



# TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY

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## TROT Annual Dinner and Silent Auction: Food, Fun, Friends and Funds

Priscilla Hoffman

We had our highest attendance in several years at the TROT annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 9, with 114 members and guests attending. Thanks to a tireless group of volunteers, and a bounty of pot-luck offerings, the dinner was a great success. As always, there was lots of networking, catching up on trail and horse news and picking up some good bargains as well.

**Pat Talbott**, TROT President, reviewed highlights of the last year – a year of significant impact by TROT on local proposed legislation. **Barbara Sollner-Webb** reported on TROT's concentrated efforts to get the new restrictive WSSC guidelines for horse trail use re-written to reflect the findings of their recent consultants' study. **Pat Oliva** reported that Howard County has pulled, at least for this year, the bill proposing Sunday hunting on private land. TROT was active in testifying against this bill. Susan Gray discussed recent activity regarding guidelines for riding in the North Tract area of the Patuxent Research Refuge. Due to Susan's efforts, we were fortunate to have Brad Knudsen, a manager with Patuxent, attend the dinner with his son, and speak briefly about a promising vision of partnering with TROT on future events. One focus could be involving young riders – the future stewards of our trails.

Awards were presented to **Stephanie Cacopardo** for the highest number of points in the TROT trail ride challenge, and to **Ron MacNab** for the most number of hours served on trail clearing and maintenance projects in 2012.

**Chris Ferland** did a great job in planning the auction and getting donations, and although she was unable to attend at the last minute, with the able help of **Susan**

**Railey** and **Judy Thacher**, who stepped in to coordinate, the auction grossed over \$1,900 – our best auction yet!

## *HELP US GO GREEN TO SAVE SOME GREEN \$\$*

*We would like to encourage all members to opt to receive the newsletter by email. Currently, 63% of TROT members are receiving printed copies of the newsletter at a cost of over \$600 per issue in printing, postage, and mailing expenses or more than \$3,600 per year for six issues. Helping TROT reduce newsletter expenses is as easy as sending an email to [trotmembership@hotmail.com](mailto:trotmembership@hotmail.com) that says, "I want to receive the newsletter electronically" or "I'll read the newsletter on the TROT website."*

Our membership secretary, **Dick Huffman**, processed 11 renewals, and added six new members at the dinner.

Members voted in four new board appointees: **Jean Cooper, Kathy Coviello, Stephanie Cacopardo, Jennifer Poole, and Priscilla Huffman.**

Many volunteers helped make the dinner a successful and fun event including **Michelle Beachley, Anne Bennof, Sharon Cappeluti, Mike Caruso, Chris Ferland, Ingrid Gentry, Nancy Harmon, Dick Huffman, Priscilla Huffman, Kyle Jossi, Amy Kimble, Janet MacNab, Ron MacNab, Pat Merson, Pat Oliva, Nancy Osgood, Mary Prowell, Susan Railey, Maria Schwartz, Pat Talbott, Judy Thacher, Margaret Scarff, Sim Shanks, Gail Suter, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Denis Webb.** Thanks to everyone for a great team effort!

We welcome your suggestions on how we can make the annual dinner even better. Please send any comments to [priscillahuffman@verizon.net](mailto:priscillahuffman@verizon.net).

## President's Message



Trot President Pat Talbott

Many thanks to **Priscilla Huffman** and **Christiona Ritcher** for organizing the Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. And, of course, thanks to the many volunteers who helped them. TROT activities are a group effort.

Each year, the Annual Dinner is the time for election of new directors and retirement of others. This year, the membership elected **Jean Cooper, Kathy Coviello, Stephanie Cacopardo, Jennifer Poole, and Priscilla Huffman** to the Board of Directors. I am pleased to welcome them to the Board.

**Ron MacNab** and **Vera Fontana** retired from the Board this year but will remain active members. Their contributions to TROT over the last few years are immeasurable. Ron MacNab was an outstanding president of TROT and remained on the Board. Vera Fontana was an active member of the Board. We will miss them at the Board meetings.

