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### Happy Holidays!

*The joy and excitement of the holidays will continue throughout the new year for all of us in the Morgan world.*

*We hope you enjoy the committee news in the newsletter and share our excitement about the "I" programs.*

*As always, we welcome your feedback.*

*Please let us know what you think by emailing [AMHIOffice@aol.com](mailto:AMHIOffice@aol.com).*

Sincerely,  
Bob Morgan

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It has been an exciting year of growth and development for the Morgan community. Through the support of the membership, AMHI continues working to advance the breed and the programs and services we offer you, our members.

Whatever your interest, the Association has many resources and opportunities for you to enjoy with your Morgan. Join us today! Visit [www.morganhorse.com](http://www.morganhorse.com)



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Committee Update:  
**Kentucky Horse Park**

We're doing great things! We've broken ground on The Morgan Pavilion at the Kentucky Horse Park. We have an angel who has loaned us \$1.5 million to get construction underway. The total cost of \$2 million also includes a \$500,000 in kind donation from Morton Buildings. We are going to expose the Morgan horse to thousands and thousands of people. It is a beautiful building. Kee Fu has donated his services. We have the last spot at the Kentucky Horse Park. It is an awesome project and I am fiercely proud of it, a labor of true love for all of us.

*Elaine Galatz, Chair*



Committee Update:  
**Grand National & World Championship  
Morgan Horse Show**

This year is the 37th horse show with 1,093 horses presently entered from more than 40 states and three foreign countries. Fred Dills will chair the 2010 horse show with George Arnold as treasurer. Tony Lee is nominated for the chair elect for 2011. Kay Lawter is retiring from the Grand National Executive Committee and is replaced by Sally Plumley. The Horse Show Committee, with the vote of the AMHI Board of Trustees, established a trustee emeritus committee with the first two appointments being John Green and Mona Skager to recognize their many years of service to the Grand National.

*Georgie Green, Chair*



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## Committee Update: Nominating

The terms of ten trustees ends February 2010 and the committee is in the process of identifying those who wish to serve as trustee for the first time, and those incumbents who wish to run again.

*John Green, Chair*

## Committee Update: Scholarship

Two named scholarships were committed during the week of the Grand National, thanks to the wonderful work of Robin Rednor-Veghte. Robin and her husband Robert Veghte will fund a \$3,000 educational scholarship. The second educational scholarship is funded by Daniel and Leslie Kelley. Both scholarships will be awarded in June 2010. Huge thank to all of these important donors without whom, in these tighter economic times, we would be wanting. Please consider a monthly credit card donation to fund a third scholarship. These smaller amounts in the aggregate can make a big difference to a Morgan youth. Additional opportunities for named scholarships are available. Please contact me at a\_taylor@woodlandstallion.com if you are interested.

*Ann Taylor, Chair*



## Committee Update: World Morgan Futurity

Breeding is down and therefore there are fewer weanlings. The committee just finished an auction in which 27 trainers donated a month of training and four publications donated a full page, color advertisement. Thank you for your support of the auction. The WMF program rewards people who bought the breeding at the stallion service auction by becoming eligible to compete for an additional \$10,000 in prize money; two horses are competing for it this year.

*Barb Rudicel, Chair*



## Committee Update: Morgan Weanling Gala

The inaugural weanling sweepstakes held at the Jubilee in September was a huge success with 25 weanlings awarded 10 places. The 10 awardees represented nine different stallions. The payout was \$67,000. Maretta Kennedy donated the trophy. There were several corporate sponsors, major publication donated free advertising, tack shops donated equipment or gift certificates, and Howard Schatzberg Photography donated complimentary photographs. Twenty-three stallions have been nominated for 2010.

*Larry Bolen, Chair*



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## AMHI ANNOUNCES GRAND NATIONAL TRUSTEES EMERITUS

The American Morgan Horse Institute is pleased to announce that the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show Committee has established a Trustees Emeritus Committee naming John T. Green and Mona Skager as the first inductees.

“The emeritus status was created for individuals that have had a long-time commitment to the success of the Grand National Horse Show no matter what particular job or office they were assigned. These are candidates who did not have a personal agenda,” said Fred Dills, 2010 Grand National Horse Show Committee Chair. “They are people who have been instrumental in the Grand National's evolution and upon whom the committee can rely for advice and history,” added Georgie Green, 2009 chair.



**JOHN T. GREEN**  
Born and raised in Dallas, John Green graduated from The University of Texas in 1959 and served in the Army Reserves until 1968. After graduating from college, he began his career as a commercial realtor in the Dallas area where

he continues to own and operate income properties.

John currently serves on the board of the American Trust Company. His involvement in community service includes president of the Allen Rotary Club, chair of the Allen Chamber of Commerce, and, most recently, chair of the Presbyterian Hospital of Allen. John served on the board of directors of the American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) from 1974 to 1976. He served as chair of the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show in 1991 and 1996. He was the AMHA Man of the Year in 1995 and was inducted into the AMHA Hall of Fame in 2007.

