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FROM THE EDITOR, GAEL ORR

Hooray for sidesaddle!

There has been so much excitement in the world of sidesaddle this summer. Tina Louie from Arizona Aside was featured in the August issue of Mary Jane Farm Magazine, where she was highlighted as the first sidesaddle rider to ride rim-to-rim across the Grand Canyon. We also published our parade book, which is available on Kindle or in paperback on Amazon.



My own summer has been filled with parades, historical reenactments, taking my grandson, Cuylar to horse shows, hosting virtual events, stringing new fence lines, and spending time with my family. I'll share more about these adventures later in this issue, along with updates from the WNY chapter.

In case you missed it, Audrey Sears and I were able to get all the information you need for the annual Gettysburg adventure and parade. Be sure to visit our website and look under the Events tab for all the details.

I'm so grateful for all the opportunities to share my love of sidesaddle with others this summer. It's been an amazing season, and I can't wait to see what the next one brings!



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To make the American Sidesaddle Association financially sustainable and profitable through recruitment, fundraising initiatives, and membership support.



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The American Sidesaddle Association (ASA) was formed to preserve, promote, and expand the elegance and historical art of riding sidesaddle. The ASA wishes to promote enthusiasm for sidesaddle riding among the equestrian public. Founded in 2008, the ASA is a network of regional sidesaddle clubs located throughout the nation. The Association supports all forms of riding and rider safety; we honor the women who came before us but are also inclusive of all people throughout society.



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From the President's Desk—Maggie McAllister

Hello, everyone. I hope this issue finds all of you well and enjoying summer. I heard cicadas the other day. I don't remember hearing them this early before. Or maybe I just never paid attention.

Anyway, summer is starting to draw to a close and here in Ross County, Ohio, we are getting ready for our county fair. Granddaughter Katie McAllister will be showing her quarter horse, Easy Alli, and her Pawpaw Bryan's standardbred, Regina Skyscraper. Alli will go in the hunter, ranch, and contesting classes, while Gina does gaited and driving classes. This should mean a complete tack and clothing change after every class. I can't wait. At least we got an awesome campsite this year. It is one row over from the barn, perfectly level, and on a corner! That means it is bigger than the other spots. We should have room to put the camper and horse trailer both there. There is an open show on Thursday, August 10. Sidesaddle is welcome in all classes, so come on out. Classes are \$4 with fair admission.

Katie and I were joined by Robin Lawson for a trip to Germantown, Tennessee, near Memphis in June for the Germantown Charity Horse Show. It was a lovely show. There were sidesaddle classes, a variety of breed classes, driving, and jumpers. The jumper classes are during the day, with the rest starting in the evening. So, we went sightseeing during the day. We got to see the view from the platform at the top of the pyramid and had a great lunch while we were up there. The crabcakes were excellent. The Civil Rights Museum was interesting and thought provoking. It is a very modern museum in the motel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, was assassinated. Our next adventure is the Delaware (Ohio) All Horse Parade. It is the kickoff for the Delaware County Fair and the pacing race, The Little Brown Jug. "The Jug" as it is known, is sort of like the Kentucky Derby and the first jewel in the pacing triple crown. The All Horse is just what it says. The only non-equine units in the parade are the two local marching bands. There are hundreds of horses of every description. Carriages and big hitchers of any type you can imagine, too. This is my favorite parade of all that we do. The crowd is there to see horses and cheer as our sidesaddle group goes by. The neighborhoods that we ride through really get into it. There are parties in the front yards with food smells and little kids waving at us. The most fun part is the giant chalk Bingo boards on the street with numbered squares. Participants play against friends and neighbors, paying a bit of money for their square. Then wait for the horses. I'm sure you can figure out how the winner is decided. October 1st, my birthday, will find us in Milton, West Virginia, for the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival Parade. Milton is a small town, so I think we get to see everyone at the parade.

October 20-22 is the Nashoba Carriage Classic, held at the Germantown Charity Horse Show grounds. This show includes sidesaddle classes on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, as well as the Magnolia Drive through the parks system trails. Carriage of every type join the sidesaddle ladies for this class which includes a poker run, mimosas, and cookies out on the trail. Great fun and not to be missed. There is a big group of us traveling to the show if anyone wants to join us and share lodging.

I hope to see some of you down the road. Now back to sewing for Gettysburg!!

Maggie



American Sidesaddle Association (ASA) Banquet weekend, May 19-21, 2023

The American Sidesaddle Association (ASA) held their annual awards banquet in Chillicothe, Ohio, the weekend of May 19th. The event was a huge success. The day kicked off with a mini sidesaddle clinic, followed by a delicious dinner and a tour of the ASA library. Vicki Pritchard, the ASA's librarian, hosted the event. On Saturday, everyone headed to the art museum, where awards were handed out and a raffle took place. There was also a dress-up contest for historic outfits. In the evening, a few ladies went out for Japanese food, and many others went axe throwing. The ASA awards banquet is always a great way to connect with other sidesaddle riders and celebrate the sport. This year's event was no exception, and everyone had a wonderful time.



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In addition, the book contains the American Sidesaddle Association's (ASA) list of key questions to ask parade organizers to insure you mitigate risks. The ASA also provides its parade policy, which can help local horse clubs and individuals understand how to keep themselves, their horses, and spectators much safer. Whether you're a seasoned horseman or a complete beginner, Parade Training for Horses is the perfect resource for anyone who wants to parade train their horse safely and successfully.

