

EQUUS Aiken

*Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit
Mustang Symposium*

September 19 – 22, 2024

Aiken, South Carolina

- ♥ **Mustangers – Saturday All-Day Demos**
- ♥ **Mustang Eventer – Ann Hanlin & Woodrow**
- ♥ **7 Mustangers – Nicola Bolt / Alec Adams / Rob West / Brian Smith / Bruce Anderson / Anna Maria Sims & Sky Epperson**
- ♥ **Mustang Symposium**
- ♥ **Thursday evening VIP Party with Filmmakers & Special Guests**
- ♥ **EQUUS Films all weekend - Q & A's with Filmmakers**
- ♥ **Equine Art & Literary Fest – Friday - Sunday**
- ♥ **6 Yearling Mustangs - started and available for adoption**
- ♥ **Over 15 Invited Local and Visiting Clinicians**
- ♥ **Conversation Panels with Veterans and Equine Healing Programs**
- ♥ **Mustangs in the Carolinas Panels with Local Mustang Experts**
- ♥ **Equine Vendors & Artists**
- ♥ **Food Trucks**

Tickets:



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Official EQUUS Aiken Artist: [Sharon Lupton Buck](#)

About the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit

The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest takes place as both a Virtual and In-Person Event! It is the first event of its kind to offer a home to the storytellers of the horse world, with films, documentaries, videos, commercials, and shorts from around the world and cultural elements of fine equestrian art and literature.

The Mustang Summit has been added to the program as an educational platform to raise awareness and understanding about the American Mustangs in holding pens and available for adoption. A horse who has a safe and quiet start can be trainable and become a good partner. It is our mission to bring awareness to American Mustangs who need homes. Focusing on and highlighting the work taking place in the healing and equine assisted learning fields with Mustangs. Providing resources for all who want to learn about the Off-Range Mustang horse.

Founded in 2013 by Lisa Diersen, Director/Organizer, an equestrian, who has spent her life in the company of horses. Lisa's mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities or disabilities. She presently raises, trains and loves Lusitano horses in Saint Charles, Illinois with her Jack Russell, Amore. Julianne Neal joined the team in 2016.

Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature.

The EQUUS Film Fest [Channel You-Tube](https://www.youtube.com/EquusFilmFestival), streaming to all your devices.
Visit our website at: <http://www.equusfilmfestival.net/> and our [FaceBook](#) page.

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Nestled in the heart of South Carolina, Aiken is a captivating city where history, charm, and modern vitality converge in an intimately Southern experience. With roots dating back to the early 19th century, Aiken boasts a rich history steeped in equestrian heritage, cultural diversity, and a strong sense of community. From our legendary training tracks that have nurtured world-renowned thoroughbreds to our intriguing arts scene that celebrates creativity in all forms, Aiken is a vibrant city woven from threads of tradition and innovation.

Aiken's history sparkles with stories of historic railroad connecting Aiken to the rest of the country, ushering in new eras of growth and development for the town. The town's significance further deepened as the Winter Colonists — Gilded Age glitterati who traveled south seeking respite from the cold winters of the Northeast — brought with them a legacy for gracious living and a fondness for equestrian pursuits, both of which continue to shape our city today.

Today, we pride ourselves on offering a range of experiences that invite every traveler to pursue their passion. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast seeking picturesque trails and serene parks, a shopaholic exploring charming boutiques, a culinary connoisseur craving new and exciting flavors, or a history buff uncovering stories of the past, Aiken invites you to immerse yourself in our historic streets and enjoy your time in the beating heart of SC's Thoroughbred Country.

Visit www.visitaiken.com for more information about spending time in the City of Aiken.

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Aiken

The Mustang Summit

Program Schedule

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest will be galloping into town with The Mustang Summit! Presenting a full weekend of programming including the EQUUS Film Festival, an Art & Literary Event, Equestrian/Mustang Demos, Lectures, and other exciting events.

Aiken Equine Rescue 532 Glenwood Dr Aiken SC 29803

Schedule of Events:

Thursday – Opening Evening VIP Event – 5 pm – 8 pm

Friday – Mustang Summit Demo Programs – 9 am – 4 pm

Friday – Panels & Vendors – 10 am – 5 pm

Friday – EQUUS Films – 6 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday – Mustang Summit Demo Programs – 9 am – 4 pm

Saturday – Panels & Vendors – 10 am – 5 pm

Saturday – EQUUS Films - 6 pm – 9:30 pm

Sunday - Mustang Summit Demo Programs – 9 am – 4 pm

Sunday – Panels, Films & Vendors – 10 am – 2 pm

Sunday – Silent Auction Close – 2 pm

Sunday– Yearling Mustang Adoption – 4:00 pm

(Subject to change)

**Thursday, September 19 VIP EVENT – Doors Open at 4:30 pm
Mixer with the Filmmakers, Clinicians, and Guest
EQUUS Film Fest Tent at Aiken Equine Rescue**

	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
5:00 pm	Meet & Greet	Mustangers, Clinicians, Artists, Filmmakers, and Authors are all in attendance! Check out the Silent Auction Items!
6:00 pm	Dinner Low Country Boil	Bring your appetite, this is a wonderful feast! Beverages included!
7:00 pm	Introductions Thank you to Aiken Equine Rescue Meet the Sponsors Meet the Mustangers Mustang Draw	
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	American Mustang Stories Directed by Julianne Neal Series Episode 1 Polo Es Mi Vida Directed by Wayne Ewing Series – Episode 1	Filmmaker Q & A after films with South Carolina Filmmakers Wayne Ewing & Julianne Neal



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The Mustang Summit Aiken South Carolina MUSTANGERS Schedule – Paddock Arena

Friday – September 20st, 2024 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Time Block	Mustang Sessions Daily 45-minute sessions for 4 Days Mustangs will be available for adoption before and after the event.	Mustanger Trainers will be able to work their Mustangs before and after their Public Sessions. After all the other trainers are finished. For no more than 2 hours
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The Mustang Summit Aiken South Carolina Demo Corral Schedule

Friday – September 20, 2024 – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Time Block	Mustang Demo Sessions	Clinician
11:00 am	Yoga On Horseback With Alecz Adams	Alecz Adams
12:00 pm	Fun with Eventing and the American Mustang Woodrow & Ann Hanlin	Ann Hanlin & Woodrow
1:00 pm	Natural Humanship with Bruce Anderson	Bruce Anderson
2:00 pm	Youth and the American Mustang with Presenter Ella South youth assistants, Jenna Walters and Will Hanlin	Ella South
3:00 pm	Tammy Hanson Aiken Volunteer Mounted Unit Mustang “Fiona-Faith”	Tammy Hanson & Fiona Faith
3:30 pm	Brook Miller So You Think You Want A Mustang!	Brook Miller Miller Mustangs
4:00 pm	Charlie Sims Growing Up with Autism & Horses	Charlie Sims
4:30 pm	Ginger Hipp and the Marsh Tacky Horse “Honey”	Ginger Hipp & Honey



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Friday – September 20, 2024 – 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

EQUUS Film Fest Stage – Movies & Panels (45-minute Panels)

	Film Blocks EQUUS Stage	Guest Filmmaker Q & A
10:00 am		
11:00 am	Welcome Aiken Equine Rescue Presentation	Pam Patron, Jim Rhodes
11:30 am	Aiken Horse & Hound Artist Group “Equine Art in Aiken”	Margaret Wakefield
Noon	Ingraham Equine Podiatry “How Well Do You Know Your Horses Hoof?”	Challen Ingraham
1:00 pm	PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans Mustangs For Mental Health	Russell Granger, Julie Robins, Tammy Hanson, and Sky Epperson
2:00 pm	The Horse Doctor Is In! Stories of Healing with Elizabeth Woosley	Dr. Elizabeth Woosley
3:00 pm	Jumping For Joy! with Rachel Sydney	Rachel Sydney
4:00 pm	Here Now Gone Forever... Tango and our Story of Places and Trails Now Gone Forever	Ron Syrko
5 pm – 6 pm	Break	Break
6:00 pm	FILM: H.O.O.V.E.S.	
7:15 pm	FILM: The Mustangs: America’s Wild Horses – 90 mins	

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10:00 am	Yoga On Horseback With Alecz Adams	Alecz Adams
11:00 am	Charles Wilhelm Ultimate Foundation Training	Charles Wilhelm
12:00 pm	Fun with Eventing and the American Mustang Woodrow & Ann Hanlin	Ann Hanlin & Woodrow
1:00 pm	Sky Epperson & Annamaria Sims Brain & Body Work	Sky Eppersom Annamaria Sims
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10:00 am	Here Now Gone Forever... Tango and our Story of Places and Trails Now Gone Forever	Ron Syrko
11:00 am	PANEL: Horses and Mental Health	John Matias, Sarah Matias, Dana Price, and Cheryl Erickson
Noon	PANEL: Wild Horse Artwork and Photography	Kisa Kavas, Meghan Louise Guilfoil, and Sharon Buck
1:00 pm	The Blue Totem Expedition With Julia Fisher	Julia Fisher
2:00 pm	PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans Mustangs For Mental Health	Russell Granger, Julie Robins, Tammy Hanson, and Sue Brownell
3:00 pm	PANEL: Mustangs of the Carolinas	Lisa Mallory, and Bill Finger
4:00 pm	The Trust Technique	Julia Carpenter
5 pm – 6 pm	Break	Break
6:00 pm	FILM: Rescued Hearts – 20 mins American Mustang Stories Directed by Julianne Neal Series Episode 1 – 14 mins	<u>Q & A after the film with Abrianna Johnson</u> Julianne Neal
7:00 pm	FILM: The Lost Sea Expedition: A Man A Mule America – 90 mins	<u>Q & A after the film with Bernie Harberts</u>

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2:00 pm	PANEL: Mustangs in the Carolinas	Hunter Paffrath, Lisa Mallory, & Bill Finger
3:00 pm	Silent Auction Close Mustangers Final Session Check out those Yearlings!	
4:00 pm	!!!MUSTANG AUCTION!!!	With Auctioneer Jim Rhodes

Thank you for joining us this year.

Hope to see you all next year!

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- ❖ [Latin Soul Kitchen](#) – FOOD – 803-336-3193
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Aiken Artists & Authors Vendors

- ❖ [Aiken Horse & Hound Art Group](#) – 803-522-2210
- ❖ [BuckWild Art by Sharon Buck](#) – 252-565-3668
- ❖ [Art From The Heart](#) – April Grantham – 828-361-9130
- ❖ [Author](#) – Lori Marvel – 843-324-5341
- ❖ [Margaret Mason Wakefield](#) – 803-522-2210
- ❖ [Gretchen Hash Heffner Art](#) – 610-960-2407
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South Carolina Equine Liability Act

Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.



Partnership Opportunities – EQUUS Film Fest | The Mustang Summit

Title, Presenting and Custom Partnership Packages

****Available Upon Request****

Platinum Partnership Package \$5,000

- Exclusive Social Media blast
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2–10-minute introduction at VIP party (Their choice on timeframe)
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Branded logo on banners
- VIP Passes for 4 Guest

Diamond Partnership Package \$3000

- Exclusive Social Media blast
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2–10-minute introduction at VIP party (Their choice on timeframe)
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Branded logo on banners
- VIP Passes for 2 Guest

Gold Partnership Package \$1500

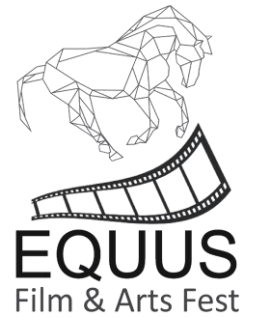
- Social Media blast with all sponsors
- Listed as a preferred partner on EquusFilmFestival.net
- 2-minute introduction at VIP party
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Presentation slide with company information & logo
- VIP Passes for 1 Guest

Silver Partnership Package \$1000

- Social Media blast with all sponsors
- Shout out for being a sponsor at live event
- 4' x 2' Banner at The Mustang Summit Location
- Presentation slide with company information & logo

Pony Partnership Package \$500

- Shout out for being a sponsor at live event
- Presentation slide with company information & logo



Benefits of a Partnership with the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest

- Partnering with an established Internationally acclaimed Equine Film, Art & Literary Fest
- Celebrating the 12th season in 2024
- Exposure to a Global Audience through the “Virtual” On-Demand Film Fest
- Attended by International guests, artists, and filmmakers and those from across the country
- Annual visitors in New York City 800 – 1000 film & art fest guests attending over the weekend – hosted in NYC for the artists and authors. In 2019 we moved to the expansive Kentucky Horse Park artist and author attendance doubled.
- Partnering in 10 + Nationwide events annually
- Connecting with subscribers and visitors to the EQUUS Film Fest Channel
- Marketing and exposure on all EQUUS Social Media outlets
- Albuquerque, New Mexico, home of our annual Winnie Awards event, is much more inviting to filmmakers, artists, authors, and other demos in November. The location is beautiful!
- Partnering with the EQUUS Art & Fest and The Mustang Summit – with invited local equestrian artists as well as selected award-winning EQUUS artists, creating a great holiday shopping opportunity and exposure for marketing of products and services

The New York Times

Laurel Graeber of the NEW YORK TIMES wrote:

"EQUUS, however, has the heft and breadth of a Clydesdale, screening more than 80 films Friday through Sunday in Brooklyn. It also comprises equine art and book showcases, director panels and jury awards (the Winnies)... EQUUS has just instituted an on-demand streaming service for its films, which “aren’t made in somebody’s little back room on a laptop,” said Lisa Diersen, an equestrian and former engineer who founded the festival in 2013, “These are PBS-quality documentaries.” (Equus also shows a few fictional films.)"

EQUUS Film Fest Documentary Watch the exciting 2021 WINNIE Awards Event

<https://equustelevision.com/watch/932>

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest 2021 Documentary

<https://equustelevision.com/watch/957>



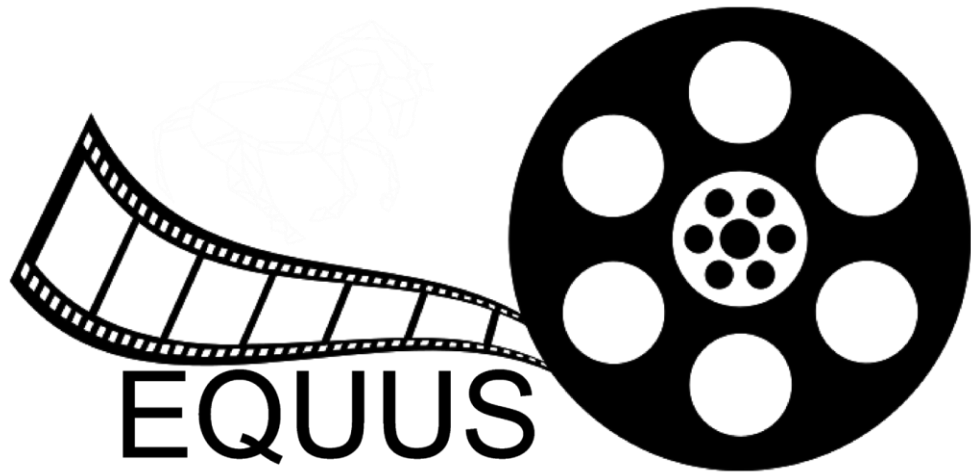
Hundreds of films have gained recognition, found international distribution and reached global audiences We believe that film holds the power to experience a story in the most compelling way.

We empower storytellers to share their unique equine stories.

By placing the EQUUS Film Fest in the unique locations around the world, people from all walks of life can enjoy these inspiring stories.

We look forward to welcoming you to the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest, and The Mustang Summit where you can enjoy the impressive line-up of films, amazing artists and interesting authors, along with a full line up of Mustang Clinicians.

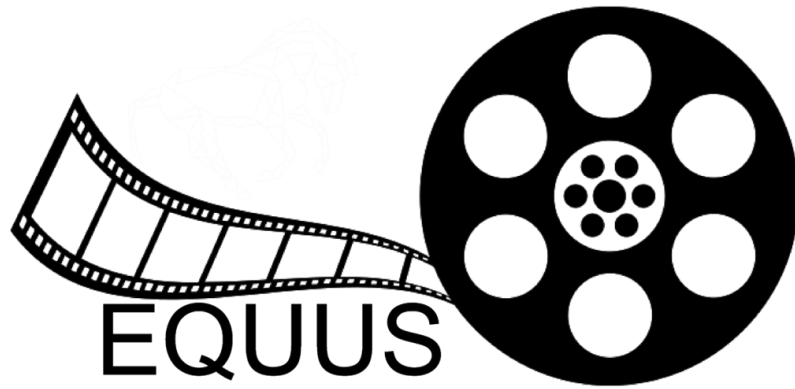
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We are proud to sponsor the **EQUUS Film Festival** & **Mustang Summit** on their mission to connect mustang owners & support this exceptional breed!



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Upcoming Dates and Locations 2024

42 Mustangs (or more) in 2024

Based on information from the BLM Website:

It costs BLM about \$27,500, on average, to provide lifetime care for a wild horse not placed into private care.

- **March – Rocky Mountain Horse Expo – Denver Colorado - March 15 – 17, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **June – Gateway Mustang Summit - Potomac, Illinois – June 7 – 9, 2024**
 - Small Event - 4 Mustangs & Films – Adoption Event
- **July – BreyerFest – Lexington, Kentucky – July 12 – 14, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films – Rescued Hearts
- **July – The Leonor - Aztec, New Mexico – July 26 – 28, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films & Art & Panels – Mustangs & Rescues
- **July – August – Adams County Fair – Brighton, Colorado – July 31 – August 4, 2024**
 - The Mustang Summit - Mustangers Event – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **August 25 – Mustang Symposium – Soulful Prairies – Woodstock, Illinois**
 - 1 Day Mustang Symposium
- **September – How Horses Help Symposium – Great Lakes – Oregon, Ohio – September 5-8, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **September – Mustang Classic – KHP – Lexington, Kentucky – September 13-15, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest
- **September – EQUUS Aiken – Aiken Equine Rescue - Aiken, South Carolina – September 19-22, 2024**
 - Full Fest – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit – 6 Mustangs – Adoption Event
- **October – Liberty Festival – Kentucky Horse Park – October 11-12, 2024**
 - EQUUS Film & Arts Fest – Rescued Hearts Screening
- **October – Ibericon – World Equestrian Center – Ocala, Florida – October 17-20, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films
- **October – EQUUS BC – Anvil Center – New West Minister, BB Canada – October 26, 2024**
 - Small Event – Films
- **November – EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Main Event – Albuquerque, New Mexico – November 14 – 17, 2024**
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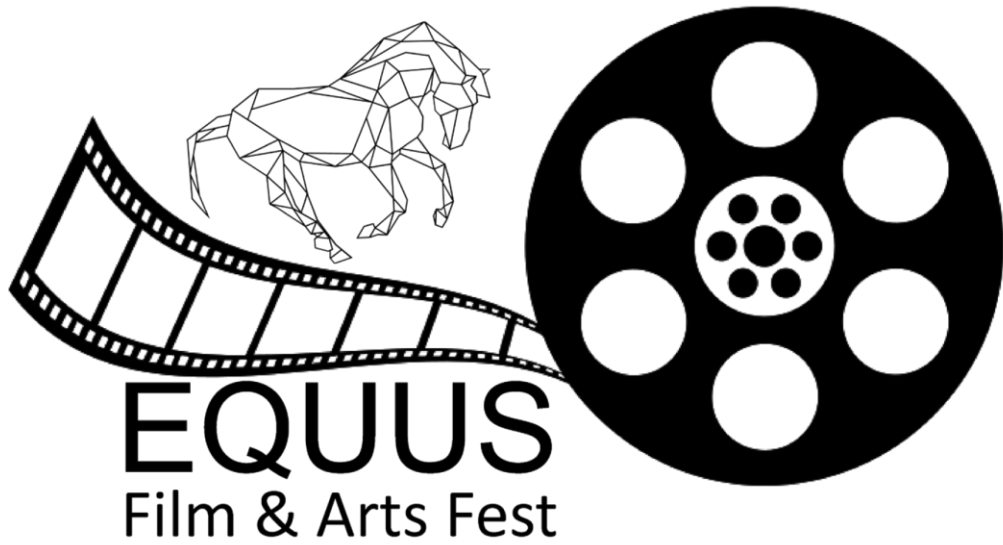
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Lisa Diersen

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest | The Mustang Summit Founder / Director

Lisa Diersen is an equestrian; riding since she could sit in a saddle, Diersen has a great appreciation for all types of equestrian disciplines. She is the Founder and Director of the EQUUS Film Festival, now in its 12th season. The EFF empowers storytellers to show horses' rich history and diverse tapestry in human culture through equestrian content, film, art, and literature. The EQUUS Film Festival is the first film festival oriented around equestrian-themed content from all over the world that also travels the world. Screening feature films, documentaries, shorts, music videos, commercials, training educational materials, art, and literature, covering all equestrian disciplines, creating a home for the storytellers of the horse world.

