

## **Cindy Marcucci Ireland 2018**

Raised in a barn pretty much describes Cindy Marcucci Ireland. Born the second daughter of Hall of Fame trainer Gib and Betty Marcucci of Monmouth, Iowa, she joined her sister Lorrie. Cindy helped in the stable from a very young age, falling in love with the ponies. Working behind the scene grooming, cleaning harness and buggies, doing chores, making hay and driving any pony her Dad would let her.

Cindy first entered the show ring at the Iowa State Fair, at the age of 10. Showing her classic Shetland pony HiLite to a beautiful pink ribbon. That is where her show career began. Cindy has showed in all divisions at shows throughout the country, such as Devon, PA, Illinois State Fair, World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, KY, The American Royal and Lexington Jr. League. Her true love was the two and three day shows throughout the state of Iowa.

In 1981 she married Kevin Ireland and shared the love of the hackney pony with him. Together they began breeding and producing 1 to 2 foals a year frequently showing them in the futurities. Ponies they have raised and showed include The Sultan of Swing, the only 2 year old hackney to win both the in-hand and driving division in the same year at the Illinois State Fair, World Champion Junior Hackney Pony Fashionation, CC Rider, CH The Final Contender, CH Classical Dancer, Hawkeyes Legacy and Austin Powers.

In 1984 their daughter Tabitha was born. One of Cindy's favorite memories is participating in the first USA Equitana. Cindy, Kevin and Tabitha presented the hackney pony Mr. Hawkeye, and with Tabitha at the lines her harness pony Grand Event.

Cindy is a member of the Iowa Horse Show Association, USEF, UPHA, American Hackney Horse Society, Mid-West Hackney Association and The Mid-America Hackney Association, which she served as Secretary for many years. Cindy helps in any way she can with the Mid-States horse show.

Cindy would like to thank the Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame for this prestigious honor.