## WSSC 2013 Reservoir Regulations Released

Ron MacNab

The 2013 WSSC regulations for Rocky Gorge and Tridelphia reservoirs have been released and are a major improvement over the draft regulations. The new regulations can be found at: <http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/content/watershed-2013.faces>. Overall the regulations seem reasonable and riders' major concerns were addressed.

Major Successes:

- Horses will continue to use the horse trails and not the access road.
- Horse manure will not have to be removed from the trail, but must be removed from the parking lot and roadways.
- Riders 65 and older can obtain a free annual pass.

Rider involvement and support of TROT and the MHC is crucial to preserving our trails.

A Few Disappointments:

- At \$70, Rocky Gorge is an expensive place to ride. However, those who ride less frequently can purchase a daily pass online.
- Those who have adjoining properties must pay an annual entrance fee to enter from their property.
- Commercial stables are held responsible to see that their boarders purchase and carry permits.

But There Were Other Successes!:

- Sunday hunting was defeated in Howard County (see Howard County Coordinator's Report)
- Riding was preserved at the Fish & Wildlife, North Track area in Laurel.
- Riding trails were preserved at Rocky Gorge Reservoir.

Many thanks to **Barbara Solner-Webb** who lead the effort to preserve the Rocky Gorge trail. She worked tirelessly, getting petitions, attending meetings and sending out countless emails to keep us energized and involved. A special thanks to Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Councilperson Mary Lehman who, as elected officials, fought for the interests of their constituents and trail riders everywhere. Also thanks to WSSC for responding to our concerns.

## A Big Hooray for Hitting 100!

On February 13, 2013, **Kathy Coviello** posted that the TROT Trail Riders of Today Facebook group had hit 100 members! Kathy has done a great job in keeping the page current and keeping us connected. Please be sure to friend the group!

## County Coordinators' Reports

### Howard County

Pat Oliva

First I want you all to know that I am going to retire from being TROT Howard County Coordinator effective June 1st. We really need someone to step up and take over. I would be willing to work with you until June to show you the ropes. After June 1st, if nobody steps up, we will be without a leader. Please consider taking over for me, as it is a very rewarding job!

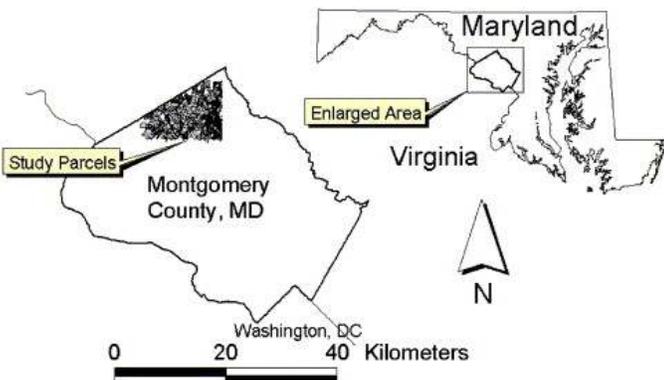
I am sorry to report that the proposed parking lot at Benson Branch met with opposition at the approval hearing and is back on the drawing board. All is not lost, however - they are thinking of making some improvements. The new county park in Fulton is adjacent to the WSSC. It is small, only 80 acres, but there will be some equine activities included in the planning.

The very best news is that we won a years' delay in plans to allow Sunday hunting on private land. The delegates have tabled all plans for this year thanks to each and every one of you who took the time to express your feelings to them. It was TROT that stopped the bill for this year. THANKS to you all. We do count when we take the time to care!

### Montgomery County

Ron MacNab

Have you seen the new atlas of Montgomery County posted by MNCPPC? This online atlas shows all parkland and most anything else you would want to see. Check it out at [www.mcatlas.org/viewer/](http://www.mcatlas.org/viewer/).