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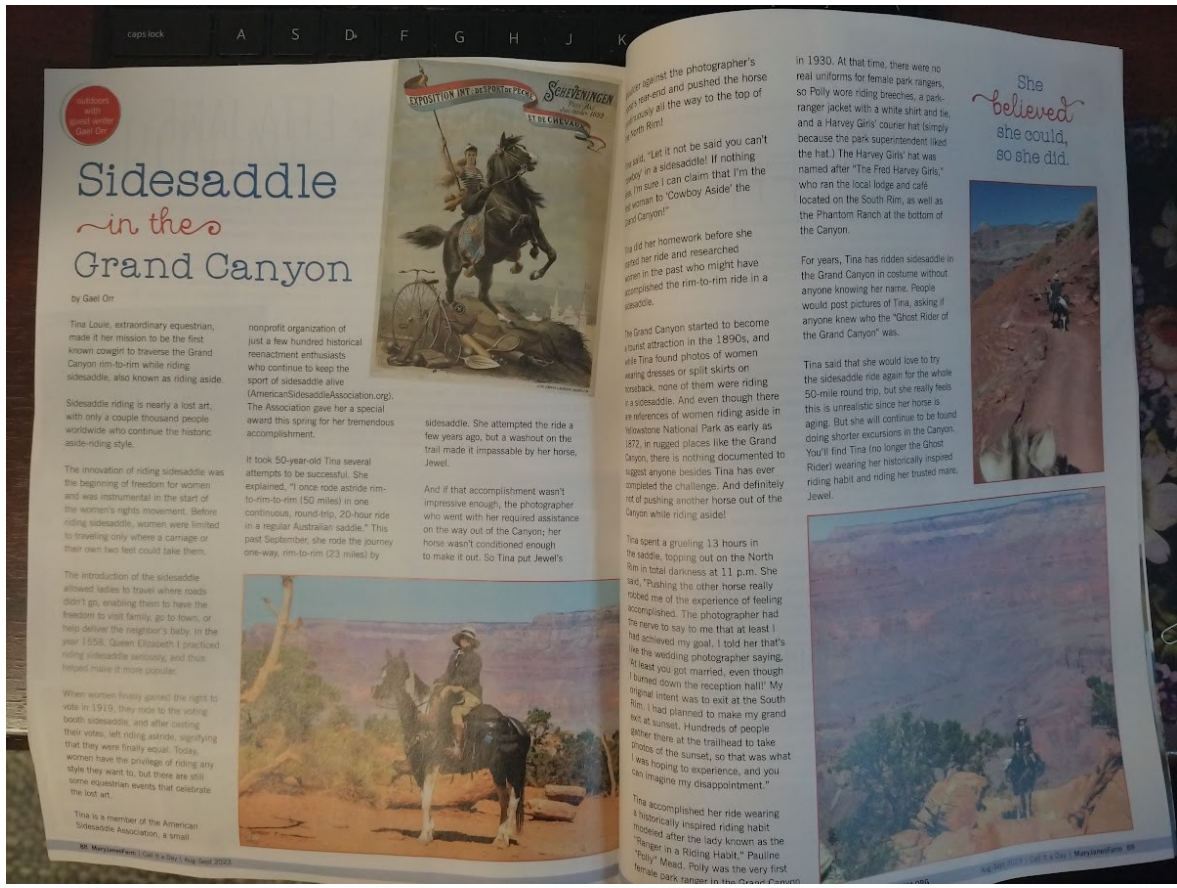
Written by Gael Orr, Vicki Pritchard,
Maggie Horvath, and Audrey Sears





Mary Jane Farm Magazine

The August issue of Mary Jane Farm Magazine is featuring a story about our own Tina Louie's ride across the Grand Canyon! The article was written to help log the history that Tina Louie is the first documented woman to ride aside rim-to-rim in the Grand Canyon! Be sure to pick up your August issue at your local natural health food store or at Tractor Supply. If you can't find a copy, you may enjoy the article in this issue of the Phoenix.





Tina Louie- The First Known Sidesaddle Cowgirl to Ride Rim-to-Rim in the Grand Canyon

By Gael Orr

Tina Louie, extraordinary equestrian, has made it her mission to be the first known cowgirl to ride the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim, while riding sidesaddle, also known as riding aside. Sidesaddle riding is nearly a lost art, with only a couple thousand people worldwide who continue the historic aside riding style. Sidesaddle was the beginning of freedom for women and was the beginning of the women's rights movement. Before riding sidesaddle, women were limited to traveling only where a carriage could take them, or of course their own feet. In the year 1558, Queen Elizabeth practiced riding sidesaddle seriously, and thus helped make it more popular. The introduction of the sidesaddle allowed ladies to travel where roads didn't go, enabling them to have the freedom to visit family, go to town, or help deliver the neighbor's baby.

In 1919, when women finally gained the right to vote, women rode to the voting booth sidesaddle, but after casting their vote, left riding astride. This signified to them that they were finally equal. Today, women have the privilege of riding any style of horseback riding that they want to. Tina Louie is a member of the American Sidesaddle Association, a small 501c3 organization of just a few hundred historical reenactment enthusiasts who continue to keep the sport of sidesaddle alive. The Association plans to give her a special award this spring for her tremendous accomplishment. Tina Louie decided to make it a goal to ride rim-to-rim in the Grand Canyon last year, and is the only known cowgirl to ever do so.

