

Diane can't remember a time when she didn't love horses and want one of her own. Until that dream came true, she spent her time riding her friend's horses and developing her artistic talent drawing them.

Diane's first horse was a Tennessee Walker that her parents bought from a cousin that was heading off to nursing school, which she showed at local fun shows and in 4 H throughout her teens. The dream of owning an American Saddlebred came true with the purchase of Flight's Scarlet Angel from David Cunningham of Beaverbrook Stables in Knoxville, Tennessee in the early 1970's. When Diane moved back to Iowa, Scarlet came with her and was shown successfully in Model, Country English Pleasure and Country Western Pleasure at a time when there was an IHSA accredited show just about every weekend throughout the state.

Since then, Diane has owned and shown many nice American Saddlebred horses, showing in various divisions including Model, English Pleasure, Gaited and Driving. Her first Gaited horse, Spicy Peavine, was one of many winning show horses she purchased from Milt Gauger of Iowa Valley Stables in Marengo. Milt trained Spicy and Diane's other horses for more than 15 years and helped her accumulate countless blue ribbons. Spicy was never sold and remained with Diane for 20 years and is buried on her and husband Ed's acreage near Hudson. Diane has been showing in Western Pleasure for the past 10 years and gives credit for her success in that division to her long time friend and trainer, Deb Brass of Reinbeck, Ia. Among her other favorite horses are Harlem's April Fool, Bourbon Old Fashioned, It Might Be Magic and an old gray pony named Peanut.

Diane is a past Iowa Horse Show Assoc. director, past and present Iowa American Saddlebred Assoc. director as well as serving as IASA secretary in the 1980's. She serves on the Iowa Summer Spectacular Horse Show committee along with donating many hours of her time and talent as a commercial artist developing logos and various works of art to help and support horse shows and clubs throughout Iowa.

Diane would like to thank the Iowa Horseman's Hall of Fame for this great honor and also thank husband Ed for his love and support in this wonderful sport of horse showing.