

Windy Hill Farm Adds A New Dimension

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Established in 1955 in Frankfort, Illinois, and later relocating to Monroe, Virginia in 1998, the farm known as Windy Hill is owned by Carolyn Folkers and her two children Karin and Jason. Karin, a well-known horse trainer has been a champion rider all her life. She won her first blue ribbon at nine months old riding in an antique basket – saddle on a Shetland pony (Lollipop) “Successful First” that her grandfather Edward C. Johnson bought for her. Jason is also an accomplished horseman who now manages a thoroughbred broodmare farm in Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Windy Hill Farm has bred and raised many champion American Saddlebreds as they stood Sparkling Supreme, a noted stallion by Valley View Supreme out of Meadowwood Madonna by Sparkling Water. He sired 16 world’s and reserve world’s champions, including Fortune Cookie, Our Good Fortune, Talisman Supreme, Copper Locket, The Count Sweet Lucy, and Hello Dolly to list a few.



The Blue Ridge Mountains make a perfect backdrop for an event location.

Carolyn’s love for broodmares and foals and her ongoing efforts to do major promotions for Saddlebreds keeps her busy! Among the events she has been involved with include the Arlington Budweiser Million, horse show in Chicago, a major parade down Michigan Avenue, an exhibition of world’s champions at the Washington National Horse Show’s 30th year anniversary, mall shows throughout US and Canada, the year of the Saddlebred articles by recognized horsemen, manager of the Old Dominion Classic spring and fall show in Lexington, VA, and a fund raiser for the Chicago Youth Symphony, which was a very successful event promoting the American Saddlebred horse.

Carolyn believes that we all can do better to promote and celebrate “the very best and

most versatile horse in the world, the American Saddlebred.”

She also now has a new goal for the farm. It is a beautiful property located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. “God made it beautiful,” exclaimed Carolyn. The land lends itself to big events, especially weddings. Carolyn has the help of several professional event planners who all look forward to her new goal this year of hosting events. An open house was held on October 27th, 2016. The weather was spectacular, sunset perfect, and all who attended enjoyed a catered light supper. Brides, grooms, photographers, and other guests enjoyed the festivities, but the highlight was when an American Saddlebred mare and foal joined the party! The venue will be opening soon for weddings and special events.



The Folkers’ Windy Hill Farm is now hosting events such as weddings and American Saddlebred mares and foals are part of the atmosphere.



Guests have the opportunity to meet American Saddlebreds up close and personal.



Brides have many choices for photo shoots.



Beautiful mares and foals promote the American Saddlebred to the public on a level they can relate to. Who doesn’t love foals?