It took 50-year-old Tina Louie several attempts to be successful. Tina explained, "I once rode astride rim-to-rim-to-rim (50 miles) in one continuous round trip ride 20 hour ride in a regular Australian saddle." This past September, she rode the journey rim-to-rim aside, which is a 23 mile trip, one way. She attempted the rim-to-rim ride a few years ago, but a washout on the trail made it impassable by her horse, Jewel. If that accomplishment wasn't impressive enough, the photographer who went with her required assistance on the way out of the Canyon. The horse wasn't conditioned enough to make it out of the canyon. So Tina Louie put her horse's shoulder against the photographer's horse's rear-end and pushed the horse continuously all the way to the top of the North Rim! Tina said, "Let it not be said you can't "cowboy" in a sidesaddle! If nothing else, I'm sure I can claim that I'm the first woman to "Cowboy Aside" in the Grand Canyon!"





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Tina did her homework though, before she started her aside ride, she researched ladies in the past who might have accomplished the rim-to-rim ride in a sidesaddle. The Grand Canyon started to become a tourist attraction starting in the 1890's. And while Tina found photos of women wearing dresses or split skirts on horseback, none of them were riding in a sidesaddle. And while there are references of women riding aside in Yellowstone National Park as early as 1872, in rugged places like the Grand Canyon, there is nothing documented to suggest anyone besides Tina Louie has ever completed the challenge! And definitely not pushing another horse out of the Canyon while riding aside! Tina spent a grueling 13 hours in the saddle topping out on the North Rim in total darkness at 11:00 p.m. Tina said, "Pushing the other horse really robbed me of the experience of feeling accomplished. The photographer had the nerve to say to me that at least I had achieved my goal. I told her that's like the wedding photography saying, "at least you got married, even though I burned down the reception hall! My original intent was to exit at the South Rim. I had planned to make my grand exit at sunset. Hundreds of people gathered there at the trailhead to take photos of the sunset, so that was what I was hoping to experience, so you can imagine my disappointment."



Tina Louie accomplished her ride wearing a historically inspired riding habit modeled after the lady known as the Ranger in a Riding Habit, Pauline "Polly" Mead. Polly was the very first female park ranger in the Grand Canyon in 1930. At that time, there were no real uniforms for female park rangers. Polly wore riding breeches, a park ranger jacket with a white shirt and tie, and a Harvey Girl's courier hat- because the park superintendent liked the hat. The Harvey Girl's hat was named after the Fred Harvey Girls who ran the local lodge and cafe located on the South Rim, as well as, the Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Canyon. For years, Tina has ridden sidesaddle in the Grand Canyon in costume without anyone knowing her name. People would post pictures of Tina asking if anyone knew who the "Ghost Rider of the Grand Canyon" was. Tina described that she would love to try and ride the rim-to-rim ride again in a sidesaddle as a 50 mile round trip ride, but she really feels this is unrealistic. Tina's horse is aging; but she will continue to be found doing shorter excursions in the Grand Canyon. You'll find Tina with her trusted mare, Jewel wearing her historically inspired Polly Mead's riding habit. No longer a Ghost Rider, if you see Tina Louie there, be sure to say hello. And remember, her horse Jewel is always willing to pose for pictures, carrots gratuity appreciated!



How to Keep Your Horse Cool in the Summertime

Summer is a great time to enjoy your horse, but it's important to take steps to prevent them from overheating. Horses can't sweat as efficiently as humans, so they're more susceptible to heat stress. By following these tips, you can help keep your horse cool and comfortable all summer long.



♥**Avoid riding during the hottest part of the day.** The ideal time to ride is early in the morning or late in the evening, when the temperatures are cooler. If you must ride during the heat of the day, be sure to take frequent breaks in the shade.

♥**Keep your horse well-hydrated.** Make sure your horse has access to plenty of fresh, clean water at all times. You may need to offer them more water than usual in hot weather. You can also try adding electrolytes to their water to help them stay hydrated.

♥**Wet your horse's coat.** This will help to cool them down and prevent them from sweating too much. You can use a hose, a sponge, or even a spray bottle to wet their coat. But don't squeegee their coats after. Let your horse drip dry to insure longer cooling.

♥**Provide shade.** Make sure your horse has a shady spot to rest in during the day. If you're traveling with your horse, you can provide shade by parking your trailer under a tree, erecting a canopy, or simply tying your horse up in the shade of a barn or building.

♥**Avoid strenuous activity.** In hot weather, it's best to avoid strenuous activity with your horse. Stick to shorter, less demanding rides.

Here are some additional tips:

♥**Check your horse's feet regularly.** If their feet are dry and cracked, they may be more susceptible to heat stress. Wet the area near your horse's water trough in the morning and evening so they get their feet wet regularly. Using hoof dressings can also help.

♥**Be aware of your horse's body language.** If they start to look uncomfortable or stressed, take a break in the shade.

♥**Listen to your horse.** If they're telling you they're too hot, stop what you're doing and take a break.

By following these tips, you can help keep your horse safe and comfortable in the summertime. So saddle up and enjoy the hot weather!



Points Tallies

Hi Everyone! This page and the next are the total points tallies for everyone who has been logging points this year. These points are from January –June, so if you submitted points in July, they are not shown here, but are logged in our system. The list is sorted alphabetically by chapter, then by name. Are you missing? It means you haven't submitted points. You can submit points for all club activities from the members tab on our website. Be sure to keep logging those points!!!

