

# Educational Clinics

## To Be Offered During The Celebration

**TOPIC:** **Dressage**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2007 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Champions Arena**

**DISCUSSION:** What is dressage? How do you begin training your walking horse for dressage?



**Jane Sikes Clark**

This Tennessee native has been competing in dressage for over 20 years earning gold, silver and bronze medals with the United States Dressage Federation. She won numerous national titles at Grand Prix and Grand Prix freestyle with the Trakehner breed for USDF. While managing the Middle Tennessee State University Equine Program she began expanding her dressage experience with the Tennessee Walking Horse. During this time she helped to develop the Walking Horse dressage test and was instrumental in launching competitions for the industry.

Jane moved to Colorado in 2001 and is currently training at Magic Dog Ranch in Kiowa, CO. She continues to judge and conduct clinics all over the country accepting any breed and rider wanting to learn and develop their dressage skills.

**TOPIC:** **Gaiting & Biting**

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**DISCUSSION:** Often times Bits can make a large difference in how your horse reacts to pressure, carries their head, or even behaves under saddle. Nicole will also discuss how to improve your horse's gait either in the show ring or on the trail with simple minor adjustments. Don't worry, there will be plenty of information for all skill levels and riding disciplines.



**Nicole Carswell**

Nicole Carswell, the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's and Exhibitors' Association's National Clinician, brings more than 15 years to the clinic environment. Nicole earned a degree in Animal Science from Morehead State University. Nicole chose the path of riding instruction when she began a lesson program in 1986. Since then she has instructed many World Champion riders and trained several horses which went on to win World Championships.

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**TOPIC:** **Equitation**

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Equitation is important to the future of this industry, as it not only allows for additional competition but offers riders an advantage when riding in general. This year we will focus on both English and Stock Seat Equitation. The clinic will also provide information on improving your horse through using proper riding methods. Contact TWHBEA if you are interested in bringing your horse and riding during the clinic.

**Anne Brzezicki**

Anne received a B.S. from the University of Connecticut and a M.Ed. from Middle Tennessee State University. She has previously taught at the University of Connecticut and Virginia Tech, as well as several private facilities. Returning to MTSU in 1989, she has since coached the Equestrian Team to numerous Regional and Zone Championships in both Hunter Seat and Western Equitation, as well as the Reserve National Champion Western Horsemanship Team. Anne serves on numerous boards, committees and equine groups. She believes her greatest successes are those accomplished by her students.

**TOPIC:** **Equine Agility Training**

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Enhanced Foal Training, Equine Agility and Enlightened Trick Training are the primary programs of Imagine A Horse. These methods can be applied to horses of all ages, breeds and training disciplines. Perhaps the compelling aspect of this method is that the horse learns how to learn.



**Suzanne De Laurentis**

Suzanne De Laurentis lives in Dripping Springs, TX where she owns and operates Red Horse Ranch. She co-founded Imagine A Horse in response to the many requests she received to share Trick Training and Equine Agility methods with horse enthusiasts all around the globe. Suzanne works with several famous horse and rider combinations, including Sheryl Crow and her TWH's to perform at events across the country.

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**TOPIC:** **The Perfect Versatility Pattern**

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**DISCUSSION:**

We will focus on all of the little steps that can be made in a pattern to make the end result look perfect. Including everything from the leg pressure needed to teach your trail horse to go over, around, under obstacles to how bending and flexing can aid in teaching your horse to change leads smoothly and more precisely.

**Laurie Toone**

Laurie is no stranger to the TWH Industry, especially the pleasure and versatility competition segment. With a strong background in horses of all disciplines, Laurie will offer informative instruction to improve any horse's skill level.

**TOPIC:** **Practical Horsemanship Techniques**

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**DISCUSSION:**

How to train without strength. What are the steps to be followed when starting a colt.

**Kerry Kuhn**

Kerry is a talented horse trainer and clinician from Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He produces a "Trail Tips" segment that appears on the television series, Best of America by Horseback airing on RFD TV. In addition to being a lifelong horseman, he has trained numerous successful roping, show, and family horses.

Kerry Kuhn calls his approach to teaching horses 'Practical Horsemanship'. He believes in promoting useful horsemanship skills anyone can use. As a clinician, Kerry teaches riders of all levels practical horsemanship techniques they can remember and use immediately. Kerry truly believes anyone can become a better horseman through education and understanding. [www.kerrykuhn.com](http://www.kerrykuhn.com)



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