



# Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association

April 2018

**The Art of Horses**  
General membership  
meeting, April 25  
Pecos Trail Café  
6 p.m. for dinner; meeting  
begins at 7 p.m.



Come explore the art of horses with our guest speaker Lisa Gordon. Her presentation will begin with a brief review on the history of the horse in art, followed by her own journey as an equine artist. The bronze casting process will be explained with a demonstration, then the evening's highlight will be a hands-on opportunity to begin your very own miniature horse sculpture. An RSVP is required so there are enough materials for this evening of fun.

Lisa received her MFA from California State University, Fullerton, in 1992. During her education she developed a passion for bronze casting. The innate relationship between the casting process and her love of horses can be seen in her powerful, yet sensitive sculptures which have been featured in shows and numerous galleries in ten states. Read more in this article from Southwest Art Magazine: <http://www.southwestart.com/featured/gordon-l-jun2015>

As always, the meeting and program is open to the public. *If you plan to come, please RSVP to [NNMHA@live.com](mailto:NNMHA@live.com) so we can let our restaurant hosts and speaker be prepared.* Hope to see you there!

## Bonanza Creek Movie Ranch Tour: May 19



NNMHA is hosting a walking tour of the movie-set town and fort at Bonanza Creek Ranch on Saturday, May 19th, for NNMHA members. Our history tour guide will be Michael Hug, husband of NNMHA member Trish Hug. The two-and-a-half hour walking tour (no horses are allowed for insurance reasons) will begin at 1:00 pm, and the cost is \$30.00 per person: a non-refundable \$5 payable at registration and balance the day of tour. Members may be accompanied by one non-member guest at the same per person price. Sign-ups for the tour will be available at the April 25th meeting or you can contact Julie Belt at [juliabelt@gmail.com](mailto:juliabelt@gmail.com) for more information. The Ranch has been part of movie-making since 1955 (*The Man from Laramie* starring Jimmy Stewart) and that tradition continues today.

Don't miss out on seeing one of the crown jewels of Santa Fe's western film-making sets -- get your name on the sign-up for this tour!



## Minutes from the March 28, 2018 General Members Meeting

Good food, a nice turnout, and plenty of time to mingle and chat during dinner was followed by a short meeting. Again, thank you to everyone who RSVPed—it helps.

President David Marks welcomed everyone and several announcements were made for upcoming events: Ridge Riders group ride, April general meeting, May tack swap, Bonanza Creek Ranch tour, and a special “movie business” general meeting in May. (See those listed separately in the calendar.)

### Program: Mapping San Pedro Parks Wilderness

Deirdre Monroe gave an excellent overview of the work begun last year in turning the San Pedro Parks Wilderness from “a good place to get lost” into somewhere safer and more welcoming for visitors. She explained that SPPW is a bit unique for our area as it consists of a large, high-elevation (10,000 feet) plateau approximately 10 by 7 miles, rather than the mountainous country that many of us have come to associate with “wilderness”. This rolling terrain is densely covered in aspen and spruce, pockmarked with beautiful, open meadows and small streams. It’s a nice place to visit. But the tree cover, significant stretches of downed timber and general lack of visible peaks all contribute to the trouble that may be encountered in trying to navigate. Deirdre said she’s heard from all sorts of folks that they’d visited SPPW, got lost, and never went back.



About 100 miles of trail had existed on Santa Fe National Forest maps since 1976, but a sample comparison of known trail locations (by GPS tracking) to the “current” SFNF maps clearly showed a lot of variance. So someone attempting to follow a map could easily find themselves thrashing around in deadfall; someone following a visible trail might not be sure if it was an official route to a planned destination or merely a cow path to the next meadow. In addition, signage (except along the Continental Divide Trail which traverses SPPW) is woefully lacking or contradictory. Spurred by her own experience of getting lost, Deirdre proposed to SFNF that volunteers “validate” the trail routes by collecting GPS tracks for all the official trails in SPPW.

Early in 2017, Deirdre sent out the call to various groups including Back Country Horsemen (Santa Fe and Northwest chapters), American Endurance Riding Conference, New Mexico Mounted Search and Rescue, Los Alamos Search and Rescue and other individuals. Karen Denison offered a free GPS class for volunteers in early spring. Over the course of the summer, volunteers on horseback and on foot traveled the trails that exist, searched for the trails that were thought to exist (by SFNF maps), and took note of trail/signage conditions. Groups like Back Country Horsemen and a volunteer crew of National Smokejumper Association members (retired smokejumpers who do week-long service projects) spent days with hand tools clearing badly-blocked trails. Deirdre used her map-making skills to compile data as it arrived. In all, SFNF liaison Lynn Bjorkland commented that more work had gotten done in SPPW in one summer than in the previous 20 years. Deirdre and the Santa Fe Chapter of Back Country Horsemen were separately recognized for their 2017 service by SFNF in the fall.



