



## MARK J. BARRETT

Chances are your first encounter with the Gypsy Vanner Horse breed involved a photo or video with Mark J. Barrett's name on it.

Mark and his wife Jackie have been capturing images of Gypsy Vanners from their early arrival in the U.S. They produced the first Gypsy Vanner Horse wall calendars, which have been helping showcase this magical new horse breed to the world every year since. Many other calendar publishers also make use of the Barrett's extensive equine image library.

Mark's photos are a master's expression of the romance, power and beauty of these noble creatures. His respect for the subject is evident in each expressive image. Mark has been extremely generous to the Gypsy Vanner Horse Society allowing use of his images, and often donating to the organization.

Says Mark, "Our goal is to create an impression, to express a spirit. If a viewer feels any awe of these creatures from viewing our images, that's a success." "We are privileged to experience such a great variety of beautiful animals, people and places. It's a job most might only dream of. I hope to put a bit of that dream into every image."

In his varied career as a filmmaker/photographer, Mark has also directed and produced film, live television, and numerous commercial videos and documentaries of note.

Mark is based in Silver Springs, Florida, but their scope is worldwide. The Gypsy Vanner Horse Society will be forever grateful to Mark for helping establish this breed and the organization through his work.

The GVHS is honored that Mark has a permanent place in the GVHS Hall of Fame.