What do the points mean? As a full member benefit of ASA at the end of the year, we award fun prizes and gifts for category winners and overall champion and grand champion. It's super fun, and we want you to participate! Learn more about our points program at this quick video: <https://youtu.be/1UuHfmSCM1A>



Member Name	Youth	Chapter	Points Totals
Hannah Barker		AZA	11
Samantha Chamberlain		AZA	10
Tina Louie		AZA	3
Karol Kafka		CA_Aside	6
Megan Titus		CA_Aside	2
Rebeca Cordova		CA_Aside	2
Wendy Deini-Pruden		CA_Aside	2
Aidan Kenney		CRSS	6
Delaney Kenney		CRSS	17
Kat Mautz		FOW	11
Sarah Mognoni		GSS	2
Susan Crowe		GSS	2
Maggie Benedette		KYSS	2
Lisa Sidwell		KYSS	3
Maria Tere Ramirez		LSSA	4
Courtney Jenkins		NEOLA	4
Kristen Wade		NEOLA	16
Shelby Kornbau		NEOLA	4
Katelynne Stevens		NEWS	2
Diana Kocunik		NILS	14
Sarah Pettitt		SANE	4
Tam Pettit		SANE	1
Amanda Keyes		SOLA	2
Becky Goode		SOLA	1
Bryan McAllister		SOLA	10
Chris Grahm		SOLA	1
Corine Obarski		SOLA	1
Dee Miller		SOLA	1
Diana Jackson-Charlino		SOLA	5
Donna Masters		SOLA	1
Gay Schuldt		SOLA	6
Katie Mcallister	yes	SOLA	11
Kevy Gostlin		SOLA	1
Kim Wire		SOLA	3
Kimber Goehl		SOLA	1
Laurie Post		SOLA	19
Maggie McAllister		SOLA	53
Mark Masters		SOLA	1
Michelle Keyes		SOLA	2
Morgan Reeves		SOLA	7
Nancy Murnyak		SOLA	1



Member Name	Youth	Chapter	Points Totals
Rhetta Dotts		SOLA	12
Robin Lawson		SOLA	9
Sam Reeves		SOLA	19
Teresa Runions		SOLA	6
Terin Tatman-Brett		SOLA	1
Tyler Grahm		SOLA	7
Vicki Pritchard		SOLA	24
Bethany Tuskey		WISS	1
Erin Krembs		WISS	1
Erin Peterson		WISS	1
Karla Nuebauer		WISS	1
Kelly Ladd		wiss	1
Kristina Bereton		WISS	2
Libby Cameron		WISS	1
Michelle Cheever		WISS	1
Robin MicMacaussie		WISS	1
Sara Jones		WISS	1
Tamlynn Evans		WISS	1
Aaron Walker		WNY	1
Amanda Polanski		WNY	4
Amber Murat		WNY	1
Amy Murat		WNY	15
Annabelle Reynolds	yes	WNY	3
Audrey Sears		WNY	38
Brandon Tyler		WNY	4
Bryan Sears		WNY	11
Cheyenne Murat		WNY	8
Chrissy Gibson		WNY	13
Cindy Schlecht		WNY	1
Clayton Sears	yes	WNY	3
Cuylar West	yes	WNY	9
Deb McNicholas		WNY	7
Elizabeth (Liz) Juba		WNY	32
Emily Hoster		WNY	3
Emily Reynolds		WNY	1
Eric Volkmar		WNY	3
Gael Orr		WNY	72
Gayvin Sears	yes	WNY	2
Jen (Micky) Rogers		WNY	28
Jen Tallman		WNY	4
Jessy Sears	yes	WNY	6

Member Name	Youth	Chapter	Points Totals
Judy Manchester		WNY	8
Julie Norman		WNY	3
Kris Wyoswski		WNY	3
Leigh semilof		WNY	1
Linda Kellish		WNY	8
Lori Volkmar		WNY	8
Maggie Tallman	yes	WNY	7
Mary Gerlach		WNY	7
Mike Gibson		WNY	10
Mike Orr		WNY	14
Nancy Cecil		WNY	2
Nikki (Murat) Tyler		WNY	10
Noah West	yes	WNY	2
Raelynn (Murat) Tyler	yes	WNY	7
Sabrina Hoster		WNY	4
Sandy Morrow		WNY	8
Shawn Murat		WNY	7
Susannah Waters		WNY	1
Suzzanna Richardson		WNY	22
Tiffian Waters		WNY	2
Tim Hoster		WNY	2
Tony Reynolds		WNY	1
Trenton Konzel	yes	WNY	5
Trish Cropmton Anselm		WNY	2
Tytus Sears	yes	WNY	4
Vivian Bordonaro	yes	WNY	1
Trish Zarzynski		WISS	1
Cara Jones		WISS	1
Dominique Mauhar		WISS	1
Scott McKinster		WISS	1





A Fresh Look at Going on Parade

By Diane Virostko

I was asked to share my experience with the rest of the ASA, so I hope my writing will give you an insight into what it's like to parade for the first time.

I rode in my first parade in Dublin, Ohio on the 4th of July. It was only the second time I've ridden side-saddle, and I'm hooked!

I've ridden horses for years, and I've always been interested in side-saddle. As someone who reenacts as a Victorian lady, it interests me from a historical as well as an equestrian point of view. The last time I rode a side saddle was at one of Maggie's clinics last year. I find riding this way to be a very comfortable and secure feeling. Maggie does a great job of making sure you feel balanced in the saddle.



It was a hot and humid day, with plenty of sun and an occasional breeze. I didn't know what to expect, other than the usual grooming and tacking up the horses. I groomed and added ribbons to my mount Alli's mane and tail. Then I learned how to spray glue glitter to hooves and rumps! (Glitter gets everywhere, not just on the hooves.) By the time the crew were finished, all of the horses looked outstanding. We mounted up around 11:00 or so, and then our horses stood until it was time to start walking the parade route. We were the last group in the parade, so it took longer than I expected for us to begin.

