

# EDDY FARM

## School for Horse and Rider

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## 2019 Newsletter

### Always Moving Forward

It is with a spirit of gratitude that we bid another year farewell. Challenges have abounded, but the ever-present ebb and flow of daily farm activity has kept the farm grounded and familiar to all those who look to this place for solitude, adventure, and friendship – human and horse alike. Each Spring seem to be wetter (and muddier) than the year before, but we all know that dry, green pastures will come eventually. From installing a new well pump, saying goodbye to the old, crumbling foundation, adding a new member to the board of directors, hosting our first annual Halloween barn, filling in the Night Pasture pond and reclaiming more of the cross country course from its overgrown state, change for the better has become a theme at the Eddy Farm. As we toil, we remind ourselves that our hard work today is building a strong future for this farm that we all love so dearly, and this makes it all worthwhile.

-EFSHR Board of Directors

### A Note from Board Member, Nancy Benson, on Being a Nonprofit & Supporting Eddy Farm School

Did you know Eddy Farm is a nonprofit? It's true, we are! After Doris' death in 1998, the board of directors was formed and Eddy Farm School for Horse and Rider became a non-profit corporation as an educational institution to continue the legacy of Doris Eddy, dedicated to teaching excellence in horsemanship and supporting a mutually beneficial relationship between horse and rider. As a nonprofit organization, all the money that the farm makes goes directly back into the farm; for care of the horses, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades.

Caring for thirty-four horses (17 farm horses and 17 boarders) is no small feat and every year presents challenges and triumphs. So, what does it take to care for these four-legged magical beings? A village of people who care and want to be a part of a community like Eddy Farm, where everyone is welcomed and included. The farm's volunteer board of directors is a hands-on board, all of whom are riders at the farm and care deeply about the farm and its future. The farm's first priority is always the health, safety and well being of the horses who give so much to the people that love them. The farm relies on volunteers to help with many things, from daily chores, to work days and helping with events. The farm is always looking for people with special skill sets (i.e.: fundraising, marketing, building) to volunteer their expertise. Consistent farm management has been vital to the farm and Eddy Farm has been fortunate to have Margaret caring for the horses and farm everyday for the last ten years. Finally, and of course, it takes money to keep this farm moving forward. The farm is committed to engaging in more fundraising efforts. The farm is always grateful for donations. There seems to be an endless list of projects to do requiring money (you will find our wish list further in this newsletter).

Eddy Farm is such a special place, it is difficult to convey in words as it is an experience. It is unique in its character and philosophy of the horse. It is one of the only places this writer can think of where a 7 year old and a 75 year old can share common ground. I am thankful every day that nearly ten years ago, life and circumstance led me to discover this wonderful place.

### Cross Country Course

Our group of dedicated volunteers has continued to work at clearing the cross country course. We are working towards a total overhaul and the progress has been very rewarding. A helping hand (or chainsaw) is always welcome! Contact Andy at 802-398-7272 or [abojanowski@middlebury.edu](mailto:abojanowski@middlebury.edu)

### WELLNESS SERIES 2019

For the second year we have offered an equine seminar series. From dressage judging, to ground work, to hoof related lameness, these seminars covered a wide variety of topics. Please visit our website to see what will be offered in 2020.

Please remember to support the Eddy Farm every time you shop using Amazon Smile!

Please check our website, [eddyfarmschool.org](http://eddyfarmschool.org) for updates to our schedule of events throughout the year.

# If Wishes Were Horses... the Eddy Farm Wish List

As many of you know, on a farm there is always a project waiting and needing to be done. Prioritizing is of the utmost importance, and often emergencies arise that push the unnecessary comfort items aside. Every year we do our best to accomplish one or two upgrades to the buildings and infrastructure. We are proud of our accomplishments and how far we have come. Each year we rely a little less on that trusty baling twine to hold things together. That being said, there are items that seem far out of reach and sometimes even a bit frivolous. But, it never hurts to dream right?

So, in no particular order, here is our wish list:

- Outdoor sand arena
- Improved outdoor lighting
- Heated Tack Room(s)
- Arena grain room renovation
- Farm truck and larger trailer
- Larger tractor
- Field roller/compactor
- Shavings shed
- Field compactor roller
- Solar panels on barn roofs
- New cross country jumps
- Insulation in the indoor arena
- Shop renovation/total replacement
- Upgrade and replace water lines
- Upgrade and replace electrical
- Repair and replace upper stable doors
- Install mirrors in the arena
- Repair arena roof leaks
- Upgrade and renovate farmhouse bathroom
- Repair and replace lower stable hayloft doors and sill
- Renovations and repairs to the arena stalls
- Replace arena walkway door
- Demolition and removal of shed in Creek Pasture
- Run in shed for Caprilli Field and Broodmare Bin
- Total overhaul of multiple fence lines and several new gates
- Pasture management steps: i.e. implementing rotational grazing, scraping pastures and adding gravel
- PVC stadium standards and new jump poles
- Farmhouse foundation project: Extensive work needs to be done to the foundation and basement as well as landscaping and grading around the house to drain water away from the house.





