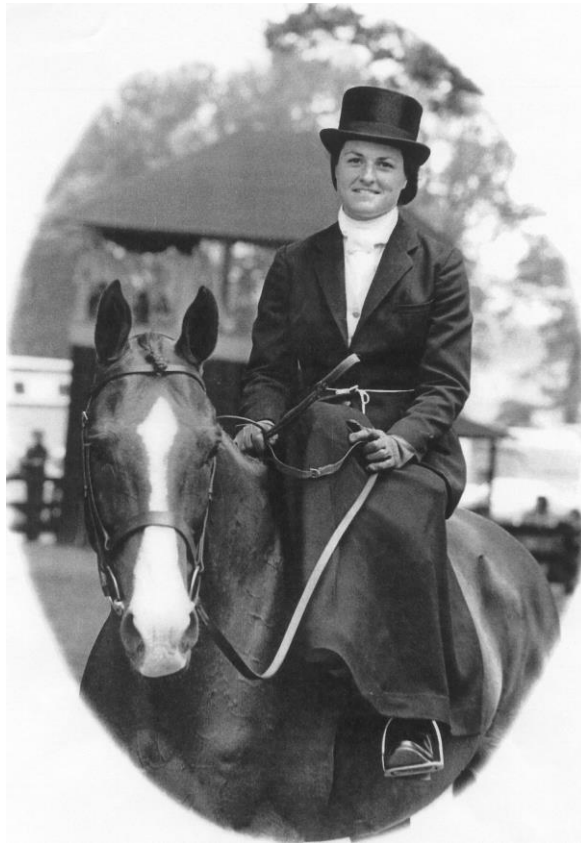


The Hellen Burns Smyth Award



For many years Hellen Burns Smyth exhibited in the Maryland State Fair. As a child she grew up at the Fair where her Great Grandfather, John M. Dennis, was once President. Hellen loved exhibiting each year. Her entries covered a large number of categories. Her family sponsors this award in her memory. The purpose of this award is to encourage exhibitors in the areas of herbs, houseplants, flower specimens or flower arrangements, vegetable displays and vegetable classes, dairy products, hays, knitting, preserving and baking. Nothing made her more proud than to receive ribbons from the Maryland State Fair.

Sadly, Hellen died in December of 1997 at the age of 46. Her Sister, Mother and Grandmother wanted a way to honor her memory. Thoughts of her happy times at the Fair came to mind. So, with the help of Hellen's close friends, they created the Annual Hellen Burns Smyth Award.

Each year the Maryland State Fair honors the best in the State of Maryland. The Hellen Burns Smyth Grand Prize Ribbon and a Valley View Farms Gift Certificate is presented to the entry that the family believes has surpassed all other levels.

The Hellen Burns Smyth Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, September 7th at 2:00 p.m. in the Farm & Garden Building. All winners will be displayed in the Hellen Burns Smyth Display in the Farm & Garden Building from August 27th - September 13th. For more information contact Carrie Sellman at 410-655-0042.

In addition to the Award, four benches are located throughout the Fair memorializing Hellen Burns Smyth.