Finally, we were underway and waving to the crowd. We rode down the main street, and the sidewalks were packed with people! I was amazed to see how well attended the parade was. There were people standing shoulder to shoulder, at least three deep on the sidewalk. There were spectators in chairs, pretty much anywhere they could fit them. I really loved catching some of the children's eyes and seeing them waving. I would have been one of the kids exclaiming, "Horses!" I could relate to their excitement.

An aside: I must say I was surprised by how many people recognized we were riding side-saddle. It really does look different from the other riding styles, and it's not often that you find people who ride this way anymore. After the parade, we spent some time sitting under a shady tree in the parking lot. We had Gatorade, melon pieces, and most importantly, fellowship. It was heaven with the breeze.

I had a ton of fun, and I do hope to ride in a parade again soon. I was so glad to meet everyone!

I also want to take a moment to recognize all of the riders and horses. We had Maggie McAllister on Fern, Katie McAllister on Q, Tyler Graham on Wyatt, Bryan McAllister on Gina, Samantha Reeves on Lucky, and myself on Alli. A special shout-out to Chris Graham who walked the entire route and picked up the droppings. Chris also helped me to dismount. Thanks, affable human ladder!

Lastly, I would like to thank the ASA as an organization for giving me the opportunity to share this first-timer's firsthand experiences. I hope you enjoyed reading about my experience!



About the Cover Photo– Meet Cheyenne Murat

Cheyenne Murat: A rising star in the world of sidesaddle

By Gael Orr

Cheyenne Murat is a young rider with a bright future in the world of sidesaddle. She recently made her debut in the Genesee Country Museum's Independence Day Parade, riding her 16hh quarterhorse, Sport. This was Sport's second time carrying a sidesaddle, and he handled it like a pro!

Cheyenne looked stunning in her new Civil War-inspired riding habit, and she clearly enjoyed the experience. Cheyenne's entire family is involved in the world of sidesaddle. Her mom, Amy, sister, Nicki, niece Raelynn, and father, Shawn, are all members of the American Sidesaddle Association. They often ride together, and they are always supportive of Cheyenne's riding goals.



Healthy as a Horse

By Audrey Sears

Summer is here, and that means it's time to take some extra steps to keep our horses healthy and happy! Here are a few tips:

- ♥ Wash those winter blankets! Even though it's hot out now, it's important to wash your horse's winter blankets so they'll be clean and ready to use when the weather turns cold again. Hang them inside out on a fence to dry in the sun - the natural sunlight will help kill bacteria and prevent skin issues.
- ♥ Check your fence line. Take a walk around your property and make sure your fence line is in good shape. Look for any weak spots or holes that could allow your horse to escape. Trim back any weeds or limbs that could pose a hazard.
- ♥ Use mouthwash on your horse's mane and tail. This may sound strange, but it works! Mouthwash helps to loosen dander and dirt, and the minty scent can help keep away pesky gnats. Just be sure to use a mild, alcohol-free mouthwash.
- ♥ Keep your horse hydrated. Make sure your horse has access to plenty of clean, cool water at all times. If the water is in direct sunlight, it may be too hot for your horse to drink. Try to keep it in a shady area or refresh it with colder water. You can also add 1 cup of molasses to a 5-gallon bucket of water to help entice your horse to drink and add some electrolytes back into their system.
- ♥ Don't forget to have fun! Even if it's too hot to ride, there are still plenty of ways to enjoy your horse in the summer. Take them for a hand walk in a shady spot, brush them, or just spend some time grooming them. These activities will help keep your horse cool and happy, and they'll also help you bond with your horse.

I hope these tips help you keep your horse healthy and happy all summer long!



From the ASA library

By Vicki Pritchard

ASA Library: new book available for loan

How to Think Like a Horse, by Cherry Hill, Story Publishers, 2006

This color-illustrated hard cover book reminds the reader that women make up the majority of horse owners in this country. Methods of training and dealing with horses, as advocated by male authors, may not match the way women think about issues and how women process tasks that need to be done. The fact that time and experience are needed to develop the trainer's personal sense of "the horse", a gift that is essential to equestrian success.

"Thinking like a horse" is the first chapter of the book, their needs follows. What they like and don't like

