



Twin Oaks Valley Equestrian Association

Serving Twin Oaks Valley and the surrounding communities Summer 2015

Horse Heritage Festival

Family Fun Activities 10 - 3

Pony Rides - Petting Corral

Pumpkin Patch - Food

Prizes - Demonstrations

Crafts - Frontier Games



Poker Ride & Stride

Saddle up your horse or lace up your sneakers and enter the 3 mile Ride & Stride to benefit Walnut Grove Horse Park. Dogs welcome! Riders & Walkers check-in 8:30 am at the park. Visit www.HelpTheHorsepark.org for more Festival info and Poker Ride registration forms.

Save the date! Sunday, October 11, 2015 - Walnut Grove Park, San Marcos
Presenting a few Festival Features

TERI'S TACK SHACK

TERI Inc. is a California nonprofit organization serving individuals with autism and other developmental and learning disabilities along with their families since 1980.

TERI's Therapeutic Riding Program's mission is to effect a positive change in the lives of our developmentally disabled students by providing a tailored regimen of physical, emotional, and multi-sensor Equine Facilitated Therapy.

You can support this worthwhile program by shopping at the 2015 San Marcos Horse Heritage Festival "TERI's Tack Shack" on Sunday October 11th.

Your donations of gently used tack are greatly appreciated and come with a charitable tax receipt.



San Marcos High School FFA

The San Marcos FFA Petting Corral is a highlight of the festival. This year in addition to the Corral's mini donkeys, baby goats, rabbits and other critters, students will be selling chicks raised at their Twin Oaks facility and plants grown from seed in the shade house on site at the High School's newly renovated campus through the popular Floriculture classes. Agricultural Teacher Rob Gaebe guides about 200 students each school year through classes in Floriculture, Agricultural Biology and Veterinary Science. About 40 students are active in the Future Farmers of America program that relocated to a one acre site behind the Twin Oaks Elementary School in 2011. Mr. Gaebe has been teaching at SMHS for 26 years and is encouraged by the school district's investment in the FFA program with the development of this site that houses swine, sheep, goats, poultry, cows and horses. He hopes that in the future, the program will be able to expand onto an additional 5 acres adjacent to the FFA facility. Animals are raised by the students at this facility and exhibited at the San Diego County Fair each summer. Some animals go to auction or are sold locally to the public.

FFA student President Madison Bivin and Vice President Jesus Ruiz will be leading the activities at the Horse Heritage Festival - come check it out! (Local grower Valley View Nursery is a supporter of SMFFA and donates plants that will be offered for sale at the Festival)



Rowe Leatherworks



In 2013, Patrick and Emily Rowe came from Carlsbad to the Twin Oaks Valley in search of horse property and country living for their three girls. They struck gold when they settled into a quiet 3 acre homestead with a mare motel, round pen, turn out and access to miles of trails. Having four horses on the property now, they especially enjoy the close proximity to Walnut Grove Park. The Rowe girls (Lauren, 12; Jessica, 10; and Elise, 8) received a Tandy Leather Tool Kit from their Dad a couple years back (the same kit he had when he was a kid). Their new hobby was greatly enjoyed (even putting tools to use for some school projects), and has evolved such that a room in the house has been converted to a workshop.

The girls are learning the trade while becoming young entrepreneurs. Come meet the Rowe family and check out the hand tooled and dyed belts, dog collars, book marks and more at the Festival!



Jousting Master Jeffrey Hedgecock

Jeffrey Hedgecock has over 15 years of experience in Medieval horsemanship and jousting, and is the founder and instructor of Knight School in Ramona, California. Centered around the art of competitive historical jousting of the late Middle Ages, Jeff teaches students at all levels how to become world class competitors in this unique and thrilling sport. An impressive international competitor himself, Jeff's team "The Order of the Crescent" became the first team in history to win the Sword of Honor Tournament three times (and consecutively!) at the prestigious event held at the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds, England. Having built armour since 1988, Jeff's passion for this sport and its history also led to the co-founding of Historic Enterprises, Inc. Unique reproductions include armour for horse and rider, tournament equipment, and a wide range of reenactment goods such as clothing, pottery, table linens and jewelry.

