



News Letter

AMWELL VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2012

WINTER DOLDRUMS PARTY MARCH 10TH

at the Ringoes Firehouse.
Hors D'oeuvres - Full Buffet
Coffee - Tea - Desserts
\$25 per person if reserved by Feb 29th

Send check to AVTA 46 North Hill Rd Ringoes, NJ 08551

This year we are not going to have a silent auction. Instead we are trying a "Treasure" swap.

Bring something nice that you don't want any more and swap it for someone else's. If anything doesn't get swapped I will donate it to one of the charities that pick up here in East Amwell.

Please let us know as soon as possible!

HUNTING SEASON IS OVER! Except for spring turkey season

Turkey Hunting Periods/Dates

- A. Monday, April 23–Friday, April 27, 2012
- B. Monday, April 30–Friday, May 4, 2012
- C. Monday, May 7–Friday, May 11, 2012
- D. Monday, May 14–Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 21–Friday, May 25, 2012
- E. Saturdays: April 28, and May 5, 12 and 19, 2012

Hunting hours are from half hour before Sunrise till Noon.

2012 Charles Foster Weeden Memorial Scholarship

14 Students to date have been helped with the Charles F. Weeden Scholarship.

The award amount is \$1000.00. The money that pays for these scholarships has come from donations, winter doldrums auctions and the pace ride.

Please visit the AVTA website <http://www.avta.net> for eligibility details and application information.

The deadline for Application returns is March 1, 2012. Please contact Gail Cahill gailcahill@verizon

WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING 2012 SATURDAY MAY 12TH

The Amwell Valley Trailfeathers are going out on the world series of birding as we have since 1999.

From 1999 to 2008 we had a wonderful member who kept our records on a great site www.nightcoder.com/birds/ws



Please check it out and see the birds that we saw during those years. Since then Juanita Hummel has been our leader and keeps our lists, but not on line. We originally spent the morning in East Amwell and then went to the shore after lunch, but in the last few years we have decided that doing several sites in all in Hunterdon County is quite interesting enough. We start at Amwell Lake at around 6AM and then slowly convoy our way back to the Hummel's deck for a breakfasty snack before tackling the Sourlands Preserve which is on their doorstep. North Hill road is our next area followed by a lunch stop at Peacock's Country Store and then the beautiful Higginsville bridge and the old Merck property on Three Bridges Road. A stop at the swamp at the South Branch River Preserve on River Road in Flemington is good if there is a lot of water and then Bulls Island for those who can take it is wonderful.

You can do all or any part of the day. Even a couple hours will you with excitement. Let us know if you will be joining us and what time you would like to start and we can make it work.

Juanita and I are going to have some pre-World Series walks on some Sundays in April. You can call to find out about them if you are interested.

Call Juanita Hummel at 609 466-2907 or Gael Gardner at 609 466 9472. Please come and join us!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



Membership renewals were sent out near the beginning of February. Please send in your renewal as soon as possible. *Gael Gardner*



10 Trail Walks on Nearby Preserved Land from May Through October

D&R Greenway has constructed approximately 20 miles of trails in partnership with our trails volunteers and site stewards. Take a walk through one of our preserves! D&R Greenway is proud to present 10 upcoming Greenway Walks in 2012. Walks include:

- Inaugural Walk on Pryde's Point Trail
- Bird Walk at Dry Run Creek Trail
- Student-led Walk at the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Woodland Preserve
- Native Plant Walk and Tour of the Native Plant Nursery at D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center Campus
- Picnic at Greenway Meadows and Explore the Stony Brook
- Meadow Walk at Cedar Ridge Preserve
- Perseid Astronomy Walk at Cider Mill Preserve
- Beagle Club Field Trials and the Plum Brook Greenway
- Teaching our Future Conservation Leaders to Value Nature:
- A Family Walk on the Charles Evans Children's Discovery Trail
- Fall Foliage Walk in the Sourlands Ecosystem Preserve



It is strongly recommended that you RSVP due to the capacity limits of some of the walks. You can RSVP to any of the walks by calling 609.924.4646 or emailing rsvp@drgreenway.org and specifying which walks you are RSVPing for, and the number of people attending. Don't miss this chance to enjoy our beautiful trails and learn something from our knowledgeable trail leaders!

For more information on these walks visit <http://drgreenway.org/walks.htm>

2012 SOMERSET COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT TACK SALE



TED BLUM 4-H CENTER
SOMERSET COUNTY
310 MILLTOWN RD. • BRIDGEWATER

If you wish to sell items, bring items to be sold to:

Somerset County 4-H Center
Wednesday, March 14 7-9 pm

Thursday, March 15 7-9 pm
ITEMS TO BE SOLD MUST BE CLEAN & IN
SAFE CONDITION

No used helmets to be sold!

Sale! Sale! Sale!

If you wish to purchase items, sale starts

Friday, March 16 6-9 pm

Saturday, March 17 9am-1pm

Unsold items must be picked up by 2 pm

Saturday, March 18

Consignment fee: 20%

For information:

732-469-6295 (after 5 pm) or 610-730-4739



G.S.H. & C.S Pine Barrens Poker Chase at Brendan Byrne State Forest

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012
******RAIN OR SHINE******

Divisions for CARRIAGE DRIVERS AND HORSEBACK RIDERS

MEMBERS GSH&CS--\$25.00

NON-MEMBERS--\$30.00

POST ENTRIES AFTER APRIL 18, 2011

EVERYONE \$35.00

PRIZES FOR THE BEST POKER HANDS

START YOUR DAY WITH A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

AND ENJOY A CUP OF SOUP/CHILI AFTER THE CHASE

For more information call

973-271-2816 mary.g.nelson@verizon.net

Visit www.avta.net for application form

WANTED

Mane Stream

(formerly Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center)

is looking for donations of
tack, saddles, blankets, riding clothing,
stable equipment and anything horse related



Mane Stream riders & their instructor at the 2011 Horse Show

Give us a call today! We'll pick up your donations
or you can drop them off at our facility.

