



Fern Bittner

2014 Inductee

- Licensed USEF Steward from 1962 through 2008.
- Licensed Arabian judge from 1982 through 2008.



4-Judges (Arabian) at the
Judges Seminar
Elizabeth - Edie - Fern - Cecile
(Fern & Cecile College Classmates)



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Fern grew up in Columbia, Missouri and showed stock trained by her grandfather, Tony T. Palmer. She attended Stephens College, where she became the Vice President of the Prince of Wales Club and in that position Fern managed her first horse show. From there Fern went on to study at Stephens College where she taught riding lessons and upon her graduation she continued as Director of Horsemanship for 24 years. She taught saddle seat, stock and hunter seat until 1981. During Fern's tenure at Lindenwood, she transformed a horsemanship program and grew it to have over 100 students. After teaching she began to work as a judge, manager, and steward for: Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred, and all breed shows. Bittner received her AHSA Judge's card in 1959 and her Arabian Large R Judge's card in 1982.

After receiving her judges' cards, Bittner managed over 17 shows including, the Missouri State Fair, St. Louis National, Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, Oklahoma Centennial, Pin Oak Charity, Morgan Grand National and the American Royal. Fern also held a USEF judging card in several breeds and divisions and she was a recognized USEF Steward. Bittner worked on numerous committees of both UPHA and USEF and on countless equestrian related advisory boards and steering committees. In 2007 Bittner was presented with the American Royal Horseperson of the Year Award, for her large influence in the horse industry. She and her husband retired in Columbia, Missouri on what was her parents' farm.