

# In the News



Erin Miles  
Photo by CJ Carpenter Photography

**The Dressage Foundation's Maryal and Charlie Barnett** Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund has awarded grants to two individuals to attend the USDF's Instructor/Trainer Program. **Kelsey Dunlap**, from North Carolina, and **Erin Miles** (pictured), from Michigan, each received a \$1,500 grant to further their education as instructors. Kelsey will use the grant to attend the testing session in Omaha, Nebraska, in October. Erin will use her grant to attend the workshops hosted by the **Midwest Dressage Association** in early 2020. Congratulations, Kelsey and Erin.



Green Major is the WIHS mascot promoting the show's "Green Is the New Blue" initiative.

**The Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)** is going green with the "Green Is the New Blue" initiative at the 61st annual WIHS on October 22-27 in Washington, D.C. Recycling bins will be placed throughout the event level and in stabling areas, while the show office will use recycled paper, including to print jump orders and course maps.

In addition, the prize list, regional prize list and souvenir program will be printed on recycled paper with FSC- and SFI-certified soy inks. WIHS will utilize "e-ticket" vouchers for 60 percent of ticket vouchers and the remaining

40 percent will be printed on eco-friendly paper, while the VIP will-call and ticketing system will be transferred to an online system. Instead of disposable plastic bottles, WIHS will provide water with water coolers and biodegradable cups, and branded reusable water bottles will be given to all exhibitors, trainers, vendors and staff.



Julie Boilesen

The **Omaha Equestrian Foundation** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Julie Boilesen** as its new chief executive officer. Julie is a Nebraska native who most recently worked for **AT&T** and prior to that, **TD Ameritrade**. At each organization, she led branding and marketing teams, both on a domestic and global scale. "Julie is uniquely qualified to lead the Omaha Equestrian Foundation," said **Lisa Roskens**, founder and board chair. "Her corporate leadership and strategic planning expertise will help us plan and build for the future. Combined with her innovative thinking and sport horse industry experience, we will evolve our nonprofit mission and signature event, the **Burlington Capital International Omaha.**"



Nick Wagman and Don John  
Photo by Andrea Evans/US Equestrian

**The Dressage Foundation** has announced **Nick Wagman** as the recipient of the **2019 Patsy Albers Award**, established in 2012 in

special remembrance of Patsy. The \$1,000 award provides financial support for continuing education and training to a High Performance rider. Nick Wagman of San Diego, California, and **Don John**, an 11-year-old KWPN owned by **Beverly Gepfer**, captured the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship at the recent **U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions** held at **Lamplight Equestrian Center**. The Patsy Albers Award is given to the highest-placing grand prix rider at the Championships who also competed for the U.S. at a previous North American Youth Championship.

The **Lake Placid Horse Show Association** has added six new members to its board of directors. The new members — **Robert (Rob) Ralston Boyd, Stacy Cascio, Chloe Field, Lori Fitzgerald, Sarah Galvin and Eliza Lehrman** — bring a combination of business and horse show experience that will greatly enhance the board's knowledge and expertise. "We are delighted to welcome Rob, Stacy, Chloe, Lori, Sarah and Eliza as new members of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors," said **Philip Richter**, chairman of the Lake Placid Horse Show Association Board of Directors. "Each of them is passionate about our shows and their experience in both the horse show and business worlds brings valuable perspectives to the board. We are truly fortunate to have such a stellar group join our existing board members who give of their time and resources for the betterment of the Lake Placid Horse Shows."

## Mark Your Calendar



Days End Farm education  
Photo courtesy of Days End Farm Horse Rescue

Educational opportunities abound at **Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR)** in Woodbine, Maryland. The non-profit not only rescues and rehabilitates suffering horses, but also works to prevent abuse and neglect through education and community outreach. On October 19, the public is invited to **Scout Day**, which includes a tour of the farm; horse tales; activities on horse



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care, grooming, and leading; and a short riding demonstration by DEFHR's trainer. This program is ideal for Scouts who are looking to add a DEFHR badge to their collection, and advance registration is required. On November 2, the Horse Care Education Series will cover information for first-time horse owners in a clinic open to volunteers and the general public. Find out more about the events at DEFHR at [www.defhr.org](http://www.defhr.org).