Created for Horse Lovers... by Horse Lovers!

Her mission is to show the world how horses can bring everyone together regardless of race, age, gender, abilities, or disabilities. Lisa is passionate about the education and enlightenment of others to the wonderful world of horses and everything they can do to enrich our lives.

Producer and writer credits on the DOWN Syndrome equine documentary "A Pony And His Boy: The Story Of Berry & Josh" for the EQUUS Film Festival in New York City and the National DOWN Syndrome Congress 2019 with SPOTLIGHT Rescue Series partner and film director Julianne Neal. Working on additional SRS documentaries to add to the series she and Neal started in 2017. The Mustang Discovery Ride Project is now in production. Lisa is the Executive Director of the Mustang Discovery Foundation. Adding "The Mustang Summit" to the programming in 2022. With a focus on educating the general public about the American Mustang Horse and its importance in the world today.

She is a published equine author with many articles to her credit. Diersen spent the early part of her career with General Motors in engineering, then moving into the subdivision development and home/barn building market, winning an Illinois Home Builder Award, before returning to her first love..... working with horses! She spends her time, when not promoting equestrian film, having fun promoting Classical Dressage, Lusitano, and Mustang horses, and spending time with her faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Amore, and her Lusitano, Urano.

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Julianne Neal

JA Media, Productions

South Carolina



Podcast Producer/Editor/Host Documentary Filmmaker

EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Director of Programming

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Julianne is the owner of JA Media Connections, LLC and the Producer/Director of A Mustang Story, the documentary/docuseries covering The Mustang Discovery Ride and other Mustang-related stories. She works in partnership with Bruce Anderson to provide Equine Assisted Services through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project, Inc, a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a mission of providing equine education and public service. The organization connects horses with individuals, educational groups, law enforcement officers and management training professionals through Anderson's Natural Humanship™ work.

Julianne retired in 2022 after a 35-year career in Arts Education and K-12 Administration. A life-long horse lover, she owns and operates Thornfield LLC, a boarding and training facility in South Carolina. She combines her love of all things equine, educational experience and arts focus to bring clients and projects together through the boutique creative production company, JA Media Connections LLC. Julianne attended the Manhattan Film Institute in 2016 and began working with film production through a partnership with The Art of Storytelling (AOS), an international agency specializing in well-crafted, engaging stories designed to transform and inspire. Their first collaborative project, "THE EDGE: Bruce Anderson - Natural Humanship," is an award-winning documentary providing insight into Anderson's work.

JA Media Connections LLC produces a catalogue of podcasts. Julianne hosts Whinny Tales, featuring Anderson's work as a horse trainer and clinician. From "Horse stories and pony legends to unicorn yarns," the podcast has featured such organizations as the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest, Equitana USA, Horses and Humans Research Foundation and Creative Spirits UnLeashed. As a member of the EQUUS Film and Arts Fest Team, Julianne serves as Director of Production and Education, creating the Spotlight Rescue Series and the documentary film, A Pony and His Boy, as well as the festival podcast and WebChats. She recently produced a bi-weekly podcast for Brooke USA, On The Road, as well as Tiny Horse Talk and the Mustang Discovery Ride Podcast.

In her spare time, Julianne loves to ride her Warmblood/Shire cross, Winston.

EQUUS Film & Arts Fest Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/equus-film-and-arts-fest/id1494713109>

America's Horse on America's Trail: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-mustang-discovery-ride-americas-horse-on-americas/id1591933653>

Whinny-Tales Podcast: <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/julianne-neal/whinny-tales>



Lisa Mallory & Bill Finger

Halfway to Heaven Rescue – South Carolina Aiken TEAM



Lisa grew up with horses in her life. She jokes that she loved horses before she was born. When she was young, she worked with Thoroughbred racehorses and showed Palomino Quarter horses. Lisa's first introduction to science-based horse training began in the 1990's when she attended an equine clicker training clinic with Alexandra Kurland. Lisa began studying the science of animal behavior and attending conferences and seminars with legendary animal trainers such as Bob Bailey and Karen Pryor. For many years Lisa worked as a professionally licensed dog trainer who helped owners train their dogs to be wonderful, well-behaved household companions. She also trained Scent Detection dogs and their handlers for competition and was a licensed AKC Scent Work Judge. Bill has always been devoted to the welfare of animals and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology, with a Master's in Natural Resource Policy. As an attorney Bill has a law firm, Finger, Nelson & Maguire, PLLC, who specialize in Environmental Law. When their first horse came to live with them, Bill was a natural, quickly earning the nickname "Cowboy Bill" – for his use of "Cowboy Patter" (softly, continuously talking to horses) in his training and handling. Lisa and Bill share a love and devotion for the care and welfare of all horses, with a deep passion for our National Heritage Horses – The American Mustangs.

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Pam Patron

Aiken Equine Rescue – South Carolina

Aiken TEAM

Equine Rescue of Aiken, (aka, Aiken Equine Rescue) was established in 2006 with almost 80 acres of land. We have eight pastures, thirteen paddocks, office building and a maintenance barn.

Since its founding, Aiken Equine Rescue has become the largest horse rescue farm in the southeastern United States. We have placed over 1,500 horses into adopted homes and rescued many horses, donkeys, and mules. At any given time, between 50 - 60 horses reside at Aiken Equine Rescue.

We provide each with food, medical attention, and personal care until we find them an appropriate home. With your help, we can change lives.

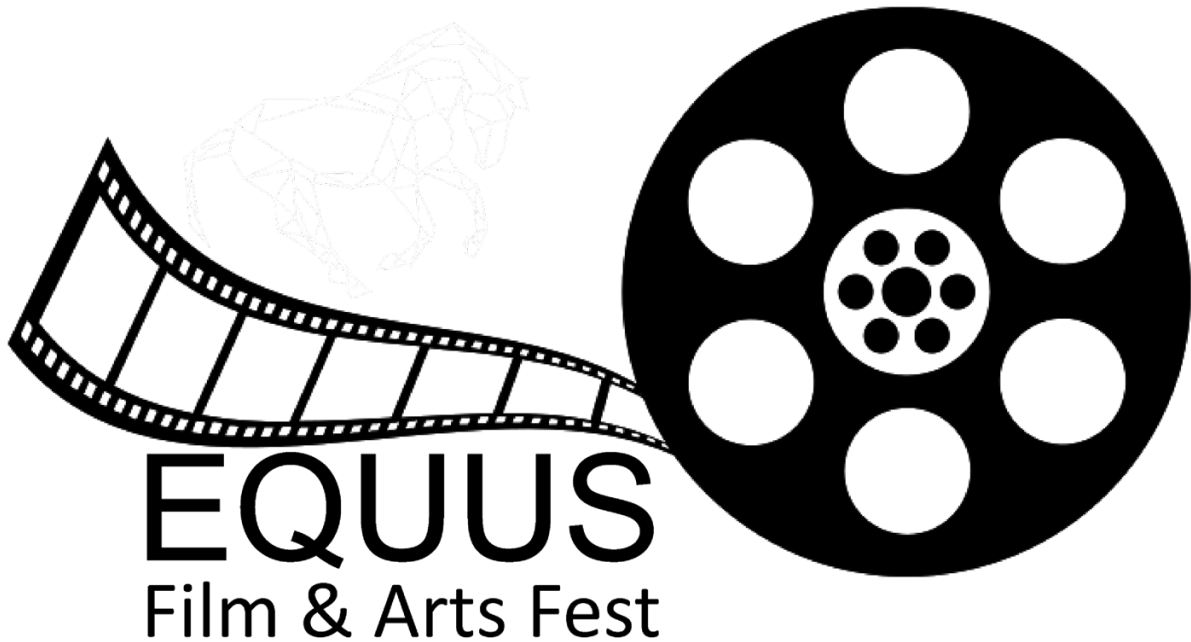
Aiken Equine Rescue has a 2023 GuideStar's Platinum rating - the **highest distinction of information disclosure to the public regarding a nonprofit's activities**. The Rescue ranks in the top **0.1%** of charities nationally.

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Established in 2006, the Rescue is one of the largest equine rescues in the southeast. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome unwanted horses who have suffered from abuse and neglect as well as transition Off-the-Track Thoroughbreds into second careers. In 18 years, more than 1,500 horses have been rehomed.

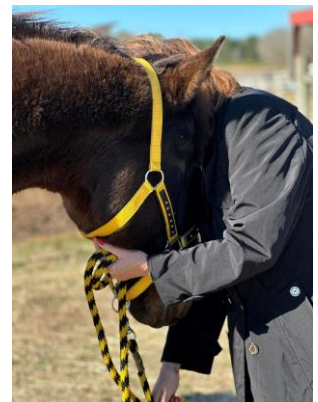
Equine Rescue of Aiken's social mission includes providing programs to the community and groups offering unique interactions with the horses. The Rescue serves veterans, active military, adult, and youth community services. Children's programs are provided to help children learn about horse care in a hands-on environment while learning about responsibility, compassion, confidence and volunteerism.

The public and the media are invited to attend.

For more information, call Pam Patron, Marketing Coordinator at 901-573-1199 or email ppatron14@gmail.com.

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PEOPLE HELPING HORSES.

Our mission is to rescue and rehabilitate horses that have suffered from abuse and neglect, re-purpose Off-the-Track Thoroughbreds, and take horses whose owners can no longer care for them while expanding our social mission to offer our community, educational, horse/human interactive programs.

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10th Mountain Equine

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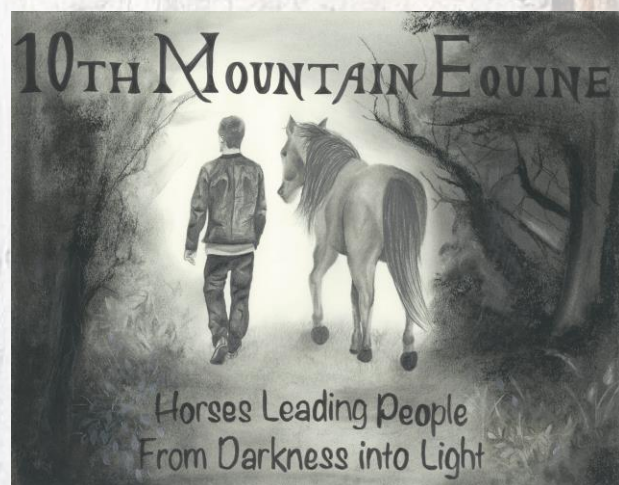
Alec Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations at 10th Mountain Equine. Trainer at Alec Adams Horse and Rider Training, she has been working professionally with horses for over 35 years internationally. A successful competition and pro rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she currently works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, Depth Hypnosis Practitioner, Equine Assisted Activity Facilitator, Ranch Manager, and Mustanger with the Mustang Summit.

Ms. Adams published the book *Mindful Horseback Riding*, and trains horses and individuals alike in methods from her book, from Trustwork to Yoga on Horseback, as well as teaching traditional riding disciplines, vaulting, and mounted archery. She also spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies in both North and South America, including the number one equestrian tour company in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru.

In 2019, Alec co-founded the Colorado 501(c)3 nonprofit 10th Mountain Equine, with the mission to rescue horses and serve our community and country by providing proven, effective Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to improve people's lives including children, veterans and those experiencing psychological trauma. Ms. Adams has been facilitating and providing Equine Assisted Therapies and Activities to people in need for over a decade. She has developed several new modalities, including the Equine Assisted Trauma Releasement and the Horse Guided Hypnotherapy methods which are becoming increasingly successful across the country.

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Bruce Anderson

South Carolina

TIP Trainer –South Carolina

Natural Humanship™



Bruce Anderson is a passionate and enthusiastic trainer and clinician who firmly believes not only in the power of the horse, but also in our responsibility to help horses acclimate into our modern world. Bruce grew up on the West Indian islands of Trinidad and Tobago and it was there on the family cocoa and coffee estate that he began his relationship with horses. He learned to ride on the estate and then represented his country on the National Show Jumping Team. From there he moved on to breeding farms at home, in the U.K. and in the U.S. While in England, he earned an agricultural degree at Merristwood College and in the U.S. where he worked in the Thoroughbred racing industry. He eventually moved into the hunter/jumper “A” show circuit, working in Camden, SC where he is now established as a trainer.

Bruce is certified through the Mustang Heritage Foundation's Trainer Incentive Program and enjoys working with Mustangs, but also appreciates working with owners and their horses to assist them in building better relationships. Bruce's gift is centered in his unique system of Natural Humanship™ developed over a lifetime of work with all types of horses. His recent experience working with feral horses has taken the system to another level. One of Bruce's most powerful and influential work settings took place in 2015 when he was called to the Bahamas to work with Nunki, the last feral mare in the line of Abaco Island Wild Horses, now extinct. That experience was the catalyst for a documentary featuring Bruce's life and work, “The Edge: Bruce Anderson's Natural Humanship™.” A selected presenter for the 2018 World Equestrian Games and 2020 EQUITANA USA, Bruce works with counselors and mental health professionals, law enforcement agencies, school and church groups across the southeastern US to provide Equine Assisted Services with partner Julianne Neal through Nature's View, Inc. and The Marley Project 501(c)(3).

Julianne is an educator with 35 years of experience in Arts Administration and is currently holds a Professional Designation in Education through Arenas for Change. The Marley Project is one of the 65 nonprofit organizations selected for support in the SEEN Through Horses 2023 National Campaign.

Nature's View website: <http://www.naturesview.us>

The Marley Project website: <https://themarleyproject.org>

View The Edge: <https://equustelevision.com/watch/241>

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Sky Epperson

Indiana

MUSTANG Adoption Academy – Founder/Director

Mustang Heritage Foundation TIP Trainer

Haubstadt, IN

www.mustangadoptionacademy.com



Sky is a father, mustang gentler and horse trainer from Southwest Indiana based at the Triple E Ranch. Interestingly, Sky grew up without horses. He didn't even have a pet until he was married and in his late 20's. Around 2003, Sky got his first horse at the encouragement of his father who wanted another riding buddy. Sky took his father's advice on that first horse, then learned quickly to not take his dad's horse advice again! The horse had some issues caused by previous owners/trainers that put Sky on the fast track to learning much more about how the horse brain works. This learning process led to a passion and love for horses, horse education and the horses communication with both humans and the herd. Sky is the father of triplets born in 2001 and the love of horses has grown the herd to 10 horses and 2 onery but adorable burros. The herd, Sky, and usually one or two of the family squeezes in a horse pack trip each year.

In recent years, Sky has fallen for the Mustang - bright, smart and tough. He has become a Mustang and mustang gentler and is available to do training demonstrations and clinics as well. West Taylor and Dr. Steven Peters really showed Sky what's important in helping mustangs as well as other horses. Sky continues his quest to learn by continually studying and experiencing the horse most waking hours. Sky's horse sense grew immensely when working for Hall-of-Famer, Terry Palmer and the Palmer family at their ranch in Durango, Colorado. Having the chance to be in front of so many different horses, from yearlings to older horses, was a true blessing.

Through extensive study and practice, we at the Mustang Adoption Academy Foundation have found the path to Mustang adoption success: Evidence-Based Horsemanship. We have a solution for our Veterans that are struggling and are working hard to stop the 20 plus suicides that are happening daily in Veteran communities. MusOur nonprofit foundation helps adopters, and their Mustang friends successfully navigate lifetime partnership. The journey doesn't end with adoption papers and delivery, but continues with online and in-person demos, clinics, online courses, and one-on-one support. Please help us by supporting our organization through a donation or subscribing to one of our services to help all Mustang Adopters learn the best way to help them help their Mustangs.

Follow the Mustang Adoption Academy's progress on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sky.epperson> or <https://www.facebook.com/Mustangadoptionacademy> or on Instagram @Mustangadoptionacademywithsky Mustangadoptionacademy.com



Annamaria Sims

Partnering with Sky Epperson - Illinois

Strengthen the Saddle - Founder

Equine Bodywork, Massage & Awareness



Annamaria Sims, certified Equine Massage Therapist, started her journey with horses later in life. An animal lover at heart, she enrolled her son who was diagnosed with autism (who also showed a fondness for animals) into a therapeutic riding program in 2005 and has never looked back.

Annamaria took an immediate interest into the compassion, natural healing power, and therapeutic aptitude that the horses demonstrated. She volunteered for over 15 years working with occupational, physical, and speech therapists as they worked with both kids and adults with physical and mental disabilities all while expanding her own horizons and watching her two children thrive in the program.

After spending 25 years in database management and retail, she decided to take the knowledge that she had gained and her love for horses and bet on herself. Believing that horses are at their best when they are sound physically, Annamaria received her certification for equine massage and began building a business that now sees her working on over 125+ horses per month in two different states (Illinois and Wisconsin) and growing.

In addition to her massage work, Annamaria has recently worked with wild mustangs at multiple events nationally in an effort to have them adopted to forever homes. Her work has assisted in having multiple mustangs adopted to work in therapeutic program that work with military veterans.

Her ultimate goal is to be able to help as many horses as she can so that partnerships can be made to the benefit of both the horse and the human being.

“Horses are truly an amazing force of nature. The world would not be the same without their powerful healing presence.” – Annamaria Sims



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Brian Smith

South Carolina

Funny Farm Mustangs

Aiken TEAM



The Goal of Funny Farm Mustangs is to prepare wild Mustangs for adoption by gentling and foundation training them, working with the BLM and MHF.

