



# NASS News

## Welcome NASS Members

*As president of the NASS, I would like to welcome all the new members and thank all the old members for their continued support. It is exciting to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the North American Shagya Arabian Society, Inc.*

*It is also exciting to see all the enthusiasm and new faces that have joined in sharing their Shagya experiences. I encourage ALL members to share not only their experiences and photos but also to offer suggestions to make NASS even better.*

*This will be the first edition of the newsletter in hard copy for some time and we would like to have your feedback. A special thank you to our new editor for taking over this endeavor.*

*Wishing you all safe and happy riding!*

*Arlene Michaud, NASS President*



*National Stud at Babolna, Hungary  
Photo courtesy Keiko Foss, DVM*

## JOURNEYS

### Riding in the Rose Festival Parade by Shelley Child

Never in my life did I imagine I would be in the Rose Parade, much less riding one of my beloved Shagyas in it. Yet here I was, in a symphony of sights and sound...bands playing, crowds cheering, floats going by, people everywhere, noise makers and poppers...and my "tiny Tina" took it all in stride.

Months earlier, a group of southern California endurance riders and a handful of American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) legends from northern California and Nevada learned that they had been accepted as one of only 20 equestrian groups to participate. As part of a "Green Bean" endurance team, I planned to participate riding the recently-leased Shagya mare



Brise (Sarvar x Bridget), but after an unexpected colic surgery, I decided to ride Nicolatina Star AF (Starwalker x \*Nicolette), who had only been under saddle less than a year. Not what I would recommend, but she did beautifully.

Our group practiced separately, and several parades were done throughout the year by both groups. Then we all came together a week before the parade at the L.A. Equestrian Center. We practiced, participated in the Equestfest (a showcase of all the equestrian groups in the parade and a good dry run for the parade), kept our horses and tack clean, and slipped some more practices in. During an afternoon BBQ, I was lucky enough to sit next to 91-year-old Julie Suhr (30,000+ AERC miles)!

A section of the freeway was closed the night before the parade and all equestrian units camped there. Our group of 23 horses, riders, spouses and outwalkers all caravanned in nine rigs and it was nearly midnight before we were able to settle in and get some rest. Yeah, as though that was going to happen with

all of Pasadena celebrating and one of the biggest experiences in my life underway. But 5 a.m. was here before I knew it. I got down to polishing the last few bits on Tina, getting the flowers properly attached (hoping she wouldn't eat them), then made sure I was presentable, complete with my beautiful new Rose Parade belt buckle and MAC Russian Red lipstick. I saddled up and trotted down the freeway to the offramp where the staging area was. (Continued on back page.)

Thanks for your patience as we transition the newsletter back to a hard copy format. I was asked to take on the task this spring and readily agreed, happy to give back to NASS. Then I promptly got enmeshed in preparations for our daughter's wedding, so this project is sadly overdue. I greatly appreciate the kind patience of the board and membership.

I'm owned and managed by two grey mares here at our farm in SW Washington: Hera AF and Sheherazade AF. I love my girls and, as a lifetime horsewoman, knew I'd found my heart horses when I discovered Shagyas.

I'm excited to share the first story in our "Journeys" series and I hope you enjoy Shelley Child's adventures in the Rose Bowl Parade. What is your favorite Shagya journey? Please keep your stories and photos coming; we are a small group, bonded through this beautiful breed and I want the newsletter to reflect all aspects of Shagya ownership.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

*Melissa Rodewald*



## Kerrigan Bloodstock, Eureka CA



*A first-ever filly was born last spring to German import mare \*Thassia . KB Takara Fahim was sired by NASS approved purebred Arabian KB Omega Fahim++++//*



*Takara and Safira as yearlings, April 2016*



*Samantha also easily produced a beautiful blue/black filly, KB Safira Fahim by KB Omega Fahim++++//*



*4 year old KB Thor Fahim (KB Omega Fahim++++// x \*Thassia) shown here in the process of becoming Pacific Slope Champion half-Arabian stallion, In Hand. He was also first place at the AHANC show for AHA Region 2 and AHA Region 3.*



*Above: Hope Phelon with Inchantress AF sends greetings from Wyoming.*

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- Sport Horse Under Saddle*
- Combined Training*
- Dressage*
- Driving (Combined and Pleasure)*
- Hunter*
- Hunter Pleasure*
- Jumper*
- Competitive Trail Riding*
- Endurance Riding*
- Meritorious Sire*
- Meritorious Dam*

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## Northeast Shagyas, Danby VT



*Above: Hallie Goetz and O'Bajan Sahara SHG*



*Above: Four-year old gelding L'Amor SHG (by \*KS Rubin out of \*Lutka-62) found a perfect home with Paulita Neff, a treeless saddle maker and lifetime horsewoman.*



*Left: Hallie reports that L'Amor SHG's older half brother Ledger SHG is rock solid with his new owner.*

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## Witsend Shagya Arabians, Cerrillos, NM



*WS Emilagra has been retired to trail horse status after taking owner Kathy Richkind to NM Reserve Champion in 2nd Level Dressage in 2013.*



*Kathy recently acquired Echo's Eroica AF and has been showing her in training level.*



*The third Echo Daal descendant in Kathy's barn is WS Elodie, who Kathy writes received 7s on all her collective marks at her second level debut and is schooling over fences in preparation for eventing.*

## FARM NEWS & PHOTOS



**Above: 2014 High Point breeding colt KB Tomega Fahim , owned by Chris Bailey, shown by breeder Elaine Kerrigan. This young stallion started his sport horse career under saddle this year. Owner Chris Bailey says, "Our goal is to follow his sire and sister in dressage."**



**Libby MacFarlane sends news of Shagya Scherzo AF: "I grew up on a NZ dairy farm and have had horses since I was 14 years old. I married an American and we lived in the Northeast for many years, relocating to Nashville in the early 2000s. We enjoyed many years here in Tennessee until 2014 when he passed away from COPD. He was always so supportive and interested in my horses. I have been riding dressage for about 4 years; prior to that was mostly trail riding. Scherzo is a fantastic teacher. He has taught me in countless ways. I love his forward, his consistency and the calm that he radiates. I ride him about 4 days a week and hope to compete in local shows in training level but I will always put his health and happiness first. He is strong and sound but after all, he is 24, so I don't want to overstep his comfort level."**

### Riding in the Rose Festival Parade (continued from front)

It was an amazing feeling as we started, then all of a sudden we were turning onto "television corner" with the giant stands and TV cameras. The best part was actually seeing my mother there in the top row of the stands. Somehow I looked up and just knew it was her! I whopped and hollered and thought, "this is something I'll never forget." The parade ended seven miles later without a misstep by my lovely mare.



**Photo credit Janice Housh**

The Rose Parade is a bucket list item I have now checked off. I don't plan on doing it again — it's a lot of time effort and money...plus my husband would probably divorce me if I ever mentioned wanting to do it again. It could not have been done without his support and the help of so many people and companies. All in all, one of the most exciting days of my life and I was proud to be doing it on my Shagya.

### Unicorn Preserve, Sioux City, IA



**Terry Hey with Shagya Emir AF (Shagya Scherzo and Echo Daal), one of three Shagya Arabs residing with Terry in Iowa.**

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