



Horse Park Happenings

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*"What the horse supplies to man is something deep and profound in his emotional nature and need.
It will endure and survive until man's own nature changes."
(Author unknown)*

The Board of Directors is very happy to announce that our first fundraiser (August 2007) brought in approximately \$5000!!!

On August 15, 2007, the New York Horse Park, Inc. held its First Annual Fundraiser at the Beresford Gallery on Union Avenue in Saratoga Springs, NY. There was a good turnout; many attendees had their pictures taken with world famous jockey Jose Santos and there was spirited bidding on the 'horses with hysterical pedigrees'. The weather was great and the silent auction items brought good prices. Everyone enjoyed themselves and most attendees said they were looking to coming back next year. We are now in the midst of planning for our Second Annual Fundraiser – look for future announcements.



"Horse" winners Sara and Bruce Romeyn



Attendees Jose Santos, Bob Nevins & Jack Knowlton

The New York Horse Park Board of Directors again thanks the very generous individuals and organizations that helped make our first fundraiser such a success.

Food and Spirits

Brindisi's
City Tavern
Leslie DeCarlo
Olde Saratoga Brewing Company
Saratoga Spring Water

Bruno's
Gaffney's
Olde Bryan Inn
Parting Glass
Purdy's

Facilities and Supplies

Elizabeth Beer & Beresford Gallery
Michelle Erceg & Best Dressed Windows

Ferriola/Micallef Family
Allerdice Rent-all

Silent Auction Donors

Thomas Alexander, Artworx Fine Arts Works
Anne Sawyer Design/Fabulous Hats
Antoinette Brockelbank
Darius Velez
Cordero Family
Peter and Leslie DeCarlo
Bob Giordano
Joe Gleason, Equine Image Creations
Rumara Jewett
NYRA
Saratoga Cycle Cab
Karin Vollkommer

Carol Wells Collection
Dot Christiansen
Celeste Caruso
Brunswick Bed & Breakfast
Sara Dunham
Robert and Peter Fox
Impressions
Ian McDonough
Jack Knowlton
Saratoga 2007 Jockey Colony
Springwater Bistro

INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS MIXER SERIES UNDERWAY

The NYHP Board of Directors has now hosted two in a planned series of informational business mixers for local business leaders and owners. The first two mixers were held at Longfellows Restaurant in Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, March 26 and on Tuesday, May 20. Longfellow's owner, Stephen Sullivan, most generously donated use of one of the conference rooms as well as use of the projection equipment for our PowerPoint presentation. The purpose of the mixers is to highlight the economic importance any horse park brings to a locale and state as well as to keep the community informed as to our progress in establishing a New York Horse Park in this region. We are also using these mixers as a forum to solicit input and support for our next fundraiser. If you know someone who would like to attend one of our mixers, please contact Marsha Himler, President at Marsha@nyhorsepark.org.

2009 EQUINE ECONOMIC SUMMIT BEING DISCUSSED

Plans are now underway to hold a New York State Equine Economic Development Summit (NY-STEEDS) in October or November, 2009. Through this educational event we expect to raise awareness among the local and state legislators as well as the 'non-horsey' community about the positive economic, tourism and conservation impacts the horse industry has on ANY locale/state. NYHP, Inc. will be cooperating with one of our sponsors, the New York State Horse Council, in spearheading/hosting this event.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK!

Thanks to the generosity of one of our Board members, our website has a new look. In consultation with our Board's Website Committee, Hound Dog Graphics has redesigned and now hosts our website. We welcome any comments/suggestions which can be sent to our new webmaster at Dot@nyhorsepark.org.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

CHERYL KEYROUZE, Chair. *Founding member. Former Saratoga County Supervisor for the City of Saratoga Springs and long time employee of Saratoga Hospital... (see website for more details).



Sadly, the NYHP, Inc will shortly be losing the person who saw the benefits a horse park would bring to the area and enthusiastically has supported this effort from the beginning. Our Chair, Cheryl Keyrouze, will be moving to West Virginia at the end of June where her husband has taken a transfer position with QuadGraphics. We will miss her enthusiasm and unflagging spirit and devotion. Without her efforts we would not be where we are.

Cheryl and Marsha first met in July 2006 when Cheryl was exploring ways to help local farmers stay in farming. At the original committee meeting with Cheryl, Marsha said: "What Saratoga needs is a Horse Park!" Cheryl didn't know at the time what a horse park was but after hearing Marsha's description, Cheryl immediately saw the benefits such a place would bring to the area and the region and the rest is history.

The NYHP, Inc will be forever indebted to Cheryl for her hard work, her far-sightedness and her steadfast belief in this project. We only wish it could have been a reality before her move to West Virginia.

(See www.nyhorsepark.org - "Who Are We" - "NYHP History" for more information on Cheryl's activities on behalf of the New York Horse Park.)

MARSHA HIMLER TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIR



While the NYHP Board of Directors searches for a new Chair, Marsha Himler, President, NYHP, Inc will serve as Acting Chair. Marsha, a Founding Member of NYHP and an avid and life-long horseperson is Vice President - Capital Region for the New York State Horse Council as well as a licensed judge with the United States Equestrian Federation and the American Driving Society.

The other members of the NYHP Board of Directors are Bob Giordano, Secretary; Dot Christiansen, Recording Secretary; Pat Phillips, Treasurer; and Laurence Williamson, member. For more information about our Board members, please visit our website - www.nyhorsepark.org - "Who Are We" - "Board of Directors"

THE NYHP BOARD NEEDS A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!

Besides our upcoming need to find a new chair due to Cheryl's resignation, we also have several openings on the Board. Interested parties must be able to devote 3-4 hours on a bi-weekly basis. Volunteers are also sought for our upcoming August fundraiser and other events where the NYHP has a presence. Interested parties should contact any Board member or email us at info@nyhorsepark.org.

FEATURED HORSE PARK: The Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern



The HP of New Jersey at Stone Tavern is a unique public-private partnership. The land was purchased by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection with Green Acres funds. The state's equine industry and private-not-for-profit groups worked together to design the park which is operated, under contract with the NJ Department of Agriculture, by the Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern, Inc., a not-for-profit educational organization. Park trustees and hundreds of volunteers have donated over 200,000 hours for beautification and fund-raising efforts since the Park opened in 1983.

The NJ Horse Park has 276 permanent stalls plus 50 temporary stalls, a 280' x 140' permanently fenced and lighted schooling ring, a 360' x 190' grand prix/carriage dressage area, an 80 acres carriage field and event course which adjoins the 5000 acre Assunpink Wildlife Management area, two 300' x 150' show rings, a permanently fenced dressage arena, 54 camper hook-ups, handicapped-accessible bathrooms and show facilities, a 300' x 150' clear span enclosed arena, 2 mounting ramps for handicapped riders, a large clear span multi-purpose building for equine auctions and off-season instructional clinics, and a 174' x 60' grandstand with permanent seating and vendor area. The Park is able to use the 5000 acres of adjacent parkland for trail riding, competition and hunter paces. Equine events are scheduled for most weekends from March through November and, with the addition of the enclosed arena, are now being scheduled throughout the winter. For more information on the Horse Park of New Jersey, visit their website at www.horseparkofnewjersey.com.

The NYHP, Inc is in need of an audio-visual LCD projector so that we can do a better job showing our PowerPoint presentation to various groups. If you have one that we could use or one which you are willing to donate, please contact Marsha Himler at marsha@nyhorsepark.org. Your donation may be tax-deductible (Please check with your tax preparer.) NYHP, Inc is a registered NYS NFP and has filed with the IRS for tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3).

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