## Great News about North Tract

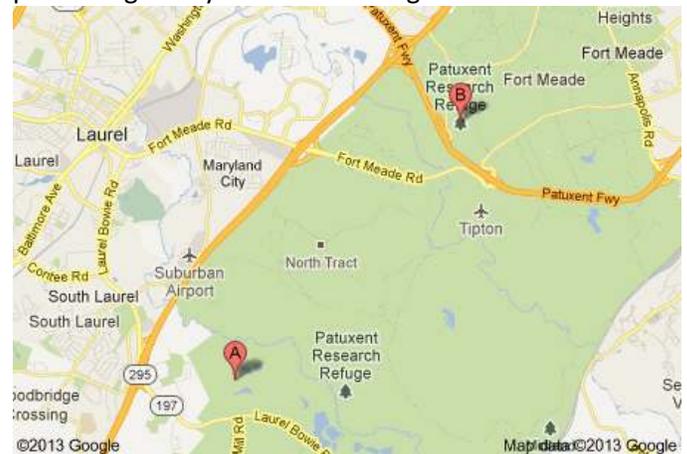
Barbara Sollner-Webb

At the annual dinner, over 100 TROT members gave a standing ovation to Brad Knudsen's presentation. Brad is Manager of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Patuxent Research Refuge, which includes North Tract, the lovely venue in Laurel where TROT leads a ride each year. Brad's announcement promises to be the start of a wonderful partnership between TROT and the Patuxent Research Refuge!

As many of you remember, last fall an astute TROT member saw an announcement of a draft 15-year plan for the Patuxent Research Refuge, and we soon learned that although it largely seemed favorable, it limited equestrians to only walk and required collecting and packing out all droppings from their woodland trails. A large number of TROT members testified at a hearing on the draft plan. Members presented excellent testimony regarding these proposals. Happily, the attending FWS officials were receptive. Brad told us the revised plan that is currently being forwarded to their superiors eliminates both of those restrictions. Brad cautioned that it was not completely "a done deal," but that the expectation was that it would be approved as recommended. Plus, we will explore ways that TROT can partner with the Patuxent Research Refuge, possibly helping introduce horses to their visitors.

This promises to be a wonderful win-win solution for a potentially very worrisome situation. Hopefully it may also provide a prototype for other venues to work with caring equestrians and let us help them, rather discourage equestrian presence.

Thank you so much, Brad! We look forward to partnering with you and the Refuge.



## On the Trails....

### TROT Has a New Trail Ride Coordinator

**Stephanie Cacapardo** has stepped up to take on the Trail Ride Coordinator role for TROT. At the Annual Meeting it was announced that Steph was the winner of the 2013 Trail Ride Challenge, by participating in (and leading) more trail rides than any other TROT member! So we know we are in good hands! Steph is still looking for trail ride leaders. Please read her message below!

Just a quick thanks to the great response for ride leaders. So far we have **Charlotte Dutton, Sheila Gilbert, Terry Ledley, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Lisa Troutman, Andrea Caplan, Joy Sapplington, Mary Prowell, Kathy Coviello, Suzanne Anderson**, and myself to lead rides this year. If I missed you please call Stephanie C. at 240-876-9689 or e-mail me at [scladyhawk@msn.com](mailto:scladyhawk@msn.com) and let me know where and when you would like to lead a ride.

When leading a ride please e-mail me a short description of your ride. I will need to know a few details besides place and RTR (ready to ride) time. Please include at what pace the ride will be. This way riders can choose a Walk only ride (W), a Walk-Trot (WT) or a faster W-Trot-Canter ride (WTC). We also have members that would like to show their trails on a one-on-one basis. Their names, numbers and places are listed in the Newsletter, and I will be supplementing them in the next issue as I develop a more complete list.

#### As for upcoming rides:

On March 23, 2013, I will be leading a 2 - 2.5 hr WT and some C ride at Morgan Run, with a RTR time of 10:00 am. The trails are wide and well groomed. There are a couple of creek crossings, but there is no water at the spacious trailer parking. Morgan Run is near the intersection of Rte's 26 and 97 in Eldersburg. If there are other rides for March, I will send them out in e-mails, and postings on Maryland Trail Riders.

For the rest of the year I will have time to post them in the newsletter as well as distribute by e-mail.

Thanks again and ride safe.....

