

# The Hylton Maiden \$50,000

3 & Over Western Pleasure



## SHOW NEWS

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Last year it was announced that longtime breeder, exhibitor and Quarter Horse supporter Cecilia Hylton will be sponsoring a new maiden 3 & over western pleasure class to be held at the Virginia Classic in 2011. This new class offers a great opportunity for owners and exhibitors to show their maiden horses early in the year at a great facility with the chance for big rewards.

"Cecilia's concept of the three-and-over maiden class comes from her belief in not pushing young horses, she wants to keep the focus on the older horses," her trainer Steve Meadows explains, "She has always been a supporter of the Virginia Quarter Horse Association and, being a resident of the state, she wanted to use the opportunity to help stimulate the local equine economy and help get this show back to being a national-level event."

The winner of the class will receive \$50,000 along with a custom ring designed by SR Gold. The second through tenth place riders will have their entry fees split along with a goody bag from sponsor Good Ride. This new class is NSBA-approved and after the NSBA fee is taken out of each entry the remaining money will go back into the pot to be paid out making it possible for half of the entries to get paybacks. The class costs \$2500 to enter and entries must be made

by March 1st. Exhibitors may also enter late up until the 8th of April for higher fee of \$3500. The class has been formatted to be a user-friendly, no nonsense way to show in a premier money class without

Hunter Classic event sponsored by the Hitching Post that will offer great prizes as well. Along with the Hylton Maiden \$50,000 3 & Over Western Pleasure class this show offers something for everyone.

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"We also built the schedule this year so everything can be shown inside in the case of bad weather so no one will be left out. If the weather is nice, we will show outside but if not everyone gets the chance to be out of the elements." Harrell said.

This show is shaping up to be a great one with plenty of fun and excitement for spectators and exhibitors alike.

having to purchase a slot, or enter months in advance.

"We have had a phenomenal response to this class. We are hoping those trainers deciding to show in this class will bring a trailer full of horses so it benefits everyone." show manager Mark Harrell said.

This year marks the second year of the partnership between the Virginia Classic (formerly the East Coast Championship Show) and Mark Harrell Horse Shows. Last year the show was originally canceled but with a swift turn-around headed by Mark Harrell the show was able to go on and get off to a great start. This year proves to be even better. The show format will now boast six judges over four days making it an easier option for those who have busy work schedules to still attend. There is also the addition of a Select

For more information regarding the Hylton Maiden \$50,000 3 & Over Western Pleasure class or the Virginia Classic, visit [www.markharrellhorseshow.com](http://www.markharrellhorseshow.com)

