



# Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association

May 2018



## Making Movies

General membership meeting

May 30, 7 p.m.

Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse

3323 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe

How many of us have watched a show and said, 'I know that location!'

The film business in New Mexico is booming and many of those films and TV productions seek to take advantage of our sweeping landscapes in modern or period Westerns.

This special program will bring representatives from the New Mexico Film Foundation (a non-profit supporting independent film-making), a casting director, a wrangler, a location scout, and others to talk about the process and what it's like being in the movies for you, your horse, or your property.

This program may be of more general interest, as well, so invite your friends. As always, our meetings are free and open to the public. *Please note that we'll be at the Sheriff's Posse to give us plenty of room.*

The program is being co-sponsored by NNMHA, Santa Fe Horse Coalition, and the New Mexico Film Foundation.

## 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**

There's some really good stuff coming for the Tack Swap. Do you have something to sell, too?

Free entry for shoppers; 10 x 10-foot spaces for only \$10, payable at the door *but please RSVP immediately for your vendor information.*

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 a couple more volunteers who can help out during the Swap, especially during set-up time on Saturday morning starting around 8:30. Julie Belt is running a refreshment table and would love to include some donated baked goods if possible. 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.



## Bonanza Creek Movie Ranch Tour: May 19

In keeping with our May movie theme, there's still some room for this event.

NNMHA is hosting a guided walking tour of the movie-set town and fort at Bonanza Creek Ranch on Saturday, May 19th, for NNMHA members. 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. 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!

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## Minutes from the April 25, 2018 General Members Meeting

Once again, good food provided by our hosts at Pecos Trail Café was followed by a short meeting.

President David Marks welcomed everyone and several announcements were made for upcoming events: Bonanza Creek Ranch tour May 19, tack swap May 12, and a special “movie business” general meeting May 30. (See those listed separately in the calendar.)

### Program: Art of the Horse

NNMHA Vice President Lisa Gordon began her program with beautiful examples of horses depicted through the ages beginning with the prehistoric cave paintings in Lascaux, France (17,000 BCE), ancient and classical Greece, through [Deborah Butterfield's](#) life-sized wood/reclaimed metal/bronze sculptures (1980-present) before segueing into some of her own bronzes. She described the exacting and grueling process of producing cast bronze sculpture, narrating a [short film](#) showing the individual steps to “lost wax” casting.

Following this part of the presentation, Lisa passed out materials and guided guests through the initial stages of beginning their own small sculptures, beginning with constructing an armature of pipe cleaners, then covering that with a special non-drying clay, understanding how to check proportions, and beginning to shape and sculpt. There was much laughter and learning along the way.



Thank you very much to Lisa Gordon for sharing her talents with us during this special meeting!



## Ridge Riders

### Julie Belt

The first Ridge Riders ride of 2018 was held in the stunning landscape of Santa Fe's La Tierra Trails, with just two riders enjoying the beautiful day.

There will be no Ridge Riders ride in May, so the next ride will be **Sunday, June 10th at Rowe Mesa**. 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 parking for Rowe Mesa: Take Exit 307 off I-25 North and merge right onto the frontage road. Turn left at the stop sign; go 1.2 mi and turn right onto NM 34. NM 34 is paved to the top of the Mesa. Trailer parking will be at the first gate on the right as soon as you reach the top of the Mesa and leave the pavement (Gate 326).

Riders will meet at the parking area at 10:30 am, and we'll plan to be in saddle by 11:00 am. The trails in this part of Rowe Mesa are very rocky in places so shoes or boots for your horse are recommended. Plan to bring a packable picnic lunch and water for yourself.

Sign up for the June 10th ride at the May 30th meeting of NNMHA, or contact Julie Belt at [juliabelt@gmail.com](mailto:juliabelt@gmail.com) to get on the list. The ride will be limited to 12 riders.

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## Grounds Report

The Grounds have been cleaned up, bathrooms operational and the arena is in great shape! Remember that the property is available for members' personal use any time an event is not scheduled. Please contact any Board member listed below to check on the current events and verify the entry procedures.

### 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.



*In response to member requests, NNMHA is organizing a series of short clinics (4 - 6 hours) given by local trainers to help you gain new skills, solve problems, or introduce new approaches in working with your equines. These member group clinics are being offered at a low cost for participants and auditors to make them more accessible than a longer clinic or private lessons.*

## **Member Mini-Clinic: Problem-Solving with Ann Clemons**

**Sunday, June 3, 9 a.m.**



Is your horse calm and quiet from the ground, but becomes surly under saddle? Does your horse stand quietly for grooming or mounting? Are you or your horse anxious in particular situations but fine elsewhere? Trainer Ann Clemons will be offering a clinic for NNMHA members to help owners evaluate problems in their equine relationships and offer suggestions to help relieve behavioral issues whether the result of physical or mental burdens.

After decades of retraining horses from all walks of life, and sending them into new homes and careers, Ann has found that at least 80% of the time, if a horse is "acting out", it is due to physical injury or limitation. Ninety percent (or more) of the time, it is due to human-caused issues that can be addressed.

There are many ways of addressing a rehabilitation program, but time, patience and consistency are always necessary. This short clinic will begin the process by helping identify possible causes and pointing the way to a happier, healthier relationship.

Cost: \$60 per person to participate with your horse, \$10 to audit. Participants need to register in advance with Joyce Davis [carlotta\\_burra101@icloud.com](mailto:carlotta_burra101@icloud.com), 505-490-5390. If your difficulties emerge while under saddle, please come prepared to ride. A minimum of four participants must register to hold class.

*Ann Clemons has worked as an equine trainer and rehabilitator for over 40 years with racing Thoroughbreds, Mustangs, ranch horses, and competitive horses of most breeds and disciplines. She believes that correct handling/training is the root of a healthy partnership. Her broad experiences in classical dressage, ranch work, saddle-making, cutting/roping, fox hunting, judging and racing--in addition to coordinating with veterinarians and farriers--allows her to help horses and their humans explore new possibilities.*

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*Time and patience are required of all good horsemen, so hurry when you are not around your horse.*  
*—Bob Denhardt, author and co-founder of AQHA*



## Celebration Ride for the El Camino Real Trail, June 2

Julie Belt



The Santa Fe County Horse Coalition is hosting a trail ride on Saturday, June 2, 2018, to celebrate the opening of the newest segment of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail. In conjunction with a celebration of National Trails Day, the 5.5 mile (one way) trail ride will begin at the Caja del Rio Headquarters Well parking area off Forest Road 24, and end at Dead Dog Trailhead on Old Buckman Road where the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 11:30 am.

Riders will depart the Headquarters Well parking area at 9:00 am. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Santa Fe County Horse Coalition will provide water and a light lunch for riders, and water for the horses, before the return ride back to Headquarters Well parking area.

**Sign-up for the ride by contacting Julie Belt** at [julibelt@gmail.com](mailto:julibelt@gmail.com) to get on the list so we know who to look for that day. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to call Julie at 850-621-6811 or email her at the above address.

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### 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.

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