## Trail Guides Will Show Favorite Trails on Individual Basis

You can contact the following volunteers to arrange a personal guided trail ride. Thanks to each of these volunteers for offering this service to their fellow TROT members:

**Benson Branch Park:** Sandy Brewer, [sandbrewer@aol.com](mailto:sandbrewer@aol.com)

**Blockhouse Point (Farm Loop on Canal at Violettes Lock):** Naomi Manders, [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Breezy Loop, Boyds, MD:** an easy hour and 15 minutes. Naomi Manders, [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Cactoctin Mountain Park and Little Bennett:** Marilyn Miller, (301) 898-7274

**Croom, Md area, South of PG Equestrian Center:** I am the trail historian for this area. I can keep you riding over different trails for 6 hours! People would leave from my farm in Croom and can ride to Patuxent River Park (Jug Bay), the Wildlife Sanctuary and Spice Creek Park. I am available Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon as a tour guide. Carol, [CAAuletta@aol.com](mailto:CAAuletta@aol.com) or (301) 579-2342

**EPIC Trail at Dry Seneca Creek, Poolesville:** This is mostly private with a sanctioned public route - exceptionally good footing, easy trail, good for exercising in winter. THIS IS NOT THE Great Seneca Greenway Trail that goes to Patuxent! 10 miles round trip. Naomi Manders, [naomimanders0@gmail.com](mailto:naomimanders0@gmail.com)

**Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air (Harford County):** Karen Penharlow, (410) 236-9365 or [KlawPaws@aol.com](mailto:KlawPaws@aol.com)

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Little Bennett Park: Jim and Maureen Henry, (301) 676-5298

**Patuxent River State Park, Rachel Carson and Rock Creek Park:** Laury Lobel, (301) 774-9595 or [laurylobel@verizon.net](mailto:laurylobel@verizon.net)

**Patapsco State Park off Marriotsville Road:** Elizabeth Baran, (available week days and weekends) H: (410) 442-5006 C: (410) 245-8942

## Trail Guides, con't.

**Sugarloaf Mt:** Vicki Bazan, (301) 831-8715 and Janine Borofka, (301) 874-0770

**Union Mills/Kowomu Trail:** Also Liberty Reservoir trails [off Deer Park Road] and Morgan Run Trails. Ivy Smink, (410) 875-5691 or ivysmink@qis.net

**West Friendship Park and the North Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Research Center near Ft. Meade:** Kathy Coviello, 732-768-3302.

**Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD:** Karen Kraushaar, (301) 208-0767 or kraushaar@verizon.net

If you would like to volunteer to show other TROT members your favorite trails contact: Nancy Osgood at nlosgood@verizon.net.

## TROT is Planning Periodic Educational Meetings: Your Opinion on Topics Counts!

At the Annual Meeting, attendees were asked to fill out a simple survey regarding possible topics and locations for TROT's seminar series. We received a great response – 35 people completed the survey.

The four highest scoring topics were: (1) training techniques; (2) rights of way and open land preservation; (3) trail riding clinic; and (4) traveling with a horse.

Most people felt that the Damascus Public Library was a convenient meeting place (almost 80% of the people who responded to the question). Other members suggested using a variety of locations, including venues within or near Cecil, Howard, and Carroll Counties.

And most people said they would attend such meetings. Thanks to all those that took the time to complete the survey.

You will hear about the upcoming meetings sometime in the spring! Any additional input? Please email Nancy Osgood nlosgood@verizon.net.

### Don't Miss Out!! Renew Your TROT Membership and Become Active in TROT

**Newsletter:** Unfortunately, our new newsletter editor Kathy Lipton, is not able to continue in the position. Please consider volunteering for this important position. The newsletter is published every other month. The job is fun and is a great way to get to know other TROT members. The writing is regularly done by regular contributors, such as county coordinators and officers. The editor primarily smoothes the articles, and arranges them in a page-wise format. For more information, contact Nancy or Sim at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net).

**Renew your membership:** TROT membership expires on December 31 each calendar year except for the new members who join TROT in September through December. Please be assured that your membership is important in the work that TROT does—our strength is in our numbers and our dedicated volunteers!

Download your membership application at <http://www.trot-md.org/membershipapplication.pdf>

TROT Uses PayPal: You can now join TROT or renew your membership online using PayPal. Just go to the TROT website: <http://www.trot-md.org/membership.php> It's fast, easy, and saves time and postage.

