



# HOLLOW HAVEN FARM

*Comes To Life*

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The new Hollow Haven barn overlooks the beautiful Versailles, Kentucky, farm.



Among the many trees and shrubs sits the historic home with its great history and views from the second floor.



Many times world's champion of champions CH Our Brilliant Belle is still the queen of Hollow Haven.



The beautiful aisles and accompanying tack rooms and work rooms were well thought out to be both efficient and lasting.



Sandra Surber's many-times world's champion Crystal Creek's Commander is standing at stud at Hollow Haven.



The back porch of the home takes you back to yesteryear.

Starting in Minnesota, relocating to Wisconsin, and now emerging in Versailles, Kentucky, with an amazing new facility, Andy and Lynda Freseth's Hollow Haven Farm has been a journey they've shared with great vision and success. In fact, vision and attention to details are what have created that success in both their professional and personal lives.

CH Gypsy Supreme, CH Heartland Sundust, CH Devoted To The Cause, CH Calvin Hobbs, CH Kalarama's New Sensation, CH His Supreme Reflection, CH Blackberry Delight, CH The Shadow Knows, Pacifico's Standing Ovation, CH Callaway's Forecaster, CH Heartland Expectation, CH Callaway's Pretty Penny, Look Of Success, CH My Wonder, and CH Our Brilliant Belle are just a sprinkling of elite all-stars that have represented the blue and red colors of Hollow Haven Farm and the Freseths will now continue that legacy on what can only be described as a slice of heaven on earth.

The new location is situated on 45 beautiful rolling acres deep in the heart of horse country. Truly the only thing you can hear from any place on the farm are the birds singing and the occasional knicker of one of the farm's champions housed in the 24-stall new barn or in the surrounding pastures next to the magnificent red roof structure. The barn sits on the highest point and in contrast with the ultra-modern structure, some 100 yards away sits their 1815 home, which has given Lynda her greatest pleasure and challenge in restoring. Other than developing another world's champion, bringing this residence back to life is a passion second to none.

The peacefulness of it all is what makes this property so idyllic. A large sloping yard filled with trees, shrubs, and relics of long ago surround the house. Just across the narrow lane the pastures of Art Zubrod's sprawling Brittany Farms are filled with Standardbred foals growing up on the Kentucky bluegrass. Hollow Haven is a property you would never want to leave.

With the house and property, you transport yourself to a much simpler time in history. The Thomas Lyon family built the house, which is on the National Historic Register. They raised tobacco and cattle on the property. The original Ashe floors are still in it, no two boards the same width. The windows and shutters are also original and the brick walls are two feet thick with the Flemish Bond pattern used by the bricklayer. There is a coal-burning fireplace in every room in the house. In one room an entire wall has a wall paper mural of Niagara Falls, the same one that can be seen in the White House. The wrap around back porch still has the rails that the horses were tied to.

"The home was renovated in the early '80s and the original paint colors were duplicated," said Lynda. "It also hasn't been lived in since the '80s."

As they did when they moved to Wisconsin, the Freseths have included the past with the now. Besides a few items from their former location incorporated into the new facility, several beams and boards from the original tobacco barn on the property were used in the new barn, particularly for the tops of some unbelievable tables in their

new, state-of-the-art tack rooms and harness rooms. The oversized (width and height) indoor arena is made for some serious training and also when the time comes, it will be ideal for another show horse trainer or for someone in the hunter/jumper world.

Great thought went into every aspect of the new barn, from the large enclosed bull pen off of the indoor arena, to the shoeing shop, to the surface of the aiseways. Old time tail boards in the stalls will last forever. This barn is indeed a combination of their two personalities: Andy, the clean and neat freak; Lynda, the creative one, always tinkering, always striving to make things as perfect as they can be.

It's a formula that has worked for several years for the training duo. And given the new inspiration from their surroundings we can expect what we've come to know from the Hollow Haven team on the industry's biggest stages – champion American Saddlebreds and Hackneys year after year. The only difference being, now when they pull in the driveway after a week-long show, they will know they are truly home!



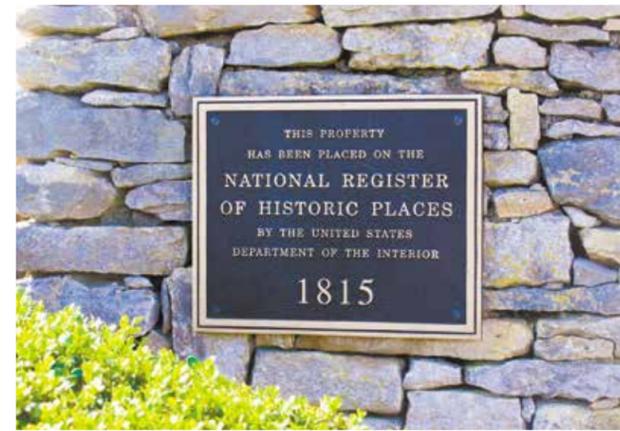
This three-year-old is showing great promise as a road pony prospect.



Beautiful murals are part of the décor of the 1815 home.



These two stone pillars frame the drive to the main residence.



Lynda has No Words Needed ready for the upcoming season.



The fireplaces throughout the home are stunning.



This impressive piece resides in the beautifully appointed office at the new Hollow Haven.



Heartland Hayday will make his presence known in the Hackney pleasure driving division this season.

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