## **Growing Up at Eddy Farm**

By Addison Schnoor

The Eddy Farm has always been my second home. I don't remember the first time I sat on a horse, just like I don't remember the first time I took a step, it feels natural to be there.

I have learned so much from my time at the Eddy Farm, and I have had both good and bad times sitting in the saddle. Some of my more challenging rides were on a little mare named Tilly, we were both young and had a lot to learn. But this is not to say that I never had fun with her! My first show was astride this tiny diva and she taught me to be tough and stand my ground when she was naughty. All the horses I have ridden helped me to become the rider I am now.

Recently, I have enjoyed helping out with summer camp and dressing up a pony named Teddy for the Halloween barn that we hosted this past year. There's never a dull moment when spending time with horses, and I love going riding with my mom in the open fields that surround the Eddy Farm. I am thankful to be a part of the Eddy Farm, where animal lovers like myself can come together and have fun with the horses.



## **Eddy Farm Gives Back**

By Anita Nadeau

On December 14th, the Eddy Farm held the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Fill the Trailer" food drive. This proved to be the most successful year so far, with over 2000 lbs. of food collected for the Middlebury food shelf. We could not have done this without the support of our volunteers and all the community members who donated food. Thank you!





## **Easter Egg Hunt and Open Barn**

Our annual egg hunt has become a community fixture! It is always well attended, no matter the weather. This year, volunteers filled over 4,000 eggs with candy and hid them in the cross country course for families to find. Pony rides are always a favorite, and many children get to experience riding a horse for the first time during this event.

## **Halloween Open Barn**

By Dr. Kathleen Gill

The Eddy Farm hosted our first annual Halloween Costume Barn on October 27th and despite the wind and rain, it was a huge success! Eighteen barn members dressed up in costumes with their horses and handed out candy to trick-or-treaters. The costumes were very creative- there was Batman and Robin, Wonder Woman, a leprechaun with a rainbow and a pot of gold, a unicorn and a princess, Rudolf and Mrs. Claus and more! Face-painting and a graveyard in the arena were also highlights. All of the horses enjoyed dressing up and most importantly, it was fun for everyone! Check out our website for photos! We look forward to next year's Halloween Barn on Oct 25th, 2020!



# Thank You

## Our Donors

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*We wish to extend our gratitude to all of our donors, volunteers, boarders and riders in our lesson program. Eddy Farm is committed to our mission of promoting excellence in horsemanship and continuing improvement efforts at the farm. It is an ever-evolving work in progress that requires ongoing support, both monetary and in time volunteered.*

*There are many ways to become involved with the farm. We are always looking for people who wish to donate their time to work days - which we have several of throughout the year, helping with events or fundraising activities. Financial donations are always appreciated and can be done through our secure website*

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*We are looking forward to the year ahead!*

## Our Volunteers

Hope Bellenger & Family  
Holly Staats  
Sangeeta Lust  
Dinara Meyers  
Natasha Burno & Family  
Nova Bojanowski & Family  
Addison Schnoor & Family  
Elizybeth Austin  
Abigail Gusakov & Family  
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Jan Carter  
Janice Bosworth  
Ken Norman  
Susan Bass  
Lisa Burchard  
Joanie Roberge with Carter & Avery Emilio  
Emma Best  
Megann Watkins  
Kathleen Gill & Dan Fifield  
Danielle Rougeau  
Rick & Donna Ebel  
Sarah Van Nostrand  
Alicia Evancho  
Alicia Odell  
Jacque and Louie Bergevin  
Susan Chase  
Deirdre Gill & Maeve Chin

And finally, the Eddy Farm Board of Directors:  
Linda Schmidt  
Lisa Thompson  
Abby Schnoor  
Nancy Benson  
Anita Nadeau  
Dr. Kathleen Gill







# 2020 Schedule of Events

- March 19<sup>th</sup> - Spring potluck supper at the farm
- April 12<sup>st</sup> – Easter Egg Hunt and Open Barn
- April- May- Lucille Bump Clinic *dates to be added to website*
- Summer Camp
  - Session 1 (6-7 y/o) – June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 2 (8-15y/o) – June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Session 3 (8-15 y/o) – July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 4 (8-15 y/o) – July 20<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Session 5 (8-15 y/o) – July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 5 (for riders in Eddy Farm lesson program) – August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 6 – (for riders in Eddy Farm lesson program planning to compete in the Memorial Event in August) August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>
- August 16<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Event and CDSS Show, 2 Phase and Hunter Derby
- 2020 Equine Wellness Seminar Series – tentatively Sept/Oct *dates to be added to website*
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Open Barn
- December 12<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual food drive to benefit our local food shelf

Please check the Eddy Farm website for changes and additions to our schedule of events

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