

THE SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION

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OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE SPANISH MUSTANG AND THE NEED TO PROTECT AND PERPETUATE THE BREED.

A TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN ICON

-- Emmett Brislawn



Emmett Brislawn is a true symbol of the American spirit and his devotion to save this breed will be sorely missed. His life was spent preserving the Spanish Mustang and provided a stable place, in Oshoto Wyoming, for its survival in the modern world. In 1957 the family founded the Spanish Mustang Registry to further the efforts to save the breed.

Breeders and owners of Spanish Mustangs owe a debt of gratitude to Emmett and his family for their preservation work. His continued focus on the maintenance of this horse with an emphasis on natural selection brought the breed back from extinction.

A goal that Emmett expressed in the years just prior to his death was his desire to work with children, the next generation. Those of us here at the Spanish Mustang Foundation have responded to that last dream by dedicating the Youth Mustang Clinics to his memory.



Robert Emmett Brislawn

September 11, 1932 - June 1, 2010

MAKE A DONATION

We invite you to join us in the work of promoting an understanding of and protection for this deserving American horse. Your generous tax-deductible donation will support our programs to educate the public about the Spanish Mustang and the need to protect and perpetuate the breed.

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Thank you!

YOUTH CLINICS

Experiential Education Program

One of our programs is an experiential education program for children. The program started in the spring and ended this fall with trainer Robin Doughman. Scholarships were awarded to students for the sessions. The foundation is making this connection for children, the next generation, so they have a clear understanding of the history, character, and nature these horses have held over the centuries.

The early clinics focused on five ground-work techniques with a rope that build communication skills and provide for a safe environment for the child and horse. Leadership is established when the child achieves a mastery regarding the core skills of leading, backing, turning the front end, disengaging the hind

quarters and moving the shoulders. The clinic at the Little Cayuse Ranch gave the students an opportunity to ride. A partnership between rider and horse was established and revealed the healing power of horses. Horsemanship based on a natural partnership can build confidence and patience that can lead to self-worth.

We want thank Robin Doughman for his careful instruction given to each student and horse, and all the volunteers who donate their time. A special thanks also goes to the Spanish Mustang horses that made this year's youth and adult clinics the extraordinary experiences that they were!



MUSTANGS AND MINDFULNESS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

An adult leadership training course with Spanish Mustangs and professional trainer, Robin Doughman, was launched on November 6, 2010 called Mustangs and Mindfulness. As Robin says, "Horse training is not just about horsemanship. It's about a way of life."

The practice of mindfulness is paying close attention to the present experience, intention and purpose, and the awareness and clear comprehension that arises from it.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

The Spanish Mustang Foundation is collaborating with local filmmaker Sharon Eliashar to produce a documentary on the Spanish Mustang. The documentary will focus on the history of the horse from its introduction to the American continent to present day. Ms. Eliashar has interviewed Dr Jay Kirkpatrick, Ph. D. Director of the Science and Conservation Center, Billings

Montana, on the most recent research on the evolution of the horse. She has also interviewed Emil Her Many Horses, Curator of the Museum of the American Indian, of the Smithsonian Institute about the horse in Indian culture. We are very excited to be working with Ms. Eliashar on this project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Spanish Mustang Foundation believes that education of the public about this breed is essential to its continued preservation. Our focus is directed at providing educational materials to the public about the Spanish Mustang. Emphasis is placed on the

qualities of this horse and the legacy it has contributed to our nations' history. This year we have made presentations to local groups in the Santa Fe to spread awareness of the Spanish Mustang.

SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION CALENDAR

The Spanish Mustang Foundation Calendar features photography of Spanish Mustangs on the range in New Mexico. All proceeds from the sale of this calendar go to The Spanish Mustang Foundation. A copy of the Spanish Mustang Foundation 2011 Calendar may be purchased online from Lulu Marketplace.



ALTERMANN GALLERY AUCTION

We partnered with Altermann Galleries and Auctioneers again this year with an art exhibition and auction. The two day event marked the anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe and the intrinsic role the Spanish Mustang has in the story of the American west. David Mann's painting, "Restless Mustangs," was purchased for \$5150 by Dr. And Mrs. Max B. Chennault at the silent auction on July

31, 2010 with all proceeds allocated to the foundation. This sale helped to deliver the resources we need to continue and establish the programs we need to preserve the Spanish Mustang, which is on the critical list of rare breeds of horses. We take this opportunity to offer our thanks, deep gratitude, and appreciation to Tony and Richard Altermann and David Mann for this year's auction.



NEXT YEAR'S AUCTION

Kim Mackey will be the featured artist at the Altermann Gallery for our July, 2011 fundraiser.

A native of Pueblo, Colorado Kim Mackey is one of a few artists in America to be selected as a signature member of the Oil Painters of America. He has been featured in many highly respected Art Magazines. The Denver Post has called him "a master of (his)

genre," and Southwest Art has acknowledged him as a traditional cowboy artist in the finest sense of the word. The foundation and Altermann Galleries are proud to be working with award winning artist, Kim Mackey. He is in the process of preparing a painting he will donate for the preservation of the Spanish Mustang.

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