

Happy February, Happy Foaling Season, and Happy Valentine's Day!

I am honored to report that this year's 8th Annual Saratoga Horsemen's Social had a record number of attendees and money raised for the 4-H Training Center. The evening at Longfellow's Inn was truly enjoyable and it was great to catch up with old friends and network with new acquaintances. There were over 115 Horsemen in attendance. The Silent Auction featured incredible donations from such generous surrounding businesses, including jewelry, gift certificates, equine themed goody-baskets, framed photographs, judging and trailering services, and more. Guests enjoyed hearty pasta dishes and plentiful appetizers. We thank everyone who was able to come out and enjoy the evening with us, as well as our wonderful sponsors: The New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund, Rhinebeck Equine, Triple Crown Nutrition, Battenkill Veterinary Equine, Impressions of Saratoga, The Equine Clinic at Oakencroft, Harness Horse Breeders of NY State, and Mangino Chevrolet Buick GMC. We look forward to building on this event in 2018.

Late February we will be digging our heels into planning for the 26th Annual Saratoga Horse Symposium. This will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 10am-4pm – so please save the date. The cost this year has been changed to \$15 to accommodate equine enthusiasts from across the board. Great speakers are being lined up, but if you have someone or something you would love to see at the Symposium, please feel free to let us know. The goal is to provide educational programming and demonstrations that pertain to you and your equines, and benefit their day-to-day care.

Wishing you a safe and happy February!

Local Equine Updates:

With the latest snow storms blowing through town, winter is officially here. Do you need help caring for your horses, or know of someone who does? Winter is challenging for horse owners. If you need help, The Haven at Skanda may be able to provide you with horse supplies to keep your horses warm, healthy & safe this winter. These items are donated by those who care, through our Horses for the Holidays program. Please contact: The Haven at Skanda 315-815-5056 mari-on@thehavenatskanda.org.

Upstate Equine Medical Center is at it again! Its stated mission is to provide exemplary care and service as well as provide educational opportunities to both clients and area veterinarians. To this end, Upstate Equine Medical Center has teamed with Kinetic Vet and together they are hosting their ninth annual client educational seminar on equine wellness. The seminar will take place on March 2, 2017 and begins at 7:00 pm. It will be held in the conference room at Upstate Equine Medical Center at 362 Rugg Road in Schuylerville, NY. Two speakers will be featured: Guest speaker Mr. Aaron Richey of KineticVet will present "Dermatology Update, Including Photosensitization AND Introduction to Podiatry"

Dr. Steven Sedrish will lecture on "Joint Health in the Equine Athlete - Oral and Injectable Therapies - How Do You Choose?" Upstate Equine Medical Center veterinarians will also be in attendance to address any questions. This is a great opportunity to mingle with your fellow horsemen and women and get ready for the upcoming riding season. This event is FREE! Goodie bags will be distributed to the first 50 arrivals. The evening will conclude with the annual raffle with fabulous prizes. The goodie bags and raffle prizes only serve as a further enticement to an evening event which is going to be both educational and of great benefit to area horses and horsemen. Snacks and beverages will be served as human nutritional needs should never be ignored! Last year's event was attended by over 70 participants, and a good time was had by all. RSVP is encouraged via phone (518-695-3744), fax (518-695-3465), email (UpstateEquine@aol.com) or to Upstate Equine Medical Center's Facebook page.

Peaceful Acres Horses has a job opportunity either for an employee or a sub-contractor with a business in stable care and horse care (with DBA or LLC). The position is for a self driven, hard working, able bodied person who can maintain and clean, a stable of 30-40 horses, minis and donkeys. The position duties include morning feed, cleaning stalls, watering, stacking hay, grain and shavings (This is very much a labor intensive position) . The person must be available to work consistently 8:00-1:00 Monday - Friday. Nanci Beyerl, MSW, 518-887-3178, www.peacefulacreshorses.com.

Featherbed Lane Farm is Saratoga's only draft horse powered CSA. We are a full year and community focused farm with a unique CSA Membership program. You can learn more about the farm, meet our draft horses, see great farm photos and arrange for a visit at: www.featherbedlanefarm.com. They are currently accepting new CSA members. Tim Biello Featherbed Lane Farm, LLC 518-207-7224 tim@featherbedlanefarm.com.

Foaling season is in full swing at Rhinebeck Equine and we are currently looking to hire someone to help out in our hospital Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays from 7a-7p. This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to expand their knowledge on equine medicine. Please email resume to Kirsten@rhinebeckequine.com. Patient & Hospital Responsibilities include:*Providing treatments for hospitalized patients, including, but not limited to, preparing and administering medications, performing physical exams, running fluids, and assisting with diagnostics.*Care for patients, including, but not limited to, grooming, feeding, mucking out, cleaning feed & water buckets, and turning out*Recording treatments and observations in medical records and reporting any abnormalities to the intern veterinarian on the case*Cleaning stalls including isolation *Disinfect & sweep aisleway* Run in-house labs*Assist with after-hours emergency admissions

Skills and Qualifications include:*An outstanding team attitude and strong work ethic*Positive customer service attitude*All applicants MUST have Excellent horse-horse handling skills (including handling of fractious horses) so please be sure to list your hands on horse experience on your resume *Veterinary technician license (LVT) is preferred but not mandatory*Good time management and multitasking skills *Ability to work independently*Capable of handling patient emergency situations **This job is physically demanding and requires candidates that are able to frequently lift over 50 to 75 pounds and stand for long periods of time.

Ballston Spa, N.Y. — Horse Lovers: Have you ever thought of having your own backyard chicken flock along with your equine companions? OR- do you have chickens and want to improve your production? Cornell Cooperative Extension of Saratoga County will be hosting a beginner poultry class on Monday, March 6th at 6 pm, CCE Office 50 West High Street Ballston Spa NY 12020. Topics will include; housing, feeding, and basic maintenance of your flock, how to choose a breed that works best for you, production, and many other topics. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to Ellie Hackett, CCE Saratoga: 518-885-8995 or eah29@cornell.edu.

Stay Warm,

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