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CDCTA Newsletter

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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

Well, the soft launch of the Purple Pony Bookmobile has come and gone.

I would have to say that no one was breaking the trailer doors down to get to the stacks, but we did have a lot of people stop by and ask what the heck we were doing, and admire the cool purple racing stripes decorating the outside.

One of our members did stop by and check out two books, and endeared herself to me forever by choosing perhaps my favorite childhood horse book of all time, "The Chestry Oak", by Kate Seredy; and then she proved her good taste even further by borrowing my autographed copy of Jimmy Wofford's "Training of the Three-Day-Event Horse and Rider". Way to go, Kelsey! I hope you enjoy reading them both as much as I did, and still do.

What my time in the muggy stillness of that Sunday primarily did for me was strengthen my resolve to make this project a Thing, as a result of two very different encounters with the horsey youngsters streaming by the trailer on their way to and from the port-a-pottie.

I had in my collection of stuff an old poster book of horse breeds that was losing its integrity, so by way of making conversation and drawing people into the bookmobile I would ask random kids what their favorite breed of horse was, and when they told me I would select the appropriate breed poster and gift them with it. After they got their poster I asked them what kind of books they liked to read during the summer, and one little girl looked at me like I had sprouted cabbages out of my ears and said, "Summer's not for READING; that's what you have to do in school!"

I am embarrassed to say that I had no good response to that, since that was a sentence that I could never imagine uttering, like, ever in my life. Reading was not what I did when I had nothing else to do. It was what I did when I had done everything I had to do, and I could give myself over to the journeys and the wonder. It did help that growing up in mid-Missouri in the summer in a non-air conditioned house allowed for little else besides reading. It was too hot for anything else.

So that one was a bit of a downer; but it was closely followed by encounter number two, which was with a little girl who had been drawn to the Purple Pony Paddock and my pretty purple satin Hay Babies arranged therein. But her eye was caught by a book as she walked up to the table and she picked it up and said, "Heartland! I love this series!" . I had just finished reading that book myself, as luck would have it, and thought highly of the one I read as well. It was a newer series, and much less dated than a lot of my favorites, but it was really great and I want to find more of that series and start a new literary adventure.

I am having a wonderful time outfitting my little trailer bookmobile, and if you did wander in to check out what was on offer you would have been able to sit down on my purple velour pouf seat, lean your head back against the trailer wall and grab a book at random, transporting yourself to a racetrack in Kent with one of the wiry wisecracking heroes of a Dick Francis mystery; or into a beautiful illustrated version of a Norwegian horse fable; or to the study of dressage legend musing on what true lightness means: you can find an amazing array of great stuff on the walls and shelves of the Purple Pony. I have an extremely limited amount of free time at this juncture in my life; so I don't know how often we'll be rolling down the road. But if you have a clinic or show, or a pony club camp that you think might like to look through our library give me a call and we can try and make it work.

The weather's getting hot, and will be getting hotter for the next couple of months. Ride your horses in the cool of the morning or the evening, and carve out a space for yourself and your book of choice in a hammock, by the pool, or in the dim coolness of an air-conditioned den. There's no better way to spend the summer!

Until next time-

Beth Hussey

1st in 1
1st in 6
Entry numbers compliments of Falstaff Feeds

Show The Horse Fair
Date Mar. 18/73
Event walk Trot, Trot over ~~Cavaletti~~ poles Time 1:00 to 5:00
Class 1, 6
Horse's Name Sugar Little
Rider Bridget Hussey
Owner The Horse Fair
Address ~~Route 1~~ Route 1

ABOVE:

When I was cleaning out some boxes in my basement I came across some very old horsey memorabilia, including the above horse show number for my little sister Bridget.

If you were alive and riding horses as a kid in Columbia in the seventies you probably rode at The Horse Fair. Not much of the old place remains now; subdivisions have eaten up most of the cross country course and pastures where the herd of school horses ambled out after their daily exertions teaching newbie English riders how to post the trot. The indoor arena and stables are empty now as well, but whenever I drive out on Oakland Gravel Road I smile and remember the great times we had there when we were still trying to learn how to pick out a hoof properly.

Bridget's entry form lists her as riding Sugar Little, a grey horse gone nearly completely white with age,. Sugar was the definition of bombproof and the mount of choice for the very youngest and tiniest riders.

She was apparently riding in the Cavaletti class, and the Cross Pole class, and on March 18 of 1973 she managed to place first in both of them with the help of her white knight.

Just a little trip down Memory Lane.....

