



NEW HORSESHOEING HALL OF FAMERS. Clockwise from upper left: Bob Lantis, Dennis Manning, Bob Marshall, Danny Ward, Jim Linzy, Walt Taylor, Edward Martin, Leo Carrier, Myron McLane and Jim Keith, Jr.

Ten Farriers Inducted Into “International Hall Of Fame”

The Kentucky Derby Museum and *American Farriers Journal* honor farriers in “International Horseshoeing Hall Of Fame.”

By Frank Lessiter, Editor/Publisher

THE Kentucky Derby Museum actually got the ball rolling when they honored 18 outstanding farriers during the “They Shoe Horses, Don’t They?” exhibit which served

as an outstanding tribute to farriers in late 1992 and early 1993.

A comment made to one of our *American Farriers Journal* staffers by a veteran farrier that “some way should be found to continue to recognize outstanding horsesho-

ers” sparked an idea on our part.

After discussing it with Kentucky Derby Museum Executive Director Randy Ray and his staff, the Museum and *American Farriers Journal* agreed to co-sponsor the “International Hall Of Fame”

as a means of honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to your profession. This honor serves as a lasting tribute to recognizing outstanding farriers from throughout the U.S. and world who have dedicated their careers to the care of the equine hoof.

After asking *American Farriers Journal* readers and horse magazine subscribers to recommend farriers deserving this honor, we ended up with 93 nominated shoers for this award. It was especially rewarding to receive nominations from many horse owners who sang the praises of their farrier.

From among 93 nominations, here are the 10 farriers inducted into the 1994 "International Horse-shoeing Hall Of Fame."

**Leo Carrier,
Jericho, Vt.**

Carrier began shoeing horses with the U.S. Cavalry, including time spent at Fort Ethan Allen in Winooski, Vt. In those days, a farrier often got in serious trouble if a platoon of horses went out and one lost a shoe or came back lame. So shoers really learned their trade.

Later, Carrier went into business for himself. "If you had a horse with a problem in the legs, hooves or in its way of going, Leo would tell you to trot him out and walk him," says Robert Holstein and his wife of Underhill, Vt., who nominated Carrier for this award. "Then he would shoe him properly and your problems disappeared."

Carrier shod all types including ponies along with draft, trail, pleasure and gaited horses.

"Every horse was 'Rosie' to Leo," says Mrs. Holstein. "Male or female, big or small, it was always, 'easy Rosie, easy Rosie.' They may have all had the same name to him, but the hooves were different and he knew what to do."

When the Holsteins started a 4-H horse club 35 years ago, Carrier taught the children to properly care for their ponies and to handle them safely. He took part in clinics,

shows and trail rides while giving demonstrations and answering hoof care questions over the years.

"Leo has seen and lived the changes between horse-drawn vehicles and the days of space exploration in our changing world," says Mrs. Holstein. "He has always been a kind man, friend to children, gentle with horses and a special person—a fine farrier."

**Jim Keith, Jr.,
Tucumcari, N.M.**

Keith started as a farrier by accident since you had to shoe the horses you rode and there were few farriers in eastern New Mexico. He continued to shoe as a dude wrangler at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch and as a cowboy at the famous Bell Ranch.

The 37-year veteran AFA Certified Farrier got involved in 1982 with the Tucumcari Vocational

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We'd really like your suggestions as to whom to honor in next year's "International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame."

Please nominate outstanding farriers throughout the U.S. and the world with as much supporting material as you can provide prior to Aug. 25, 1994. Send to the address shown on page 3.

These "cream of the crop" inductees will be announced in next December's, *American Farriers Journal*.

School shoeing program and developed it into an outstanding school.

In 1993, Keith started Tucumcari Farrier Technologies in response to farriers who asked for advanced training. He is also in demand as a contest judge and clinician.

Keith also served 4 years as chairman of the Registry of Professional Educators. In addition, he is the American Farrier's Team coordinator and is involved with Lucky Seven Horseshoe Co.

A farrier who loves to compete, Keith was twice an alternate on the American Farrier's Team which competed in the International Farrier Competition at Stoneleigh, England, and in Scotland. He won the world championship horse-shoeing contest in Calgary in 1991 and competes in many other contests.