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Rob West

South Carolina
Wild West Farms



Rob West, trains wild mustangs – to compete in the Mustang Makeover Challenge –14 so far–and he'll show you how he truly speaks 'horse'.

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Clan Alpine HMA

Almost all horse colors are represented within this HMA including black, bay, sorrel, brown, palomino, light gray, grulla, roan and pinto. Heights range from 14 - 15 hands high

Location: This HMA is located approximately 60 miles East of Fallon, NV., within the Clan Alpine Mountains.

Size: The area consists of 298,064 acres of BLM land and 4,162 acres of a mix of private and other public lands for a total of 302,226 acres.

Topography/Vegetation: The topography of this HMA varies from hilly to mountainous. Elevations vary from 4,300 to 10,000 feet. During the summer temperatures may exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit and plummet to below zero during the winter. The vegetation is dominated by sage brush and pinyon pine. Poa and Idaho fescue (both grasses) can be found throughout the HMA. The average precipitation for this area is 6 - 20" annually, with a strong elevational influence.

Wildlife: Deer, elk, antelope, and mountain lion also live within the HMA. Lions occasionally prey on the young, old and sick horses.

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**Tag # 2221 Sorrel – Filly – “Tally”
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Tag # 2290 Bay – Filly – “Shadow”
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Tag # 2295 Sorrel – Filly – “Ginger”
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Tag # 2300 Bay- Filly "Nike"
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Tag # 2333 Bay- Filly – “Curly”
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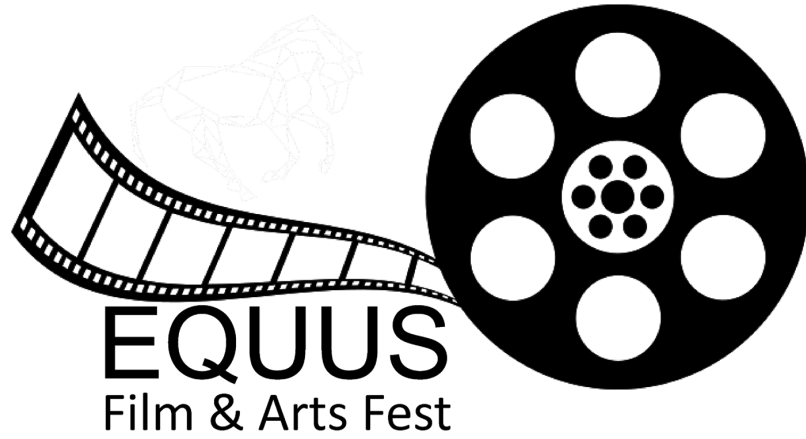


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ADPS deploys volunteer personnel to supplement other components of the department in a non-law enforcement capacity as deemed necessary by the Director of Public Safety. Mounted volunteers can be an effective tool in operations, ceremonial details, and other areas of public relations. The volunteers of the unit are civilian volunteers. Participation as a volunteer does not confer law enforcement authority upon the civilian volunteers. It is the policy of the Department to utilize trained mounted horse volunteers in specific capacities as designated by the Director.

The Aiken Volunteer Mounted Unit is comprised of both mounted riders and ground volunteers. Horse and rider teams must train and become certified to participate in events.

<https://aikenvolunteermountedunit.org/>

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Sharon Buck

Virginia

Buck Wild Art

Sharon Lupton Buck, 60 is a native of eastern North Carolina, who grew up with a great love for all animals, but horses and dogs are her passion.

Sharon began her career as an artist in the dog show world. During that time, she worked as a freelance artist/cartoonist for Hoflin Publishing in Colorado. Sharon has had many of her pieces published on front covers and inside the multiple publications that Hoflin offered.

Sharon's passion for sketching and painting dogs eventually spread to horses. Her focus became the Chincoteague ponies of Chincoteague Island, Virginia a few years later. A charcoal sketch of the record price breaking mare, CLG Surfer's Blue Moon received a Special Judges Award from the Printing Industry of the Carolinas.

A 16x20 acrylic painting titled "Unexpected Visitor" was Best in Show at the 2021 Horses Got Talent art show sponsored by Southeast Hoofbeats magazine. In the same show, another 16x20 acrylic painting titled "Ace's Miss Raven Rhapsody" earned 3rd place honors.

Most recently, "Unexpected Visitor" won the top prize, called a Winnie award for illustrations at the prestigious 2022 Equus Film and Arts Festival held in San Francisco. In addition, Sharon's design "Love Chair Ponies of Chincoteague" went runner-up in the same category. Two of Sharon's charcoal sketches, "Bayberry of Assateague" and "Bird, the Marsh Tacky Stallion" received Honorable Mentions. In 2023, Sharon's acrylic painting "All is Calm, All is Bright" won the illustration category at the Equus Film and Arts Festival in Albuquerque.

Sharon was featured on the popular blog Horsewoman Today

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1555667/7763236>

Today Sharon has branched out a bit to include the rare Marsh Tacky Horses, the wild horses of Outer Banks, and the Assateague Horses of Maryland.

She currently resides in Chincoteague, Virginia with her Corgi, Sassy and her Beagle mix, Chunk. Ironically, Sharon is currently the innkeeper at Miss Molly's Inn, where Marguerite Henry penned her most famous book, Misty of Chincoteague.



EQUUS Official Artwork by:
Sharon Lupton Buck



Julie Carpenter

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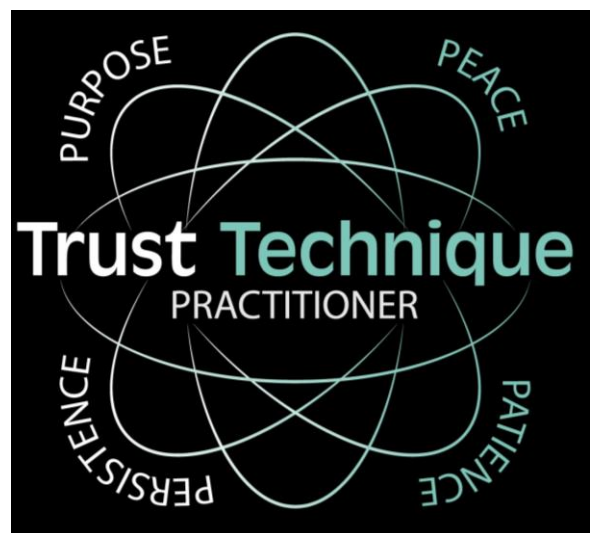
How To Deepen Your Relationship With Your Horse with the Trust Technique

Julia Carpenter is the first certified equine practitioner of the Trust Technique on the East Coast. The Trust Technique is a mindfulness method of reducing thinking levels to promote trust, confidence and connection with animals. She grew up on a horse farm in Vermont and has been a licensed riding instructor and trainer working with racehorses, hunter jumpers, polo ponies and field hunters.

Julia has had a lifelong friendship and association, researching, training and caring for animals. She is interested in helping animals, particularly horses, heal from trauma and loves volunteering to help out animal rescues with the Trust Technique. She has a private practice helping people and their equines learn and benefit from the Trust Technique. To find out more about her services, visit www.consideringanimals.com/the-trust-technique.html.

Julia has degrees in wildlife management and environmental policy from Boston University and Tufts and has worked in the wildlife and environmental fields. She is a painter, and her animal paintings have been shown in galleries and shops in the Boston area and western NC. She is the author of one little cookbook called *Pet Food: 16 Dessert Recipes to Make You Smile*.

Julia lives on a small farm in the mountains of western North Carolina with her husband Bernie Harberts, the Longrider, filmmaker, and author, in addition to two rescue border collies, three mules, a rescue pony and her halflinger. She enjoys riding in the mountains around her farm and on longer rides with Bernie. She blogs about her life with the animals, equine rambling and the Trust Technique at www.consideringanimals.com.



Cheryl Eriksen

South Carolina

"Hope, Horses, and Healing"



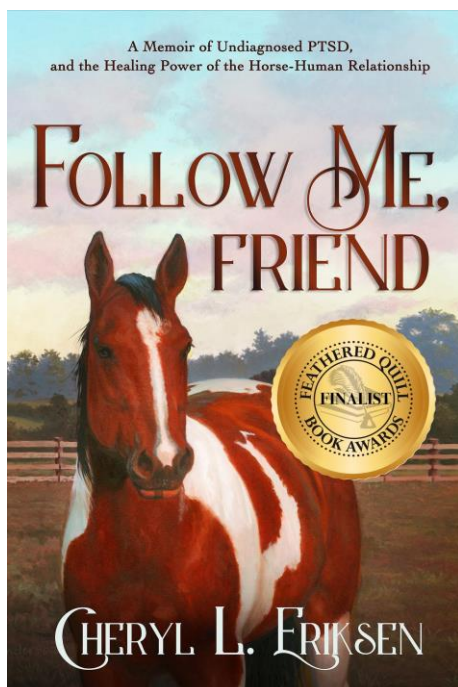
Meet Cheryl L Eriksen, author, blogger, horse midwife, and eternal student of the horse-human connection.

While earning her MSW from Western Michigan University, Cheryl took a special interest in the effects of trauma on the developing brain, and she applied that learning, along with her personal experiences as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, in her memoir, Follow Me, Friend.

Additionally, Cheryl has spent decades as an equine professional and extensively studied equine behavior and how it is influenced by what the human brings to the relationship. Through her work in the field of equine assisted psychotherapy and learning, Cheryl has seen and experienced firsthand the healing power of the horse-human relationship. Her books (current and upcoming) and her blog, Peace Horse Journey, explore this powerful relationship.

Cheryl has developed and taught continuing education courses on Equine Assisted Psychotherapy as a viable adjunct therapy, and on Trauma, Resiliency, and Horse Sense for social workers. She currently resides in the historic Bluegrass region of Kentucky, working as a horse midwife for various thoroughbred farms January-May, and focusing on her writing, teaching, and speaking engagements the rest of the year.

<http://www.followmefriendbook.com/>



Wayne Ewing

South Carolina

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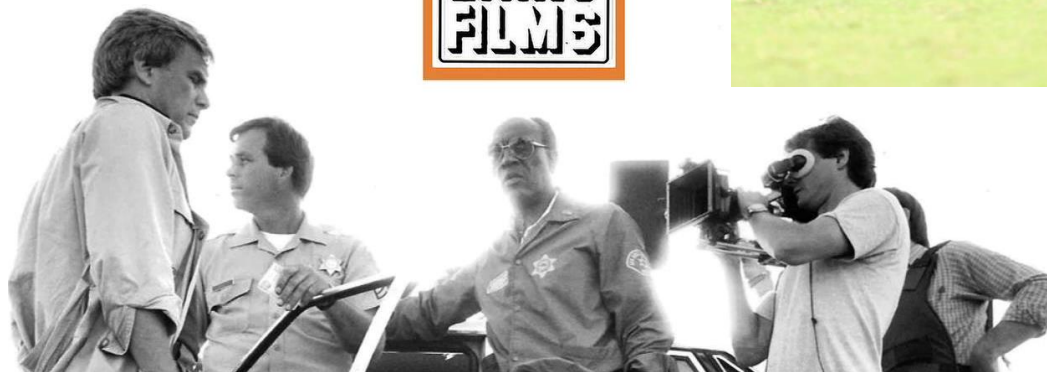


About Wayne Ewing, the man behind the lens.

Wayne's first twenty films, beginning with the critically acclaimed "If Elected..." were broadcast as a part of the series Bill Moyers Journal on PBS. The Emmy nominated "Blood's of 'Nam" followed on PBS as a part of the Frontline series. Also for Frontline, Ewing produced and directed "A Journey To Russia" during the last days of the Brezhnev era.

For NBC News Ewing made one hour documentaries, directing "Women In Prison" (1987) with Maria Shriver as correspondent and then producing and directing "Gangs, Cops, & Drugs" (1989) and "The New Hollywood" (1990) with Tom Brokaw as correspondent. "Gangs, Cops, & Drugs" is one of the highest rated documentaries (a 25/18 rating) ever broadcast on American television. His commercial television journalism also includes segments for Ted Koppel at ABC and Charles Kuralt at CBS.

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Julia Fisher, Ph.D., Editor/Consultant

South Carolina

South Carolina Horse Council



The Blue Wolf Totem Expedition

Julia Fisher has lived, worked, and studied all over the U.S., including both coasts and numerous states in between. She received her B.A from U. Wisconsin, began graduate study at San Jose State, and completed her Ph.D., Certificate in Cognitive Science, and a postdoctoral research fellowship at the U of Colorado before teaching at the University level in CO, MA, and eventually SC. In 2023 she opened her own Editing / Consulting firm and works with new first-time authors to help launch their literary careers.

Julia began competing in endurance horseback riding throughout the Southeast in 2009. She has traveled internationally as well, in order to participate in long distance treks on horseback (France, Ireland, Morocco). She discovered Mongolia in 2013 and made her first of 5 trips to ride the Steppes in 2017. Most recent rides include covering thousands of miles across the Mongolian countryside sponsored by the Veloo Foundation and raising money for disadvantaged children.

<https://juliafisher.net/>



Rachel Sydney Garfield

Guest Speaker | Author
South Carolina

Rachel Sydney Garfield grew up in the horse world and began riding at the age of three and eventing in Pony Club by the age of eight. She has competed on and off throughout her life. Professionally, she is a therapist specializing in trauma, chronic pain, and sports psychology with a remarkable comeback story of her own. She wrote two articles in 2018 about her recovery from a horrific riding accident for Equestrian Life Magazine, UK and Elite Equestrian magazine in Ocala, Florida. Ms. Garfield has written a book, *Stay the Course*, chronicling her experience of how she beat incredible odds to recover from a backbreaking fall and go on to ride and jump in Combined Training competition within 18 months. During her recovery, she discovered a technique for overcoming pain and obstacles she named “The Equina Reset” based on the dressage training principles. She is passionate about sharing the hopefulness of her comeback story as well as her solution for overcoming pain and obstacles with others.

Ms. Garfield is an accomplished artist whose paintings have appeared in equestrian magazine articles and have sold across the country. She has a wall devoted to her work at the Hunt Horse Complex in Raleigh, NC.

Ms. Garfield is also the mother of two daughters and she is bilingual in French and English.

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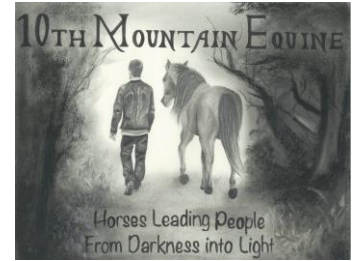


Russell Granger

Colorado

10th Mt Equine

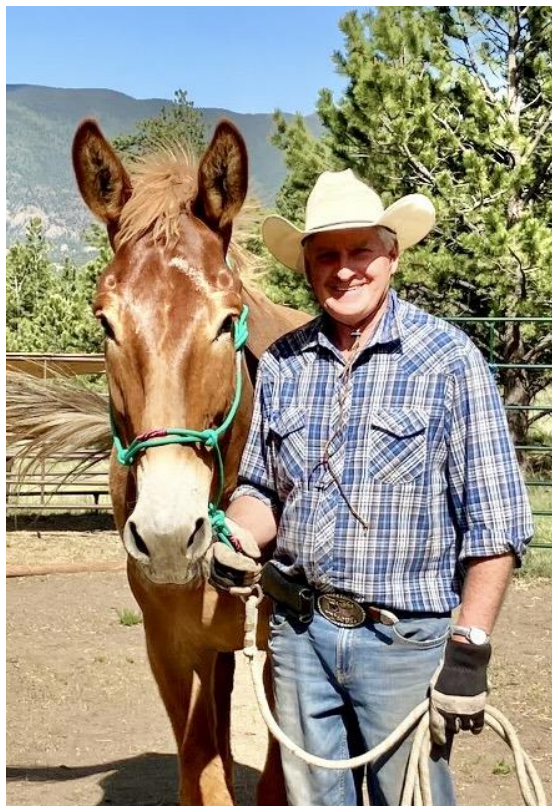
**PANEL: Mustangs, First Responders & Veterans
Mustangs For Mental Health**



Russell Granger is a semi-retired Colorado District Court Judge who served in Colorado's 5th Judicial District for 25 years. He also lectured nationally for approximately 19 years to prepare students to take the bar exam.

Russell is deeply involved in the equine world and together with Alec Adams, operates Granger Equine, a horse ranch located 6 miles off-grid high in the Colorado mountains at 9300 feet above sea level. He also serves as one of the founding directors for 10th Mountain Equine, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides a variety of Equine Assisted Services.

Russell continues to lecture, now mostly related to Equine Assisted Therapy. In 2019 Russell presented at the Colorado Judicial Conference regarding evidence-based support for equine therapy and how equines may be used in the Colorado Court System. In 2022 Russell presented at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo on the evidence-based research supporting Equine Assisted Therapy. This research objectively verifies positive results from Equine Assisted Therapy utilizing the client's heart rate variable. This result is verifiable, repeatable, fully objective and is the subject of multiple peer reviewed scientific papers.



Meghan Guilfoil

Meghan Guilfoil Studios

Tennessee

"I can't remember a time that my heart didn't beat for horses. While I grew up in a suburb of Atlanta, my spirit lived with the hoofbeats and I would grasp at any opportunity to be near them. I always loved to draw and it was a challenge to get me to focus on any subject matter other than horses. In search of an equine life, I started a pre-veterinarian program for large animals, but my heart was still in the arts. After graduating with a Fine Arts degree and the joy of working through college at a quarter horse farm, I became an educator. The realities of life carried me gradually away from my unrealized dreams. Now a mom of two teen-agers, a spark has been reignited. Encouraged to paint again, I found my heart come alive when the oils, pigments, manes, spirited gazes, majestic western skies and powerful movements hit the canvas. I knew I was back on the right track and ready to run free.

The adventure of life awaits! And I am ready to run with the wild horses. They possess an undeniable quality of power, freedom, spirit and beauty. Their unbridled nature requires this certain surrender in the act of painting. My desire to study this nature and their striking features progresses effortlessly to the canvas, where my gift as the artist is to paint freely, honoring the creature, yet setting it free. I hope to inspire the same wonder, spirit and life in those who observe, invoking boldness in the drowsy dreamer. I aspire to experience the "other-liness" in life, and see its movement through creation, to inspiration, through oil and canvas, into the experiences of the beholder.

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Ann Hanlin & Woodrow

Maryland Mustang Mission with Eventing Superstar Woodrow! Maryland

Woodrow is a 2011 American Mustang from Salt Wells Creek, WY. He was a band (herd) stallion with seven mares and countless foals. His band was gathered in October 2017. After winning his competitive bid on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Internet Auction in February 2018, I finally brought him home on April 13, 2018 and it has truly been a fairytale ever since. He melts the hearts of everyone he meets and is an incredible ambassador for our wild mustangs. He is the one that has helped me start SBF Mustang Eventing and the reason why I started hosting the Maryland TIP Challenge in 2021. I owe it all to the Lord and this incredible horse for putting me on this journey, hence why he is represented in our logo. God Bless our American Mustangs.