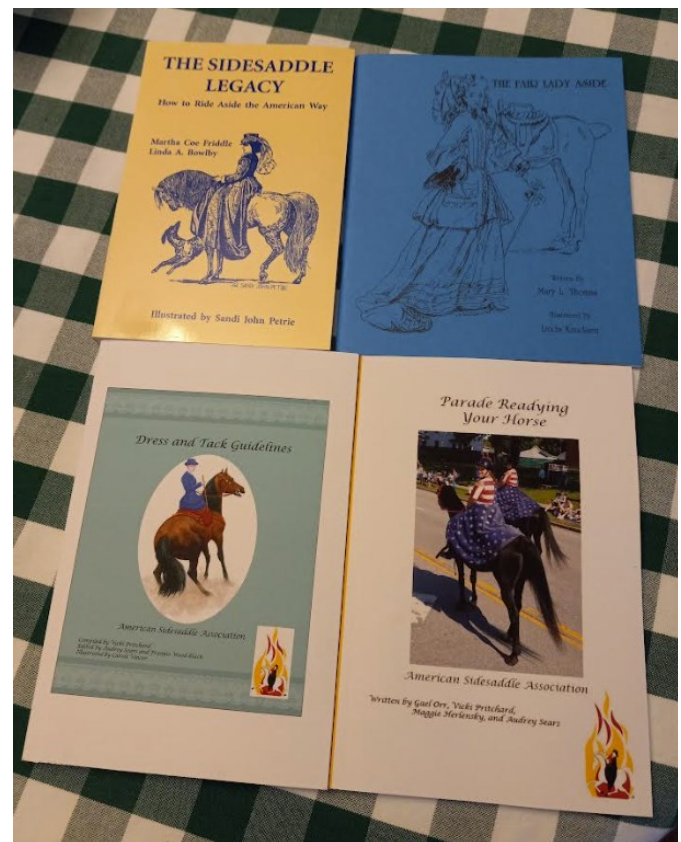
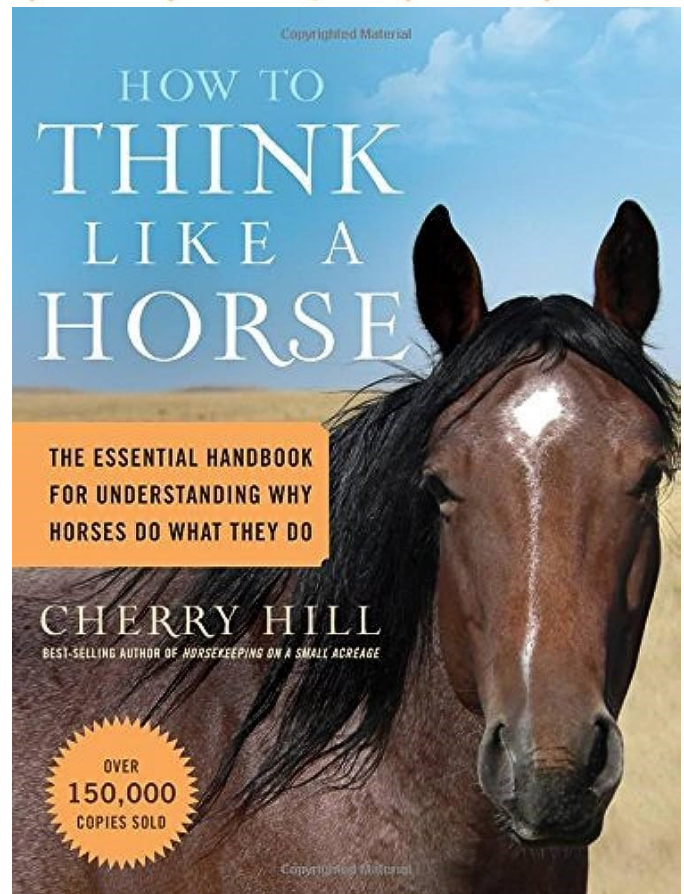
and melding human characteristics for dealing with fear are what lead the reader into the section on

"how to become part horse".

The book is easy to follow and is perfect for young readers with the illustrations bringing the text to life.

Summer reading

If you are looking at engaging in some summer reading fun, look no further than the ASA library! We have a couple of new books written by people within the association. Get your copy of Dress and Tack Guidelines or Parade Readyng Your Horse, both books are available for purchase on Amazon, or you can borrow them from the ASA library.





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WNY Chapter Updates

By Gael Orr

WNY Sidesaddle Chapter has had a busy and exciting season!

We kicked off the spring season with a bang, dressing as fairies riding unicorns in the Lilac Festival Parade in Rochester, NY. A week later, we rode in the Oz Stravaganza Parade, which was Wizard of Oz themed. We managed to have all the main characters represented, and it was a lot of fun!

We also had a social outing at the Dansville Fairy Fest, where we met up with other fairy enthusiasts and enjoyed some photo opportunities together. A week later, we attended the Batavia Classic horseshow. One of our members, Liz Juba, has been training one of my horses, Sam, to go sidesaddle, and she took him into his second horseshow. He was a bit of a monster, but I think we were both glad he didn't go sidesaddle that day!

We also attended the Genesee Country Museum Independence Day parade in Civil War-inspired regalia. We held a small demo and history talk, and it was a great way to share our love of sidesaddle with others.

Later that same week, we attended the Americana Days Parade in Nunda wearing matching red skirts and white blouses. Nearly all of us rode sidesaddle in that parade, and it was a beautiful sight to see! We had a big turnout with 9 riders, and it was a lot of fun to ride together.

We also attended an impromptu parade at the Genesee County Fair hoping we might win some prize money. We don't yet know if we won, but we had a great time anyway! We're so grateful for all the opportunities we've had to share our love of sidesaddle this season. We're looking forward to even more adventures in the coming year!





Model Horse Shows

By Fabian Rodriguez

There are two basic types of showing in the model horse hobby: halter showing and performance showing.

Halter showing is based on the model's anatomical, breed, and color accuracy (ABCs) of the breed represented. Performance showing is a model horse executing a discipline.

Model horse showing is a popular hobby worldwide. Exhibitors enter their models into various classes, such as breed classes, performance classes, and collectability classes. These classes are judged based on the model's accuracy, attention to detail, overall presentation, and how rare or sought-after a model is.

Model horse showing allows enthusiasts to admire and compete with their collections, and also provides educational opportunities about equine breeds and disciplines. It has grown into a popular hobby worldwide, with national and international shows.

