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## **EDDY FARM SCHOOL FOR HORSE AND RIDER NEWSLETTER**

In the spirit of the beginning of the busy year to come, the Eddy Farm acknowledges all those who figure prominently, and sometimes quietly, in its accomplishments and well being. There are beginnings and goodbyes to announce, and gifts to acknowledge. Many people - in many ways - have given, and all are instrumental in our past success, our future, and the daily prosperity of our beautiful Farm.

Krystal (Jenks) McGovern was the Eddy Farm Manager and Instructor from 2005-2008. She was the first to take on the overwhelming responsibility of working with a board of Eddy Farm alumni trying to manage a 'labor of love' and begin to design and implement the programs that could make it self-sustaining. Krystal created a successful after school program, established the Farm as the venue for Equestrian Partnerships, organized clinics, and she with her husband, Andy McGovern, managed the grounds, the horses, and the house. Portia owed her sweet existence to their kind attention. Krystal and Andy were married in the South Meadow, had their first beautiful son, Dempsey, at Porter Hospital, and moved to their new home in Brookfield just

before the birth of their second son, Matthew David. The Board is grateful for all your efforts and energy, and the good humor and patience necessary to work through such a demanding transition. The Eddy Farm wishes you and your family all the best, great love and good fortune, and extends its sincerest thanks.

SO the Eddy Farm begins its next chapter, welcoming Kayce Douglass as the new Riding Director/Farm Manager. Kayce has been an active equestrian for over 40 years, and will be eventing her 6-yr old gelding, Pappy. She teaches through advanced level in dressage, stadium and x-country, has competed through preliminary in eventing, and hunts. Besides contributing her own experience and talents to the Farm and its activities, she also draws on a network of equestrian colleagues/competitors who will lecture and offer clinics to promote the Farm and its mission. She has run her own business, sold advertising for *Time Magazine*, and raised three sons. Kayce moved to the Eddy Farm with 3 horses and a pony (who are teaching in the school), a miniature donkey (who is not), and a dog and cat. Kayce appreciates the Farm and is rapidly getting our name into the public eye.

We say good bye to some wonderful horses from this past year: **Keepsake**, 29; and **Fandancer**, 23, and **Ridge**, 15.



Beautiful, wonderful **Portia** left us this past January at (best guess) 38+. She brought the joy of riding to so many, embodied the patience that distinguishes all great teachers, and showed so many of us on numerous occasions the humility born of being outsmarted by a pony. We thank the Cliffords for allowing Portia to live her days at the Eddy Farm. She was a gift. We also lost **Abadan**, 24, on Friday the 13th, February. He had sweet eyes, and from the day Linda Schmidt and I brought him home in 1999, he never had an unkind word for horse or human, and was a gentle teacher.



The past year's activities included: completing the entire structure – inside and out - of the Upper Stable (please see inserted page); hosting two 3-P Schooling Trials, including our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Event;



hosting a Lucile Bump Centered Riding day of riding instruction; continuing the Equestrian Partnerships Program; offering 6 1-week sessions of day-long summer riding for children with instructor, Kate Foley; representing the Eddy Farm at the Everything Equine Fair, Essex, VT; accommodated two VT Farrier Clinics; and utilized the x-country course hosting two Story Jenks Cross-Country Clinics.





Upper Stable Project. The Upper Stable is structurally secure, water tight, and designed to accommodate the many uses we expect from it.



Begun in 2005 with Eliot Lothrop and Building Heritage, the frame was leveled and repaired and the roof replaced.

In 2008, Timber View completed the interior, installing 7 box stalls, a tack room, grain room,



additional windows, and a ramp that connects the central bay to the Nursery.



It is gorgeous! The final stage is to completely re-wire and install lights and outlets.

