

Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch

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*Rock With A Zippo, by Dirti Rocki,
is shown here with her 2006 filly.*



Three years ago, Chuck and Sherry Marx planted seeds of a dream to raise Paint horses. The garden they chose was two acres in Scottsdale. With precise planning and nurturing, they developed Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch, a facility that shows, trains and breeds Paint horses, paying close attention to high quality bloodlines of not only stallions, but also to broodmares.

The most exciting parts of their breeding program are two up-and-coming stallions, NFR Wiconi Warrior and the Gift of Midas. NFR Wiconi Warrior is a 2004 stunning mahogany bay overo who is 16.2 hands and "still growing." The blue-eyed stallion is by the late North Forty Rocket (NFR) who was a Superior Halter and 44 time Grand or Reserve Grand Halter Champion. His 17-hand dam, Falcon Slew (JC), is out of Slew Of Irish, herself by One More Slew, who was sired by none other than the infamous and only undefeated Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew (TB).

"We have this young stallion in full-time training with world-class trainer, Karen Qualls of Premier Performance Horses in Chino Hill, California," says Chuck. "Our plan is to show him in Junior Hunter Under Saddle and compete at the 2007 APHA World Show." Limited breedings to this phenomenal horse will be available in February 2007 with collections performed by Out West Stallions.

The ranch's other promising stallion is The Gift Of Midas, a 2005 sorrel overo stallion who was sired by I Got Charisma, who has a Superior in Hunter Under Saddle. I Got Charisma was sired by the ever popular Red Charisma, an APHA World Champion sire.

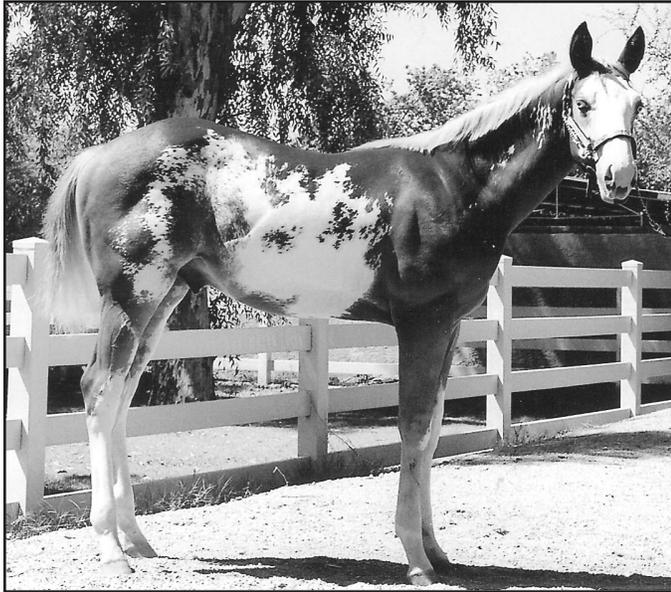
Chuck describes The Gift Of Midas as a horse that "looks like the original Paint stock horse - tall and well balanced. He has a pedigree that is loaded with winners." The stallion's 16.2-hand sorrel overo dam, Supreme Silver

Bullet, has excellent conformation and has been Reserve Champion in a number of open shows. Her sire, Vans Silver Bullet, is pedigreed with at least seven AQHA Hall of Fame horses. This dazzling young stallion showed in Yearling Longe Line with world-class Arizona trainer, Mark Kuhlwein, in Las Vegas

"The Gift Of Midas finished first under five judges, with one judge telling Mark he was the best yearling he had seen all year - Quarter Horse or Paint. Even though he



*Zippin Rock Rock was the 2005 Champion in Yearling
In Hand Trail for the Arizona Paint Horse Club.*



Being offered for sale is Supreme Charisma, a full brother to The Gift Of Midas (one of the Marx' studs) from the very popular Red Charisma bloodline.



What A Girl Needs is a 2003 mare by Zippo Pine Chex. She is in full time training with Karen Qualls and has already earned her ROM in Western Pleasure.

has a hunter under saddle sire and a really big hunter-style mare on the bottom, The Gift Of Midas could become an all-around horse," says Chuck. "Both of our stallions are nominated to the Arizona Paint Breeders Futurity and they will be promoted nationally."

On the other side of the breeding program are phenomenal broodmares. Each one was selected by Christina Dourbet, a family friend, for its movement and impeccable bloodlines of top twenty stallions on both the sire and dam sides. To highlight a few, the ranch has Red Classy Dee, Rock With A Zippo, RC Cruise Control and Kick A Little Assets.

Red Classy Dee, an APHA Champion, also known as "Jewels," is a 1992 sorrel overo mare by Red Sonny Dee. The 16-hand mare is double registered APHA and AQHA with more than 500 lifetime halter and performance points with eight ROMs and three Superior Awards. She is now in foal to the number one paint breeding stallion, Zippo Sensation, the sire of 38 World and Reserve World Champions.

Rock With A Zippo, a 1996 sorrel overo mare, is by Dirty Rocki. "Rose" has 96 APHA points and two ROMs. She is in foal to three-time World Champion, R Big Time Fancy.