Model horse performance showing is a competitive hobby in which hobbyists display and exhibit their realistic model horse collectibles. Each model is meticulously crafted and painted to resemble a real-life horse, as well as the hand-made to scale leather tack. Participants showcase their models in a wide range of disciplines, from dressage and show jumping to western-style riding and horsemanship. Judges evaluate models based on a "picture perfect moment" in which the model is performing the discipline to the best of a real horse's ability that has been captured in model horse scale. Documentation is provided to explain what the model is presenting, as well as other key elements such as rules from the real equine event.

Unlike live horse shows, model horse performance showing provides an accessible and affordable way for enthusiasts to experience the excitement and beauty of horse showing while educating the community.



Get to know new JIC, Tyler Graham!

Hello, my name is Tyler Graham. I was born and raised in a small town in southeastern Kentucky called Pine Knot in McCreary County. I am currently living in Columbus, Ohio. I have always loved horses. I got my first horse at the age of three. I showed Tennessee Walking Horses professionally all throughout my younger years and into my adult life.



My love for horses has only grown greater with age. I took an interest in side saddle riding around the year 2005. I was introduced to side saddle by a lovely lady named Sue Duncan, who is from Jamestown, Tennessee. She and I were at a show in Kentucky where she was showing her horse and riding side saddle. I immediately took an interest and wanted to learn to ride.

I remember walking over to Sue's trailer, where she had her horses tied up, and introducing myself. We had an instant connection, and it was like we had known each other all our lives. She immediately took me under her wing, and I was like a son to her from that moment on.

Although I know most people think men don't ride side saddle, I learned through research that men did in fact ride aside. When I told Sue about my interest in learning to ride side saddle, she taught me all about the correct way to ride aside.

I became a member of the American Side Saddle Association (ASA) in 2012. I have had the privilege to perform with ASA several years in a row at the Kentucky Horse Park during Side Saddle Weekend. I have also done the Light Up the Night parade in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as well as several other parades with Sue and other members of ASA. One of my favorite things I have done was being a part of the ASA entry in the Pegasus Parade in Louisville, Kentucky, for several years. This parade takes place the weekend before the Kentucky Derby, and is attended by as many as 200,000 onlookers.

My participation and experience gained riding aside all led me to learning more and more about riding aside and the history that went along with it. My experiences all culminated in my taking the test and becoming a certified side saddle instructor in April of 2023.

My goal is to show others that men can ride side saddle, and to spread my love of riding and showcasing the art of riding aside. Being part of ASA has allowed me to meet some lovely people, travel to many cool and interesting places, take part in memorable parades, and meet people and make friends from all over the country. I look forward to spending many more years as a part of the ASA family!



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Nashoba Carriage Classic

By Brooke Ballenger

The Nashoba Carriage Association is excited to welcome the Sidesaddle Division to the Nashoba Carriage Classic for the sixth year. The beautiful show grounds of the Germantown Charity Horse Show are the perfect setting for this event.

The 23rd annual Nashoba Carriage Classic & Driving Derby will be held October 20-22, 2023. This year, we are introducing a new driving division called the Utility Division, in which pleasure driving exhibitors show in their marathon carriages. We are also hosting a Coach Dog Class for the first time.

The show begins with Juleps in Germantown, a fun social event held during the exciting Driving Derby. We will cheer on our exhibitors during this fun speed event and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and dessert sponsored by the Germantown Charity Horse Show Association. Lunch on Saturday is complimentary, courtesy of the Nashoba Carriage Association. We will cap off a fantastic day of competition with our Exhibitors' Party and an awards presentation.

Before the Exhibitors' Party, attendees of the dinner will watch the first four classes of sidesaddle classes while enjoying light appetizers.

On Sunday morning, sidesaddle exhibitors may participate in the Drive and Ride class, Hunter Hack, the Command Class, and the Magnolia Drive, a ride and drive through the adjacent Morgan Woods. At the midpoint of the Magnolia Drive, riders and drivers will be served mimosas and light snacks.

The show concludes with a complimentary Awards Luncheon, during which high point awards will be awarded for the Sidesaddle and Carriage divisions. A special Concours d'Elegance ribbon will be presented to the sidesaddle turnout that presents the most elegant effect. The Nashoba Carriage Classic benefits WarHorses for Heroes, a local nonprofit organization that provides equine-assisted therapy to veterans who have sustained service-related mental or physical injuries. The Carriage Pleasure Driving portion of the show is sanctioned by the American Driving Society. For more information and a copy of the prize list and entry forms, please visit our website: nashobacarriage.org. We hope you will join us at this unique show to continue the tradition!



SOLA Updates

By Vicki Pritchard

The members of Southern Ohio Ladies Aside (SOLA) have decided to meet at as many locations all around the state as possible. We are a large club and the distance between members is not easy to overcome. Meeting here and there will allow us to have the best chance to network with each other. To that end, we have decided to have our get-togethers based on a theme, which for now will be Ohio Presidents and Generals.

At our most recent gathering, we met at a lovely restaurant in Somerset, Ohio, on the town square and in view of the life-size bronze of General Phillip Sheridan on his horse, Rienzi. Rienzi was a Morgan whose stuffed body is in the Smithsonian. We ate, visited, had a business meeting, and gave out awards that included Maggie McAllister's Judge/Instructor/Clinician (JIC) ribbon and identification card. We each received a small gift and we critiqued the May ASA Banquet that we hosted. Afterward, we visited the local art collective and carried home some wonderful things.

Pictured with the statue are: Maggie McAllister, Robin Lawson, Kim Wire, Nancy Murnyak, Yvonne Champer, and Vicki Pritchard.



