

NSBA HALL OF FAME

2007 INDUCTEE • BREEDING & SHOW HORSE CATEGORIES VESTED FAITH

The National Snaffle Bit Association has voted to induct Youth World Champion mare Vested Faith into the Hall of Fame in the Show Horse category.

Sired by Vested Faith and out of Cinnamon Seeker, this 1998 sorrel mare was bred for Western Pleasure and has continuously proved herself.

Vested Faith was bred by Tina Kaven of Gordonville, Texas, and started in her program before moving to Pinnacle, North Carolina with trainer Troy Oakley.

While being ridden by Troy in Open divisions and his son Tate Oakley in Youth division, Vested Faith earned three performance ROMs, two Superiors in Western Pleasure, and numerous High Point Awards throughout 2001 and 2002.

But it was at the Youth World Show in 2002 were Tate and 'Faith' made a huge impression. They were named Youth World Champions in Western Pleasure.

In 2002 Marissa Dalton of Wooster, Ohio purchased Vested Faith from the The Oakley Family. Over the course of the next four years Dalton and 'Faith' earned several High Point Awards and four Congress Championship titles in Youth competition.

Vested Faith also earned High Point awards in Open competition with trainer Dan Trein of Seville, Ohio.

In 2003, Vested Faith and Trein were also named Reserve World Champions in Junior Western Pleasure and Dalton finished in the top-five at the Youth World Show in Western Pleasure.

After such an impressive show year, the matter of recognition was not a question. Vested Faith was nominated as the National Snaffle Bit Association's Horse of the Year in 2003.

That year also brought Vested Faith a third place finish at the Youth World Show and Congress Championship titles in the Limited Western Pleasure Maturity and Open Maturity with Dan Trein.

However, it was Marissa Dalton's 13th birthday in 2003 that she remembers the most.

"My best memory with her is when I won the Congress (12-14 Youth Western Pleasure) on my 13th birthday," she said.

The following two years, this team had two top-ten finishes at the Youth World Show as well.

In 2004, Vested Faith was also named High Point Senior Western Pleasure in and High Point Western Pleasure mare both in Open with Dan Trein and was Reserve High Point in Youth Western Pleasure with Dalton.

Vested Faith has not only earned several Congress Championship and Reserve titles, but also 714.5 points in Open division and over 500 in Youth division. Her earnings for AQHA near \$23,000 and her NSBA earnings are \$55,224.92.

Under the guidance of Dan and Darlene Trein, Marissa will continue to hit all major circuits and events this year with 'Faith'. But Dalton assures that it is more than an honor to have her horse recognized.

"It means the world to me because she is one of the best Western Pleasure horses I know of and I am so excited to know that she is being honored by being put in the NSBA Hall of Fame."

