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The Midwest Horse Fair® to Present Summer Event in 2012

Madison, WI, October 3, 2011—The Midwest Horse Fair® is pleased to announce the creation of a second event to be held at the Alliant Energy Center on August 17 and 18, 2012: Taking the Reins, an entirely new equine experience. While the Midwest Horse Fair® showcases all things equestrian, Taking the Reins will provide attendees with a one-of-a-kind, hands-on experience, designed to encourage participation in clinics and demonstrations.

"Taking the Reins will appeal to all horsemen who want to learn about new techniques and products firsthand," says Rhonda Reese, General Manager of the Midwest Horse Fair®. "This event will provide a more intimate experience for casual riders and trainers, as well as serious equestrians, to ask questions and interact with some of the industry's finest. Non-horse owners and families will also find lots to do and see."

Taking the Reins will provide attendees the opportunity to get up close and personal with horses, trades, and equipment during the two-day event and "take the reins" of their life. The use of Willow Island, located on the north side of the Alliant Energy Center grounds, will be new to this event and will allow for some exciting learning opportunities! While the full slate of classes and demonstrations is still being finalized, Taking the Reins will host "Project Cowboy," where up to 250 riders will have to "demonstrate exceptional horsemanship and communication skills in never-before-seen competitions" throughout the weekend. The winner receives \$10,000 and an array of other prizes.

The Midwest Horse Fair® and Taking The Reins are owned by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. All proceeds from the events are returned to the WHC and are used to represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin, promote the equine through leadership, education, service and communication, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

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For additional information visit www.TakingTheReins.net or contact the Midwest Horse Fair® by phone, (920) 623-5515 or e-mail press@midwesthorsefair.com.

Hand Corn Husking Revival

Friends,

The Iowa hand corn husking contest was held in Kimbleton, Iowa, for many years until the land they used for the contest was sold a while back. There has been no Iowa contest since that time and Dave VandenBoom, Cedar Rapids, is trying to get the contest started again. He is planning to hold the contest at the Amana Colonies on October 13, 2012. He contacted me to see if I could line up some teams and wagons for the contest.

I participated in the Kimbleton contest many times, both picking and pulling a wagon for others, and I truly enjoyed it, so I agreed to help Dave by agreeing to help find teams and wagons.

This is my request to the draft horse clubs, and anyone else who is interested in taking a team and wagon to this event next year or helping with the contest in another capacity. If interested, please contact me.

Thank You! - Jim Stuart
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Prairie Home Carriage Festival

May 19th, 2012 - Come and join us as the Minnesota Whips and Wheels Carriage and Driving Society celebrates our 4th annual Carriage Festival at our new location. We are moving to The Landing in Shakopee, MN. The Landing is an 88 acre living history



museum with the Minnesota River at the northern boarder. There are great areas to drive in amongst the 1800's village and by the 1889 and 1857 farm buildings and the fur post. We are very excited about the new location and the beautiful backdrop for our Carriage Festival!

For further information regarding the Carriage Festival please contact: Heidi Block at 612-875-1004. Please visit our website at: WWW.MNWHIPSANDWHEELS.COM.

The United States Lipizzan Federation (USLF) - Where Pedigree Meets Performance

Oct. 7, 2011 - On the opening day of the Lipizzan International Federation's (LIF) annual meeting in Lipica, Slovenia, LIF Treasurer, Senior International Advisor to the U.S. Lipizzan Registry (USLR), and President of the American Lipizzan Breeders Association (ALBA), Ingun Littorin, announced the unification of ALBA & USLR to form the United States Lipizzan Federation.

Since its inception in 1995, the American Lipizzan Breeders Association has been committed to protecting the classical breed standard of the Lipizzan through its support of breed evaluations and its development of the only studbook in North America which records and publishes evaluation and performance results. The USLF will continue supporting ALBA's evaluation program and its studbook and continue the work ALBA has begun to develop and deploy a judges' training program, expanding the evaluation process throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Organized in 1980, the United States Lipizzan Registry was incorporated in 1986 as a non-profit corporation by Lipizzan enthusiasts committed to the preservation and promotion of the Lipizzan horse in the United States. Today, with over 200 active members, the USLR has registered almost 1,500 purebred Lipizzans in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, more than any other Lipizzan registry in North America. In

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addition, the USLR's database of over 4,700 Lipizzans includes many purebred Lipizzans from stud farms worldwide. Taking its Lipizzan breed conservation commitment seriously, the USLR carefully researches all pedigrees presented for registration consistent with LIF standards. The USLR also separately registers part-bred Lipizzans, completing the accounting of Lipizzan presence and widening the pool of members to involve all possible Lipizzan owners.

