

FOXFIRE MEMORIAL TROPHY

**In remembrance of Trinity's Foxfire,  
a wonderful schoolmaster  
who taught much to many.**

In January 2005, a couple of months shy of 19 years old, Trinity's Foxfire passed away due to colic. Foxfire was very special to me and to many of my students who had the opportunity to ride her. Joe & I witnessed her birth, did all of her training and had a successful show career. She didn't begin her school master career until she was about 15 years old and until then, no one but myself ever rode her.

I was a little nervous about how she would react, she did have a bit of a spook in her. I decided to give her a shot in a group lesson with Fleety—her mother and best buddy. She worked well with voice commands from me, so if something did occur I could get her attention that way. So up climbed Issac Smith, about 9 or 10 at the time, and we did the lesson with great success. Foxfire seemed to enjoy the kids and remained calm. The rest is history. She taught many riders how to sit the trot, to ride straight and forward and even some jumping and, the inevitable, how to ride a mild spook.

In 2005, the KDCTA suggested that we have a Memorial Trophy that would be presented at the annual schooling shows. Amy Romaneic made a beautiful "looks just like her" sculpture which sits on top of a lovely Oak base created by Dave Huebner. Each year names of the Trophy winners are inscribed and mounted on the base. The Trophy is displayed at each show along with a scrapbook about Foxfire and pictures of all the winners. Thank you for remembering my special horse, Foxfire.

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