

2014 UPHA Tom Moore Hall Of Fame Award NELSON GREEN

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Bret Day and Smith Lilly presented the hall of fame award to Nelson Green Saturday night in Savannah. Photo by Shiflet

Nelson Green is a native of South Carolina and still has a great affection for the South. He was introduced to horses at his grandfather's farm. His first training job was at Cleveland Park Stables, Greenville, SC. After a few years as a professional he realized he needed to learn more to achieve the kind of success he desired. In 1969 he moved to Richmond, Ill to become Tom Moore's assistant at Knolland Farm.

In the mid seventies he became the manager-trainer of Happy Valley Farm, Rossville, Ga. In 1989 he opened his own business in Nicholasville, Ky. He has consistently maintained one of the industry's top stables while never training more than 15-20 horses at any time.

Nelson has trained more than 125 world's champions in the performance, in hand, equitation and roadster divisions. He won the Fine Harness World's Grand Championship five consecutive years and has directed amateurs to 50+ world's championship titles.

Nelson is a member of the USEF Saddlebred committee, was a ASHA board of director for 7 years, served on the WCHS and Lexington Junior League Horse Show Advisory Boards and was a founding member of the UPHA. He has judged every major horse show in the US, has judged in Canada and South Africa, and has judged the NHS Good Hands Finals six times. He was inducted into the WCHS Hall of Fame in 2004, received the UPHA Richard E. Lavery Horseman of the Year Award in 2006, and was the recipient of the ASHA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014.

Still enjoying a career that has spanned five decades, Nelson retains his zest and enthusiasm for working a nice horse. He is thankful for the health and ability to spend his life doing something he enjoys so much.