



SANDRA FORBUSH ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM OF HOUNDS & HUNTING NORTH AMERICA

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Beginning July 20, The Museum of Hounds & Hunting North America will exhibit a collection of paintings by the acclaimed artist and former horsewoman Sandra Massie Forbush. To complement the paintings featured in this exclusive exhibit, memorabilia loaned from locals of the Piedmont region, as well as Forbush's own collection and her daughter's, will also be on display.

Of her work, Forbush says, "Horses, dogs, and people — they are all portraits. I have an interest in the expression, the eyes, and character of the individual I'm painting."

Forbush's journey as a working artist began after a tragic car accident in 1989, which resulted in a broken back, neck, and ribs. Before the accident, she was a professional horsewoman who competed in sidesaddle events and foxhunted regularly. She also bred Thoroughbred yearlings for exclusive sales and raised broodmares and foals at her Foxhall Farm.

The recovery period marked a turning point in her life, as she pursued her passion for drawing

and took classes at the Corcoran Institute of Art and Northern Virginia Community College. But as Forbush recalls, "Instead of driving long distances to art class once a week, I learned more by staying home and painting." And that's what she did. With characteristic passion and persistence, Forbush taught herself various methods and mediums of painting and became a prominent artist, exhibiting in juried shows in Virginia and New York. She maintains private collections across the Piedmont region, while still taking commissions.

Katrina Ryan of the Museum of Hounds & Hunting describes Forbush's work as "larger than life." She adds, "She has been through so much with her accident that it is an honor to have her work displayed here."

To learn more about Forbush and her art, visit sandraforbush.com, and for more from the Museum of Hounds & Hunting North America, visit mhhna.org/events-exhibits. There will be an opening reception on July 20. Those interested in attending can book their reservation in advance through MHHNA's website. ML

Top left: "Lily." Top right: "Nancy ex. M.F.H. on Latte out with Keswick." Bottom left: "Shnookums." Paintings by Sandra Forbush.