Following are the future location/themes for our meetings: Point Pleasant and Georgetown for Ulysses S. Grant, William Tecumseh Sherman in Lancaster, James A. Garfield in Mentor, Rutherford B. Hayes in Fremont, Lucy Webb Hayes in Chillicothe, Warren G. Harding in Marion, and William H. Taft in Cincinnati.

We will also do a trip to Amish country and to the Regimental Ball in Cuyahoga Falls. Congratulations to our member, Nancy Murnyak for her upcoming art show, Myths and Memories, September 6th opening, in Cuyahoga County, Orange Branch at the Library, Pepper Pike, Ohio.





Germantown Charity Horse Show

By Kayla Benson, Germantown Charity Horse Show Queen 2023



In my opinion, the 2023 Germantown Charity Horse Show was one for the record books. This year, I was blessed to be chosen as the Germantown Charity Horse Show Queen, and it was the most incredible experience.

Although I am always busy showing at GCHS each year, this year I also had many duties as Queen. Each day, I delivered meals to show officials, held meet and greets with the public, handed out awards alongside the show's princesses, passed out refreshments to exhibitors, and was presented each night in the main arena. I even had the opportunity to ride my beloved showjumper aside in my ball gown during one of my presentations.

Between all of my responsibilities each night, I could be found showing sidesaddle alongside several other American Sidesaddle Association and Mid-South Sidesaddle Association members.

The Germantown Charity Horse Show is unique in that it offers a large variety of disciplines every day. Several years ago, they added classes aside. The show also includes hunters, jumpers, carriage driving, gypsy vanners, paso finos, walking horses, and speed racking horses. It is one of only a few shows left in the country that offers such a wide array of breeds and disciplines.

The show even offers fun classes such as a costume class, stick horse race, gambler's choice, hunter/jumper versatility challenge, lead line, and a smooth ride challenge. Because of this, the Germantown Charity Horse Show is not only for equestrians, but for the public as well. Each year, spectators come from all over to experience the incredible spectacle that is the Germantown Charity Horse Show.

As for those of us who ride aside, we have the opportunity to show both on the flat and over fences in many different types of classes, from English and hunter pleasure to dressage suitability and western pleasure.

In conclusion, the Germantown Charity Horse Show is a wonderfully enjoyable competition and an amazing opportunity to experience the diversity of the equestrian community.



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Rebel Star - No Bake Horse Cookies

By Gavyn Sears, WNY Sidesaddle Club Junior Member

Rebal Star or as most everyone knows her "Nancy" is very picky about her cookies, here is one of her favorite Recipes:

Ingredients:

6-8 peppermints

¼ cup of water

1 tablespoon of molasses (or honey or corn syrup)

1 cup of oats (you can use coarse sweet feed too)

Directions

1) Mix the feed and water until wet. You can add more oats or water depending on the mixture. Your looking for the mixture to be damp.

2) Add the molasses/honey/ corn syrup to the mixture and stir. Your looking for sticky and clumping feed.

3) Take a spoon full and roll it into a ball. Your looking for even balls of about 6-8

4) Press peppermints into the middle of each ball.

5) Place on wax paper in the fridge until they harden.

TIP! harden in a muffin tin to help keep shape!*



Register for Gettysburg!

We are excited to announce that our annual Gettysburg trip is back! This year's event will be even better than before, with a full weekend of activities planned. If you haven't already registered, be sure to do so soon. Space is limited, and things are filling up fast! You can find the registration link on our website: <https://americansidesaddleassociation.com/gettysburg-2023/>

We have a tentative agenda of the weekend's festivities posted on our website. There will be something for everyone, from riding in the parade to attending the ball on Saturday evening. We will also be taking a ghost tour, so be sure to bring your camera! We would love to have you join us for this amazing event. Whether you are a rider or not, we need your help as sidewalkers in the parade. Last year we had 20 riders, and we hardly had enough volunteer sidewalkers for all of the ladies who rode.

So please come and join in on the fun, and enjoy fellowship with our friends. We can't wait to see you there!





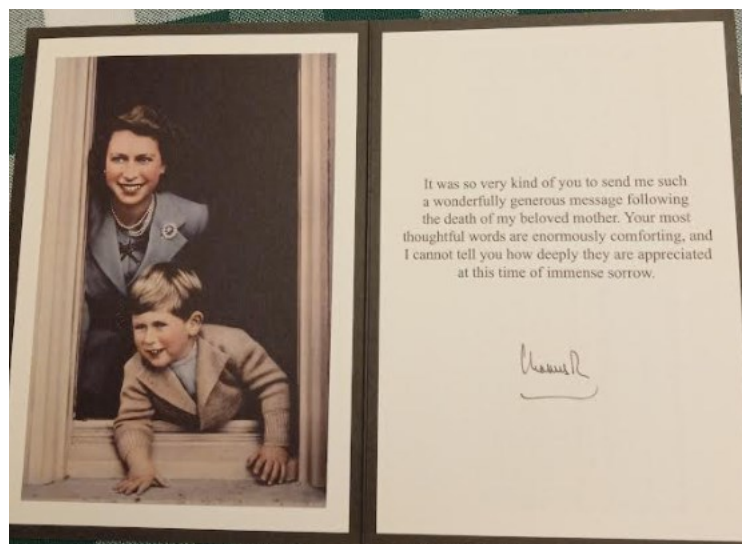
Up coming events for 2023

- November 18 — Annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade

Up coming clinics for 2023

- August 19th in Williams Town KY
- August 26 in Monmouth Maine
- August 27 in Athol Maine

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