

Greetings All,

Happy First Day of Spring! While the latest snowfall seems to be melting quickly, the pastures have turned to MUD. Please continue to send in photos of your horses and farms as we love to feature them on our CCE Equine Facebook page.

CCE Equine has two upcoming events that we hope you will join us for:

Mustangs and the American West. National symbol or ecological disaster? There are currently over 67,000 wild horses on public lands in the western states of the US, and thousands are removed from those lands each year. However, there are also over 45,000 horses being held in short or long term facilities, and that population keeps growing as well. Round them up, leave them alone, kill them, sterilize them, adopt them, train them? How do we decide? You are invited to an information session with Elaine Larsen PhD from Skidmore College and a group of students who will spend a week in Nevada and California studying wild horses. There will be informational posters and the opportunity to talk to the students about their observations and what they have learned about the history, present, and future of these living emblems of the American West. **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at CCE Saratoga, 50 West High Street Ballston Spa NY 12020. No cost but please pre-register with Carter at [co263@cornell.edu](mailto:co263@cornell.edu).

The **Saratoga Horse Symposium** will be held Saturday, **May 20, 2017** from 10:00AM- 4:00PM. This exciting educational event is a celebration of the horse for new, aspiring and experienced horse owners where attendees have the unique opportunity to interact with horses, equine veterinarians, and presenters alike. The 2017 Saratoga Horse Symposium will feature well known equine experts and veterinarians, along with live horse demonstrations, and educational presentations. Topics will focus on health, nutrition, overall wellness, and training techniques. Some topics already in the program include Acupuncture 101, Lyme Disease – Handling Upstate New York's Tick-Borne Epidemic, Natural Horse Remedies and the 'Raindrop Technique', Desensitizing Your Horse, Animal Communication, and more. Horse enthusiasts from across New York State and New England look forward to this popular annual event. In addition to the Symposium's presentations and demonstrations, there will be a Silent Auction offering a great selection of goods and services donated by many local businesses (which we are still gladly accepting). All proceeds from this annual fundraiser directly benefit educational equine programming and the 4-H Training Center. Doors will open at 9:30am for registration; classes will begin at 10:00am. The cost this year has been changed to \$15 to accommodate equine enthusiasts from across the board. Food will be available for purchase on the grounds. The event will be held at the Saratoga County 4-H Training Center, 556 Middle Line Road, Ballston Spa, NY. Registration is OPEN and you can sign up anytime by calling Wendy at 518-885-8995 or email [WLM8@cornell.edu](mailto:WLM8@cornell.edu). We hope to see you there!

Also, Save the date for the very popular 'Sundae On The Farm' event – to be held at King's-Ransom Farm on Father's Day – June 18<sup>th</sup>. As always we will be seeking out draft teams to provide wagon rides throughout the day.

Wishing you and your four-legged friends a safe and happy Spring.

Carter

## Local Equine Updates

Featherbed Lane Farm is seeking a Farm Assistant for the 2017 season. The Farm Assistant will participate in all aspects of farm work with a focus on vegetable production. For more information about the position, please contact Tim at [tim@featherbedlanefarm.com](mailto:tim@featherbedlanefarm.com).

Hidden Spring Ranch will be holding an immersive 2-day Dressage Clinic with Jon Stillman on April 22-23 at Hidden Springs Ranch in Gansevoort, aimed at helping riders in all disciplines and experience levels develop the tools they need to achieve the highest potential in themselves and their horses. Participants will learn proven practical techniques based on French classical dressage that will help them develop a balanced and independent seat, quiet and effective aids, a highly responsive partner in their horse, and a path toward riding in true lightness. Through extensive individual attention both on and off the horse during the clinic, every rider, from novice to expert, whether primarily interested in dressage, eventing, western pleasure, etc., will benefit; remember that "dressage" refers to "schooling of the horse", not to any particular style of riding! The clinic runs from 9am to 6pm both days, with each day including a lecture, Q & A, and 2 half hour private lessons per rider. The cost is \$165 per rider, for auditors the cost is \$25/day or \$40/weekend, including lunch for all. Stalls will be available for \$20 for the weekend. Register with Jen: [HiddenSpringRanch@live.com](mailto:HiddenSpringRanch@live.com) or 518-879-9057

A Competitive Trail Riding clinic led by the management team for the annual Brookfield 50-30 CTR & 15 CDR sponsored by the NYS Horse Council and sanctioned by the Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association will be held at Pure Country Campground, New Berlin, NY on May 6, 2017, from 9AM to 3PM. For those who would like to bring a horse, a five mile training ride will be held in the Brookfield State Forest following the unmounted portion of the clinic. For further information or to register for the clinic, contact: Joanna Lasher, Ride Secretary, at [jolasher65@gmail.com](mailto:jolasher65@gmail.com) or (518)882-1515.

The annual Brookfield (NY) Competitive Trail Ride 50-30 (CTR) & 15 CDR will be held at the Pure Country Campground on June 23, 24, & 25, 2017. The ride is sponsored by the NYS Horse Council and sanctioned by the Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association. There will be a two day 50 mile ride, a one day 30 mile ride and a 15 mile conditioning distance ride. The rides will be held in the Brookfield State Forest. For information about the rides as well as entry forms, contact Joanna Lasher, Ride Secretary, at [jolasher65@gmail.com](mailto:jolasher65@gmail.com) or (518)882-1515.

Oakencroft will be holding a clinic on Saturday, April 22nd between 8:30am – 4pm for a Client Education Event. Lunch will be provided. Adults and children will be divided into different groups for more targeted presentations. Stations will include lectures and demonstrations on various equine topics. Please RSVP to the Equine Clinic at OakenCroft at 518-767-2906 or [equineclinic@oakencroft.org](mailto:equineclinic@oakencroft.org).

Anastasia Acres is offering full personalized boarding for your horses. We have matted horse stalls available that are 10'x12' and one stall that is 11'x12'. Your horse will be turned out daily and stalled at night. We have three paddocks with run-ins available for your horse to be turned out as a group or alone if needed. We have a Thoroughbred and a Morgan for your horse to be with. Each horse receives the personal care and attention they need daily. Hay and grain included. We take care of Fly control, blanket changing, hoof cleaning, farrier appointments, etc. Your horse will be cared for like our horses. Full board with stall - \$300. Full board without stall - \$275. Anastasia Acres is conveniently located minutes from the beautiful Saratoga National Battlefield and other great riding areas. Email us at [anastasiaacres@yahoo.com](mailto:anastasiaacres@yahoo.com) or call us at (518)915-5863