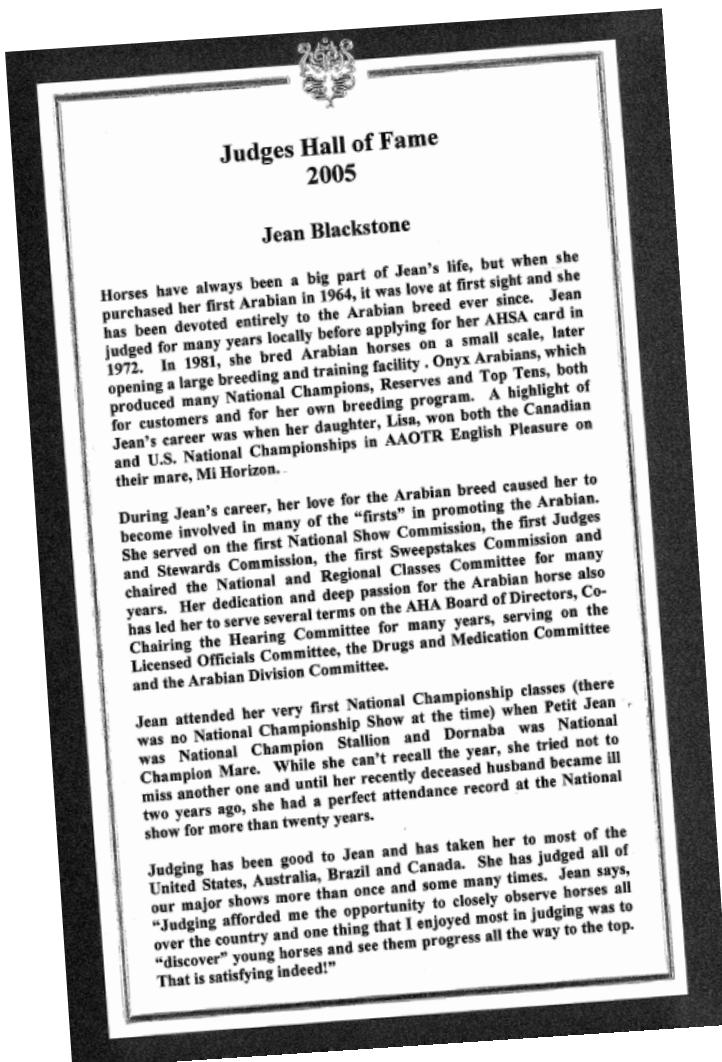




Jean Blackstone

2005 Inductee

- Licensed Arabian Judge 1972 – 2005



Horses have always been a big part of Jean's life, but when she purchased her first Arabian in 1964, it was love at first sight and she has been devoted entirely to the Arabian breed ever since. Jean judged for many years locally before applying for her AHSA card in 1972. In 1981, she bred Arabian horses on a small scale, later opening a large breeding and training facility, Onyx Arabians, which produced many National Champions, Reserves and Top Tens, both for customers and for her own breeding program. A highlight of Jean's career was when her daughter, Lisa, won both the Canadian and U.S. National Championships in AAOTR English Pleasure on their mare, Mi Horizon.

During Jean's career, her love for the Arabian breed caused her to become involved in many of the "firsts" in promoting the Arabian. She served on the first National Show Commission, the first Judges and Stewards Commission, the first Sweepstakes Commission and chaired the National and Regional Classes Committee for many years. Her dedication and deep passion for the Arabian horse also has led her to serve several terms on the AHA Board of Directors, Co-Chairing the Hearing Committee for many years, serving on the Licensed Officials Committee, the Drugs and Medication Committee and the Arabian Division Committee.

Jean attended her very first National Championship classes (there was no National Championship Show at the time) when Petit Jean was National Champion Stallion and Dornaba was National Champion Mare. While she can't recall the year, she tried not to miss another one and until her recently deceased husband became ill two years ago, she had a perfect attendance record at the National show for more than twenty years.

Judging has been good to Jean and has taken her to most of the United States, Australia, Brazil and Canada. She has judged all of our major shows more than once and some many times. Jean says, "Judging afforded me the opportunity to closely observe horses all over the country and one thing that I enjoyed most in judging was to "discover" young horses and see them progress all the way to the top. That is satisfying indeed!"



- Information from 1982 AHA Judges' Directory



MRS. JEAN BLACKSTONE

Born: Durham, North Carolina on May 17th, 1932
Education: Elon College, and the University of Georgia. (Business and English)
(Completed the course in Equine Lameness at the University of Georgia, School of Veterinary Medicine.)
Present Occupation: Teacher
Horse Club Activities: Active in the Georgia Arabian Horse Association., the Heart of Georgia Arabian Horse Association., the Southeastern Arabian Horse Association., the Greater Atlanta Dressage Association., and the Piedmont Pony Club. Serve on numerous Committees of the I.A.H.A.
Other organizations and Activities: Equitation Instructor in the Georgia 4 H Horse School; give demonstrations for the Horse Management Course at the University of Georgia.
Horse interests: Showing and training; Owns four Arabians