



These remarks are for a snapshot in the lifetime of these horses. We encourage owners and breeders to attend keurings whenever possible for further evaluation of their horses, their breeding goals and breeding directions.

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Faith Fessenden**



*Jury members
Toine Hoefs and Lana Sneddon*



Denali

2012 KEURING REPORTS

Sonnenberg Farm – Sherwood, OR

Hosts: Dan and Gina Ruediger

Jury: Toine Hoefs - Netherlands, Lana Sneddon - Indiana.

The 2012 keuring tour began at the beautiful Sonnenberg Farm owned by Dan and Gina Ruediger. Team Sonnenberg pulled off a super job hosting the keuring - well organized and relaxed. The crowd was very enthusiastic about the education Faith Fessenden provided for the spectators.

4-Year Old DG Bar Cup

The morning started with the under-saddle classes. First to take to the arena were the 4-yr old DG bar cup entries. In this class the jury saw a special gelding *Downtown* by Johnson out of the ster mare Raindancer S (Zeoliet keur x Oldenburg). Downtown was bred and is owned by hosts, Dan and Gina Ruediger of Sonnenberg Farm. He is a very 'good moving horse with lots of potential and will become even better when his connection with and through the bridle is more consistent. Later in the day Downtown also earned his ster predicate. A modern, long-lined, uphill type, it was his very supple, self-carrying posture that earned the high movement score of 80. Downtown was also recognized as the Mature horse Champion.

In second place was *Denali* by Florencio out of Phoenix by Incognito, bred by Diane Stack. Denali also earned his ster predicate later in the day for his expressive movement and self-carriage, exemplifying a modern dressage horse.

5-Year Old DG Bar Cup

The champion of the 5-Year Old DG Bar Cup was *Cathlyn*, a ster mare sired by Flemmingh pref out of Vienna (Weltruhm x Woermann) also owned by Sonnenberg Farm. She showed much suspension, suppleness and good length of stride but needs to come up more in the withers.

Foals - Dressage

In the dressage foal class the tour was off to a good start with all the foals becoming first premiums and the top two foals being quite special.

The champion of the class was bred and owned by Darla D'Agay of Forward Farm. *Hierro*, a colt by Negro pref out of the ster mare Solana V.S. (Flemmingh pref x Nimmerdor pref) is a well-developed, rectangular colt that captured your attention from the moment he entered the arena. His trot was supple with super technique and suspension; the canter uphill, ground covering, and powerful. Hierro also earned the site Young Horse Champion.



Hierro



*Hosts Dan and Gina Ruediger
with Downtown*

*Reports from the Road generally
feature first premium horses.
More complete results will be
published at a later date.*

The Reserve Champion at our first stop was another Sonnenberg Farm product: Hannah Anda by UB40 out of the keur sport/dr mare Melanda [Houston keur x Purioso keur). Hannah Anda is a filly with a lot of expression but who could be more rectangular. This filly had three very good gaits, with the trot being extra mesmerizing.

List of first premiums and under-saddle :

Foals - Dressage

- #11 Hierro (Negro x Flemmingh)
- #10 Hannah Anda S (UB40 x Houston)
- #12 Heath WSF (Sir Sinclair x Don Primaire)
- #09 Handora S (Uphill x Ferro)

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- #17 Downtown (Johnson x Zeoliet)
- #16 Denali (Florencio x Incognito)

4-Year Old DG Bar Cup

- #17 Downtown (Johnson x Zeoliet) 73.5
- #16 Denali (Florencio x Incognito) 71.0

5-Year Old DG Bar Cup

- #20 Cathlyn (Flemmingh x Weltruhm) 73.5