**And please don't forget to indicate on the application that you want to receive the newsletter electronically.**

## And In Other News...

### When it's Time to Say Goodbye, Planning and Information are Important

Kyle Jossi

None of us likes to think about what happens after a horse dies. But knowing ahead of time what resources are available makes the process somewhat easier. I always thought Valley Protein was the only option for picking up a deceased horse. And in fact, I paid them a small fortune when two horses died within a few months. But recently a friend's horse died and her vet recommended Bloom Valley Farm to pick up the horse. I recently spoke with the owner who gave me the following information:

- They go to Prince George's, Montgomery, Carroll, Howard, Baltimore, and Hartford Counties ( and probably others as well).
- The horses they pick up are composted, not sent to the glue factory.
- They are very flexible about pick up times; they will come on the weekend and will try to be there when your horse is being euthanized.
- The price depends on distance, but usually ranges from \$220 - \$270. (I paid \$450 to have Lady picked up in Olney).
- The contact number for Bloom Valley Farms is 410-840-2005.

### The Humane Society of the United States Launches Safe Stalls Horse Rescue Network

#### *Program to Connect Equine Professionals to Help Horses in Crisis*

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is launching a new program to help horses rescued from cruelty and neglect cases or natural disasters. The HSUS' Safe Stalls Horse Rescue Network will be a nationwide system of horse rescue groups, equine professionals and enthusiasts who can provide emergency care and shelter to horses in need.

When animals are suffering from neglect or abuse, or are in crisis because of a natural disaster, participants in the Safe Stalls program can provide law enforcement and communities a network of local resources to help horses needing immediate intervention and housing. The HSUS's Safe Stalls partners will include pre-screened equine rescue groups, foster homes, trainers, farriers and other professionals across the country. Participants may also be individual horse owners and enthusiasts who can supply transport, food and other care for horses on their own property.

"Horse lovers across the country are joining together to find solutions and respond to the call for help when horses are in distress," said Elizabeth Zarkos, Safe Stalls HSUS network coordinator. "The Humane Society of the United States is excited to launch the Safe Stalls network so that we and our partners are in the best possible position to address the critical needs of horses nationwide."

Stalls partners may be asked to assist HSUS with horse rescues or in situations where local resources are needed. During a typical rescue, HSUS collaborates with equine health professionals to evaluate horses, to triage and treat horses, and to document their age, health and environment. Depending on the nature of the emergency, horses may need temporary land and shelter until they are placed in a safe and permanent new home.

Organizations and individuals interested in becoming participants in HSUS' Safe Stalls Horse Rescue Network can apply online at [humanesociety.org/safestalls](http://humanesociety.org/safestalls). Watch video about The HSUS' work to rescue and rehabilitate horses through the network here.



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**Grab Your Work Gloves! It's Time for Trail Clean Up Days**

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Feb. 23	9am – 12:30 pm	Fairland Recreational Park, future mountain bike skills area (BK)
March 3	8:30 am – 1 pm	Rock Creek Regional Park, Lake Frank & Meadowside Trails (HK)
23	9 am – 12 pm	Seneca Creek Greenway Trail
April 13	9 am -1 pm	Muddy Branch Greenway Trail
20	8:30 am -1 pm	Cabin John Trail
May 5	8:30 am -1 pm	Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (HK, EQ)
18	8:30 am -1 pm	Muddy Branch Greenway Trail
25	9 am – 1 pm	Seneca Creek Greenway Trail
June 1	8:30 am – 1 pm	Rachel Carson Conservation Park, National Trails Day (HK, EQ)
8	9 am – 12 pm	Seneca Creek Greenway Trail

NOTE: Trails are "Shared Use" by all users (Hikers - HK, Bikers - BK and Equestrians - EQ) unless otherwise noted above.

