

## Fall 2022

**Stacey Giere** is a seasoned trainer and equine enthusiast who manages and operates a full-service boarding and training facility on her 7<sup>th</sup> generation farm in Brecksville, Ohio.

Stacey attended Ohio State University, where she received a B.S. in Education, focusing on K-12 Physical Education, and a Master of the Arts in Education for Physical and Mental Disabilities. She rode for both the Huntseat and Stockseat Equestrian Teams and went on to several championships.

During the show season, Stacey has been able to compete some of her own horses/ponies while training and competing for a variety of clients. Her focus has gone from hunter jumpers to breed show accomplishments to combined driving and all over in pleasure driving world, with championship titles throughout. Even though she loves to compete, she always focuses on training, exposure and quality skill building for the equine athletes.

When you interact with Stacey, she will answer your questions honestly and will always find that the cup is half full. She passionately wants people to understand how the animals think and will be the first to help you make safe and skill-appropriate decisions.

**Mary Ruth Marks'** vocation is a realtor in the Madison area, but her passion and avocation are horses, particularly driving horses. Two of her horses have been long listed for the US team, and, in 2010, her stallion, Adeszko, was 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Horse of the Year awards and first alternate to the U.S. Team for combined driving.

She was founder and first president of the Dairyland Driving Club (now 30+ years strong), is a registered judge with the American Driving Society and conducts seminars and driving clinics throughout the U.S. She produced the popular DVD "Teach Your Horse to Drive" and wrote two books, the "Tandem Driving Handbook" and the coffee table book, "The Dogs of Madison".

Mary Ruth brings boundless enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge to all of her horse endeavors. She loves helping others learn and currently owns Equine Basics, an educational endeavor to provide solutions to horse owners throughout the region. She lives in Verona, Wisconsin, and raises German Riding Ponies and sport horses.

**Jenni Johnson** is a lifelong equestrian and was riding before she could walk. She competed heavily in eventing, dressage, and jumpers in her youth, and worked her way up through the pony club levels. She started volunteering at a therapeutic riding center in her early teens.

Jenni has been professionally training horses her entire adult life, is an avid carriage driver and has been offering layup services and rehabilitation for horses at her farm in Barboursville, VA where she lives with her husband, 8 horses, 2 dogs and 4 cats! She studied equestrian science at the University of Findlay before moving to Virginia in 1999 to pursue horses full time.

Jenni has just recently retired from 23 years of breeding Andalusians and Lusitanos. She has been competing in CDEs with client and home-bred horses up and down the east coast in both the single and pair divisions. Jenni has spent the last decade starting horses in harness for clients and is very experienced with both young and green horses. Jenni was the 2012 IALHA professional horsewoman of the year and was chosen to participate in the USEF developing driver program from 2014-2017.

Jenni is a Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor and Certified Therapeutic Driving Instructor through PATH International and is actively pursuing her Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning (ESMHL) certification. Jenni brings 24 years of teaching experience in riding and driving to her students. As a therapeutic driving instructor, she has worked with students of all levels and is both safe and creative when/if adaptations are needed to accommodate a disability. Jenni equally loves working with youth, beginners, as well as seasoned competitors driving singles and/or pairs. She brings her knowledge to students in a down to earth, easy to explain manner. Her teaching style is fun, inclusive, and compassionate.

In addition to driving lessons, Jenni is also available for ground, lunging, and long lining lessons with your horse. She can also lead mindfulness sessions to private individuals or groups

Private lessons are \$75 for the first lesson which includes additional time to meet you at your stabling for hitching / warm up. Private lessons are \$60 for each additional lesson with the same horse & driver combination.