



Serendipity Spotlight

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ABOUT US

Serendipity Equine, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, strives to develop Educational and Equine-Assisted Learning programs and to meet the growing need for rescue & rehabilitation services, which partners youth and their families, veterans, first-responders and their families with rehabilitated equine.

SERVICES

RIDING ACADEMIES

- *Little Tots Riding Academy (ages 2-7)
- *Junior Riding Academy (ages 5-17)
- *Senior Riding Academy (ages 17+)

THERAPEUTIC RIDING LESSONS

- *Veteran's Program
- *Special Riders
- *Youth-at-Risk Program

CART DRIVING

MOUNTED ARCHERY

FAMILY EXCURSIONS

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ser-en-dip-i-ty- Finding something wonderful by chance

Having recently relocated from Louisiana to Amissville, Virginia, we were just getting underway with our services when COVID-19 hit. Like other businesses and organizations across the globe, the stay at home orders greatly affected our day-to-day operations. However, rather than focusing on the tough times, we would like to highlight some of the positive things that have occurred even in the midst of this pandemic. Our first edition of the newsletter, Serendipity Spotlight, is dedicated to all of the heroes, both on the front lines and behind the scene that are working tirelessly to help one another during this unprecedented time, including our donors and volunteers. There are times in life, both good and bad, when you happen to come across something wonderful, just by chance, which is after all the definition of serendipity!



MASKS BY DONATION

We received a very generous donation of handmade masks, available in 4 different sizes, to help raise funds for the horses. There are still plenty of masks available by donation! Select from a variety of animal (including horse) prints and more. Check out our FB page to see photos of all of the different options. Masks are reversible and come in 4 different sizes: child, youth, adult and XL adult. Email us to get yours today. All proceeds go towards the care of the horses!

SPECIAL SHOUT-OUTS

Serendipity Equines would like to extend a huge thank you Tom Pendleton for our new entrance way sign! Tom Pendleton, the artist and owner of Shade Tree Metal Art since 2012, served proudly in the USAF from 1976-1980 and continues to support Veteran activities. Tom and his wife Lisa are 34-year residents of Rappahannock County and raised two successful sons in the lovely county. With a background in auto body, sheet metal fabrication and recent endeavors into blacksmithing, Tom continues to load his tool box with novel designs. Tom's love of shaping metal and creation led him to open Shade Tree Metal Art creating various types of art both practical application and abstract. Such as simple key hooks, wall art pieces, garden "bling" and unique custom business signs.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always in need of volunteers to assist with the horses, barn chores, and various projects around the farm.

DONATIONS

*Sponsor a Horse- Be a Horses Hero! Any amount is greatly appreciated.

*Scholarships

*General Donations- Monetary or Materials such as building supplies for therapeutic riding mounting ramp.

*Amazon Wish List- See our website for link.

*Donate on FB

*AmazonSmile

INTERNSHIPS

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

*Share Our Posts on FB

*Tell Your Friends

*Take a Lesson

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SPECIAL SHOUT-OUTS (CONTINUED)



Serendipity would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Katie Paluh of K.P. Barefoot Farrier Services. Katie has been generously serving as our farrier and tending to our horses' hooves at the barn. In addition to having a love for horses, Katie is a master at welding. As a teenager, she attended the Spotsylvania Career and Technical Center to study the metal trades program. During that time she was the first female out of the school to win 1st place in the county welding competition. She went on to win 3rd place in the state! According to Katie, being a welder has been a great fit for her. "While it is not an easy job, it is rewarding. I get to see so many beautiful horses and meet amazing people. I get to see rescue transformations, do a foal's first trim, watch my clients win ribbons, and so much more. I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Horses will always have my heart!"



Terry Geier with Makina



Wendy Wilcox with Chief



Abby Boldt with Bugsy



Holly Jenkins with Snoop



Lily Jenkins with Diesel

Serendipity Equine is run on the power of volunteers. Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers, both past and present, for making our outreach possible. During the pandemic, we were very fortunate to have had new volunteers step forward to help out with day-to-day care of the horses and facilities. We would like to give a huge shout-out to each of them for their time and generosity. We greatly appreciate you all!

Not shown: Annaleise Cavendar, Melissa Cavendar, Celia Faulk, Carter Frye, Grace Faulk, Ioanna Vallespir, Karen Frye, Rhonda Glover, Ashley Peeling, Maggie Taylor, Hailey Taylor, Jean Turney, and Shaw Stewart.



Randall Cavendar with Pepper

LOOKING AHEAD

Exciting News--We are currently pre-booking slots for our reopening on Saturday, June 20th! In order to stay COVID compatible, we will be offering only private and family lessons.

We are also offering brand new family excursions for families that are interested in learning more about horses, but aren't quite ready to sign up for lessons. In this 90 minute educational experience, families will have the opportunity to meet and learn more about our horses and general horsemanship. Guests will enjoy a hands-on experience that includes light grooming and pony rides inside our arena.

To book lessons or a family excursion, visit <https://SerendipityEquine.as.me>



Making a difference with hearts and hooves!