<https://mdmustangmission.weebly.com/>



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Will Hanlin

Maryland

Maryland Mustang Mission

My name is Will and I am 9 years old. I reside in Harford County, Maryland with my family! I've always loved animals but a special mustang named Lego grabbed my heart, December 3, 2022. He was my best friend but unfortunately had breathing issues that cut our time together short. He sparked my interest in the mustangs and taught me a lot. I've been incredibly blessed with another mustang, Reese. Reese and I have been together since April 2024, accomplishing a lot in a short time. I'm excited for all Reese has to teach me and I'll be sure that Lego's Legacy lives on through us!

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Bernie Harberts

North Carolina

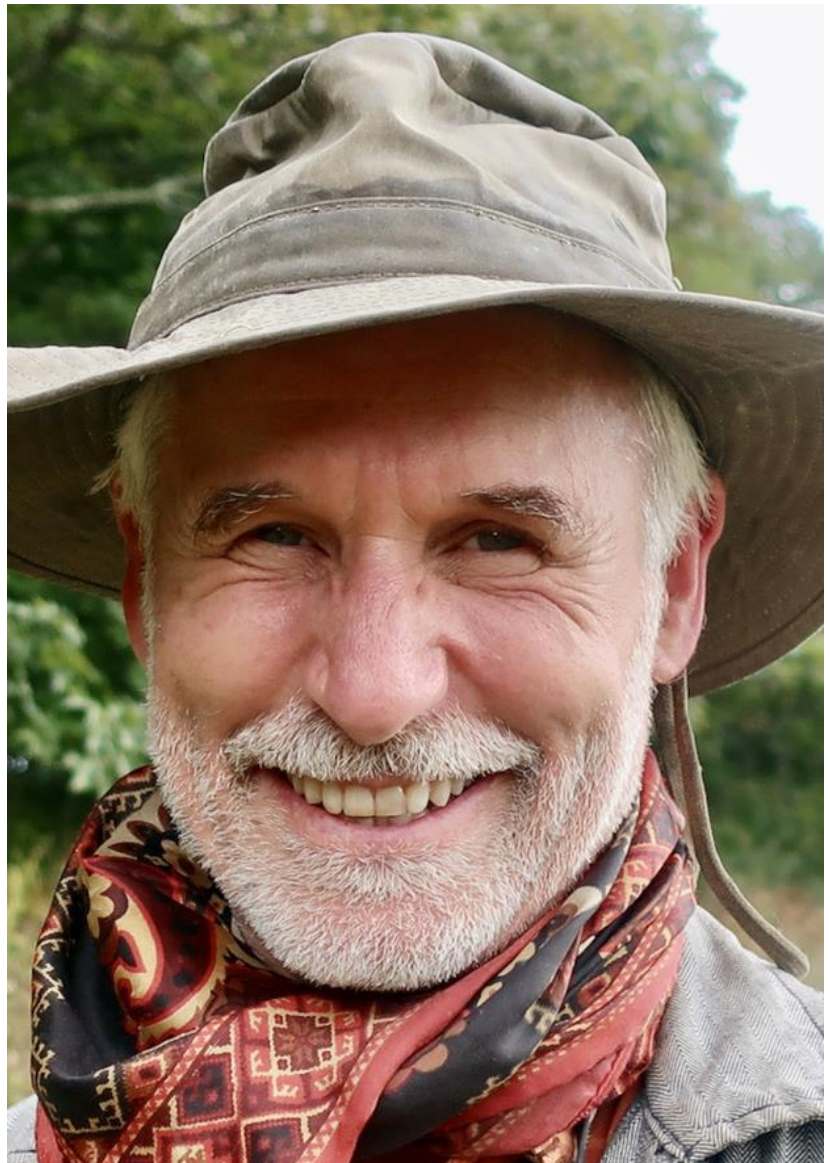
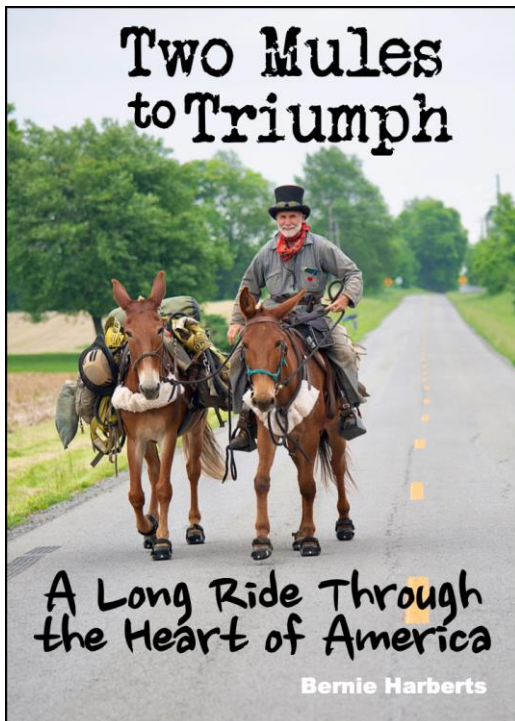
Bee liner, mule Rambler, filmmaker and author of "Two Mules to Triumph."

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Bernie Harberts is the subject of the Emmy award-winning PBS North Carolina program "The Mule Rider" and the film maker and star of the Prime Time "Lost Sea Expedition" series that premiered on Rocky Mountain PBS (stream on Amazon).

Even though he has traveled over 10,000 miles by horse and mule, he still can't keep his mule Cracker from occasionally bolting. His memoir Two Mules to Triumph, about his 7-month mule voyage from North Carolina to Idaho, is scheduled for release in 2024.

He cut his teeth as a writer while sailing alone around the world on his sailboat Seabird.



Tammy Hanson

South Carolina

Fiona Faith Mounted Patrol Mustang!

FIONA-FAITH 13-YEAR-OLD MUSTANG MARE

As a recommendation from Nicola Bolt I purchased Fiona in October of 2022. She arrived in North Carolina as a five-year-old untouched mare. I bought her from a 15 year old girl who worked with her for her five years in NC. Karsyn did all kinds of riding including trick riding. Fiona was a little too slow and lazy for that career, so she came to me to become my last and forever horse. My goals were to have a horse to participate in the Aiken Volunteer Mounted Unit which I co-founded six years ago. I also love to trail ride which apparently, after working as a mounted unit horse, is Fionas favorite thing to do. We both love to do obstacles and look forward to learning about Working Equitation. She definitely is an all-around horse. My background is dressage and eventing, I taught for forty years and competed for many years. At this point in life both Fiona and myself like the more relaxed pace of trails and unit work. Fiona is my first mustang and has totally won me over!

Her name was Faith. In all my years of horses I did not know that it was unlucky to change a horse's name. Well, I called her Fiona and she ended up on bed rest for a year! I decided to hyphenate her name to Fiona-Faith to lessen the chances of another year off! Currently she has a clean bill of health thanks to my vet and my farrier. In hindsight a year off with a mustang was the perfect time to get to trust each other. I think it has made her a better mounted unit horse. Having that time with me on the ground created the perfect partnership. Currently we have been doing the Aiken City parks and recreation summer camps with the mounted unit. Fiona is absolutely loving all the children brushing her, kissing her and hugging her. She is very relaxed and very happy during these three-hour sessions with up to 65 children. She thinks that standing still being loved is the perfect job for her!



Ginger Hipp & Honey

the Marsh Tacky Horse

South Carolina



LL175tipsy or Honey as she is affectionately called for her gleaming golden coat is a 9-year-old Carolina marsh tacky mare. She was born and raised on the vast acreage of DP Lowthers farm in Ridgeland South Carolina like the generations of horses before her.

Honey was bought by Ginger Hipp in 2018 with plans of promoting this special breed in endurance riding and showing. In 2023, Honey showcased the strength and resilience bred into these horses by completing a 50-mile one day endurance ride and became the first registered Carolina Marsh Tacky to do so, proving that though little, they are fierce.

She currently is on maternity leave and once the next generation of Tacky is weaned she plans to go for higher goals at completing a 100-mile endurance ride with her owner and rider, Ginger.

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Challen Ingraham

South Carolina

Equine Podiatry Demos



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Harmony Through Balance

Challen Ingraham's career started in 1979 when he began trimming horses on his family's farm. With a keen interest in science and an inquiring mind, he has continued to develop his skills through practice and continuing education. Challen believes that gaining knowledge and the improvements made by putting that knowledge into practice should be a lifelong pursuit. His approach to hoof care not only involves the hoof itself, but the overall horse. Challen is at the forefront of Equine Podiatry, successfully treating horses that others have given up on. He has developed a patented formula for hooves that is unique in its design and use. Called Neutron, it is an antifungal paste he painstakingly invented to fill a gap in medications that are easy to use and non-necrotizing. Neutron version "A" is for thrush, white line disease, as a pretreatment under the shoe rim, as well as treating abscesses before and after drainage. Version "B" was developed for the treatment of granulation tissue in wounds and spot treatment of scratches.

Mr. Ingraham will be giving two talks at the Summit. One talk will be aimed at helping people understand the mechanics of barefoot and shod horses, and the second talk will be about the treatment of pathologies of the distal limb and foot.

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Abriana Johnson

North Carolina

Black Unicorn Creative, Cowgirl Camryn

Black In The Saddle Podcast



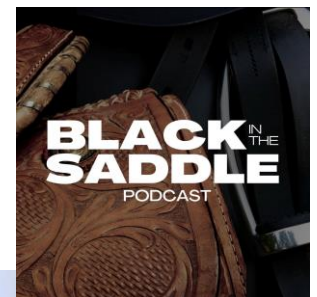
Abriana Johnson is a trailblazer in the intersection of animal science, brand strategy, and digital media. As the founder of Black Unicorn Creative, she leverages her extensive background in Animal Science and Health Sciences to offer bespoke brand strategy, coaching, and consulting services, specifically tailored for the agriculture and equestrian industries. Her educational journey from NC State University to the University of Florida laid the groundwork for a career that harmoniously blends her love for horses with a keen eye for technology and design.

Beyond her consultancy, Abriana is the visionary behind Cowgirl Camryn, an innovative edutainment platform that uses the power of equine experiential learning to foster emotional and behavioral growth in children. This initiative underscores her commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the equine world, offering a holistic approach to education that emphasizes the values of empathy and interconnectedness.

As a speaker, author, and host of the Black In The Saddle podcast, Abriana actively contributes to dialogues around equestrian lifestyle, cultural impact, and the role of diversity in shaping the future of the equestrian industry. Her multifaceted career is a testament to her passion for creating meaningful connections between people, technology, and the natural world, making her a sought-after voice for innovation, strategy, and societal impact in the digital age.

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Lisa Mallory

Halfway to Heaven Rescue

South Carolina



Lisa grew up with horses in her life. She jokes that she loved horses before she was born. When she was young, she worked with Thoroughbred racehorses and showed Palomino Quarter horses. Lisa's first introduction to science-based horse training began in the 1990's when she attended an equine clicker training clinic with Alexandra Kurland. Lisa began studying the science of animal behavior and attending conferences and seminars with legendary animal trainers such as Bob Bailey and Karen Pryor. For many years Lisa worked as a professionally licensed dog trainer who helped owners train their dogs to be wonderful, well-behaved household companions. She also trained Scent Detection dogs and their handlers for competition and was a licensed AKC Scent Work Judge. Bill has always been devoted to the welfare of animals and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Ecology, with a Master's in Natural Resource Policy. As an attorney Bill has a law firm, Finger, Nelson & Maguire, PLLC, who specialize in Environmental Law. When their first horse came to live with them, Bill was a natural, quickly earning the nickname "Cowboy Bill" – for his use of "Cowboy Patter" (softly, continuously talking to horses) in his training and handling. Lisa and Bill share a love and devotion for the care and welfare of all horses, with a deep passion for our National Heritage Horses – The American Mustangs.

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Rev. John Matias

LLPC, MA, MMin

Mental Health Professional | Mustang Owner
Michigan

Rev. John Matias, LLPC, MA, MMin, is a graduate of Calvin College, Calvin Theological Seminary and Western Michigan University. He became an ordained minister at age 25 and currently serves as a bilingual clinical mental health therapist at Bethany Christian Services with refugee youth specializing in EMDR, DBT, and CBT. John served on the Grand Rapids Public School Board for 9 years and is the Vice President of the Board of Network 180, the community mental health entity in Kent County, Michigan's second most populous county.

John founded and pastored churches in Chicago, El Paso, Texas, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, and served in education K-12 and college, traveling and advocating nationally. Through his career he has worked at the grassroots level addressing pertinent issues affecting urban at-risk communities in the U.S. including the AIDS epidemic at its outset, gang violence, economic, housing and educational inequities, immigration and racial disparities, minority pastoral leadership development, removing barriers to mental health and higher education, and advocating politically in Lansing and Washington D.C. regarding the needs of the most vulnerable.

John grew up second generation Puerto Rican, number 15 of 16 children in the inner city of Chicago, exposed to the impact of community violence and poverty. His experiences have influenced his passion for addressing the impact of complex trauma in youth and adults. Along with his wife Sarah, also an EMDR therapist, he became involved in an equine therapy program volunteering as the development director for the past two years through which he developed an understanding of the powerful impact of horses in the treatment of trauma and mental health. Sarah and John have 4 grown children and one grandchild and also both come from family cultures of military service. They are Army parents of a Blackhawk pilot and Sarah is an adult child of a combat veteran. Throughout their marriage they have rescued and rehabbed a variety of animals and recently adopted two Wild Mustang yearlings and are in the process of starting a non-profit horse sanctuary and trauma-focused equine assisted therapy program for the treatment of both military and civilian populations experiencing the effects of trauma.



Sarah Matias

Mental Health Professional | Mustang Owner LMSW, CAADC, ADS is a Licensed Master Social Worker Michigan

Sarah Matias, LMSW, CAADC, ADS is a Licensed Master Social Worker, Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, advanced trained EMDR therapist, NADA Acudetox Specialist and EAGALA certified mental health professional. Sarah trained in EMDR with Dr. Wendy Freitag, President of the International EMDRIA Research Foundation and colleague of Dr. Francine Shapiro and is trained in several advanced protocols including equine-assisted EMDR. Sarah is a graduate of Wheaton College, Grand Valley State University.

Sarah has over 30 years of experience in community-based counseling, advocacy, and ministry. She currently serves as a clinical mental health therapist specializing in complex trauma and substance use disorders at Arbor Circle Corporation in Grand Rapids, MI and served on the board of an equine assisted growth and learning facility from 2017 to 2023. She has a passion for cross cultural work, studying in Latin America, Asia and Europe and serving in community-based work in Chicago; El Paso, Texas; Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; and Grand Rapids, Michigan addressing a broad range of populations who have experienced complex trauma including gang members, incarcerated populations, and war refugees. She has partnered with her husband in urban church planting, missions, and has been actively involved in advocacy through a variety of community coalitions, program development, grant writing, and networking between the faith community and social service system.

Sarah specializes in the treatment of complex trauma, addiction, attachment and other mental health diagnoses, utilizing EMDR, equine assisted EMDR and psychotherapy and other modalities as part of an integrative trauma-informed, approach. She has integrated animal assisted therapies throughout her community-based work and has also developed treatment to address the mental wellbeing of the horses and other animals assisting in therapy. Sarah and her husband John, also an EMDR therapist and ordained minister, have 4 grown children and one grandchild. Sarah and John come from family cultures of military service, are Army parents of a Blackhawk pilot and Sarah is an adult child of a combat veteran. They recently adopted two Wild Mustang yearlings and are in the process of starting a non-profit horse sanctuary and trauma-focused equine assisted therapy program for the treatment of both military and civilian populations experiencing the effects of trauma.



Brooke Miller

South Carolina

Miller Mustangs

I started volunteering at Fort Bragg riding stables in Fayetteville NC when I was 9 years old. From that moment on I knew horses were going to be in my life. When I was 13 I struck interest in training and started studying, attending clinics, and apprenticing under other local trainers in my area. By the time I was 15 I acquired my first mustang and never looked back. By the age of 18 I was volunteering and perform compliance checks for the Bureau of Land Management doing whatever I could to learn about policies, wild horses, and how I could help. In 2020 I was privileged to be accepted into the Mustang heritage foundation-Trainer Incentive Program. I successfully gentled and placed many mustangs in good homes. Today I continue to pursue the proper care, treatment, and gentle training of wild horses with my 2 daughters and husband also with the support from our entire family. Training horses is my passion and I'm forever grateful for what the wild horses have taught me and the un-breakable loyalty my personal mustangs show me.

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Jenna Walters (Miller)

South Carolina

Miller Mustangs

Youth Demo Participant

Jenna is 10 yrs old and was born in Wilmington NC. She's been on the back of her Mustang Haze since she was 6 months old. Today she goes on many mustang pick ups, has been to multiple storefronts, and helps her family in the care and handling of wild horses. She shows Haze at local shows and has been learning to improve her skills as an equestrian. She loves to rides, doing tricks with haze, and loves being with her family. In the next year she is looking forward to learning more about gentling and training to be even more involved helping wild horses!

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Hunter Paffrath

Mississippi

Bureau of Land Management

Southeastern States Public Affairs



Originally from the central Florida area, growing up my interests involved hunting, hiking, and exploring public lands. Prior to working for the BLM I'd gone on horseback rides on occasion, but was never a horseman or had much interest in them. My passion for public lands and hunting opportunity drew me to a career at BLM, however once a BLM employee I was immersed in the world of Mustangs and Burros. To say that I have fallen in love with Mustangs and Burros would be an understatement, I am continuously amazed with these animals, and the amazing community of Mustang adopters. I have worked with the Wild Horse and Burro program in Colorado, and now in our Jackson, Mississippi office where I support the Wild Horse and Burro off-range program placing animals into private care throughout the Southeastern United States.

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Julie Robins

South Carolina

The Horsemanship Academy

Leg Up Experience



I'm an Equine Behavior Specialist with a passion for helping equestrians confidently develop attentive, relaxed and connected equine partnership for any discipline without frustration, fear and overwhelm.

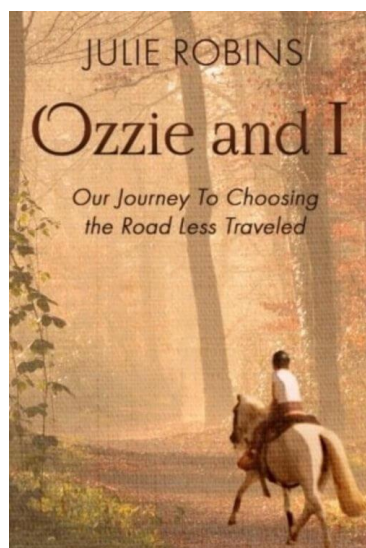
I created The Horsemanship Academy to share what I have learned with and from horses in the last 25+ years. With the help of technology, I am now able to offer education online! I love teaching people and watching horses transform into amazing partners. I can't wait to meet you and your horse!

After years of repeatedly telling the story of how I came to horses, I decided to write a book. Ozzie and I-Our journey to Choosing the Road Less Traveled tells the story of a horse that changed the direction of my life and ultimately led me to my life's work of helping people and horses.

It's the story of the first horse I bought as a lifelong horse-crazy young adult with tons of passion and no horse know how. Ozzie was strong-willed and hard to handle, and I was in love with him and in way over my head and ability level.

