can then proceed to tent located on east side of UConn Horse Unit 1.

Opening Remarks

Mr. John Bennett
UConn Horse Unit Manager

Memories of UC Ringmaster

Mr. John Bennett
UConn Horse Unit Manager

Ms. Cheryl Orcutt
*Former Owner of UC Ringmaster
and Generous Donor of UC Ringmaster Headstone*

Ms. Helen Scanlon
UConn Alumna & Author

Closing Remarks

Mr. John Bennett
UConn Horse Unit Manager

Conclusion

Book Signing
*Guests are invited to purchase a
signed copy of Helen Scanlon's newly released
book titled "My Horse, My Heart: The Morgan
Horses of the University of Connecticut"*

You're Invited To Attend!

- *"Meet The UConn Morgans & Friends" Tour
11 AM - UConn Horse Unit I*
- *2013 Cornucopia Festival
11AM-4 PM – Quad (outside W.B. Young Bldg)
www.cornucopia.uconn.edu*
- *The CT Poultry Association will sell BBQ Chicken
12:00 NOON @ Cornucopia Festival*

UC Ringmaster Leaves Mark on UConn's Program

UC Ringmaster passed away on November 20, 2012, at the age of 34. Horse Unit Manager, John Bennett '74 (CANR), describes this world champion Morgan stallion as "a horse that thought a lot of himself, and with pretty good reason." Ringmaster was born at UConn in 1978, as the offspring of one of the University's best mares, U.C. Lyric, who had been bred to the leading Morgan sire of his day, Wasseka Show Time.

As with other Morgans born at UConn, UC Ringmaster was schooled in basic stable manners, and then trained to be ridden and driven by students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resource's equine science program. The young stallion enjoyed considerable early success in competition, and showed such potential, that after six years on campus it was decided that he should be sold to Lyman Orcutt, a prominent Morgan breeder/ exhibitor from Peterboro, N.H., so that he could fulfill his promise in the show ring.

The Equine Program at the University of Connecticut accepts breeding service donations as well as monetary donations for new breeding prospects to cover such costs as collection fees and veterinary care associated with a high caliber breeding program. Donations can be made to the "UConn Foundation" and will be handled through the "Friends of UConn Morgan Horses" account.

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