

Horsemanship Trophy

2013: John Fitzsimmons

2011: Carolyn Aarup

Carolyn Aarup turns her horses out to a "T" and they are well behaved and mannerly. I appreciate the fact that Carolyn's stallions are disciplined and refrained from "studdy" behaviour. It's not easy showing stallions and Carolyn should be commemorated for promoting the breed to its fullest potential by showing well groomed & well behaved stallions. Carolyn has GREAT knowledge about minis, a fabulous trainer and an amazing teacher. Carolyn is a co-founding member of the new youth club where she is the teacher reg. all minis. She has been the 4-H leader in the Georgian Triangle Miniature Horse Club for 3 years. She has enormous patience and her teaching skills are nothing short of amazing! She loves sharing her knowledge and is always encouraging both young and 'old' to give it their best! I know of no one who devotes more of their time and energy than Carolyn.

2010: John McCallum

John brings out his horses to all shows and they are all in fine condition, well trained and cared for, he truly enjoys his horses." "John always has his horses groomed to a 't'; conditioned to a 't'; and ALWAYS in perfect show condition. He takes pride in his horses and the way they look. He loves his horses so much. He loves to tell you his experience and help you out in anyway he can." "John must spend a lot of time conditioning and grooming his horses as they are always ready for the show ring.

2009: Carolyn Aarup

Here are what the nominations for Carolyn Aarup said: Carolyn has trained many horses, each and every Mini comes out to the shows just gleaming, presented in a professional way. She shows respect to her horses, signs of a good trainer. She does more for the club in every way than anyone else and you can tell how much time she spends with her horses and how kind she is to them. Seeing her success in the show ring, what she contributes to promoting the breed, watching her joy in Miniature Horses makes her most deserving of this award.

2008: Samantha Shaver

Sam is a MHCO member who has consistently proven her ability to bring out the best in her horse. Not only has she displayed that she can show her own horses but she has also proven that she can take others' horses into the ring and bring out that horse's talent. Sam 's horses are always turned out and conditioned well and appear to be happy performing for her. Sam simply glows when she excitedly tells or shows someone something new she has taught her horse to do since the last time she saw them. She has shown she can "teach an old horse new tricks" as well as a new horse new tricks when she taught an experienced show horse to drive this year and also a new your horse to do Obstacles; both of which are showing great promise.