For more information and to sign up visit:

<https://ec.volunteernow.com/recruiter/index.php?class=OppSearchResults&recruiterID=1296&activity=2293>

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To place an ad, send an email to [nlogood@verizon.net](mailto:nlogood@verizon.net)

**TROT members:** One regular (100 word) ad FREE!

**Non-member rates:**

Classified ad--\$6.00 for first 100 words; \$0.10 for each additional word

Business card-- \$6.00    ¼ page ad-- \$25    ½ page ad--\$40    full page ad--\$75

Insert (all copies delivered to our printer)--\$50

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**Potomac Riverside Stables**

Poolesville, MD ([www.potomacriversidestables.com](http://www.potomacriversidestables.com))

**(301) 972-8187**

**"Trail Riding Heaven."** A top quality boarding & training facility also offering several well-trained school horses for lease. Instruction and training for horses and riders, from beginner to advanced. Several instructors to choose from. Your instructor is also welcome. The stable is located on 400 beautiful acres adjoining the C&O Canal with 100s of miles of National Park trails. Personal quality individual care, large indoor arena, 3 outdoor arenas, large stalls, many other features for your horse's comfort: mats, fans, fly spray system, hot showers, unlimited free choice premium hay made on the farm. Your horse is given whatever he needs, no limits. We have several vacancies and very reasonable rates. Full quality care and self care.

**Belle Cote Farm:** Field board available for adults on a private farm in Burtonsville, MD. Lighted outdoor arena and direct access to WSSC trails. \$300/mo. Prefer retired, semi-retired, or non-showing horses. Also several nice horses available for lease. Contact Debby at [Debby.Poole@Juno.com](mailto:Debby.Poole@Juno.com) or 301-641-9594.



**West Laurel Stable** – Horse boarding at its best! We provide a friendly and relaxed environment for pleasure riding. You and your horse will feel very comfortable. Riders will enjoy the new 80 x 200 ft ring and access to the beautiful trails on the WSSC watershed (also known as the Rocky Gorge or Supplee trails). Your horse will enjoy the quiet landscape with rolling hills and nice pastures, and will receive excellent care by our dedicated staff. Come see our barn, conveniently located in West Laurel. Call John at 301-332-2688 to arrange a visit. \$425/per month stall board. Susan Railey [susanrailey@verizon.net](mailto:susanrailey@verizon.net)

**Thistlehill Farm** is a small private licensed Maryland boarding farm near Lisbon, MD. We offer full service field boarding with individualized care, excellent pastures/shelter, a lighted outdoor arena, round pen, wash racks and more. Our current (as of October 2012) boarding rate is \$325 per month. The farm is located a short 5 mile drive from Patuxent Park, with hours of trails for you to enjoy. We are the perfect place for your retired or semi-retired horse or pony. For more information please call the farm at 410-489-4752 or visit our Blog at: <http://thistlehillfarm.wordpress.com/>

## HORSES – SALE, LEASE, OR FREE

**Reichs Ford Farm - South Frederick County.** Field Board, \$200-\$275/mo, Stall Board, \$335-\$425/mo. Trail/Conditioning Memberships available, \$50/mo unlimited access or \$15/visit. New custom barn on secluded 240 acre private farm, mountain views, 7+ miles of groomed trails, fields, woods, water crossing, mixed terrain, flat and hilly. Custom run-in shelters, quality home-grown hay, free-fed in winter. Automatic, heated waterers. Grass and sand/fiber riding arenas. Mares' fields. Retirees welcome. Trailer storage. MD Licensed. See our website [www.reichsfordfarm.com](http://www.reichsfordfarm.com) Ijamsville/Urbana area. Joy Fernon, Resident Manager, 240-674-4825, [jfernon@comcast.net](mailto:jfernon@comcast.net)

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**Country farm house to rent:** INCLUDED All utilities, FIOS Cable and Internet. As well as a Private W/D, Full bathroom with tub/shower. 3 bedrooms, sitting room, and country kitchen (The kitchen can be Shared or Private). Also has parking next to the house, walking trails along streams, deer, and birds. Plenty of area for vegetable or flower gardens if interested. Looking for no drama, and someone who enjoys a peaceful beautiful setting on a 20-acre horse farm. A very safe area. No smoking, or big parties. Pets by approval only. My 26 year old daughter who helps manage the Horse farm has her own living area and entrance. My Sister is the nearest neighbor. Price is \$1,700 negotiable. Located in Burtonsville, MD along the Rt 95 Corridor between Silver Spring and Columbia. If interested. CONTACT ME AT [bcfarmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:bcfarmhouse@gmail.com)