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

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Charlie Sims

Illinois

Growing Up With Autism & Horses

Charlie Sims is an animal lover by nature. Growing up, he was always looking at animal books and had a fondness for their development and way of life. After being diagnosed with autism at the age of 3, he was enrolled in a goal based therapeutic riding program that helped him develop his muscle tone, balance, riding ability, and his bond with horses.

Charlie has competed in horse shows across the United States and is a two-time Congress EWD (Equestrians With Disabilities) Champion and a NSBA EWD World Champion. Though no longer competing, Charlie has continued his bond with horses. He cares for his own horse Emma and is taking classical dressage lessons.



Ron Syrko

North Carolina

Ron and Tango Films

PANEL: Here Now Gone Forever Tango and our story of places and trails now gone forever

Im a basic person, I Live simple, I been a mechanic al my life, I Love Horses, I love Horse Language and the outdoors. I grew up in Pennsylvania thats where my story starts and moved to North Carolina in 2005 and continued my story with my horse Tango. Back in 1998 I rode my first horse Rowdy, Then in 1999 I purchased my first horse Skip, But he didn't work out and then I found Tango. A story about Tango's and I journey over 25 years of all the places we have been and seen. Its called Here now Gone Forever-Different Faces Different Places.

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Ella South & Fallon

Pennsylvania

ES Natural Horsemanship



Hi, I am Ella South! I am a natural horsemanship trainer, I discovered my love for horses at 4 years old, it never was just a hobby or a phase for me... it is my life. I began training horses when I was 14, I got an appaloosa yearling filly who I trained and started myself and she helped me want to make training my career. Most of my background has been in the all-around events but I have dabbled in a little bit of everything.

Last year I had the amazing opportunity to compete in my first Mustang event. I participated in the Maryland Mustang TIP Challenge and that experience was one I will never forget. I was fortunate to have gotten my first pick, which was a bay yearling filly who was born in holding but had a herd origin of Salt Wells Creek Wyoming. After seeing her on pick-up day I knew she was going to be special, I knew she needed my help and I think she did too. I built our connection from scratch, she was completely unhandled but she was naturally sweet and curious. We placed 3rd overall in the Maryland Mustang TIP Challenge and we won the award for best turned out, but the best prize of all was being able to see how far we had come in the 100 days we were together.

I love watching horses and riders connect both in and out of the saddle, every foundation should start from the ground up.



South Carolina Horse Council

South Carolina



SOUTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL

Originally called the South Carolina Horsemen's Council, now updated to the South Carolina Horse Council was formed in 1993 by equestrians as a statewide organization and is a member of the American Horse Council.

Regardless of the breed, riding discipline or segment of the horse community with which the member identifies, the SCHC is working to keep opportunities open for all. The Board of Directors is composed of volunteer members as are all committees. SCHC activities and events are planned and coordinated by member volunteers. The Council is devoted to guaranteeing a future which continues to include horses, horse sports, and equine-related businesses in South Carolina.

❖ Vance Stine 2023 SCHC President

The South Carolina Horse Council promotes the common interests of the equine community and the industry it creates. Our mission is to Connect, Communicate, and Educate. South Carolina Horse Council holds clinics throughout the state on horsemanship, pasture management, equine nutrition, and lameness. The Council awards youth scholarships annually. It also sends youth to 4-H camp; supports FFA; and helps equines in need. It offers many programs such as the Stallions to Geldings and the Animal Control Officer Equine Seminar certifying law enforcement and animal control officers throughout the state. Publish the SC Equestrian Trails Booklet for a quick reference to equine trails and maps. Email SCHC for a free copy. The SCHC offers \$1 million Personal Excess Liability Insurance at an affordable cost to its members.

<https://schorseouncil.com/>



South Carolina Arts Commission

South Carolina

On June 7, 1967, Governor Robert E. McNair signed legislation that established the South Carolina Arts Commission, an autonomous state agency charged with guiding the development of the arts.

For more than 50 years, the agency has worked to build a thriving arts environment that benefits all South Carolinians, regardless of their circumstances or where they live.

Since 1967, the SCAC has awarded more than \$114 million in grants to artists, arts organizations, school districts, schools, and teachers!

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



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ARTSCOMMISSION

The SC Arts Commission is providing funding through The Marley Project, Inc to support of equine-based arts activities and exhibits during the festival weekend. The SCAC has an impact on SC communities, increasing opportunities for public engagement and participation in arts and culture. The new festival grant enhances funding for travel, lodging and artistic programming for the event.

Charles Wilhelm

South Carolina

Charles Wilhelm Training

About Charles Wilhelm Training

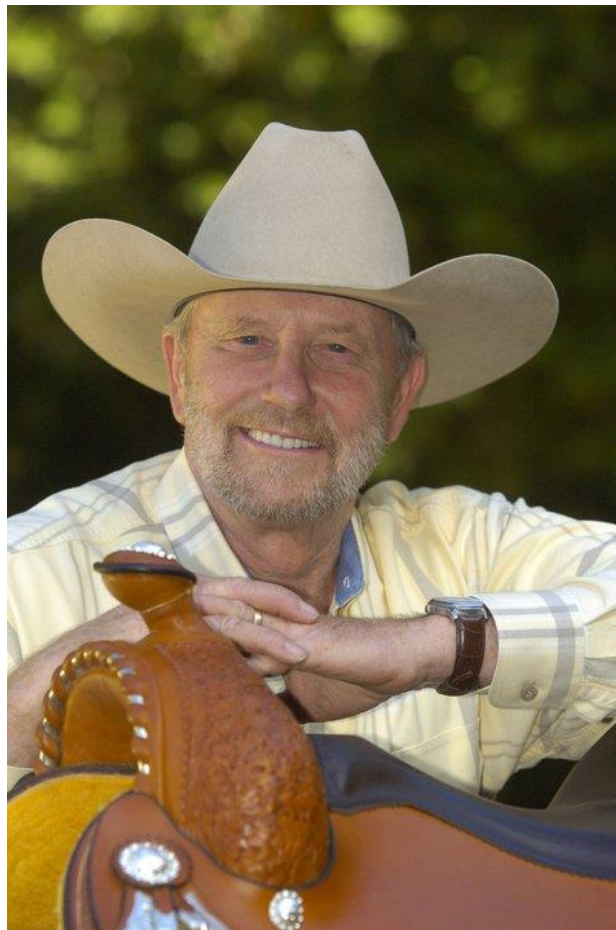
Charles Wilhelm , internationally known as America’s most respected horse trainer is the creator of Ultimate Foundation Training; equine training techniques that combine the best of traditional, classical and natural horsemanship into a methodology that is applicable to every riding discipline. His extensive background includes Dressage, Working Cow Horse, Reining, Western Pleasure and Trail class. He is one of the few clinicians of our time who is known for his superb skills in communicating and motivating people as well as his astounding natural abilities with the horse. He believes that “It’s Never, Ever the Horse’s Fault” and his training methods reflect that belief. Charles is one of the few trainers specializing in re-schooling horses with often-severe issues.

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Dr. Elizabeth Woolsey

Author

Tennessee



A Man's Worth

I have ridden horses since I was a small child, which is what inspired me to become a horse veterinarian. I've been a horse vet for over 35 years.

Writing is my guilty pleasure. I love to share true stories of my life as a horse veterinarian both in America and in Australia where I have lived and worked for the last 28 years.

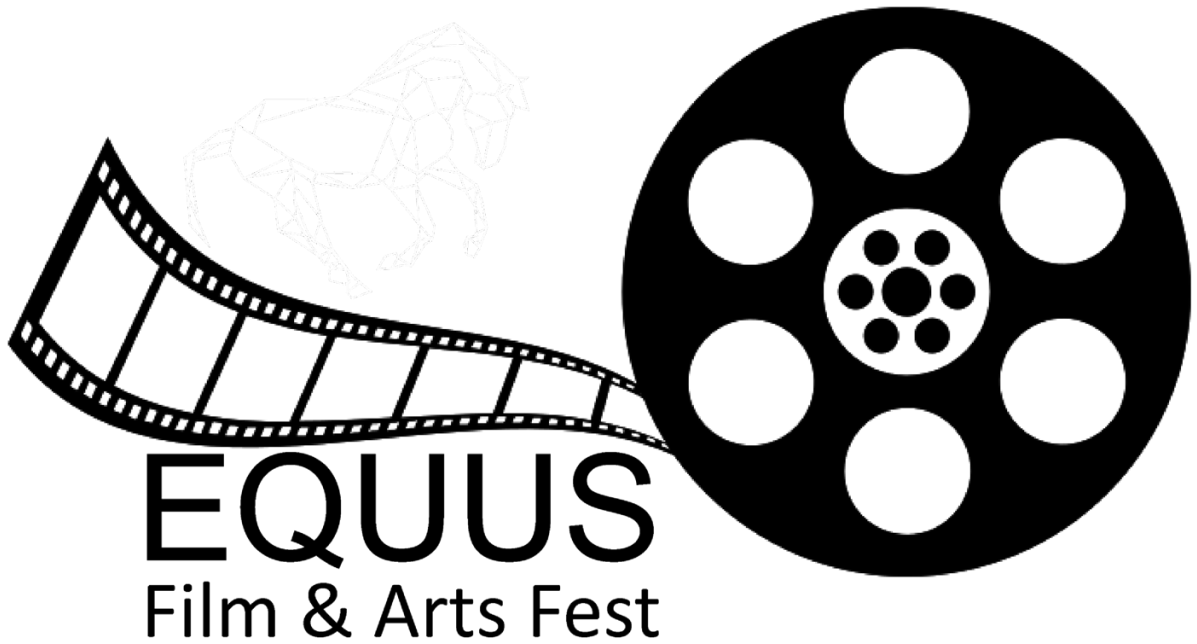
My time in Australia has been rich in both veterinary medicine and the daily dramas of life. I have been blessed with a wonderful extended family, which includes not only my blood-born daughter but also other children, friends and my loyal staff who have made my work so easy.

My horses, dogs and cats have provided me with fodder for some of the stories that I now write about. My inspiration for telling these stories comes from both my real life and the wonderful books that I have read or listened to while driving around the countryside attending horses.

I am eternally grateful to the person who said, "You write like you're talking to me." I am talking to you. I am excited to share my stories with you. So, sit down, and I'll tell you a story.

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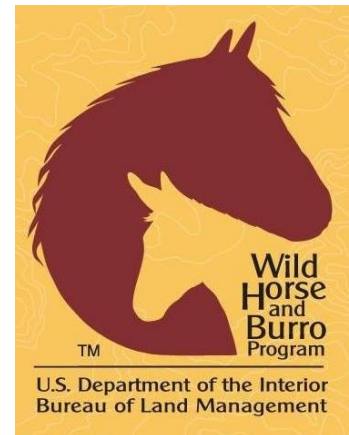
Bureau of Land Management

The BLM works to place excess animals into private care through its Adoption and Sales Programs as well as [successful partnerships](#) with organizations across the nation. Many have found it personally challenging and rewarding to adopt or purchase a wild horse or burro. It is a chance to care for, and then own, a part of America's heritage.

The BLM has placed more than 240,000 wild horses and burros into private care since 1971. Many of those animals have become excellent pleasure, show, or work horses.

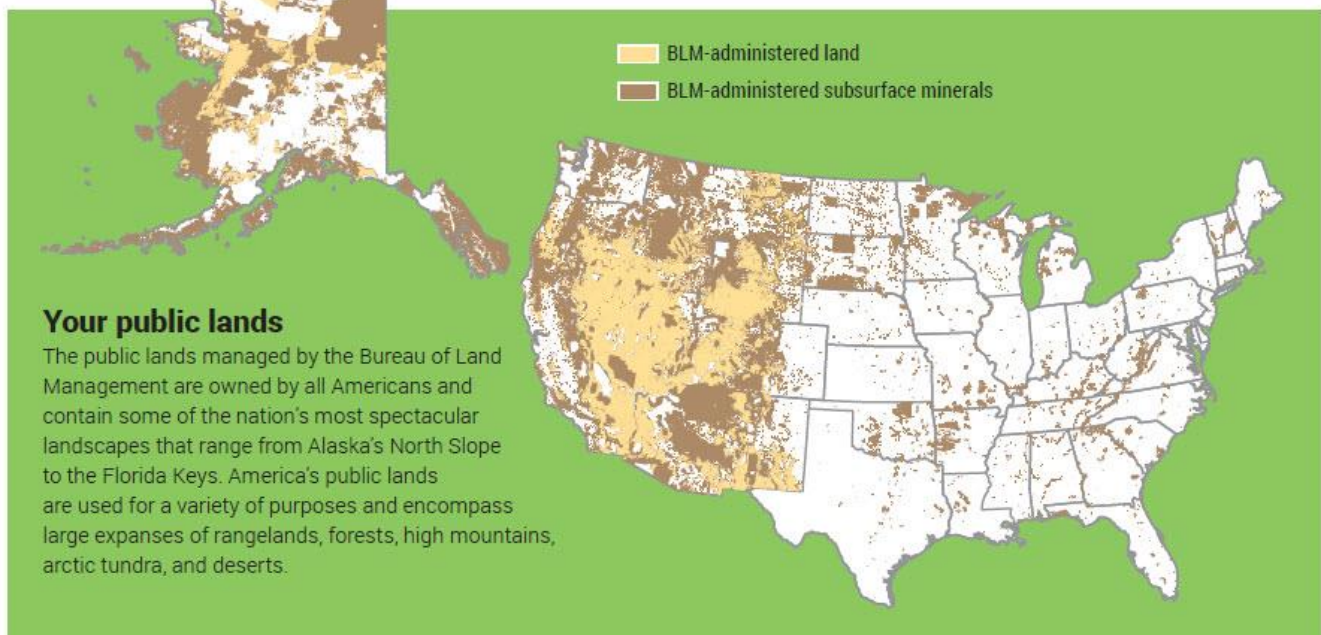
Learn more about:

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- [Adoption Incentive Program](#)
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The Bureau of Land Management

Manages more than 1/10 of the nation's surface area and 30% of the nation's minerals and soils.



<https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management>

<https://www.facebook.com/BLMNational>



Welcome to Equine Network.

We provide the equine community with best-in-class competitions, content, products, and services that deepens their love for horses and horse sports.

Our award-winning brands present innovative content, engaging digital experiences, and live equestrian events designed to inform and entertain our target audiences. We attract and retain subscribers and users who are serious equine enthusiasts and industry professionals, and who have both the resources and commitment to provide the best for their horse-related pursuits and upscale lifestyles.

Our Team We're a team of problem solvers, innovators and creators. We're data analysts, marketing strategists and video producers. We're also team ropers, barrel racers, dressage competitors, eventers and trail riders. You'll frequently find us working with hay on our clothes and some mud on our boots. We don't just talk the talk; we ride...



Pat Towbridge
Equine Network | Horse Week



Freedom Reigns Sanctuary

California

Freedom Reign Foundation is a non-profit 501C (3) that is dedicating to improving the lives of horses by rescuing those that are destined for slaughter and providing them a safe haven; backing legislature that improves the quality of life for horses in many industries; and educating the public on the plight of so many horses in need.

Freedom Reigns Sanctuary is a place to observe these beautiful creatures in their natural social circles and as close to natural habitat as we can create. We provide them with the basic care of semi-annual vaccines and hoof trimmings as well as any emergency care deemed necessary as long as their future quality of life will remain adequate for this setting. The equines are given ample freedom to select the friends and companions they connect and build bonds with which usually creates mini herds with like groups. Most of the horses are naturally grazing and moving about on over 3000 acres. Several smaller groups are temporarily homed in smaller pastures either as families, mares with new babies or horses needing temporary rehabilitation. Incoming horses are always quarantined for 4-6 weeks depending on where they are coming from. Any horses not grazing in our large pastures are fed daily our farmed at the ranch, high quality oak/wheat/barley hay.

Freedom Reigns is not open to the public but visitors are welcome to contact us for a private tour if in the San Juan Bautista area. We are a working ranch in which the horses welfare is our main focus

<https://www.freedomreignsequinesanctuary.org/>
<https://freedomreignsdocumentary.com/>





**HORSES FOR
MENTAL HEALTH**

Who We Are

Horses for Mental Health is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to increase awareness, public engagement, funds, and access to programs incorporating horses for mental health and personal growth.

We partner with nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, celebrities, influencers, and companies to realize our collective vision of a world where all mental health needs are met – together.

We seek to strengthen engagement to create a community of inclusivity and diversity while increasing access to quality mental health programs incorporating horses that serve all groups of people..

Our Team

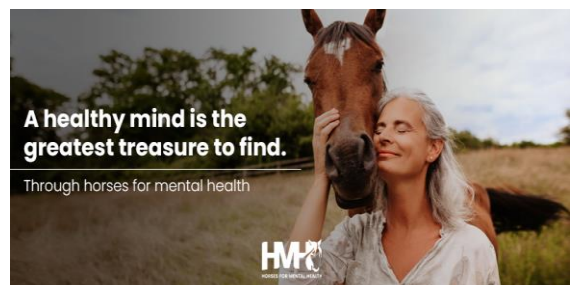
Our team consists of world-class thought leaders with expertise in varying disciplines ranging from: mental health, horsemanship, brand development and strategy, fundraising and awareness modeling, talent acquisition, sponsorship consulting, creative scripting and design, program management, impact reporting and analysis, among other engagements in the social impact realm.

Our team involves and engages with experts and leaders in the equine-assisted services industry, and specifically with psychotherapy and counseling incorporating horses, who help advise our work.

Horses for Mental Health (HMH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to expand the role horses play in mental health and well-being to realize our vision of a world where all mental health needs are met.

At our foundation is our heart for the welfare of both horses and humans, and how they can impact each other to heal and thrive in incredible ways.

<https://horsesformentalhealth.org/>



Lynn Thomas, Co-Founder/President

Espana Silk Products

Trudy Midas, Co-Founder/President

4025 Orleans Ln N Minneapolis, MN 55441

The story of Espana natural grooming products goes back to 1999 and an accident in an indoor arena. Trudy Midas, co-owner of the company with husband, Bob Hansen, was thrown from her horse and broke her back making it impossible to ride again for four years. After three surgeries and years of extensive rehabilitation she was still only able to provide daily grooming and maintain the all-important animal/human bond.

During this time Trudy used virtually every grooming product on the market. The harsh chemicals in some made Bob wonder if these ingredients could be harmful to Trudy and/or her horse. The owners of seven racehorses and two pleasure horses at the time, Trudy and Bob began investigating better options. Their research indicated that a new all-natural equine grooming line would be a welcome addition in the stables.

They then set out to develop the line of all natural products that would be effective and safe for humans and animals. This process included consultations with chemists, and additional research and development which led to the inclusion of silk proteins as a key ingredient and to the pleasant signature cucumber-spa fragrance of all Espana SILK products. Finally, in 2006, the husband-and-wife team found an experienced, quality manufacturer to produce their all-natural line of grooming products.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/espanasilkgroomingproducts>



Maryland Mustang Mission

Maryland



MARYLAND MUSTANG MISSION

Maryland Mustang Mission is a newly formed nonprofit 501(c)(3) that is devoted to spreading mustang awareness and education on the east coast by showcasing the American Mustang's versatility and ability to go from wild to mild.