In addition to representing the U.S. in international shoeing competitions, Keith has also been a member of both the French and Australian teams—when they turned up a member short at the Calgary and Stoneleigh contests.

**Bob Lantis,
San Anselmo, Calif.**

Shoeing in small barns and in backyards, Lantis has turned in a long farrier career. His Hall of Fame nomination came from numerous customers who wished to recognize him for his tremendous shoeing efforts.

"When our youngest daughter was old enough for a horse, she got one that was so bad to put shoes on, she changed the horse's name in order to get someone to shoe it," recalls Lou Weiland of Forest Knolls, Calif., "After Bob found out which horse it really was, he put shoes on anyway and then scolded our daughter for fibbing."

Over the years, Lantis has corrected many foot and hoof problems on horses which Larry and Lou Weiland have owned.

"Bob is a very colorful person, always happy, with lots of good stories and good horse advice for the novice," says Lou. "Our lives have been truly enriched knowing him and our horses have always had happy hooves."

Other horse owners also spoke favorably about Lantis and his exceptional shoeing talents. "We

value and respect so highly his knowledge and willingness to share the ins and outs and the dos and don'ts of the sport," says Nancy Sandy of Fairfax, Calif. "Without Bob, we would not be out there competing successfully."

**Jim Linzy,
Pine Bluff, Ark.**

Even though killed in 1989, Linzy has had a tremendous impact on farriers. "He gave more to this industry than one can imagine," says Scott Colson of Scott M. Colson's Shop in Clinton, Miss. "He educated farriers with his understanding of horseshoeing."

Linzy was a calf roper before getting into shoeing Quarter Horses and backyard horses.

Later, he apprenticed with B.B. Pritchard in Pine Bluff who shod Carbon Copy when he was named world championship Tennessee Walking Horse. Linzy later shod a

son of this horse, Mark of Carbon, who was also a world champion Tennessee Walking Horse.

Known for his solid understanding of anatomy, gait flight patterns and basic shoeing, many farriers remember one of Linzy's favorite sayings: "There is no such thing as corrective horseshoeing—just correct horseshoeing."

Sandy McBeath, Union, Miss., says Linzy was a driving force in the profession and served as president of the Southern Farriers Assn. "Jim was always ready to educate young people and was interested in the art of farriery," he adds.

"He was outstanding, very mechanical, a self-taught machinist, a great tool maker and real innovative," explains Colson. "When it came to coming up with shoes for corrective measures, balance in a horse and proper movement, he really understood those things."

"Jim touched more lives with

his experience and was a wealth of knowledge. He enjoyed teaching and helping young horseshoers."

**Dennis Manning,
Roosevelt, Utah**

A farrier for 23 years, Manning learned to shoe holding a book in his hand while working under a horse. Later, an area trainer taught Manning the "ins and outs" of practical shoeing.

"He knew what he wanted, but he couldn't do it himself," recalls Manning. "He checked and measured the hooves and shoes I did and prepared me for competition and certification, although we didn't know it at the time."

Besides shoeing, Manning teaches fifth grade since winter work with event and endurance horses really drops off.

Manning attended his first AFA convention in 1977 in Denver, Colo. "It was the first time I really



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saw other horseshoers in action," he says. "My wife told me I could do that and pretty soon I was entering the competitions."

Manning has served as a member or alternate on the American Farrier's Team four times and twice went to England. He's also one of only two Americans who have judged the Stoneleigh competition, doing so in 1989.

Manning was among AFA members who pushed for certification in 1980 and was certified in 1981. He became a certification committee member in the mid 1980s and chairman in 1986. The AFA Certified Journeyman farrier works four or five clinics a year and judges two or three contests annually.

**Bob Marshall,
Mission, B.C.**

A native of Southfork, England, Marshall has shod horses for 19 years in western Canada. After fin-

ishing his farrier apprenticeship in Great Britain, he shod horses in the Cotswold area of England for 2 years before moving in 1974 to Dawson Creek, B.C.

He is the former captain/coach of several North American Horse-shoeing Teams and winner of many international forging and shoeing titles, including being named World Forging Champion and World Champion Blacksmith at Calgary on numerous occasions.

Marshall has also worked closely with hundreds of farriers in perfecting shoeing and forging skills. A highly skilled farrier, blacksmith and clinician, he works closely with farriers from throughout the world and many regularly visit his western Canada shop for specialized "one-on-one" training.

