

2002 Alberta Horse Industry Distinguished Service Award



The Hans Hansma recipe for success was a simple one: combine ample amounts of family values, the Quarter Horse, a strong work ethic, honesty and integrity, and an unselfish passion for continual improvement and development. Learn from the best. Take the time and effort necessary to get it right.

Willingly lend a helping hand. Respect tradition but plan for a better future. Dare to defend what is right and to correct the course of wrong. Celebrate successes and victories - not only your own but industry wide. A simple recipe: a remarkable legacy of vision, dedication, and achievement.

Hans passed on in 1996, but the legacy he left continues to flourish. His founding influence remains prominent in the workings of the many equine organizations, programs, and individuals he was such an integral part of. The equine progeny of his meticulous foresight now serve as the pillars of many prominent breeding programs and performance landmarks. Meanwhile, his own progeny continues to excel on the world's stage - each and every one of them making their own special contributions towards helping fulfill a proud fathers' dreams. And few doubt that even now he is busy putting the "best of the best" together in the Great Beyond.

It is with immense pride that the Horse Industry Association of Alberta posthumously bestow its

Distinguished Service Award on Hans Hansma - in recognition of his lasting influence and contributions to the equine industry of Alberta.