RC Cruise Control is a 2001 sorrel overo mare sired by Red Charisma. She is in foal to one of Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch's stallions, Norfleets Super Sun, who is enrolled in the APHA Breeders Trust and the Arizona Paint Breeders Futurity. "Anastasia" is an open show Hunter Under Saddle class winner.

Kick A Little Assets is a spectacular 1999 black overo mare by top twenty sire, Frozen Assets, who is a three-time World and Reserve World Champion Western Pleasure stallion. She is in foal to World Champion, Paint Me Zippo.

Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch has six show horses for sale including the beautiful mare, What A Girl Needs. "Trixie," who is sired by Zippo Pine Chex, is currently in full-time training with Karen Qualls and is showing in western pleasure.

Sherry's pride and joy, Zippin Rock Rock, is a 2004 sorrel overo gelding who is in full-time training with Arizona trainer, Chase Miller. As a yearling, "Rocky" was the 2005 Arizona Champion in Yearling In Hand Trail. He was sired by leading western pleasure sire, Zippin Rock. Chase will show him in Two-Year-Old Western Pleasure at the Copper Country Paint-O-Ramas in Tucson.

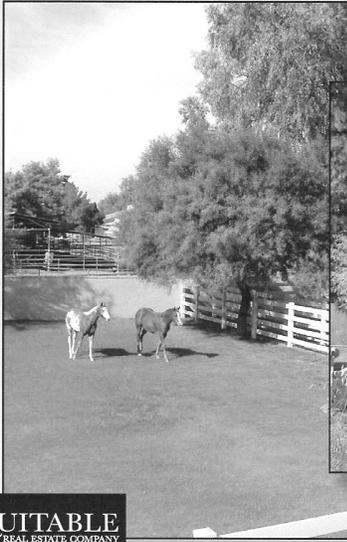
Sherry's in hand trail yearling for 2006 is Arizona-bred, Hes So Zippo. "Simba" is a 2005 sorrel overo gelding now showing in Longe Line and In Hand Trail.

The darling of the group of sale horses is Supreme Charisma, full brother to The Gift Of Midas. "Lumiere" is a 2006 sorrel overo colt showing in weanling halter.

"In order to demonstrate the kind of horse we like to breed, Sherry purchased DontChaLuvMyAssets, by Frozen Assets," says Chuck. "Dimitri" is a two-time Western Pleasure Pinto Reserve World Champion that Sherry rides for pleasure around the ranch and shows in APHC shows."

At the 2004 APHA World Show, the ranch purchased Only The Best Will Do, a two-year-old gelding from Jarvis Ranch. "Marty" was trained by Mark Kuhlwein and took

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fourth in the competitive Three-Year-Old Hunter Under Saddle Challenge at the 2005 World Show. Marty is now showing in the northwest with Kip Larson.

The Marx family moved to Arizona ten years ago from Downers Grove, Illinois, because their four sons loved baseball and could play year-round in Arizona. The boys attended Desert Mountain High School with the exception of their senior year, and they have moved on with college and careers.

After three very productive years, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch has blossomed and is bursting at the seams. "We are expecting five foals in 2007, and our plans are to grow to about ten foals a year. We're out of room for that kind of breeding program in Scottsdale, so we are moving to Prescott Valley," says Chuck. "We have purchased ten acres there and plan to develop it into a world-class breeding facility with pastures, multiple barns, a breeding station and a roping-sized arena. Our plan is to be moved in before the Valley heat arrives next summer. You can see the listing and virtual tour for the two-acre Scottsdale ranch at www.tourfactory.com/314529."

Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch is a family business. All of the sons have worked at it at one time or another, and the oldest and the youngest are still working there part-time. Sherry teaches the weanlings ground manners including haltering, leading, trailering and grooming. Also, she usually has one or two yearlings that she trains for In Hand Trail and Longe Line. Her degree in early childhood education has helped her in patiently starting young horses, and she has become very good at it.

Chuck helps Sherry with her business strategies, and he is "the professional groom, stall mucker, and heavy bag lifter." But his talents don't stop there. He is on the Executive Board for the Arizona Paint Horse Club, and he helps the Club find sponsorships for shows. "Arizona puts on seven shows a year, which is more than any other state. More APHA points are generated in Arizona than any other club in the country. In an effort to keep the stall costs down for the exhibitors, we look for corporate sponsors to help defray the costs."

Chuck and Sherry love horses and enthusiastically facilitate others to enjoy them. To motivate owners to experience a great show career for horses bred to their stallions, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch offers many incentives: for any foal named as a Futurity Champion, a free breeding fee to one of the ranch stallions; for any foal named as a Reserve Futurity Champion, 50% breeding fee to one of our ranch stallions; for the first foal in each foal class to earn an APHA ROM in any class, \$250; for the first foal in each foal class to earn an APHA Superior in any class, \$500; for the first foal in each foal class to earn an APHA Reserve World Championship, \$750; and the first foal in each foal class to earn an APHA World Championship, \$1,000.

For information on breeding to NFR Wiconi Warrior and The Gift Of Midas or on horses for sale, contact Sherry at (602) 882-0868 or Chuck at (602) 820-7801. Visit their website at www.mountainviewpaineranch.com. □