**Edward Martin,
Dumfriesshire, Scotland**

A shoeing career came naturally

to Martin who grew up in a southern Scotland family of well-known farriers. This fourth generation shoer has earned a solid reputation for being among the world's best shoers of draft horses and is in demand around the world as a contest judge and clinician. Both his shoeing and blacksmithing skills are among the world's best.

Martin is also a member of the Worshipful Company of Farriers in Great Britain and serves as European vice-president of the World Farrier Assn.

"He has had a great influence on the farrier trade and has helped many a shoer get the proper start in the trade," says Steve Eastman of Great Falls, Mont.

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Somerset, Mass., farrier has also played a valuable AFA leadership role and has encouraged farriers to develop excellent working relationships with veterinarians.

McLane started shoeing at a local stable when he 14 years old. He later attended a Pennsylvania State Univ. short course, was shoeing full-time by age 19 and worked out of his own shop at the Foxboro, Mass., racetrack for 18 years.

After attending his first AFA annual convention in 1982, he made the national American Farrier's Team and competed in England and Scotland the next 2 years. As a payback, McLane serves as chairman of the AFA Rules Committee and organizes the annual contests at the AFA annual convention.

**Walter E. Taylor,
Albuquerque, N.M.**

The first shoeing work for this Colorado native took place on a dude ranch in 1948. He later attending what is now Colorado

State Univ. where he received a B.S. degree before going full-time into the farrier business.

In 1971, Taylor founded the American Farrier's Assn. (AFA) and served as president for 15 years. He founded the national AFA convention which has been attended by thousands of farriers from around the world, organized the farrier industry trade show and created an organization of farrier educators in North America.

"He's certainly a natural for this hall of fame award because of his persistent leadership role in forming and running the AFA over the years," says Bruce Daniels of Mullica Hill, N.J.

Taylor traveled extensively in the U.S. and around the world on behalf of farriers as head of the AFA group. The AFA Certified Farrier also established formal AFA liaison with the American Assn. of Equine Practitioners, American Horse Council, American Horse Shows Assn. and farrier

organizations in Britain and Japan.

In 1984, Taylor organized the World Farriers Assn. (WFA) with U.S., British and Japanese farriers. He has served as president since 1985 and membership includes scores of individuals, organizations and farrier groups around the world.

In 1989, Taylor gave up his full-time farriery practice to start the Working Together For Equines program in conjunction with the International League for the Protection of Horses.

As joint program director, he travels the world providing training, advice and counsel in response to equine needs, especially in developing countries.

**Danny Ward,
Martinsville, Va.**

A shoer for 28 years, Ward is owner and operator of the Eastern School of Farriery. Having learned the farrier business at his father's school, Ward leased the school

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These 18 horseshoers were previously recognized for outstanding contributions to the farrier profession in the Kentucky Derby Museum's "They Shoe Horses, Don't They" exhibit:

- ★ Elmer Campbell, Long Island, N.Y.
- ★ William "Jelly" Caulder, Lexington, Ky.
- ★ Ronald "Tex" Cauthan, Walton, Ky.
- ★ Burney Chapman, Lubbock, Texas.
- ★ Bruce Daniels, Mullica Hill, N.J.
- ★ Phil, Forrest and Jack Ernst, Louisville, Ky.
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- ★ Jack Reynolds, Lexington, Mo.
- ★ John Rosenberger, Elizabeth, Ind.
- ★ Jackie Thompson, Lexington, Ky.
- ★ George Tompkins, Lexington, Ky.

from his dad.

After his father's retirement, Ward changed the school name and has spent the last 18 years helping others learn the all-important skills of the farrier profession.

A true farrier educator and specialist in corrective shoeing for lame horses, Ward is in constant

demand as both a clinician and contest judge.

Ward also competed on several American Farrier's Teams and has had the distinction of serving 4 years as team coach. He is one of only two Americans to serve as a judge at the annual Stoneleigh competition. (Hall of Fame winner

Dennis Manning is the other).

"Besides my involvement with the team and judging at Stoneleigh, two other real honors in my career have been being named AFA clinician of the year in 1988 and judging alongside Edward Martin at Closeburn, Scotland, one year," says Ward.

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