**We thank 7 special donors/donees whose names will be on plaques on the stall doors.**

Marshall Gray  
Mary Polk Kirby Smith – in Memory  
Lucinda Masterton  
Senator James Jeffords – for Laura Jeffords  
and in Memory of Liz Daley Jeffords  
Rita Luongo  
Andrea Woodner, Woodner Foundation

## Volunteer Opportunities

Providing affordable, safe and challenging activities for our community is impossible without the efforts of capable volunteers. Creating a supportive environment around horses, people, the land and its inhabitants requires talents that so many volunteers have to offer. You can support a farm with historic community roots, enhance your skills or build your resume, earn community service hours, and share your love of animals, your knowledge and your unique talents with your community.



### What can you do to help?

#### **Volunteer at EF Schooling Trials:**

We have events scheduled on three Sundays for the 2009 season: July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial), and September 20<sup>th</sup>. We need timers for cross-country and stadium phases, scribes for judges, scorekeepers to record and calculate score sheets for all three phases of competition, stewards to assist competitors and to coordinate trophies and ribbons, course monitors and fence judges for cross country, jump crews for stadium, and more! We'll be glad to show you what you need to know for any job you do!

#### **JUNE WORK DAYS!!!**

**Saturday 6th 10-3**

**Sunday 14th 10-3**

**Saturday 27th 10-3**

#### **Garden and Chainsaw:**

We maintain our own cross-country course and orchard, and are planning a garden. Green thumbs and strong arms wanted!

#### **Paint:**

Help keep our jumps and buildings looking fresh and new!

#### **Repair:**

No job is too small. Whether it's fencing, a broken window pane, or event equipment, things break and wood rots, and if you can fix things we have plenty of projects to hone your skills.

#### **Research:**

The Eddy Farm is going through historic records and documents, both at the farm and at the Middlebury Town Clerk's office. The Farm has been part of the Middlebury community since 1917 and we want to tap not only official but also community sources to gather and organize aspects of the Farm's history to share with visitors. We invite history enthusiasts and community residents with memories of the farm to contribute your stories.

Any special skills you can contribute!



## **Thanks to 2008 Donors and**

### **Donors in Kind:**

The Woodner Foundation  
Marshall Gray  
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**Eddy Farm Membership:** For an annual renewable fee of \$50, EFSHR will send you its biannual Eddy Farm Newsletter, grant discounted entry fees to our summer 3-phase events and free admittance to the Equine Lecture Series, and offer no-fee use of the schooling facilities, including the cross country course, on "Members Only" dates. You will also support the Eddy Farm's mission and be a member of an active and committed community of equestrians.

**Lecture Series:** Our own Kayce Douglass will provide a series of three lectures to be given at the Farm. They will be announced on the Eddy Farm School website.

**Horse Sponsorship:** The Eddy Farm is loyal to its equine teachers throughout their teaching careers and through their retirement. Of the 36 horses now on the Farm, 10 are teaching in their late 20's, 5 are retired, and all require special attention in oral care, grain, and supplements, not to mention regularly scheduled inoculations and farrier attention. We will soon have each of our horses featured on our website with their personal statistics. Is there an Eddy Farm teacher you would support?

### **Wish List:**

Stall mats  
Wiring of the Upper Stable  
Indoor ring light fixtures  
Seat for the John Deere tractor

## **Calendar of Events for 2009:**

Beginning June 22 will be 6 weeks of the  
Summer Riding Program

Sunday June 28	Schooling Day
Sunday July 19	3-Phase Event
Sunday August 23	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial 3-Phase Event
August (TBA)	Clinic with Tom Ordway
Thur.-Sun. Sept. 10-13	Adult Riding Clinic
Sunday Sept. 20	3-Phase Event
Sat.-Sun. Sept. 26-27	Lecture and Riding clinic with 4 <sup>th</sup> level Centered Riding Instructor Lucile Bump
Saturday October 3	Hunter Pace
Sat.-Sun. Oct.31-Nov.1	Centered Riding clinic with Lucile Bump

### **Quick Facts:**

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