We are especially grateful to Jeff for taking the time to support the HHF this year, just one week before his exciting 3-day event, The Tournament of the Phoenix being held October 16 - 18 in Poway. Jeff will be competing in this international tournament which features jousting, knightly foot combat, Skill at Arms competitions from horseback, live music, exhibitors, shopping, food, games and activities.

For more information about The Tournament of the Phoenix, please visit www.worldjoust.com and click on "Tournament of the Phoenix".

COMMON GROUND CLINIC ★ 2015

Weaving the disciplines together through classical training

Common Ground Clinic
reviewed by Meghan Fowler

Sunday March 17, 2015 was a beautiful day at Walnut Grove Horse Park in San Marcos. It was the fourth annual Common Ground Clinic, presented by the Twin Oaks Valley Equestrian Association (TOVEA).

The four sessions on the day's schedule were led by: Anne Speck, of Rancho Del Mar Riding Academy; Bill Norwood and Quinberry AQHA ROM Champion; equine veterinarian Dr. Paul McClellan, and Olivia Loiacono, top international eventing rider. Riders and auditors were in attendance.



Olivia Loiacono, Anne Speck, Dr. Paul McClellan
Bill Norwood and Quinberry

Anne Speck founded Rancho Del Mar Riding Academy and has become synonymous with saddle seat equitation and horsemanship excellence in the Morgan and American Saddlebred show horse worlds. She led demonstrations in both driving and saddle seat equitation, and attendees were given the opportunity to try their hands at both. Absolute Mystery, a Morgan, looked striking pulling the two wheeled cart. During the demonstrations, Anne emphasized the various walk and trot speeds desired in each discipline.

Bill Norwood represented Australia at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, and is a World Class Reining Professional. He brought Quinberry, 2008 Red Dun Stallion. His emphasis was on basic reining principles, maintaining a mentally relaxed horse, and making the right things the horse does comfortable and gentle pressure to correct the wrong things. Attendees rode, receiving great direction and tips. Bill believes there is "no one way or no way" but only the way of the horse. Handsome Quinberry did not disappoint, as he was on point showing off signature reining spins!

Dr. Paul McClellan, from the San Dieguito Equine Group, has worked with all different breeds and disciplines, focusing on performance horses. He discussed basic conformation as his starting point for overall horse health. Three attendee horses were evaluated, pointing out conformation of their necks, backs, pelvis, legs and feet both standing and trotting. He emphasized concepts of performance enhancing versus maintaining health, excellent record keeping, and working with the horse's veterinarian, trainer and farrier all to achieve the common goal of a happy healthy horse for years to come.

Olivia Loiacono has ridden, trained and competed all over the world. Her specialty and focus is bringing young horses through the levels and teaching all stages of eventing. Her main objectives were to discuss the horse following direction and speed. Attendee riders practiced speed control and variation through jumps, and maintaining direction both through and following the jumps. She also emphasized making the right thing comfortable and the wrong thing uncomfortable. That principle was applied when an attendee horse protested the gallop. In the end, he figured out what his rider wanted, and was rewarded with loving neck pats and a break from the gallop!

Regardless of discipline, attendees took away something valuable from each session, proving that we are all on Common Ground when it comes to loving, caring for, and communicating successfully with our equine partners.



Western rider Andie Radsloff learning to drive at the Common Ground Clinic

For more information:

Rancho Del Mar Riding Academy - www.riderdm.com

Bill Norwood - www.facebook.com/NorwoodPerformanceHorses

Paul McClellan DVM - www.sdequine.com

Olivia Loiacono - www.okleventing.com

Support through Membership

Info and forms are available at
www.KeepItEquestrian.org
Click the Membership tab.



TOVEA Board meetings are open to the public

1st Monday of the month 6:30 pm held in the
Welcome Center in Walnut Grove Park

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2015 Board Members:

Patty Morton, President; Debbie Zaleschuk, Vice President; Dawn Haake, Secretary; Lynne Malinowski, Treasurer; and board members Eric Antman, Lori Hall McNary, Carolyn Read, Carol Shuttleworth and Viki Strand

