

## Member Profile



### A Tribute to Joyce Brown of Hinton, Alberta

Joyce feels that the Peruvian Paso Horse's intelligence and temperament is second to none.

Joyce has owned and loved Peruvian Paso Horses since 1990. She lives in Hinton, Alberta. She was reading an article on the Paso Fino when she saw an advertisement for a Peruvian Paso Show in British Columbia. The ad said come to the show and test ride a Peruvian, which she did and has been enamored ever since then. She rode for 3 hours straight that day and could not believe that she was not sore or tired. She and her husband Frank were introduced to Paul and Karen Dufresne and bought her first 2 Peruvian horses. Joyce's husband Frank passed away 2 years ago and until that time the two of them would often ride 10 miles, down the side of the highway, in the evenings. Frank used to ride his horse to MacDonald's and go through the take out and get a cup of coffee which he never spilled due to the smoothness of his horse. She and Frank lived on an acreage with trails that allowed them to ride into Jasper Provincial Park. One day, while riding, Joyce's saddle slipped back and she fell. Her horse stood there looking as if to say "Are you all right mum?" Needless to say she was very impressed that her horse stayed with her instead of running off as many other horses might do.

Joyce has been promoter of the breed and an inspiration for us all for years. At age 74, Joyce is still trail riding on a regular basis and is a participant in our regional and national shows. She still drives her owner trailer and horse to the shows. Joyce has won the High Point Trail Rider award for the last two years in a row. The love for this horse has led her to Peru 11 times where she goes on cabalgatas (trail rides always getting the same horse there) and shops. Joyce has also studied Spanish and attended many clinics.

Joyce has recently moved from her acreage in Hinton to a condominium. She worked at Sun Life for 40 years, in the insurance and financial planning field and has recently retired. She has two sons and a daughter. Joyce always has many entertaining stories to tell and spending time with her is a delight.

Joyce is an inspiration and an ambassador for our Peruvian Paso.