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**\$899,500 Silver Spring, Custom Springbrook Rancher on top of an unbelievable country setting.** RENOVATIONS & UPDATES include - kitchen, all new stainless steel appliances, granite, new plumbing, new Thompson Creek windows, electric box, refinished hardwood floors, carpet, lighting & bathrooms. Barn has 3+ stalls, tack room, hay loft – able to hold 250+ bales. Water and electric to barn. Paddock fencing. Horse Trails lead off the back of the property. Home consists of 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. 20 minutes from DC line. Call Vera for showings: 301-633-8372

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**Two horses for Lease or Half-lease:** (1) Zippo black pine for half lease. 16.2 black gelding needs experienced rider. Does dressage eventing and all round good horse. (2) Dark bay Quarter horse gelding. Non-spooky-excellent for children or first time riders, soft mouth, can ride English or Western. For info call Carol at 240-447-5186.

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**Horse for Sale:** Oreo Cookie, 15 hand, 8 yr. old reg. paint mare, purchased as a 3 yr. old to train as my trail horse. I am now 72 and find a gaited horse more suited for this time in my life. She is a pleasure to be around and ride and her easy-going temperament would make a good competitive trail horse. She was leased for two months last summer by a 13 yr old girl. Price reduced to \$2500. Call Sharon Osborn at 410-775-2420.

## MISC – TRAILERS, SADDLES, TACK, ETC.

**FOR SALE - Australian Stock Saddle.** Looking for a secure trail saddle? Genuine Wayne Walker, all leather Australian stock saddle and black sheepskin pad. 16" Western seat. Excellent condition. \$2200. Near Ag History Farm Park in Derwood, MD. Phoebe Black 301-984-7970

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**Western FWG saddle for sale** with 16-inch seat, cloth fenders, and weighs about 15 lbs. The saddle is in excellent condition; gently used and well cared for. Leather covered stirrups and girth included. Asking \$250 or OBO. A felt saddle pad is available for \$50. Please contact Jean at [JCStuff@comcast.net](mailto:JCStuff@comcast.net).

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**Western Saddle for Sale.** Designed by Scott Purdum of Advantage Horsemanship. Excellent condition. 15 1/2 inch, full QH bars. Fits Arabs, QH, Morgans, etc. Narrow padded seat for comfort, balance, and security. Made by JR Wenger Custom Saddles and Tack. Includes stirrups, Professional's Choice girth, and all wool 5 Star saddle pad. Great for trail riding and training. Call for more information or pictures 410-804-6062 or email [Sykesville.farm@yahoo.com](mailto:Sykesville.farm@yahoo.com).

## EVENTS -- RIDES, ETC.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING TROT RIDES**

***On March 23, 2013, new Trail Ride Coordinator Stephanie Cacapardo will be leading a 2-2.5-hour WTC ride at Morgan Run, with a RTR time of 10:00. The trails are wide and well groomed. There are a couple of creek crossings, but there is no water at the spacious trailer parking. Morgan Run is near the intersection of Rte's 26 and 97 in Eldersburg. Questions? Contact Stephanie C. at 240-876-9689 or [scladyhawk@msn.com](mailto:scladyhawk@msn.com)***



**Pennsylvania Rangers 2013 Spring Judged Pleasure Ride.** April 14th at Codorus State Park. The ride will be 6 miles long with 6 obstacles. Great for a Spring warm-up. Come and enjoy the beautiful park and fun time with the Rangers. Cost is \$25 for pre-registration or \$30 on the day of the even. For flyer and pre-registration forms, visit [www.parangers.com](http://www.parangers.com) or call Susan 717-225-1730.