Most of the interior trails have been mapped, but more work remains for 2018. Up-to-date signage is planned, more trail clearing is needed, and a few non-Wilderness access roads/trails need to be mapped. Anyone interested in joining the effort is asked to contact Deirdre.

Although Deirdre originally meant to simply turn over to SFNF all the compiled data for them to publish a new map, SFNF personnel have informed her that rules prohibit them from publishing a new public map until all the old copies have sold. Since the 2006 SPPW map is still widely available, that could take years. So with SFNF blessing, Deirdre intends to extend her map publishing experience (her map of the Caja del Rio, SFNF is available locally or on Amazon) with a fully updated San Pedro Parks Wilderness map. All profits will be donated to Back Country Horsemen and the American Endurance Riding Conference. Look for the map within a couple years, but know that a beautiful and riding-friendly recreation area exists just a couple hours away.

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## Member Directory

The 2018 NNMHA Member Directory was emailed to all members April 11. Please remember to save it somewhere handy as it's not publicly posted on our website. If you're a member and need it again or didn't receive it the first time, please contact Karen Denison [redmule@kdt.net](mailto:redmule@kdt.net).

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*Some people think horses are dumb. Ability and intelligence are in all horses, regardless of breed. Their so-called stupidity stems from our poor communication. Training a horse is like drawing a picture. The better I draw the picture, the better the communication. If I'm drawing a horse in pencil, I've communicated something. If I add crayon to my drawing, you can tell the horse I've drawn is a Palomino. Does that mean you've gotten smarter? No. It means I've become a better communicator.*

*--John Lyons, Lyons on Horses*

*If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong.  
--Pat Parelli*

### 2018 Officers and Board

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Remember, you may contact any Board member with questions or comments about activities. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, usually at the NNMHA office. Members are welcome to attend; please contact a Board member to confirm the time and place.



## Ridge Riders

### Julie Belt

**DON'T FORGET:** The first Ridge Riders ride of 2018 will be this coming Sunday, April 15th, at Santa Fe's La Tierra Trails. This ride is open to all members of the Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association, but registration is required. Dogs will not be allowed. This will be a walk-only ride so everyone can enjoy it.

Directions to the trailer parking area: Take NM 599 to Camino de los Montoyas (between Mile Markers 12 and 13), and then turn WEST onto Camino de los Montoyas. Turn left into the Frijoles Trailhead Parking Area marked for trailer parking. The parking area is beautifully marked for trailers but is a bit tight, so if you are able to buddy-up, please consider it.

Riders will meet at the Frijoles Trailhead at 10:00 am, and we'll plan to be in saddle by 10:30 am. The trails at La Tierra are rocky in places so shoes or boots for your horse are recommended. Plan to bring a lunch and water for yourself and your horse for after the ride.

Sign up for the April 15th ride was held at the March 28th meeting of NNMHA, but if you were not there, please contact Julie Belt at [juliabelt@gmail.com](mailto:juliabelt@gmail.com) to get on the list before Sunday morning. The ride will be limited to 12 riders.

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## Ranch Riding Clinic with Terry Berg

June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

HIPICO Santa Fe, 100 South Polo Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87507

As part of HIPICO Santa Fe's new Western Series, Terry's Ranch Riding Clinic will focus on how to ride and train your Ranch Riding Horse so that participants can improve their performance in Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail and the newest class, Ranch Rail. On the first day she will concentrate on helping participants understand the elements of the sport and on the second day will be a video-taped "faux-show with 'do-overs'", so participants can put into practice what they have learned.



Terry Berg, exhibitor, trainer and judge, is the owner and trainer at Santa Fe Reiners in Santa Fe. Terry's judging career with the AQHA, NRHA and ApHC has included the judging of multiple sanctioned shows in Europe, Australia, and Canada as well as across the United States. Terry and her students have won numerous National Titles on Pleasure Horses, Reiners and Trail Horses. Her current training focus is Ranch Pleasure, Ranch Trail and Ranch Rail. Most recently at the AQHA World Show, Terry made the finals in Ranch Riding in 2018 and was a top 15 finalist in 2017.

\$325 per rider for both days, \$35 per auditor each day; 50% Nonrefundable deposit for riders due by May 18<sup>th</sup>. To register contact Beverly Maeker, HIPICO Santa Fe Western Legacy Series Coordinator.



## Tack Swap

**Saturday, May 12 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**NNMHA Grounds, 3233 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe**  
**Co-sponsored by NNMHA and Santa Fe Pony Club**

Time to Swap! Clear out your tack room and bring your stuff to sell at a swap jointly benefitting NNMHA and our local chapter of Pony Club. 10 x 10-foot spaces for only \$10, payable at the door; free entry for shoppers.