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In a joint effort with the **Pennsylvania National Horse Show** to create a better experience for exhibitors and spectators, **US Equestrian** announced improvements to the **2019 Pennsylvania National Horse Show** (PNHS). One of the nation's most historic horse shows, PNHS returns to the **PA Farm Show Complex** in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 10-19. Improvements are slated to be made to the outdoor lunging area. Lighting will be added, along with footing material improvements and scheduled maintenance to the footing. Thanks to a new educational partnership between **US Equestrian** and **USHJA**, an educational opportunity for both riders and spectators has been added to the schedule. The schedule for **Junior Weekend**, held October 10-13, has been adjusted. Pony hunter under saddle classes have been moved to Friday, October 11, and the pony hunter handy classes have been moved to Saturday, October 12. The new schedule for the pony hunter classes allows the **Neue Schule/USEF Junior Jumper National Championship** (Prix des States) classes to start earlier in the evening on Friday, October 11. Additional improvements to the Pennsylvania National Horse Show include an increased sponsor presence, gifts for trainers of the **Dover Saddlery/USEF Hunter Seat Medal Final** and **Neue Schule/USEF Junior Jumper National Championship** (Prix des States) entries, and additional catering provided for exhibitors, including bringing back the Medal draw luncheon. We can't wait to see all the updates!

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The **2020 FEI World Cup™ Finals** in Las Vegas are just months away and the excitement is already building for the world's most prestigious annual individual jumping and dressage championships. The **Thomas & Mack Center** in Las Vegas will host the world's elite horses and riders **April 15-19, 2020**. All-Session tickets are now available to the public. "The 2020 Finals are going to be bigger and better than ever before, so we urge everyone to join the World Cup Club today and then order tickets right away," said **Pat Christenson**, president of **Las Vegas Events, Inc.**, producer of the Finals.

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"Spectators will be treated to an incredible experience featuring thrilling competition, Las Vegas entertainment, great equestrian-themed shopping and more surprises. It doesn't get any better than what we have planned, and we invite everyone to come join the excitement!"



Stacia Klein Madden with a Pony Club rider  
Photo by Jump Media

The extremely popular **Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) Barn Night Video Contest** returns on October 24 during WIHS Barn Night. The 2019 contest theme is "Halloween on Horseback," and individuals or groups, horse-loving clubs or aspiring filmmakers can submit entries. The deadline for WIHS Barn Night Video Contest entries to be received is October 14. Video entries must be uploaded to YouTube.com at the link included with the entry form. The top three videos will be shown on **Capital One Arena's** jumbotron during Barn Night on October 24 and winners will be announced. Prizes include a clinic with a renowned equestrian, presented by **BarnManager**, for the winner; a \$750 **Dover Saddlery** gift certificate thanks to **U.S. Equestrian** for second place; and a \$100 **Dover Saddlery** gift certificate, also thanks to **U.S. Equestrian**, for third place. Other WIHS Barn Night contests include Largest Group, Group Spirit, Farthest Traveled Group and other contests. WIHS Barn Night activities include the Concourse Trick-or-Treat, presented by **SNICKERS®**. For more information and entry directions, visit [www.wihs.org/barn-night](http://www.wihs.org/barn-night).



Nicole Walker and Falco van de Spieveld  
Photo by Ben Radvanyi Photography

Fans will be thrilled to see some of their favorite events return to the **Royal Horse Show**, held as part of the **97th Annual Royal Agricultural**

**Winter Fair**, from November 1-10 in downtown Toronto, Canada. The **\$100,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championship** will be decided after two rounds on the show's opening weekend, while the second week of the show is highlighted by the **\$205,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto**, presented by **GroupBy**. The **\$20,000 Horsecare Indoor Eventing Challenge** adds the thrill of cross-country riding to the indoor show experience, while the **\$15,000 K9-Equine Challenge** pairs horse-and-rider combinations with professional agility dogs in a unique, crowd-pleasing class. Entertainment at this year's Royal Horse Show includes the iconic **Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride** and the mesmerizing **Grande Liberté** performances of horsewoman **Sylvia Zerbini**. With a huge trade fair and crave-worthy cuisine, The Royal offers something for everyone. Find out more at [www.royalfair.org/horse-show](http://www.royalfair.org/horse-show).



The **EQUUS Foundation** and **Robb Report** are joining together to host the first-ever **Horsepower Gala**: a special fundraising dinner benefitting the EQUUS Foundation on December 8, 2019, at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**. Created to increase awareness surrounding the very real issues of horse abuse, neglect and slaughter, the event will honor champions of equine protection **Frank McCourt**, **Georgina Bloomberg** and **Jessica Springsteen**. For more information, visit: [www.equusfoundation.org/horsepower](http://www.equusfoundation.org/horsepower).



"Whistlejacket," a George Stubbs painting

Stay up to date on the equine art events around the world. **Alfred Munnings: Behind the Lines** explores his work at the **Munnings Art Museum**, England March