

# Carriage and Western Art Museum of Santa Barbara



This is a 1956 made by Dick May Saddlery

HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE WON ONE OR OWN ONE. The carriage Museum is doing research on all of the saddles built from the 1920 thru 1988. The Makers were Visalia Stock Saddle company, Jedlickas Dick May Saddlery and Juan Laura Saddlery. Saddles were made fully carved and the Old Spanish Days Logo carved in the fenders. Saddles were awarded for The Hollister Stock Horse Class, Tri County Stock Horse class and The Open Stock Horse Class. The Visalia Stock Saddle Company made 3 saddles with the same stock number and the letters A B and C after the stock number and ended production in 1948. In 1949 Jedlicka's Saddlery began making the trophy saddles but the Open Stock Horse Class was eliminated. Jedlicka's continued until 1953. In 1954 Dick May Saddlery began making the trophy saddles and continued until 1956. In 1957 Jedlicka's began making them again until 1987 when they closed their saddle shop. The final two of the fully carved saddles were made by Juan Laura Saddlery in 1988 which the Carriage Museum has one on display. The Carriage Museum also has their new saddle room display of trophy saddles which includes the following

1933 Donated by Peter and Cinny Nagel

1946 Purchased in Elko Nevada

1954, Donated by JJ Hollister

1956 Purchased In Laguna Niguel

1975 On Loan From Winner Tyke Minetti

1988 Purchased in Palm Desert Antique Store

As you can see we need more on information on these saddles and others in tack rooms. Also if you have any old programs from the Old Spanish Days Stock Horse Show we would like to look at them or take them as a donation. Programs prior to 1990.

We are not looking to acquire all of these saddles but just record some history.

Saddles that we know about through our research are a 1949, 1951, 1983, 1984, and 1987.

We would greatly appreciate any help you can give maybe just a phone number of someone that has one. Contact Tom Peterson [Info@carriagemuseum.org](mailto:Info@carriagemuseum.org) Dylan Peterson [dylan@carriagemuseum.org](mailto:dylan@carriagemuseum.org) phone 805 962 2353