Since 2010, the USLR has helped move the Lipizzan into the public spotlight by becoming an Affiliated Association of the United States Equestrian Federation. The USLF will assume the USLR's databases of Lipizzan pedigrees and will continue separately registering both purebred and part-bred Lipizzans. The USLF also plans to maintain Affiliated Association status with the USEF and to continue publishing the USLR's informative, thirty-plus page, quarterly newsletter.

Moving beyond being a mere registry, the USLF has positioned itself to grow into the future to support both Lipizzan owners and riders with programs and resources that will preserve the Lipizzan's classical heritage, highlight its historical importance and showcase its accomplishments as a multi-talented and versatile equine partner for the ages.

The USLF welcomes Lipizzans and their owners from all the Americas to become participating members and offers associate membership to Lipizzan enthusiasts worldwide. Please address any inquiries to USLFOffice@gmail.com.

The USLF is where Lipizzan pedigree meets Lipizzan performance. Please visit the USLF's website <http://www.USLipizzan.org/> for more information on these talented horses, on the USLF organization itself, and on joining this forward-thinking organization.

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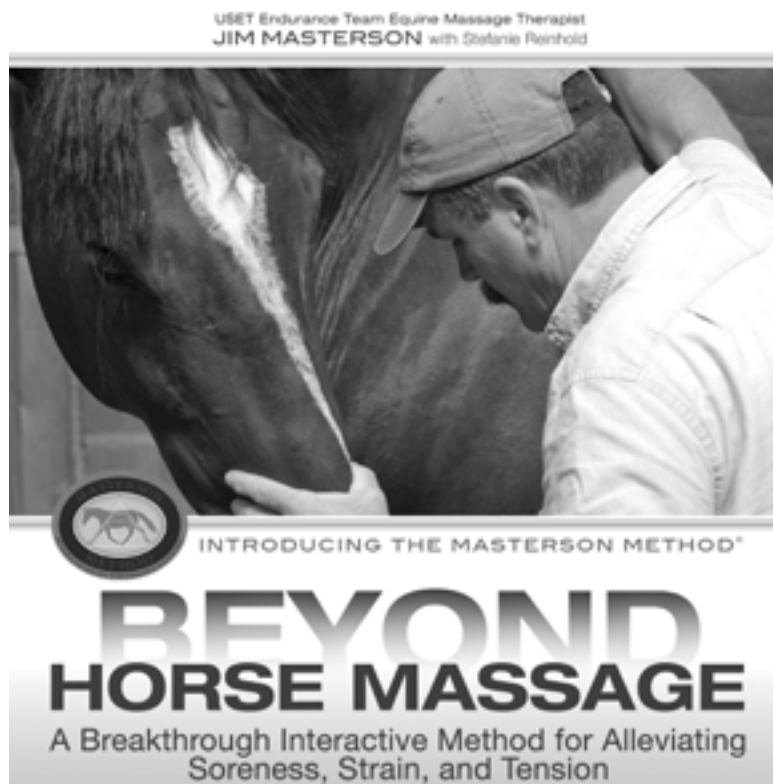
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JIM MASTERSON, Equine Massage Therapist for the 2006, 2008, and 2010 USEF Endurance Teams, and for equine clientele competing in FEI World Cup, Pan American, and World Games competitions, first became interested in equine massage in 1997. In the years that followed, Jim developed a system in which the horse participates in the bodywork process by showing the practitioner where tension has accumulated, precisely how much pressure is needed to release it, and when it has been released. The result is an effective method of bodywork that anyone can learn to use, to improve performance while at the same time opening new levels of communication and trust with the horse. Jim currently works on 500 to 600 horses a year on the US hunter-jumper circuit, and he also helped members of the USEF Singles Driving Team and Jumping Team prior to the 2010 Championships in Italy. Jim teaches Masterson Method™ seminars and advanced courses to horse owners, trainers, and therapists worldwide.

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