Mane Stream

83 Old Turnpike Rd Oldwick, NJ 08858

T: 908-439-9636 E: jen@manestreaminc.org

TACK SALE

To Benefit Mane Stream
(Formerly Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center)

Offering a variety of quality brand name blankets, saddles, riding clothes, tack riding gear and more

Saturday April 21 9am-4pm

Sunday April 22 10am-3pm

Location: Mane Stream 83 Old Turnpike Rd/Rt.517
Oldwick, NJ 08858

For more information call 908-439-9636

E-mail: jen@manestreaminc.org or visit www.manestreaminc.org

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NJ Quarter Horse All Breed Charity Trail Rides

Laurita Winery - April 15, 2012

The first will be at Laurita Winery in New Egypt, starting at Laurita Equestrian Center, home of Reindancer Therapeutic Riding Center.

We offer a lovely spring Ride through the Vineyards following a marked trail. To be ridden at your own pace with friends or partner.

At 11AM a Brunch hosted at the Winery restaurant will welcome riding and non-riding participants. So bring your horse, ride the vineyards and meet the family for brunch! A beautiful setting for a perfect day!

This Ride will benefit the

REINDANCER THERAPEUDIC RIDING CENTER.

For More Information: Susan Auer

908-418-5923 susra@verizon.net or visit the

website: <http://www.njqha.com/>

Shaggy Horse Show!!

Beaver Creek Farm and CLR Stables
46 Wertzville Road Ringoes, NJ
March 17th 8:30am

The Shaggy horse show is an informal, fun schooling jumper show de-signed to get kids, adults, ponies and horses geared up for the 2012 show season! Discount for pre-entries! Children and adults welcome!

GREAT PRIZES for Champion and Reserve in each division. Come and visit our shops in the Vendor Village! Catered Breakfast, lunch and snacks. Anne Hambleton, author of "Raja, the Story of a Racehorse" will be on sight signing copies of her new book. A perfect gift for your young equestrian!

Questions? Contact Paige DiRoberto
paige@avhpc.org or 908-713-6568

Complete Prize list is available at
www.avhpc.org



Classifieds

HISTORIC RINGOES

EQUESTRIAN PROPERTY FOR SALE

A Haven For Horse Lovers or Anyone Seeking the Perfect Country Getaway! Direct access to over 70 miles of Amwell Valley Trails; 15 Horse-Friendly acres; Fully Restored 18th Century Farmhouse; 4 Stall Barn with Hayloft; Lighted Riding Ring; Fenced Pastures; 2 Car Garage with Studio and Magnificent Country Views!

For more details, open house date or an appointment to tour this property, please call : Susan A Cook – NT Callaway Real Estate – (609) 577-9959

OPEN HOUSE!

The property on Back Brook will be holding an open house/brunch on Sunday March 11th from 11-2pm sounds nice and a great way to see a beautiful old house



FOR RENT: Studio Apartment for Rent or combined with Self Care Boarding Studio room for rent in private home. Private entrance, private bath, sunny, bright, all utilities included, wi-fi and internet, off street parking, sorry..no smoking, East Amwell Township. \$800/month. With 3 stall barn and tack room on 4 acres, electric fencing, matted stalls, \$1300/month (for studio and barn). For more details, contact Sally (908) 797-3104 tallyho5us@yahoo.com

BARN HELP NEEDED

Barn help needed on a as-needed basis. Call Susan 609-947-6726 or email: chivalryhillfarm@aol.com

HAY FOR SALE

Call Janet at 908-303-1428

BOARDING:

Private Ringoes barn has stalls available. AVTA trail access, sand ring. For more information call Janet at 908-303-1428

HORSES LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES

www.adoptahorse.org/

Standardbred Retirement Foundation in Hamilton, NJ printable flyer

1. Benji - Only 7 years old this lovely 16.2 hand trotter has a heart of gold. Started over cross rails, this gentle giant is quiet to ride, not yet started on trails but would make a wonderful hunter /jumper.

2. Joey - Baby face, curly hair, what's not to love with this horse? Slow poke that was not competitive, he does love the trails and tends to like being in the lead. Four year old Joey raced on 18 times, just not bringing home the bacon. He is 15.1 hands and is being ridden bitless with a western saddle, needs work with flexion and lateral movements but is a quick study. Still has baby ways so intermediate riders or better at this stage of his training.

3. Melody - Mel is the tiny lady of the group, at only 14.2 and 5 years old. She tends to keep to herself in the field, is very friendly with all people. Still getting used to leg cues, light cues used at this time with no kicking. Gentle to tack up and ride, we are working on getting her to stand perfectly still to mount and working on her canter cues. Another beautiful riding horse that was not making it as a race horse, only made \$900 in her career. Can be ridden by child with some riding experience, not a beginner horse.

Adoption Coordinator - Jennifer Nagle
jennifer@srfmail.com 609-324-1500

**TO SEE MORE CLASSIFIEDS GO TO
WWW.AVTA.NET**



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