JULY IS THE MONTH TO....,

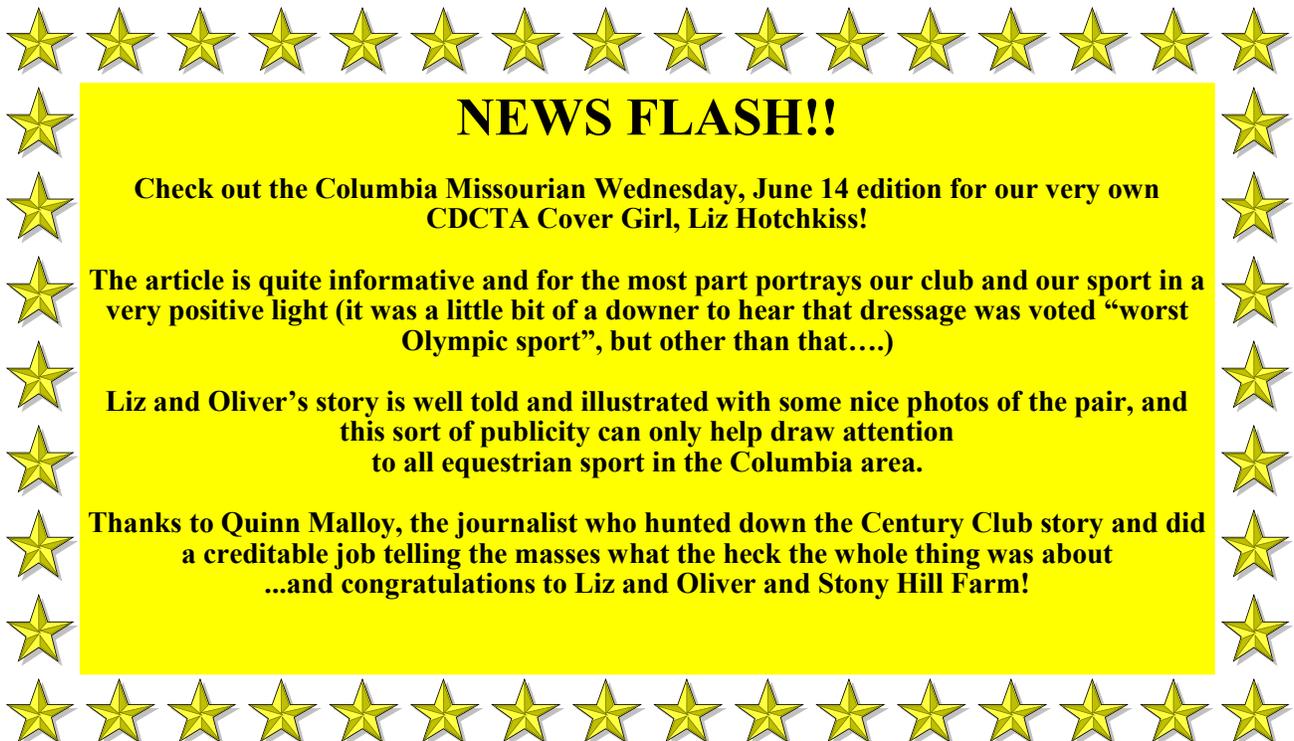
Nominate a fellow CDCTA member (or yourself!!) for USDF Region Four Volunteer of the Year!

Several times in the last few years NO ONE in Region Four won this award, because NO ONE was nominated for it...so even if you don't think you have the experience or the years of involvement needed to win, go ahead and let us know who we should put up for the award! You get a cool Lucite trophy and bragging rights for years, and it looks great on the old resume as well.

We will also be sending in nominations for Best Newsletter Article in the two categories offered (remember we swept that last year with both Leah Strid and Beth Hussey winning for their articles) as well as the Best Website Award. There is also an award for Best Photograph, which has also been won by the CDCTA previously. If you have a great equine or club-themed picture that you took this year that has NOT been published anywhere else, send it to me so that I can put it in the July or August newsletter and we can nominate that as well!

Most of us probably won't ever win a Horse of the Year award at the annual USDF convention, but you can still have your moment in the sun by winning one of these less flamboyant but still very important awards.

Contact any of the CDCTA Executive Board, or the newsletter editor, if you have a nomination or suggestion and can't make it to one of the next couple meetings; the deadline for submissions is August 15 and we will need time to compile information and sort through the appropriate newsletters.



NEWS FLASH!!

Check out the Columbia Missourian Wednesday, June 14 edition for our very own CDCTA Cover Girl, Liz Hotchkiss!

The article is quite informative and for the most part portrays our club and our sport in a very positive light (it was a little bit of a downer to hear that dressage was voted "worst Olympic sport", but other than that...)

Liz and Oliver's story is well told and illustrated with some nice photos of the pair, and this sort of publicity can only help draw attention to all equestrian sport in the Columbia area.

Thanks to Quinn Malloy, the journalist who hunted down the Century Club story and did a creditable job telling the masses what the heck the whole thing was about ...and congratulations to Liz and Oliver and Stony Hill Farm!



Photos, above and below by Toni Kazic and Bill Wise

These are views of the bench that was donated by friends and family of Kim Scholl, a beloved CDCTA member we lost several years ago.

The bench is located in the Grindstone Nature Area, on the east side right after you cross the bridge, right where the leash-free area begins.





