



## Sylvia Haines

APHC Hall of Fame

For more than 40 years, Sylvia Haines has devoted her life to breeding, raising, showing and selling top-of-the-line Appaloosas out of her Linwood Homestead stables in Linwood, Maryland. Early on, she made an indelible mark on the industry when she bought and campaigned one of the great sires in ApHC history, the blanketed chestnut 1976 stallion Dandy San. Under Sylvia's guidance he had a winning show record—then as a sire went on to produce 121 registered foals that have collectively earned over 1300 performance points, 872.5 halter points, seven bronze and one silver medallion, 26 Registers of Merit, six Superior Event winners, three Club Champions, four Versatility Champions and one Supreme Champion.

Among his most notable get and with Sylvia's careful placement and support, Lins Dandy U Bet, Lins Dandy Lad, Lins Disco Dandy, Lins O So Dandy, Lins

Overdu Dandy, Lins Jus To Dandy and Used Tobe A Dandy, to name just a few, have proven themselves in youth, non-pro and open competition at the highest levels.

Sylvia is known for always being a friendly and familiar face at the ApHC shows and events. Since 1971 she has been passionate about helping to strengthen the breed and bring new families into the industry. She is unwavering in her support and promotion of Appaloosas, regional clubs and the Appaloosa Youth Association. She has maintained memberships and served on the boards of both the Keystone and Maryland regional clubs, where she has always strived for innovative ways to encourage growth and excitement for the breed. Sylvia also served the ApHC as a national director from 1984—1990.

One of the great ways Sylvia contributes is in the show ring itself where she is a very talented competitor. She has accumulated over 288 non-pro halter gelding points, 157 non-pro halter mare points and 54 non-pro halter stallion points. As part of the near-dynasty of success of Lins horses, Sylvia has exhibited 12 ApHC non-pro halter world champions and reserve world champions that include Lins Impressive Cabin, Lins Cabin Fever, Investment Package, Lins Solid Impresion, Lins Total Package, Lins McDreamy and Déjà vu Dreams. She has topped 500 non-pro points as a competitor, and in her pursuit of excellence in lineage has earned the coveted Leading Breeder title at the World Show.

Sylvia's enthusiasm and determination are unstoppable. Not even heart valve replacement surgery in early 2011 could daunt her spirit or prevent her from attaining her goal of being able to show that season. An impressive streak of wins in non-pro halter geldings and mares led right into the World show where Sylvia won the championship with her 3-year-old gelding Lins Solid Impresion, and the reserve championship with her weanling gelding, Lins Total Package.

It is her unbridled enthusiasm and generosity, and unwavering support of and contributions to the breed, consistently over the decades for which Sylvia Haines has been respected and recognized as a pillar of the breed—and earned her induction into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame.