

# Fall 2020 Clinicians

**Gene Brown** Training Resources in Georgetown, KY, has been breeding, training and showing horses for decades. He has worked with horse clubs and breed organizations and has written for several horse publications. Working with singles, multiples and four-in-hands, Gene has won countless championships in several disciplines across many breeds while excelling in pleasure shows and CDEs.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> generation horseman, Gene knows how to start the training process, determine if an equine is capable of doing the task at hand and help you get the most from you AND your horse. He believes good training methods, without shortcuts, will create a productive and lasting relationship with your equine companion.

**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 as she helps 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.