Picture

Did you know that there are over 58,000 wild mustangs in holding facilities across the United States?! We need your help to successfully accomplish our mission and help get these amazing horses out of holding facilities and into forever homes! With change comes new beginnings and we are taking a leap of faith with establishing this 501(c)(3) to keep these events going. Let's make the Maryland Mustang Extravaganza and Open Show a huge success in 2024! We cannot do either of these events without you. You can help make them possible by becoming a donor, prize sponsor, competitor, and spectator. Please click the tabs to learn more about the events that will be offered. You can also find lots of great information on our Facebook page, Maryland Mustang Mission, so be sure to pop over there when you get a chance.

<https://mdmustangmission.weebly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053/>

Ingraham Equine Podiatry

South Carolina

<https://ingrahamequinepodiatry.com/>

My career path began in 1979 trimming horses on my family farm. Since then with a keen interest in science and an inventive streak, I continued to develop my skills. I believe the knowledge gained and the improvements that develop are a. lifelong things. My approach to hoof care includes not only the foot but the horse as a whole, and the individuality their feet possess as they are interconnected.



INGRAHAM
EQUINE
PODIATRY

Harmony Through Balance

Mustang Leadership Partners

Tennessee Youth & Mustangs



Mustang Leadership Partners (MLP) was established in February 2009 to provide girls and young women with an opportunity to develop, practice, and improve relationship skills, responsibility, social accountability, self-awareness and self-confidence—all of which are mirrored in the mustang's behavior. Providing hands-on science experiences and equestrian training, the MLP program is grounded in the belief that horses are mirrors to our energy systems and teach us important life lessons. The MLP program requires a year-long commitment and dedication to several academic and citizenship standards.

To participate in the MLP program, CGLA students must complete an application and are selected based upon their commitment to the MLP standards and their current academic standing. The program serves up to sixteen students (eight middle school and eight high school).

1219 CARTER LAKE RD
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

<https://www.cglaonline.com/student-center/mustang-leadership-partners>



Mustang Champions

Texas

Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of American mustangs in BLM holding.

We share a deep belief that we can make a difference in the lives of American mustangs. Mustang Champions is a nonprofit dedicated to the adoption and sale of mustangs that have been gathered and are currently in BLM holding.

As a 501(c)(3) working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro Program we can help to transition mustangs in holding into private care to lessen the burden of an abundance of animals, reduce the cost of care to the American taxpayer and help protect rangeland. Mustang Champions will create and manage programs and events that showcase the ability and diversity of mustangs with the sole purpose of getting mustangs adopted.

We are dedicated to the proper gentling, training, and treatment of mustangs. By enlisting qualified trainers, potential adopters, owners, and all Americans who want to support our efforts, we will prepare mustangs for homes outside of government holding. We provide educational and training resources to help those interested in and working with mustangs improve their skills and knowledge to ensure better handling and care of mustangs.

Mustang Champions will help educate the American public about wild mustangs, raising positive awareness for the BLM and the WH&B Program staff.

Our hope is that with our combined efforts and talents we can give American mustangs in holding an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities as a companion or a champion.

We want to hero the American Mustang.

We are Mustang Champions.

Mustang Champions is proud to be a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

www.mustangchampions.org



Mustang Heritage Foundation

Texas

www.mustangheritagefoundation.org

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to facilitating successful placements of America's excess wild horses and burros through innovative programs, events, and education.

**25,000 BURROS & HORSES PLACED IN HOMES AND PRIVATE CARE
SINCE 2007 THROUGH MUSTANG HERITAGE FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.**

TRAINER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

- MORE THAN 16,000 ANIMALS PLACED THROUGH TIP
- TRAINERS IN 40 STATES

The Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) is a training and adoption program that engages talented horse trainers nationwide. Approved TIP trainers gentle and halter train a Bureau of Land Management-branded wild horse or burro, then market and find a new home for the animal. Once a home is approved by BLM the TIP trainer is reimbursed for their training and marketing services.



WHAT WE DO

Nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros have been removed from public lands and are currently in holding pastures and corrals managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They need our help!

Mustang Heritage Foundation helps find forever homes for thousands of these horses and burros each year. We're dedicated to removing these animals from BLM holding pens and placing them into homes and private care through innovative programs, events, and education.



We have saved taxpayers an average of \$162 million each year. A wild horse or burro costs the federal government \$25,000 during the lifetime of the animal. Mustang Heritage Foundation not only saves the taxpayer money but most importantly helps provide loving homes for our national treasure – the American Mustang!

Mustang Adoption Academy

Our Mission:

Successful Mustang Adoption and helping humans and mustangs have better relationships.

www.MustangAdoptionAcademy.com

MUSTANG



Adoption Academy



Triple E Ranch
Haubstadt, IN
812-270-0028

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At Omega Fields, we take pride in providing a quality product at a fair price to thousands of animal owners all across the country. Our products are made from flax seed and include omega-3 fatty acids, which have been known for thousands of years as a true super-food.

Our mission is to help create healthy, happy animals. Our natural omega-3 supplements help to improve hoof health for horses and skin, coat, and joint health in both horses and dogs. If you're looking for supplements for skin, hooves, coats, joints and more to improve the health, appearance, and quality of life for your horses, dogs, and chickens, Omega Fields has a selection of products you'll love. Our natural animal supplements are trusted by thousands of animals lovers just like you.





The Wild Horse Refuge is a private sanctuary that was created entirely for rescued Wild Mustangs that were taken from BLM Herd Management Areas (HMA) located within Colorado. The Wild Horses living on this special property are now protected and have regained the freedom and independence they had prior to government interference.

With more than 29 square miles of contiguous land to run free, their wild and free spirit has been restored. With the Refuge being located just 30 miles from the Sand Wash Basin, the horses feel right at home as they roam freely across the vast open spaces of the Refuge!

There are no paddocks, stock pens, fenced pastures, or other smaller and more restrictive spaces in use here. Instead of being relegated to pens or smaller pastures where they might have an occasional opportunity to run one or two hundred yards - or possibly even a few thousand feet... the wild horses living at the Refuge continue to run until they choose to stop.

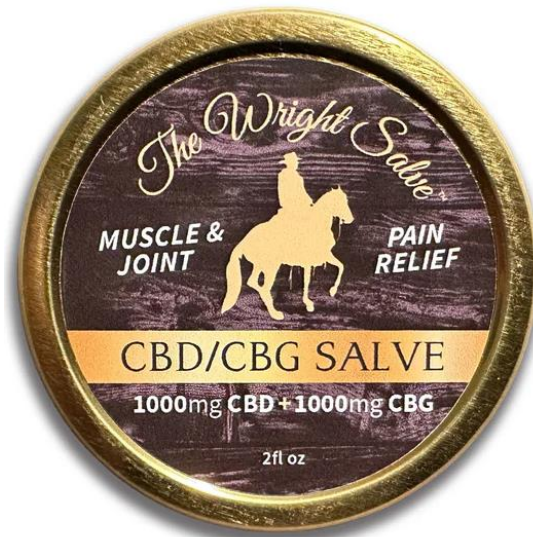
It is truly a beautiful sight to see when these wild horses are able to regain control of where they go and what they do completely on their own!

The Wild Horse Refuge is a completely new facility that was acquired in order to create a special home for Colorado's native Wild Horses.

Wild horses (Mustangs) are allowed to roam freely within the Refuge - which has more than 22,500 acres of land for the horses to roam freely.

<https://www.wildhorserefuge.org/>





James and Greta, Owners of The Wright Salve.

A brief story about how we started this journey:

We met and befriended a traveling alchemist who shared a powerful pain relief salve with us.

We soon discovered with amazement how much this salve was helping ourselves and our friends and family in our daily lives.

Together we decided to refine and evolve this incredible pain relief salve by adding even more potent ingredients and bring it to market. Now everyone can have the opportunity to experience the multiple benefits for rejuvenation of skin conditions, muscle and joint inflammation issues, and feel the results and relief like we have!

<https://thewrightsalve.com/>



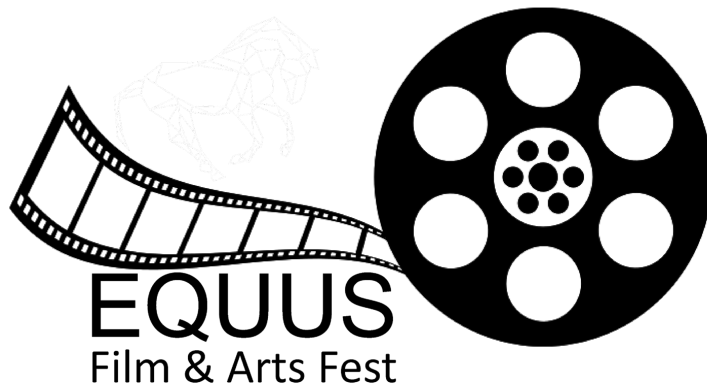


www.ffhats.com



Freckled Feather was born after a long weekend spent in Fort Worth, Texas. I styled my first hat and immediately fell in love. I returned home to Lancaster County, PA, where America's oldest hat factory is located and got to work.

www.ffhats.com



Presents

The Aiken Art Contest Entries

In Partnership with

The Marley Project



SOUTH*
CAROLINA
ARTSCOMMISSION

Judy Adamick

South Carolina

Cool Drink – Watercolor Entry

Working in several mediums and being a colorist, I prefer most of my work to explode with vibrancy, particularly I enjoy painting farm animals, having spent much of my youth on a dairy farm in Connecticut. The beauty of painting florals and landscapes brings great enjoyment.

Extensive participation in regional shows has led to many awards including the South Carolina Watermedia Society's "Member of Excellence" award. Also, being past President, Vice President and Secretary of the Aiken Artist Guild and past Exhibition Chairman of the South Carolina Watermedia Society has led to the development of many wonderful artist friends.

Having lived and exhibited in Paris for a short time and painting in Monet's Gardens in Giverny some of my paintings depict my travels through France, Italy and Ireland.

Paintings can be viewed at With These Hands Gallery, Edisto, SC., Arts and Heritage Center, No. Augusta, SC., Aiken Center for the Arts, Aiken, SC and Juniper in Ridge Spring, SC.

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



Judy Adamick

South Carolina

Cool Drink – Watercolor Entry

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



Patricia Bartlett

South Carolina

3 – Oil Entries

Pat Bartlett discovered Aiken, SC just prior to retiring from a career in graphic design in Northern Virginia. It only took 24 hours on her first visit for her to know that this was her place. The combination of art and horses was irresistible. In 2016 she made the move permanent and began seeking artistic venues for classes and to meet people within the local community. This would be her first attempt at painting, first with acrylics and then oils. She delighted in being able to express her love of everything equine on canvas.

Pat feels that this love of horses is in her DNA?having been drawn to them as early as when just learning to walk. As a child she lived in a newly developing neighborhood in Louisiana that consisted of only two streets?but these streets abutted to a stable of privately-owned quarter horses. She would go there daily to feed the horses treats and pet them and beg rides. Also, feral herds of Shetland ponies roamed freely over the adjacent acres of farmland and swamp. These herds would occasionally graze through the yards of the neighborhood and Pat would take hay twine garnered from the stables and try and catch herself one. The ponies would tolerate her presence to within 3-feet before moving casually away. Having no luck with the live ponies, Pat then began trying to capture them in her drawings. Drawing horses continued throughout her youth as a way to express this passion.

<https://pbartlett.faso.com/>



Patricia Bartlett

South Carolina

Appaloosa Herd – Oil

<https://pbartlett.faso.com/>



Patricia Bartlett

South Carolina

Appaloosa Foal – Oil

<https://pbartlett.faso.com/>



Patricia Bartlett

South Carolina

Fight for the Herd – Oil

<https://pbartlett.faso.com/>



Nancylee Bielawski

Florida

Breaking Through – Watercolor Entry

Powerful Dance – Watercolor Entry



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Equestrian Art and Design

My work is my effort to visually describe how I see and feel horses on an energetic level. It's a representation of the energy, the power, the grace, the intention, the freedom, and the electricity that exists within each horse. It is this indescribable magnetism that attracts us in one way or another. Take a contemplative, open-minded look at any excited horse responding to their environment, and you will see their spirit humming just below the skin.

I love using the flow of watercolors' own energy to add a dreamy texture.

Embellishments of motion and function are added with metallics and anything else that feels right to create that powerful yet dreamy feel.

<https://remilee.com/>



Nancylee Bielawski

Florida

Breaking Through – Watercolor Entry



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<https://remilee.com/>



Nancylee Bielawski

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Powerful Dance – Watercolor Entry



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Sharon Buck

Virginia

Acrylic

Unexpected Visitor

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

Get ready to dive into a world of creativity and inspiration. Whether it's custom charcoal or acrylic art from your photos, or choosing from our already created prints, we've got you covered. And the best part? I create and work on all of this magic right here on Chincoteague Island, Virginia.

Let your imagination run wild as you explore the beauty and uniqueness of each piece. Because at BuckWild Art, we believe that art should not only be seen, but felt. Plus, with over 1.5 billion websites out there, we're proud to set ourselves apart with our one-of-a-kind story and creations that speak to your soul.



Sharon Buck

Virginia

Acrylic

Unexpected Visitor

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

“Unexpected Visitor” by Sharon Lupton Buck, is a 16x20 acrylic painting inspired by the Robert Frost poem “Stopping by the Woods.” This whimsical piece features ponies, who are or were members of the famed Chincoteague pony herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, being visited by Santa Claus.

The black and white pinto in the piece is Beach Boy, the first Misty of Chincoteague descendant to ever live free on the island. The filly laying on the pile of hay is Ace’s Raven Rhapsody, a record priced filly who joined the herd in 2020. All wildlife included in the painting are species that currently reside on the island.

The painting brings to mind a particular line in Frost’s poem, “I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep.”

“Unexpected Visitor” won Best in Show at the Horses Got Talent Art Show, sponsored by Carolina and Southeast Hoofbeats in 2021 and the best illustration category at the 2022 Equus Film and Arts Festival



Joy Davis

South Carolina

Oil – 1 entry

joydavis927@gmail.com

I work with acrylic and oil paint on wood and canvas. My subject matter consists of still life, landscapes, and animals. I was recently challenged to paint horses.



Joy Davis

South Carolina

Oil – 1 entry

joydavis927@gmail.com



Gretchen Hash-Heffner

South Carolina

Acrylic / Watercolors - 2 Entries

Davinci Horse

Horse Swimming

<https://www.facebook.com/GretchenHashHeffnerArt>

I paint where my heart leads me and I let my subject matter dictate the medium or mediums. As of late, I am really enjoying working with charcoal, pastel and acrylic together.



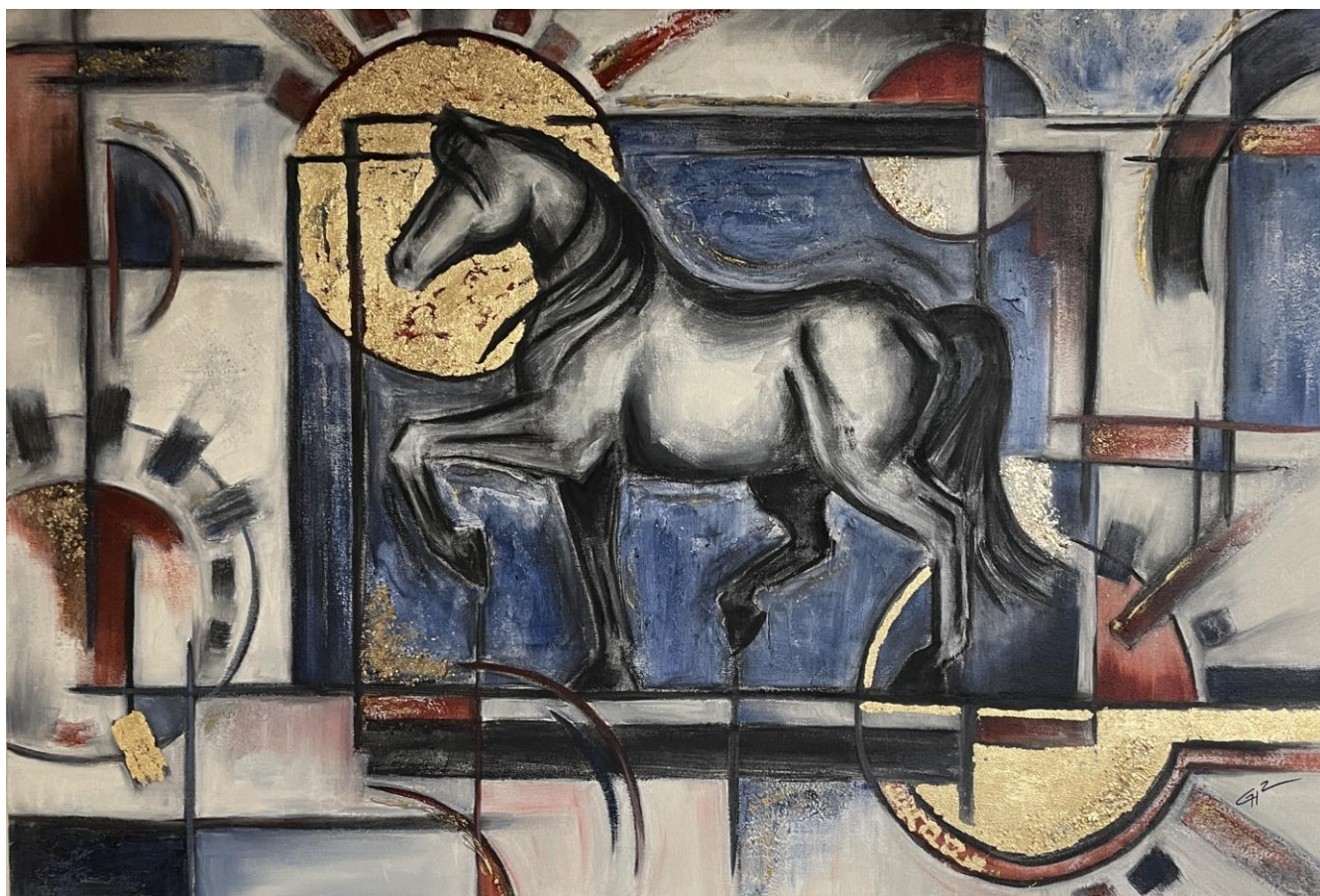
Gretchen Hash-Heffner

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Gretchen Hash-Heffner

South Carolina

Acrylic / Watercolors - 2 Entries

Horse Swimming

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Cassidy Oeltjen

North Carolina

Sunrise to Sunset – Acrylic Entry

The year 2020 - crazy and unpredictable. It's forced everyone to reach outside their comfort zone, and, in some cases, see the beauty in dark situations. For me, I was inspired by the process of quarantine cleaning - looking for ways to re-purpose and create from things that were seemingly useless. By using unexpected mediums, the beauty and personality of each animal comes through in a completely unique style. Thus, Studio Trouvaille was born.

<https://www.studio-trouvaille.com/>



Cassidy Oeltjen

North Carolina

Sunrise to Sunset – Acrylic Entry

<https://www.studio-trouvaille.com/>



Sunrise to Sunset depicts the wild horse in two different moments of overlapping time. The quiet, alert herd leader prepares for nightfall, and then is ready to gallop into the day.

