

SEMILLA DE CORAZON BRAVO

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Submitted by Rick and Janice Meyer

It was our distinct honor and pleasure to nominate and induct one of the Paso Fino community's "living legends"..... Multi Grand National and National Champion Semilla de Corazon Bravo to the 2009 PFHA Hall of Fame.

Her name translates to "seed of the brave heart," and many have said that Semilla is one of the most beautiful mares they have ever seen; she was the epitome of "form to function."

"Semilla de Corazon Bravo was one of the finest mares of her time," says Mr. Alvaro Iriarte, a PFHA Hall of Fame inductee and respected trainer, breeder, and judge.

Semilla's show record was very impressive with almost all first places in Bella Forma and Classic Fino classes and championships. She was proudly exhibited by Janice and Rick Meyer and owned by Ms. Janice Kelce and Royal Oak Ranch.

With outstanding overall beauty and conformation, she was a crowd AND judge's favorite. Standing ovations when she entered the arena were not uncommon. Semilla went on to win 4 consecutive National and Grand National Bella Forma Mare Championships (1991-1994). She is also a two time National Champion Classic Fino Mare (1990 and 1992) and a Grand National Reserve Classic Fino Champion in 1990 when the mares and fillies had to compete with the stallions, colts, and geldings.

Ms. Carmen Cepero, a PFHA Hall of Fame inductee, well known and respected international judge, said "It was my honor and privilege as a judge to be in the same arena with Semilla. This mare was touched by God!"

Semilla's winning tradition is being carried forward through her son, Royal Oak Ricochet. Ricochet is the 2007 National and Grand National Bella Forma Stallion by unanimous decision. In 2008, he was the National Bella Forma Stallion Champion by unanimous decision and the Grand National Reserve Champion. Her daughter, Royal Oak Cha Ching, sired by Capuchino, will be making her show ring debut later this year.

Semilla enjoyed years of retirement in warm, sunny Sarasota, Florida, being pampered and loved by her owner, Ms. Jennifer Kelce, until she was laid to rest just last year.