John married his high school sweetheart, Georgie Fulton, in 1957. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. They moved to a Green

family farm in Collin County, Texas in 1970 where they started breeding, training, showing, and selling Morgan horses. In 2006, they purchased land in Erath County, Texas where they now live and continue their Morgan horse operation. John is a member of the American Morgan Horse Institute (AMHI) Board of Trustees.



**MONA SKAGER**  
Raised and educated in southern California, Mona Skager entered the entertainment business and began her career at an independent television channel in the news and publicity departments. She subsequently met aspiring film students, Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas, who were just finishing their college degrees. “Francis decided it would be great to start his own film company,” said Mona. “He was offered a small feature film and I signed on as script supervisor and production secretary.”

Mona became a producer on noteworthy films including The Godfather, Godfather II, Apocalypse Now, The Conversation, Hammett, and One from the Heart. She was a principal in the video production company Arelt & Skager, Inc.

She became a grower in a vineyard in the Napa Valley for ten years, involved with owning and showing Morgan horses, and invested in rental properties in San Francisco. She has been active in the San Francisco Opera Guild as vice president of fund raising, executive director of the San Francisco Film Festival, chair of the St. Francis Hospital Associates, president of the Redwood Morgan Horse Club of Northern California, and a member of the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show Committee for twelve years. She is currently a member of the AMHI Kentucky Horse Park Committee working on the Morgan Horse Pavilion scheduled to open in 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mona works with McGuire Real Estate in San Francisco and lives in Pacific Heights. She is a member of the AMHI Board of Trustees.

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## AMHI Committees

### AMHI/AMHA Building Committee:

Co-Chairs: Cindy Mugnier (AMHA) and Jack Gatewood (AMHA/AMHI)  
Treasurer: Harry Sebring  
Members: John Green (AMHI), Art Perry (AMHI), Susie Fu (AMHI), Julie Broadway (AMHA Ex Officio), Harry Sebring (AMHA), Ling Fu Wylie (AMHA).

### AMHI By-Laws Committee:

Chair: Sherry Cole  
Members: Ellen DiBella, Jill Smith

### AMHI Public Relations Committee:

Chair: Tony Lee  
Members: Ellen DiBella, Robin Rednor-Veghte

### AMHI Insurance Oversight Committee:

Chair: Darwin Olson  
Members: Robert Morgan, Mark Staehnke

### AMHI Kentucky Horse Park Committee:

Chair: Elaine Galatz  
Treasurer:  
Members: Susie Fu, Jack Gatewood, Art Perry, Fran Pugh, Mona Skager, Jill Smith

### AMHI Nominating Committee:

Chair: John Green  
Members: Barbara Rudicel, Beth Fancsali

### AMHI Scholarship Committee:

Chair: Ann Taylor  
Treasurer:  
Members: Jill Smith

### AMHI Strategic Direction Committee to Coordinate Fundraising Activities:

Chair: Elaine Galatz  
Members: Beth Fancsali, Sherry Cole, Ellen DiBella, Robin Rednor-Veghte

### AMHI Travel Committee:

Chair: Jill Smith  
Treasurer:  
Members: Art Perry, Ann Taylor

## Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show Committee:

Executive Show Committee: George Arnold (2008 Chair), Fred Dills (2008 Treasurer), Elaine Galatz, Georgie Green (2009 Chair), Kay Lawter, Tony Lee, Darwin Olson, Barbara Rudicel, Jim Stewart.  
Ancillary Show Committee: Phil Alderman, Sherry Cole, Jeff Gove, Iann Fu Longenecker, Sally Plumley, Byron Singer. Ex-Officio: Cindy Mugnier (AMHA President), Robert Morgan (AMHI President), Julie Broadway, (AMHA Executive Director). Fred Nava will continue as Show Manager, Sally Wadhams, now fulltime as Director of Sponsor Relations, and Peggy Hatfield as Show Secretary.

## National Museum of the Morgan Horse Council:

Chair: Carol Potts, Alabama  
Eastern Vice President: Robin Rednor, Florida  
Western Vice President: Jill Smith, California  
Secretary: Gayle Singer, Indiana  
Treasurer: Anne Brown, Vermont  
Members: Jack Gatewood, Michigan; Jeff Gove, New Hampshire; Helen Herold, Massachusetts; and, Linda Jung, Wisconsin

## World Morgan Futurity Committee:

Chair: Barb Rudicel  
Treasurer:  
Members: Belle Hufferd, Tami Johnson, Tony Lee, Iann Fu Longenecker, Sally Plumley, Gail Yaeger, Linda Hawkins

## AMHI Planned Giving Committee:

Chair: Richard Hawkins  
Treasurer:  
Members: Bob Burger, Anne Brown, Beth Fancsali

## AMHI Weanling Sweepstakes

Chair: Larry Bolen  
Treasurer: Paulette Bodnar  
Members: Shanna Gish (Secretary), Paulette Bodnar (Treasurer), Fran Pugh and Beth Fancsali

## AMHI Membership Committee

Chair: Jill Smith  
Treasurer:  
Members: Robin Rednor-Veghte, George Arnold