

Senena Esty, who along with her husband Jeff, operate Spring Haven Farm have sold their fair share of Ohio champions. They are especially fond of their Downbytheseaside ³/₄ brother to Heart Of Chewbacca, HIP 142 Chewie By The Sea.

Spring Haven also sells the only foal by Muscle Diamond available anywhere, HIP 261. The Estys also like a trifacta of colts by Downbytheseaside (104, 116, 153).

The Estys are known throughout the industry for their quality care and excellent sale preparation. It seems that equine performers are not the only individuals to have graduated from their 'college of knowledge.'

Enos Weaver unveiled his upstart consignment at this sale, Weaver Standardbreds. He and his wife Lexie have embarked on a new breeding and boarding operation that has encompassed sales representation. They have both worked with the Estys for the last decade.

"We bought a farm next to Jeff and Senena in Utica, which was also their former household," Weaver noted. "Lexie and I are grateful for the opportunity to have learned from them, which has really helped us build our own business."

The Weavers like HIP 252, a roan Downbytheseaside colt who is dual eligible.

Another new consignor that has been added to the mix is Spurwood Farms, led by the talented Kelsey Grose. Having worked with both Hickory Lane Farm and Spring Haven for the last decade, she took the plunge during the pandemic and bought a farm in Marysville and some broodmares to roam around it.

"We are very excited to be here. Ohio is the place to be and I am looking forward to growing our farm around the strong stakes and fair racing program," the 30-something entrepreneur noted. Grose likes HIP 62, an Uncle Peter colt, first foal from a stakes winning Cash Hall mare.

Beth Yontz of Anvil and Lace Farm has been a part of the Ohio sales for decades, and finds HIP 42, a Volstead filly, first foal from a Muscle Hill mare; and HIP 249, an Enterprise filly from a full sister to Breeders Crown winner Winndevie, to her liking.

Dr. John Mossbarger of Midland Acres, the oldest continuously operated Standardbred nursery in the state, is proud that "the Ohio program is very

active and been so productive for all the participating owners, trainers, drivers and caretakers.” Mossbarger has several on his ‘personal list’ that warrant additional interest, including, HIP 73, Long Tom colt; HIP 105, Fear The Dragon colt; and a pair of Bit Of A Legend A colts HIPS 107 & 263.

Mitch and Laura Nault of LMN Bred Stables really like HIP 96, DBSS filly, first foal from the family of NZ star Christian Cullen; and HIP 147, DBSS filly, first foal from Sweet Ace p,2,1:50.4f (\$103,000).

Hickory Lane Farm’s farm and stallion manager, Brad Wallace, pointed to HIP 114, Uncle Peter first colt from a half-sister a World Champion; and HIP 253, What The Hill filly, first foal from Delcrest Magicstar 4,1:54.3f (\$268,489).

Archie Yoder of Rose Run Farm fame exclaimed that HIP 36 is ‘must see TV’ as the Downbytheseaside filly is the ‘real deal.’

Dublin Valley Farms believes that HIP 80, Volstead filly from an active family, and HIP 235, full-sister to Iam Independent (third in OSS final), are ones to take a closer look at.

Al Manke of Steiner Stock Farm has high marks for HIP 152, DBSS colt from a 100% producer with four foals, with 2 in 1:49.2 or faster, including Jug winner Captain Barbossa.

Mark Adams’ Winterwood Farm is loaded with power, and highlighted HIPS 43 (DBSS filly); 133 full brother to Rumble Strips; 166 Catch The Fire filly from the family of Cheery Hello, first foal; and 226, a Long Tom colt from a family of Ohio champions.

Trackside Farm, a new member of the sale company conglomerate, will offer HIP 118, a full brother World Champion Jet Hill, and also likes HIP 27, Marseille colt; and HIP 258, a Full Count colt.

Cool Winds Farm touts: HIP 33, Long Tom colt, first foal from Kota’s Swan 3,1:54.2 (\$232,000); HIP 185, DBSS colt, first foal from Acrobatta p,3,1:53.2h ; HIP 220, a flashy Dancin Yankee colt

Last, but certainly not least, Marvin Raber, a soft-spoken but astute horseman also reiterated the theme of the day, that ‘Ohio is the place to be.’ Raber had high praise for HIP 222, a fabulous looking What The Hill colt, first foal from BESSIE 1:53.3.f (\$503,550).