### **It's Almost Spring!**



## SERVICES

### **Janet Young, PhD, EEBW**

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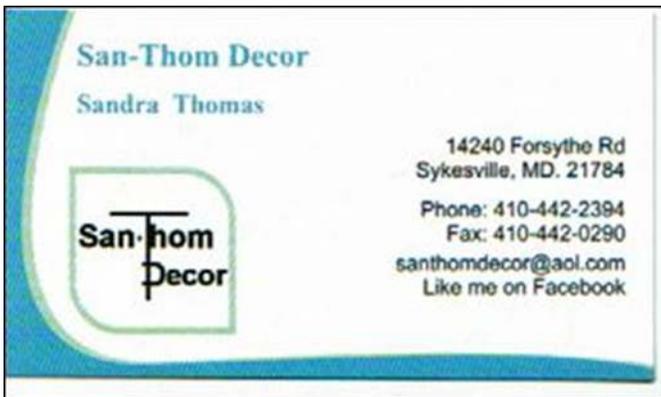
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## Looking for Riding Buddies and Ride Share

This section of the newsletter is for folks who are looking for riding partners—either for meeting up on the trail or for sharing a trailer ride. If you are looking for traveling partner, email TROT newsletter at [nlosgood@verizon.net](mailto:nlosgood@verizon.net)

**Do You Have Room in Your Trailer?** I am a new member of TROT and am looking for someone with an empty spot in their trailer. I am retired and would love to be able to trail ride with others. I have a well-behaved, quiet 14 h quarter horse gelding. I'm new at this, so any help and suggestions are most welcome. I live in Washington County, MD but very close to the Frederick County line. Contact Mary at [marmotmanor@myactv.net](mailto:marmotmanor@myactv.net) Thanks!

**Looking for a Trail Buddy.** I am a new 2013 TROT member. I do not work and would like to ride more than just on weekends. Weekends would be great too but I am very flexible. I have a trailer and can meet you if you aren't too far away. Trails close to me are Jug Bay, Maxwell Hall, Rosaryville State Park, Cedarville, Doncaster, and Friendship. Unfortunately, I do not know these trails but together we can master them. I have a spotted saddle horse (fast), TWH (slow) and a Paso Fino (fast) so I can take whatever horse would complement yours. Thanks! Theresa Hayes 301/579-2699 (lv. msg.)

**Looking for a horse to go on TROT rides.** I would like to ride your horse (if you have an extra one) on a TROT trail ride. I rode for 20 years, but have not recently. I am in the Ellicott City/Catonsville area. I would be happy to share all expenses. Contact: Susan Doukas 443-842-0811 [sdoukashorse@yahoo.com](mailto:sdoukashorse@yahoo.com)

## GET YOUR TROT LICENSE PLATE

We have ours and they look great! Many thanks to Susan Railey who worked very hard and navigated the bureaucracy of the Motor Vehicle Administration to get our great organizational plates with the TROT logo. If you missed out—it is not too late. Email Susan ([susanrailey@verizon.net](mailto:susanrailey@verizon.net)) and she will get an application to you. Return the completed application to her with the fee (only \$25) and she will forward it on to the MVA.

Oh—and be sure to honk and wave if you see a fellow TROT member on the road!



## Annual Dinner Dessert

Not much left of the  
Cake with TROT Logo



**Setting  
Up**



**TROT  
Annual  
Meeting**



**Pot Luck  
Dinner**



**Silent  
Auction**



**February  
9, 2013**





**TRAIL RIDERS OF TODAY**

**Richard J. Huffman, TROT Membership  
35 Cinder Road, Timonium, Md 21093**

These volunteers made the Annual Dinner and Silent Auction possible (not all in the photo):

**Michelle Beachley, Anne Bennof, Sharon Cappeluti, Mike Caruso, Chris Ferland, Ingrid Gentry, Nancy Harmon, Dick Huffman, Priscilla Huffman, Kyle Jossi, Amy Kimble, Janet MacNab, Ron MacNab, Pat Merson, Pat Oliva, Nancy Osgood, Mary Prowell, Susan Railey, Maria Schwartz, Pat Talbott, Judy Thacher, Margaret Scarff, Sim Shanks, Gail Suter, Barbara Sollner-Webb, and Denis Webb**

**And all who attended.**