Christine Quinn Photography

South Carolina

Onaqui Wild Horse Herd – 4 Entries

Hello! I'm that horse crazy girl that came out of the blue in the family of non horse people, in the middle of a non horsey suburban community. Yeah, that was weird! But I found ways to follow and enhance my passion over the years. I also took up an interest in photography-- so of course I merged the two! I bring a rider and horse lovers perspective to all my clients and shoots to get the best possible images. Let's talk, and create something wonderful!

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



Christine Quinn
PHOTOGRAPHY

Event and Fine Art Photography

Christine Quinn Photography

South Carolina

Onaqui Wild Horse Herd – Entry # 1

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South Carolina

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South Carolina

Onaqui Wild Horse Herd – Entry # 3

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Price Story

South Carolina

Oil / Acrylic – 3 Entries

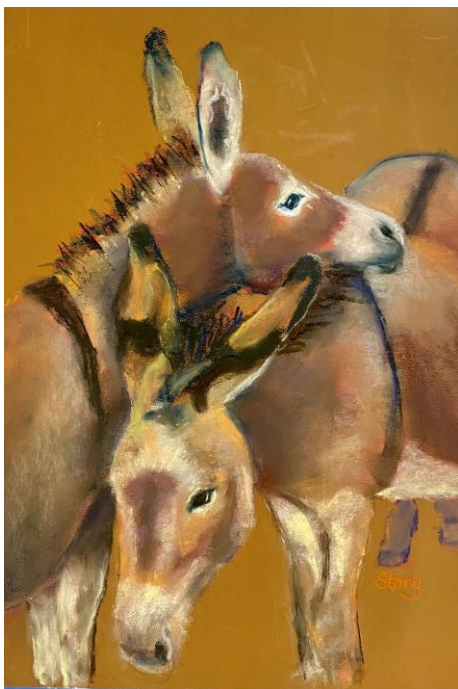
Zebra – Rider - Donkeys

I was born and raised in the southern USA spending my early life outside with animals, dogs and horses mainly and in the water. After a year of traditional college, I transferred to Memphis Academy of Art to pursue a BFA in Textile Design. I completed my education with a degree, MS, from the UT in Knoxville because I could take most of my classes at Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg.

Artwork was put aside to raise a family and have a career in Mental Health following another degree from Western Carolina University in Human Resources.

My husband and I retired to the Aiken area in SC on a small farm in Windsor, SC and I began painting. It has become my new love. I hope you enjoy visiting my site and seeing my work. I have started a new collection for my commissions which have grown greatly during the fall since my show at the Aiken Center for the Arts fall of 2020. Please contact me if you are interested in having a painting of your pet, livestock or horse. I also have high quality prints available of many of my available and sold paintings. They give you the option of changing the size and because they are unframed, the prices are extremely reasonable. Again, contact me if you are interested.

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



Price Story

South Carolina

Oil / Acrylic

Zebra

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



Price Story

South Carolina

Oil / Acrylic

Donkeys

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Price Story

South Carolina

Oil / Acrylic

Rider

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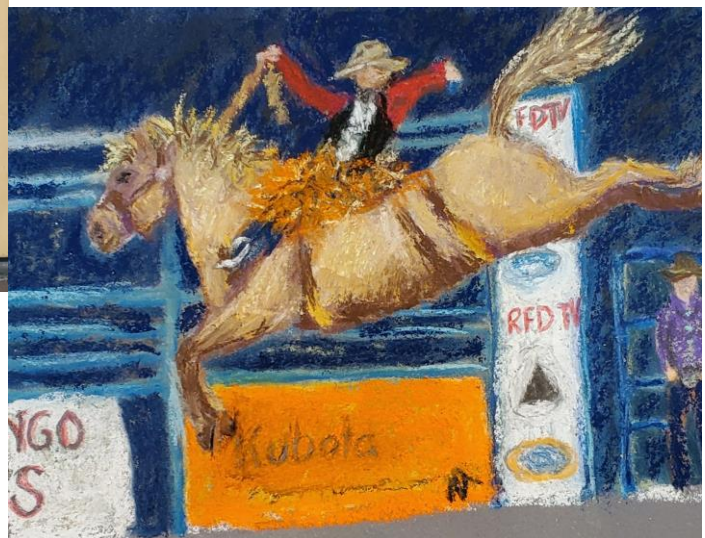
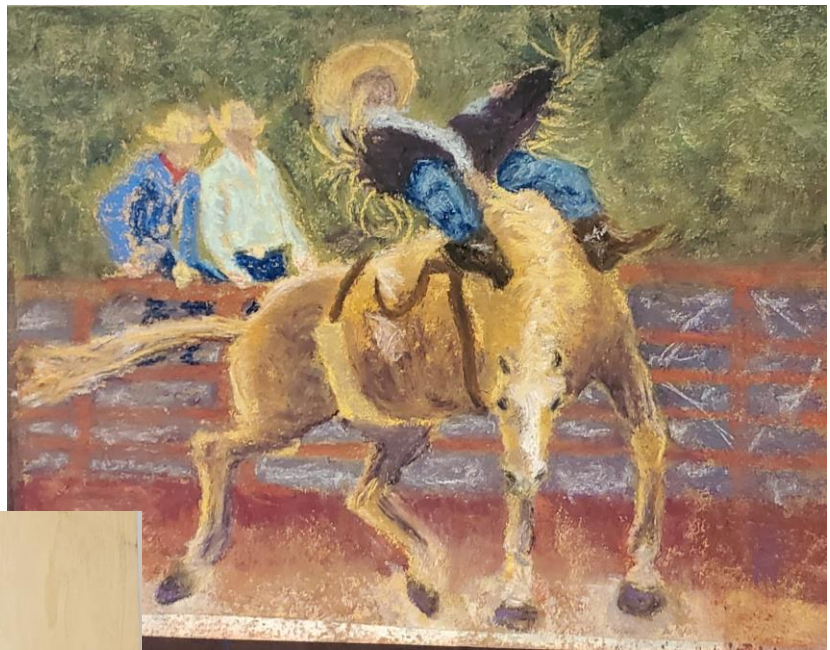
Nancy Tomlinson

South Carolina

Acrylic

<https://www.facebook.com/nancy.tomlinson.16>

I do mostly acrylic but also favor mixed media and pastels



Nancy Thomlinson

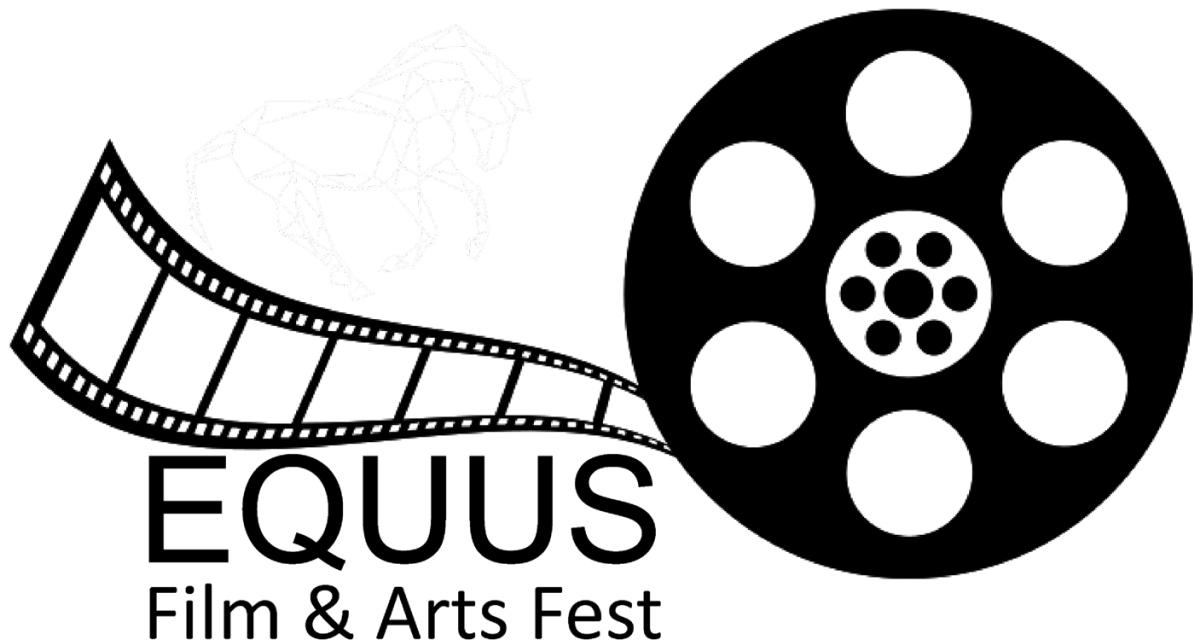
South Carolina

Mixed media under resin

“It’s All About The Horse”

<https://www.facebook.com/nancy.tomlinson.16>





Presents

The Films

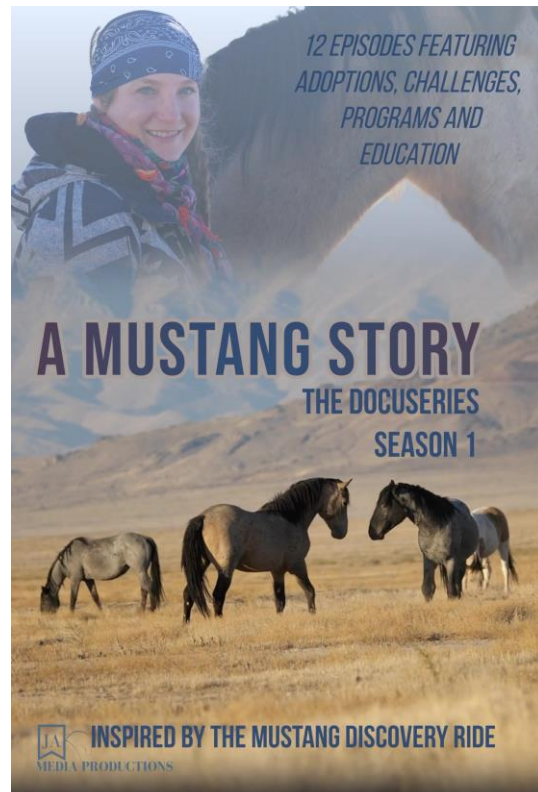
A Mustang Story

Directed by: Julianne Neal

15 mins - Series

Take a young woman with a passion for horses looking for a grand adventure, add American Mustangs and a host of guest riders and you have the ingredients for the “Mustang Discovery Ride.” This documentary project will tell the story of a journey across the United States on the American Discovery Trail (ADT) featuring Mustang TIP trainer, Lisanne Fear, along with her Mustangs, dogs and support team. The team is covering 12 states, coast to coast from Delaware to California, riding previously wild Mustangs while packing, camping and speaking about the power of these amazing animals. Lisanne rode out from Delaware’s historic Cape Henlopen State Park on September 28, 2021, with members of the team and is continuing her adventures through Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California. The documentary will detail the struggles and triumphs that she encounters, most attributed to the kindness of strangers met along the journey. We will also feature aspects of the ADT in each state, Mustang adoptions inspired by the project, college and university equine programs utilizing Mustangs, Veterans Programs in existence and other Mustang-related stories. The goal of the ride is to cover 5,000 miles across the country while inspiring the adoption of 5,000 Mustangs into appropriate homes. Through the documentary film, related podcast/vodcast and documentary-series, we are trying to reach as many people as possible to make it happen!

<https://amustangstory.com/>



HOOVES: Healing America's Veterans

Directed by: Josh Nagel

60 mins

This film speaks to the need of mental health as it brings to life the journey of 9 veterans completing a transformational process that liberates them from the demons in their head, allows them to intrinsically connect to a new purpose, and ultimately find peace of the heart and mind.

This mission of this documentary is to bring hope to those struggling with the effects of trauma and to help those who support our veterans understand what they experience at a deeper level.

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

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/O7QADH9Y1cE>



Directed by: **Josh Nagel**

Josh Nagel Productions is an award-winning video production company located in Toledo, OH. Josh Nagel is the Founder and Lead Cinematographer of this company, and he has over 11 years of experience in the video production industry. Since then, Josh has developed his dynamic, compassionate video story-telling style through experience, unique vision, and personal connections Josh forges with people. He has a highly skilled team of creators who are passionate about the video production process. Josh offers various videography styles, combined with abundant creativity, ensuring clients a professional and reliable service with the best end product.

Polo Es Mi Vida

Directed by: Wayne Ewing

25 min Series



Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Wayne Ewing is well known for his tv documentaries & independent films, including four about Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson.

Ewing picks up the mantle Hunter left with his unfinished novel “Polo is My Life” to make an unusual autobiographical series (11 episodes x 25 mins) that metaphorically combines Ewing’s quixotic effort to train wild horses to play polo with scenes from his many films.

Inspired by working with Hunter Thompson on his unfinished book “Polo is My Life”...

the filmmaker Wayne Ewing begins a quest to train two wild horses to play polo. He finds the horses in western Colorado where forty years earlier he chased wild horses for his film “Cowboys” (1974). Scenes from “Cowboys” and Ewing’s other films intercut with the polo story. Training wild horses turns out to be more difficult and dangerous than Ewing imagined.

<https://www.ewingfilms.com/polo-es-mi-vida>



Rescued Hearts Film

Directed by: Krisanna Sexton

Produced by: Dana Croschere

20 minute teaser | Q & A with the Filmmakers

A new documentary about the miracles, the mystery, and the science of healing with horses.

The Inspiration Behind Rescued Hearts

I once witnessed a miracle when a 7-year-old boy with autism spoke his very first words while interacting with a horse, and it forever changed my life.

After hearing countless stories of people who have experienced miraculous transformations in the presence of horses, I began to wonder, "Why are horses so healing to humans and what are they here to teach us?"

My partner, Krisanna, and I are award-winning filmmakers, and together we are embarking on a journey to better understand the horse-human connection.

Our film will share powerful stories from those who have experienced incredible transformations and those who have dedicated their lives to equine-assisted work. We'll highlight researchers who can speak to why this connection is so powerful and share tools to help us access our healing power within.

Rescued Hearts isn't just the story of horses; it's the story of all of us and the power that lies within to create healing and transformation in our lives.

- Dana Croschere, Producer

Here's a short clip about why we're making this film:

<https://youtu.be/U99LnW30cfA>

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



Krisanna Sexton is an award-winning Director with Live Wild Films who is passionate about spreading hope and healing throughout the planet. Although she doesn't have a ton of experience with horses, she believes in sharing alternative modalities for healing and is excited to be on a journey of discovery in the filmmaking process. Her most recent documentary, Love Heals, is receiving worldwide acclaim and will be nationally broadcasted on PBS in July 2023.

The Horses of No Man's Land - USA

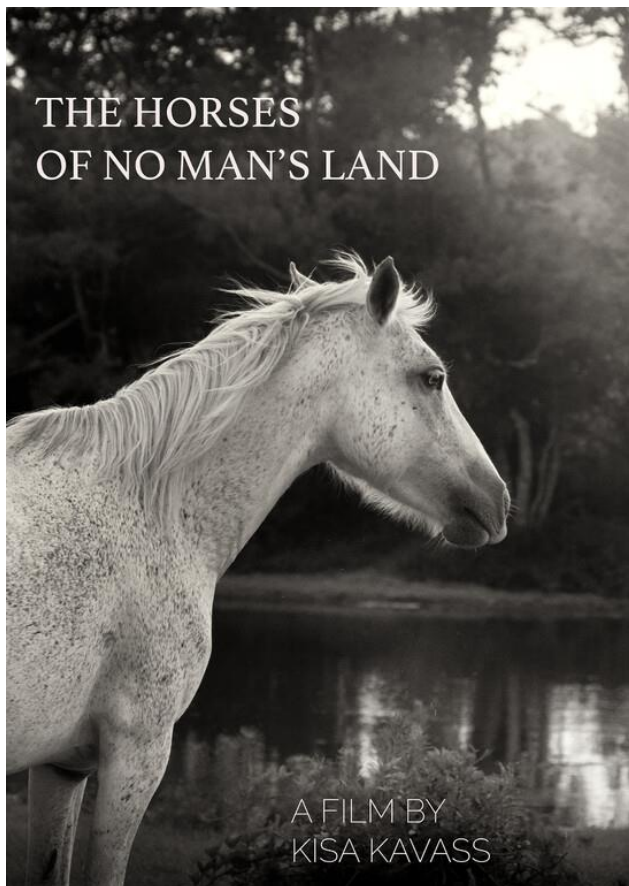
Directed by: Kisa Kavass

08:00 mins

WINNIE Winner - Film – Wild Horse Documentary - Short

In the enchanting wilderness of Louisiana, a woman embarks on a courageous mission to rescue and protect the endangered wild horses that roam the vast pine forests. Drawn to their majestic beauty and fascinated by the untold stories they carry, she becomes determined to shed light on the history of these magnificent creatures and the mystical place they call home.

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



Kisa Kavass was born in Adelaide, South Australia. At the age of five her family relocated to the United States and spent years living in and exploring various states before finally settling down in Nashville, Tennessee. Their travels imparted in her a strong curiosity about the world, nature and art, and the understanding that they all are intertwined. Her passion for creating and art led her to photography and she has worked as a professional portrait and fine art photographer for over twenty years. She has taught workshops on bookmaking, oil hand-tinting and alternative Polaroid film processes. Her fine art work has been featured in magazines and she has had photographs selected for many group and solo shows across the United States.

The Lost Sea Expedition

Directed by: Bernie Harberts

90 mins

The Lost Sea Expedition TV series is about a 394-day wagon voyage I (Bernie Harberts) took across the Great Plains – from Canada to Mexico – with my mule Polly. Our wagon was solar powered and tiny – just 21 square feet. The 4-part series premiered in January 2018 on Rocky Mountain PBS.

The Lost Sea Expedition was filmed with only the gear I carried in my wagon – no film crew, chase vehicle, support team or sponsor. I slowed down to explore a sped up world as only a man alone can do.

Out there in my tiny wagon, I filmed what I lived: tumbleweed gales, snow storms, the highs of Badlands Blue and the low of Prairie Fever. I lived with the people of the Great Plains and recorded their thoughts on film. That footage and those insights became the Lost Sea Expedition series.

<https://lostseaexpedition.com/>



The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses

Directed by: Steven Latham & Conrad Stanely

90:00 mins

"The Mustangs: America's Wild Horses" is a feature documentary that is executive produced by Robert Redford, Patti Scialfa Springsteen and Jessica Springsteen.

The film features songs by Bruce Springsteen, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and an original song written by Diane Warren and performed by Blanco Brown.

"The Mustangs" takes audiences on an odyssey throughout America to places few people have seen or even know about. There are more than 80,000 wild horses on our public lands and more than 50,000 in government corrals. This film will make you fall in love with America all over again and understand why the protection of our wild horses and our public lands are worth fighting for.

<https://themustangsfilm.com/>

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/SSWEC0buBq0>



Director - **Steven Latham**

Steven Latham is an award-winning filmmaker and the President of Steven Latham Productions. Mr. Latham produced and directed the film, *Saved By The Sun*, for NOVA/PBS. He also produced and directed the feature documentary about the TED Conference, *The Future We Will Create*, with Daphne Zuniga.