- Don't have enough to warrant a space yourself? Partner up with someone and share duties!
- Really don't want to sell? Donate items (in good condition) to NNMHA for our club table.
- Don't have a table to use? Use a blanket or we will have a limited number of 6-foot tables by reservation for \$15 extra (deadline for table rentals May 9).

Equestrian (Western and English), horse-themed or farm/ranch items are welcome : Bring saddles and other tack, artwork, clothing, and trailers (please contact us about larger items). *No livestock, please!* This event is open to the public, so folks don't need to be a member to sell or buy; vendors will be asked to sign liability forms.

The club will also be looking for some volunteers who can prepare ahead of time and help out during the Swap, especially during set-up time on Saturday morning starting around 8:30. The folks from Pony Club will be there, too, to help shoulder tasks.

Please contact Karen Denison [redmule@kdt.net](mailto:redmule@kdt.net) or 505-469-2698 with questions or if you can help.

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## May Meeting Preview

Our May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be special! The theme is "making movies" and we'll have guests from the film industry including a casting director, wrangler(s) and others to talk about what it takes to 'break into the business'. Because we want to have more elbow room, we've arranged to hold this one at the Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse building, 3213 Rodeo Rd., adjacent to the Genoveva Chavez Center. Please come and invite anyone who wants to know more about the movies in New Mexico, whether they are horse owners or not.

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*Progression in the schooling of the horse must, quite definitely, be graduated, because gradual progress is the main road to success. If on a given day, an unexpected improvement has been achieved, it should not be taken as something that has been definitely acquired and should not be taken as a basis for the lesson of the following day. If one did so, one would most surely be disappointed.*

*General Alexis-Francois L'Hotte (1825-1904), Commandant of the French Ecole de Cavalerie*



## WANTED

NNMHA Board is seeking one or two businesses with which to contract for two projects at the Grounds.

### Project #1

Re-purposing the “lower arena” area. The partially fenced old warm-up arena needs heavy work. Job entails moving and stacking the existing fence panels and gate, pulling T-posts, blading/re-contouring the area, and hauling last summer's weeds from the job area. Because of the panel moving and blading needed, this is probably a job for someone with bigger equipment available.

### Project #2

Seasonal maintenance, probably monthly. Mowing/weed control of the entire property. There are large areas which can be done with the tractor, but a considerable amount of edge trimming will also be needed. Some areas of the property have gone untended for several years, so the initial rehabilitation is likely to be tough work now (and entail some hauling) but easier later.

Yes, we've tried to rely on our membership to maintain the Grounds in the past with varying success. However, the massive build-up of weeds (particularly following the rainy period last September) brings us to the recognition that members can either spare time for fun events or for maintenance. Having listened to a number of members, your Board is opting to experimentally hire out the maintenance this season and focus more effort on having recreational or educational events.

If you know of businesses who you can recommend, please contact the Board at [NNMHA@live.com](mailto:NNMHA@live.com).

## Calendar

Items in **bold** are **NNMHA events**; see the club website or newsletter for details. Outside events are in gray; see more information at <https://santafehorse.org/calendar/>

### **April 15 Ridge Riders, La Tierra Trails**

April 21 “Let’s Make A Western” celebration, Mortenson Ranch

### **April 25 Monthly Meeting, Pecos Trail Café: The Art of Horses**

### **May 12 Tack Swap, NNMHA Grounds**

### **May 19 Bonanza Creek Movie Ranch Tour**

May 20 The Horse Shelter Annual Fundraising Auction, Cerrillos

May 26-27 AERC Endurance Ride, HIPICO Santa Fe

### **May 30 Special Monthly Meeting, Santa Fe Sheriff’s Posse: Movie Making**

June 2 El Camino Real commemorative ride, HQ Well

June 2-3 Terry Berg Ranch Riding Clinic, HIPICO Santa Fe

### **June 27 Member BBQ, NNMHA Grounds**



## **Classifieds**

*Do you have something equine-related to sell? Short classified ads may be placed by any member in good standing. Please send an email to Karen Denison, [redmule@kdt.net](mailto:redmule@kdt.net)*

### **NORTHSIDE BOARDING AVAILABLE:**

Ride out on miles of trails, 5 minutes from NM599/La Tierra Rd., reasonable rates and relaxed atmosphere. Prices from \$300-375 for pens 12' x 60' and larger. Arena, round pen, 3 tack rooms, wash rack and trailer parking. Horses fed grass mix or alfalfa twice daily. Owners provide extras, we feed. Owner lives on premises. Contact Carolyn, Centaurus Ranch, 474-0821.

### **TERRY BERG, TRAINER**

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