MEMBER/READER IDEAS OR SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR TACKROOM BOOK REVIEW ARE WELCOMED! INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO A HORSE BOOK YOU LOVED AS A CHILD, OR AN ADULT, OR A TRAINING MANUAL OR HORSE PSYCHOLOGY BOOK THAT GAVE YOU SPECIAL INSIGHT. SEND TO: ESHUSSEY@GMAIL.COM

TACKROOM BOOKSHELF REVIEWS

by Beth Hussey

This book, and many others, will be available in the Purple Pony Bookmobile.

I've already mentioned this book in the Wheelbarrow Load this month, but I had planned on reviewing it at some point so I thought this would be the perfect issue, since it was the first book officially checked out from the Bookmobile, and because I read an article about Charles deKunffy in a recent issue of the Chronicle of the Horse.

I don't know much about this author, although she wrote another very well-reviewed young reader's novel called *The White Stag*. *The Chestry Oak* is the story of a very young Hungarian aristocrat during the Nazi occupation of his country, and his love for horses and especially one beautiful stallion named Midnight. The parallels between this story and the wartime experiences of young Mr. deKunffy in his native country of Hungary(!) make me wonder if Ms. Seredy had him in mind when she wrote the book. If she didn't, the book is even more magical to me: how did she know??

Everyone, everyone, should read this book.

Originally published in 1948; many editions available from multiple publishers.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 8-9, 2017

Rio Dressage Show Series III Rio Equestrian Center Oak Grove, MO Contact Sarah Heitz, organizer 636-634-6673

July 30, 2017

Avalon Farms Mini Event (look for showbill/entry form elsewhere in this newsletter)

August 5-6, 2017

Rio Dressage Show Series III Rio Equestrian Center Oak Grove, MO Contact Sarah Heitz, organizer 636-634-6673

August 19-20, 2017

Rio Dressage Show Series III Rio Equestrian Center Oak Grove, MO Contact Sarah Heitz, organizer 636-634-6673

September 16, 2017

CDCTA Fall Dressage Show and Combined Test Sunny Oak Farm Rocheport, MO

September 17, 2017

Sunny Oak Farm Charity Hunter/Jumper Show Rocheport, MO Contact Rosy Erganian

AVALONHORSE FARM - Summer Mini Event

July 30, 2017 - ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM, COGGINS AND PAYMENT (CHECK OR PAYPAL)

MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE – THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

REFUNDS LESS \$25 IF SHOW SECRETARY IS NOTIFIED BY EMAIL BY MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017

RIDE TIMES AVAILABLE ON STARTBOX/FB THURSDAY NIGHT, JULY 27 2017

Mail Registration: Lynette Scott - AHF Mini Event - 6837 Franken Strasse Millstadt, IL 62260

Questions to Lynette Scott at glscott252@gmail.com or 618-974-3585 (before 8PM)

Rider Name: _____ SR _____ JR age _____

Horse Name: _____

Rider Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number _____

Division	Dressage Test	Cross Country	Stadium
Green as Grass	2015 USDF Intro B	Max Height 18”	Max Height 18”
Starter	2014 USEF Beg N Test A	Max Height 2’3”	Max Height 2’3”
Beginner Novice	2014 USEF Beg N Test B	Max Height 2’7”	Max Height 2’7”
Novice	2014 USEF Novice Test B	Max Height 2’11”	Max Height 2’11”
Training/Novice	2014 USEF Training Test B	Novice/a few Training options.	Max Height 3’3”

Division _____ Entry Fee (\$125.00): checks payable to Avalon Horse Farm

*Stalls \$25.00 Reserve by Contacting **Lynette Scott** **VERY FEW** available*

The undersigned agrees to hold AVALON HORSE FARM, employees and show management harmless to lost, stolen, or destroyed property and for any injury to horses, exhibitors and spectators before, during and after the show. Warning: Under Illinois law, an equine professional is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Illinois. The undersigned also agrees that Show Management reserves the right to prohibit or disqualify exhibitors; without claim for damages. Show Management and Judge’s decision is final. This also represents a full release for photographs and video to be used in any advertising or promotional material.

Rider Signature: _____ (Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Proper show attire: Boots, breeches, & ASTM/SEI certified helmet are required at all times while mounted.

Protective vest, Pinny holders and USEF Armbands are required except for the Green as Grass division

We love dogs at Avalon but have a few protective barn dogs, please leave your dogs at home.

Ribbons 1st through 6th place Prizes for 1st and 2nd

Concessions available all day

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Mini Event!



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Non-Members:

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Full page ad: \$20/month

1/2 page ad: \$15/month

1/4 page ad: \$10/month

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Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication.
Our website is www.cdcta.org for late-breaking news.
Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

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NEXT MEETING: JUNE 19, 2017 Angelo's Steakhouse in South Columbia at 7:30 p.m. Come join us for a late dinner of gyros or greek salads and friendly horsey company! We are usually less than an hour start to finish!

**Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association
2017 Membership Form**

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$20 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$11 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October.

Individual Membership: \$38.00/year

Family Membership: \$38.00/year plus \$23.00 for additional member residing at same address. Please list all members included (use additional sheets if needed).

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (s) _____

E-mail _____

NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

I am We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.

Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

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2202 West Williams Road
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