Mr. Latham created and was the producer/director of the PBS series, *The Living Century*, which told the amazing stories of the 20th Century through individuals who were at least 100 years old. He produced this with Barbra Streisand and Cis Corman of Barwood Films. The project's board of advisors included Leonard Maltin, Art Linkletter, Dr. Tom Perls and 3-Time U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky.

Woodrow and My Dad

Directed by: Ivy E Schexnayder

06:13 mins

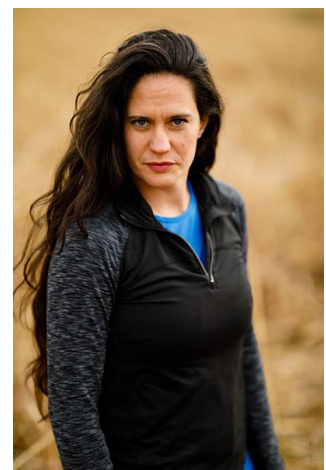
Maryland

Woodrow the Mustang helps a woman feel closer to her dad.

Hi, my name is Ann Hanlin, and I am the owner of SBF Mustang Eventing and the host of the Maryland Mustang TIP Challenge. My journey with mustangs began in February 2018 after winning the bid of a black and white pinto Mustang named Woodrow. Now, I'm proud to say I've personally gentled 1 Mustangs (#20 coming end of April) and helped over 60 get out of holding and into forever homes. This journey has been life-changing and has set me on a mission to help as many of our American us Mustangs as possible! So, that's why I decided to host the Maryland TIP challenge!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/775340236733053>

<https://mustangheritagefoundation.org/tip/>



Director: Ivy E Schexnayder

The Mustang Speaks Documentary

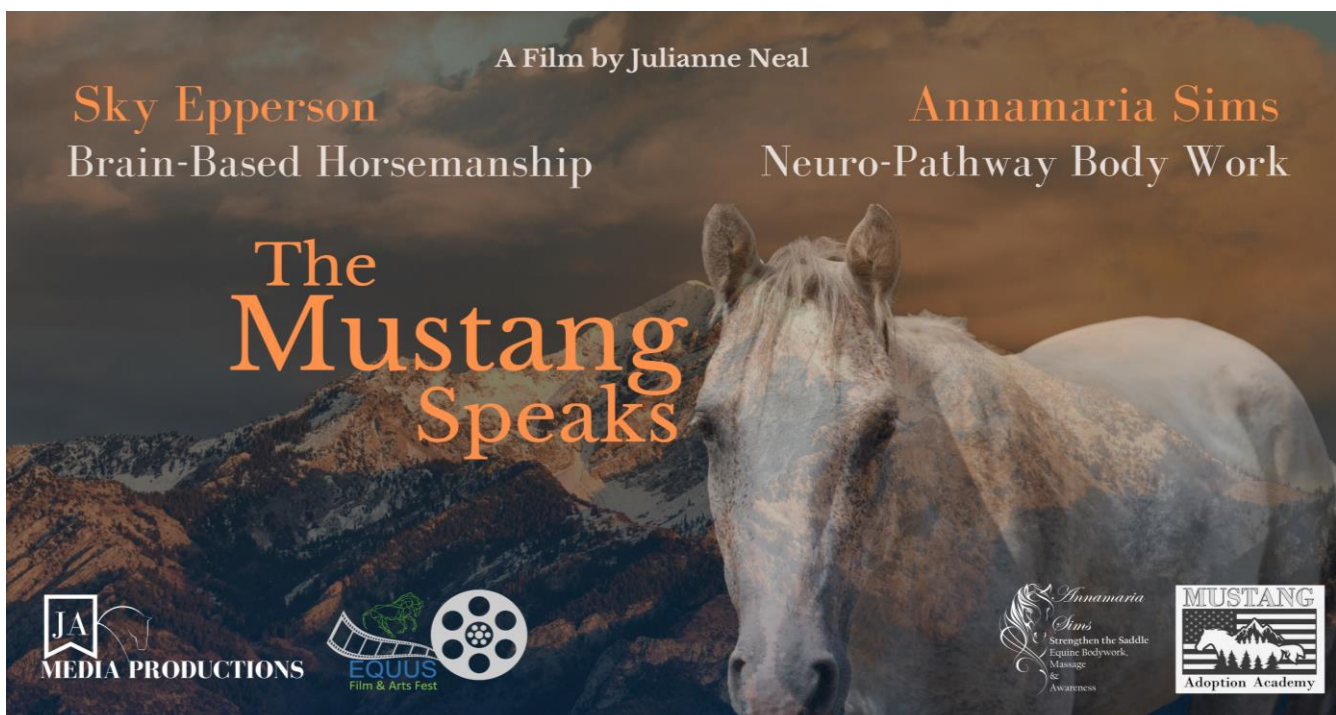
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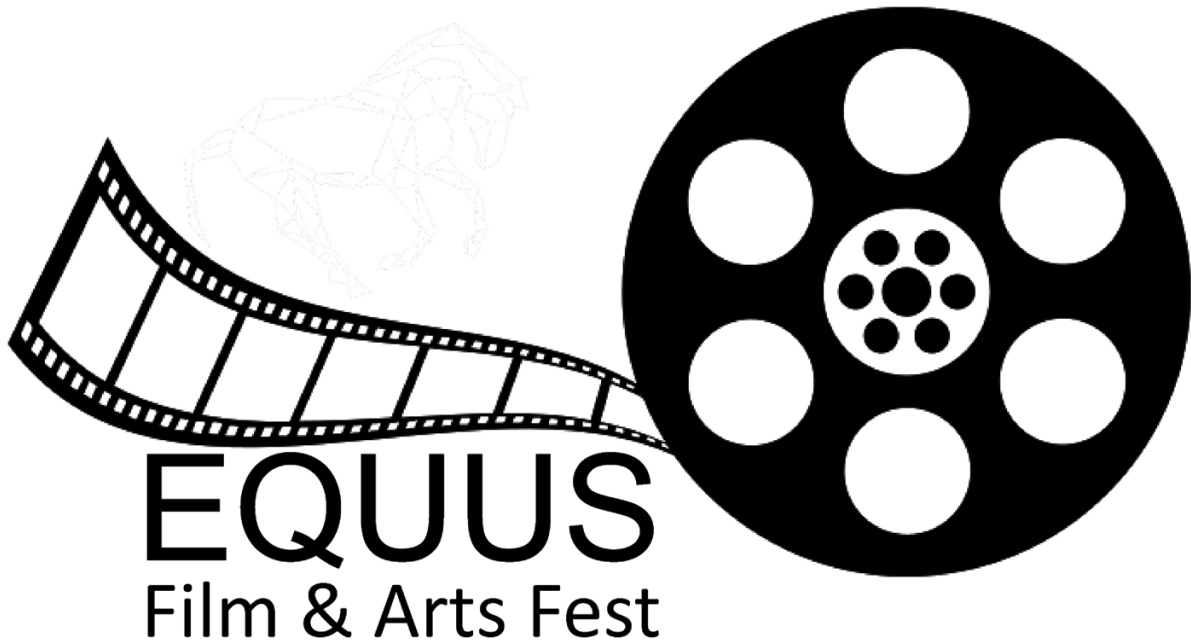
Trailer

In July 2023, Sky Epperson and Annamaria Sims combined Sky's Brain-Based Horsemanship training and Annamaria's Neuro-Pathway Body Work to help 3 untouched Mustangs. We filmed over 6 days of work at the Mustang Adoption Academy and now would like to bring this story to the world. Meet Ambiente MAA and her 5-month foal, Amore MAA, both adopted by Patricia Cross and transported into Indiana for the project. Meet Ajax MAA and Atlas MAA, both found at a nearby long-term holding facility. Follow their stories over the 6 days to see just how well the brain and body collaboration worked for these Mustangs and can work for your horse as well! From first touches to halters, feel good healing to licking and chewing, holding tags on to tags off, see for yourself how this work is making a difference. Now we need your help. The Production phase is expensive. Postproduction is even more so.

By supporting this project, you can help make the difference in bringing The Mustang Speaks to the big screen, and to an audience that may be able to make a difference in the life of a Mustang. Please visit www.mustangadoptionacademy.com for more information about Mustang adoptions. Please visit www.amustangstory.com for more information about The Mustang Speaks, The Mustang Discovery Ride Documentary and A Mustang Story, the docuseries. Thank you for your support!

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The Authors & Books

Alecz Adams

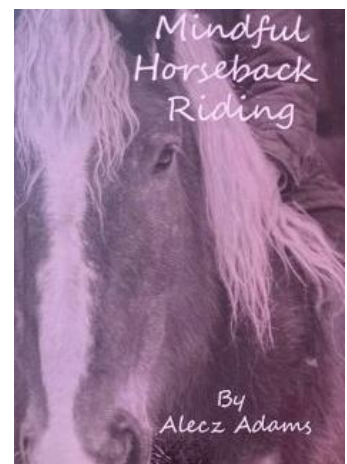
Mindful Horseback Riding

Colorado

Alecz Adams, President and Director of Equine Operations. Ms. Adams has been working professionally with horses for over 30 years. A successful competition and professional rider in a variety of disciplines: Hunters, Jumpers, Eventing, Reining, Trail, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, and many Gymkhana Events, she also works as a horse trainer, private riding instructor, and ranch manager. Ms. Adams spent several years designing, creating and training both horses and staff for several companies, including the number one equestrian tour in Peru, Mountain Lodges of Peru. Ms. Adams also founded Destination Rescue, a program created to help small equine 501(c)3s grow and integrate into their communities, by helping each rescue find their niche and create their own programs in their area. Ms. Adams has been providing Equine Assisted Therapy to Veterans, children and families for over a decade. She has developed a new therapeutic method known as Equine Fusion Therapy that has been very successful in her practice. Ms. Adams is one of Eagle County's original Health and Human Services Equine Assisted Therapy and Therapeutic Riding providers.

The following is an excerpt from Alecz's book, *Mindful Horseback Riding*: "The idea of establishing a deep connection between a horse and its rider is not a new concept. Fine-tuning that connection has been pursued all around the world. From the finest Spanish and Austrian riding schools to India's horse yogis and the innumerable indigenous people who have developed very unique and connected relationships with not only horses, but all kinds of animals, worldwide." Mindfulness, in very simplified terms, is meditating in motion, and one might say that it is very much the practice of being present. Being present means thinking only about what is happening at this very moment, not allowing your mind to try to multitask, to wander, day dream, or focus anywhere other than right where you are at that very moment. Not planning for the future and not assessing the past. Horses are a phenomenal conduit for this practice, as they themselves, as animals – and particularly prey animals – are so much more present in their daily experience of existence than humans are. When we humans can focus our exemplary observation skills on just what is happening with the horse and its environment, we can learn a lot. First, one must quiet the incessant chatter that occupies space in most of our own minds.

<https://www.facebook.com/aleczadamshorseandridertraining/>
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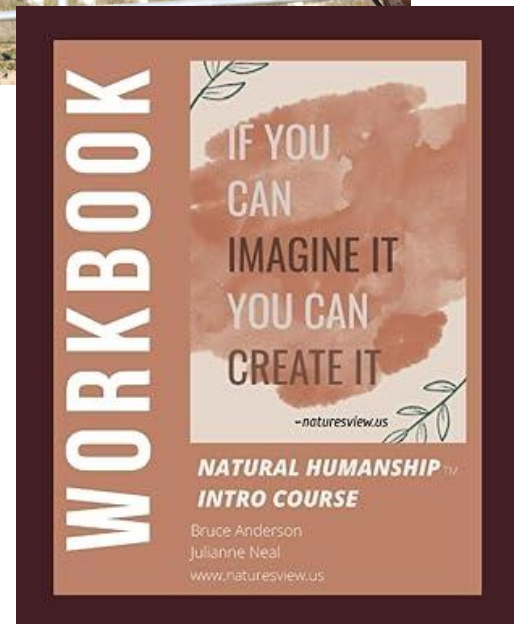
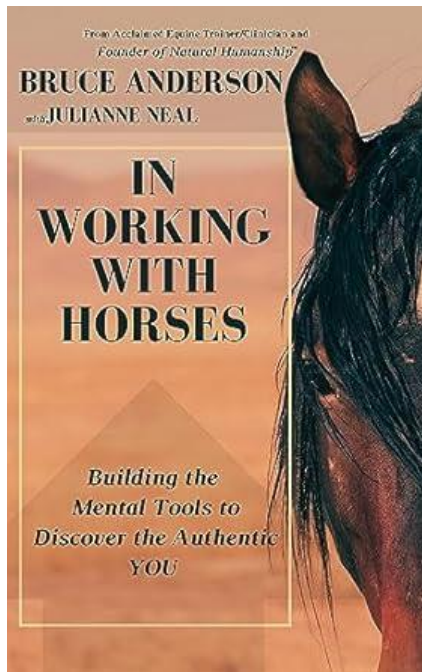
Bruce Anderson & Julianne Neal

In Working With Horses

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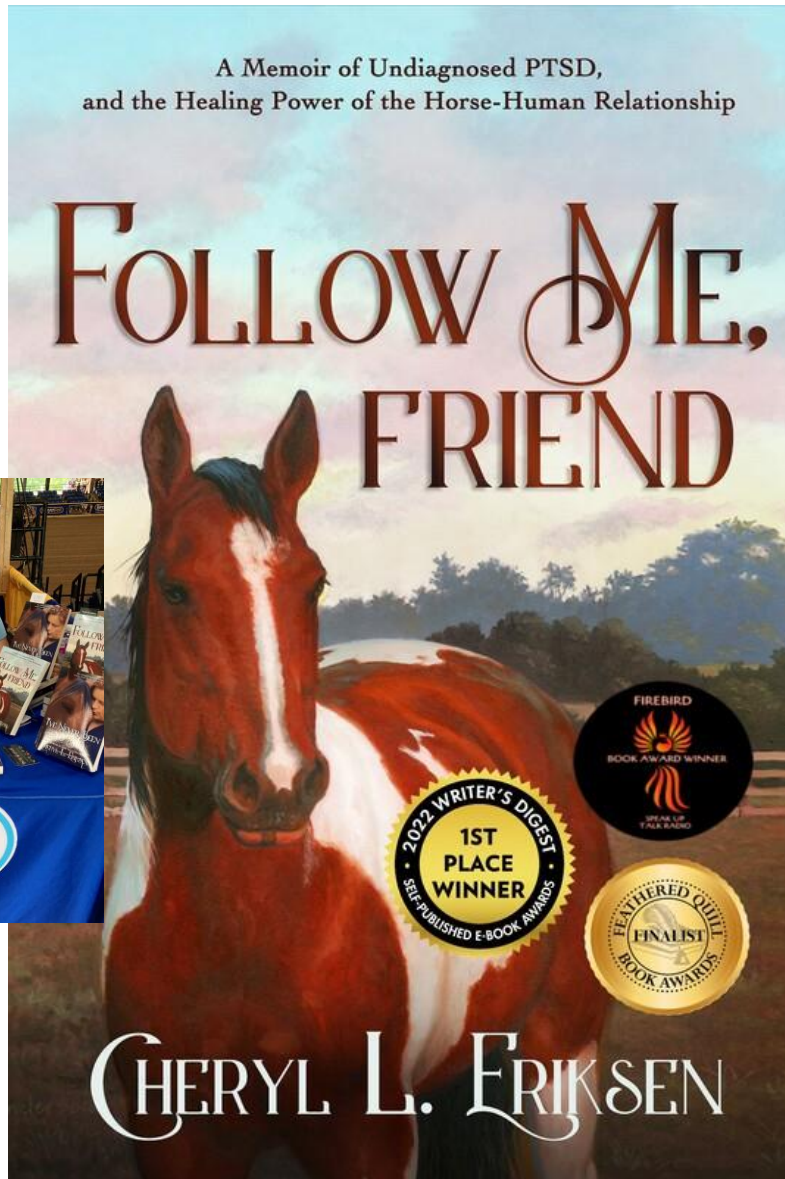
WINNIE Winner - Training Series - Other

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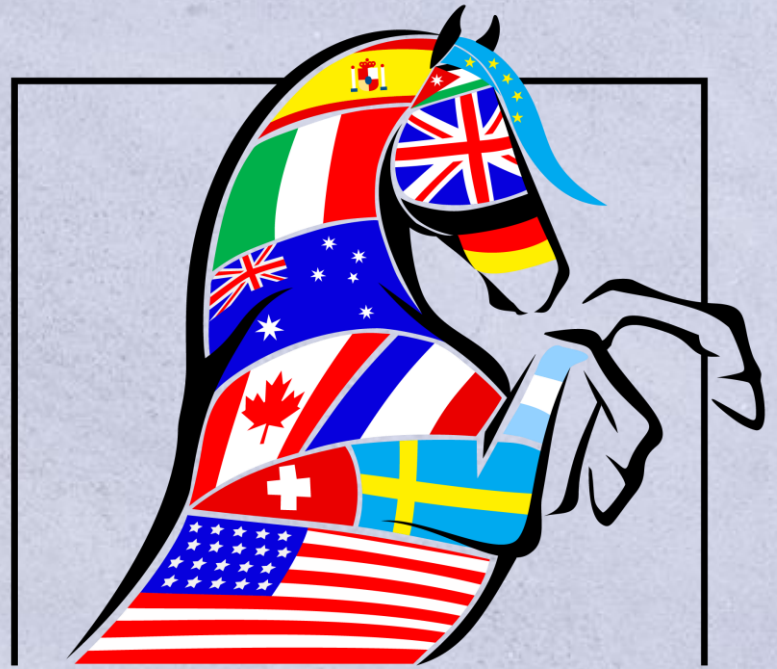
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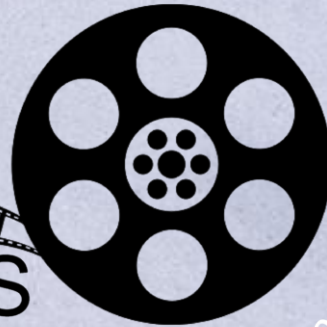
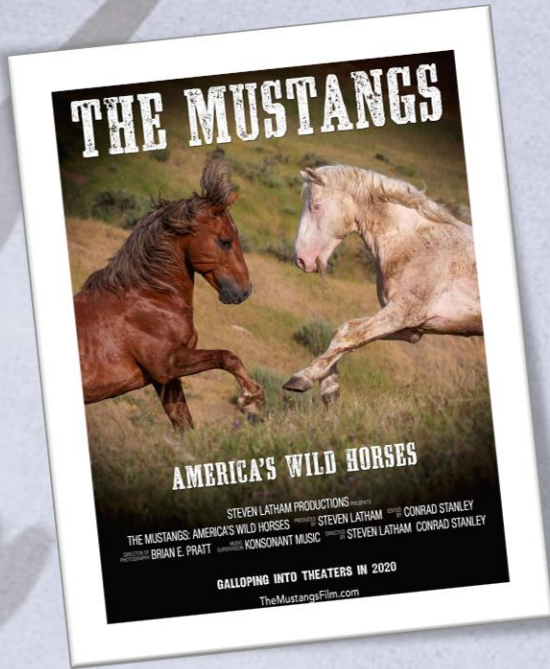
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