



Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association

September 2019

Dressage for the Rest of Us

General membership meeting, September 25
Pecos Trail Café

6 p.m. for dinner; meeting begins at 7 p.m.



Our vibrant guest speaker Katrin Silva will explain why every backyard pony, shelter horse, trail horse and other non-dressage horse (and their owners) can benefit from the principles of dressage training. She has been training and competing in Classical and Western Dressage in the area for years and is a new author on the topic--her new book out from Cayuse Press is available on Amazon.

Also in keeping with our by-laws, nominations for officers are held at the September meeting. Members are encouraged to take a turn serving to keep our volunteer organization humming. Please contact any current Board member with questions.

Cerrillos Fiesta

Saturday, Sept. 21

Although there are free events all day, NNMHA members might be especially charmed by the donkeys! Mustang Ranch will be in the Village with some adoptable donkeys, and the in-hand donkey races at 2 pm will be preceded by a short procession through town. If you're interested in participating, contact Joyce Davis 505-490-5390 for details. Otherwise, just show up!

Vesicular Stomatitis Status

Since the outbreak of vesicular stomatitis (VS) in New Mexico at the end of June, twelve counties have reported positive or suspect cases resulting in quarantined properties, the overwhelming bulk in Valencia County. However, the outbreak appears to be winding to its seasonal conclusion here as only one new suspect case has been reported (again, in Valencia County) during the past two weeks. In cases of VS, properties are quarantined for two weeks following the most recent appearance of symptoms at the property, then automatically released.

We are glad for the resumption of more normal activities, but these sorts of outbreaks are good reminders to practice general good stable management, especially when traveling: vaccinations as appropriate, good fly/manure management, and no shared buckets, brushes, etc. with unknown horses.





RESCHEDULED

Soft Riders, Soft Horses Clinic*

October 19, 2019, 9:00 am – October 20, 2019, 5:00 pm

NNMHA Arena

Learn the body balance principles of Centered Riding and Conformation Balancing's fascia manipulation skills to help your horse in a single two-day clinic lead by certified Centered Riding instructor Dorothy Crosby and Margaret Henkels, author of Conformational Balancing.

Private and group rides may be scheduled with Dorothy.

Per day: riders \$130; Auditor \$30
Contact: Margret Henkels
505-501-2290

*Public event, all invited,
not only NNMHA.

Grounds Update

Although you will be receiving a direct email from President David Marks about this soon, the Board received news that Santa Fe County, for unspecified reasons, will not be tendering an offer at this time to purchase the Grounds.

This still leaves us in the same quandary as a club: having a property to try and maintain at increasing cost while not burning out volunteers. Weeds, prairie dogs, aging barns and fencing are all part of the issue.

Please give some attention to the email when it arrives; the club will need to take some action and the Board would like it to reflect the desires of the membership.

2019 Officers and Board

President	David Marks	david.marks.sf@gmail.com	505-466-0306
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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.



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

TERRY BERG, TRAINER

Lessons, training and show coaching. Specialty: Ranch Riding, Reining and Ranch Trail.
sfcolores@sprynet.com 505-473-4147

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505-231-5353

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<https://www.santafehorse.com/>

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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505.231.4240 Jean VanCamp

Beware of the horse-as-machine approach to riding and training. "There's a gadget for every problem, a new bit (or martingale) will fix that horse." Beware of anyone whose only approach to problem-solving involves adding more equipment or more severe hardware. Equipment problems...can and should be solved with different equipment. Training problems, on the other hand, cannot and should not be dealt with on a mechanical basis.

– Jessica Jabel, Riding for the Rest of Us

We shall take great care not to annoy the horse and spoil his friendly charm, for it is like the scent of a blossom—once lost it will never return.

– Antoine de Pluvinel, French riding master, circa 1600

