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## Coming Events

Equine Affaire  
November 10-13, 2005  
Eastern States Expo, W.  
Springfield, Mass  
[http://www.equineaffaire.com/mass\\_main.html](http://www.equineaffaire.com/mass_main.html)  
Volunteers needed for  
the Connemara Booth!  
Contact [Pat Norton-White](mailto:Pat.Norton-White@dmcom.net)  
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The Region II Trail Ride  
originally planned for  
Fall 2005 is postponed  
until next year.



All contributions of news,  
coming events, articles  
and photos for the  
Connemara Connection  
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## Equine Affaire

Springfield, Massachusetts

Connemaras will be out in force at Equine Affaire 2005. We had a long list of people willing to bring their ponies as ambassadors and it was very difficult to make the final decisions. It really was based around the demo, which be on Sunday at 1:00pm. The demo will actually be a kur of four ponies and four disciplines. Wendy Warner will be riding her Seven Springs Hidden Rush in Western tack; Cindy Fletcher will be driving Greystones Adirondack A'Herne; Molly Inman will be riding Deb Mincus' mare Snickers O'Mara in Dressage attire and Tracy Ochs, Bantry Bays Kenny will perform in English pleasure.

Equine Affaire is November 10-13th this year and we will be in booth 2109 in the Stroh Building. This is our old familiar spot and everyone looking for the best ponies will know where to find them. Besides having the aforementioned ponies in the Demo they will appear in the booth along with Lois Kesslers Aille Murdoch and Sue Acherbaurs Caraway Cracker.

We are very excited about Equine Affaire this year. There were breedings booked and ponies sold and leased. Sales lists were distributed heavily to booth visitors and interest was so high that there were rush excursions to Staples for more copies!!

On Saturday at noon in the corner of the Stroh Building near the booth we will have the Region I and II meeting following a light luncheon. All are welcome and your input and ideas are more than welcome. Soon I will be organizing the booth volunteers. So... If you know which day / days you would like to be at Equine Affaire let me know and I will book you into the booth and save an admissions badge for you.

As I update the photo displays I am asking everyone to mail or email pictures of region stallions, mares and foals, ponies performing. Snaps and professional pictures are all needed to make the presentation interesting.

We also will be looking for financial sponsors of the booth. We are investing in a new rug this year and are continuing to invest in professional looking displays. Please find below a form that you can send in with a check if you would like to help sponsor this event.

Thank you one and all for all of your help and input, especially those of you bringing horses. This huge event is a lot of work for everyone and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

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Check out the Equine Affaire web site at: [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com) for up-to-the-minute information.

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# New Region II Stallion Raffle!

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### Stallion Raffle Ticket

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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$10.00 each

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 tickets for \$50.00

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Once again we'd like to spotlight a Region II member with a short autobiography,  
And who better to "introduce" than our hard-working Region II chairperson...



### Pat Norton-White



As a child growing up on Long Island I had to satisfy my passion for horses with weekly riding lessons at a nearby riding stable. Suburbia was not conducive to having a horse of my own. My cousin, however, moved from L.I. to upstate N.Y. and proceeded to get a horse. My cousin was gracious and allowed me to ride her horse, Tiny. Tiny was a VERY large, not so pretty, Appaloosa. She had a big head, watcheye, and no mane or tail to speak of. She was everything I had been dreaming of.

Years went by and I rode Tiny every summer and as many weekends as I could. When I left for college I learned my cousin was selling Tiny. I did what every horse-crazed poor college student would do - I bought her. She was 18 and I was 19 and life was complete.

I had also dreamed of raising horses for a living and had enrolled in the Equine Program at SUNY Cobleskill. After a semester, I decided that I loved horses, but was unsure about pursuing a career in the field. Instead I earned a B.S. in Literature, which my Dad always said was an extremely appropriate degree! Eventually I went back to college and received my M.S. in English Education. Teaching has allowed me to combine my love of literature, children, and horses into my life.

Tiny was with me for many years, living to the ripe old age of 32. She had the pleasure of living in the four stall post and beam barn my husband, Ron, had built. By then we had acquired a pony for our oldest daughter, Heather, and several other horses given to me by a childhood friend's father. He was a lawyer and had a client who became unable to care for her horses, so they came to us. Silver Baron, a TB X Appaloosa, and Onyx, a Morgan X TB, became new mounts for my daughters to begin their riding careers. They started in 4-H and moved on to Pony Club.

Pony Club is a wonderful organization, which I believe in 110%. I am presently the Joint DC of Brumbies Pony Club and have served as the Secretary of the Western New York Region of USPC. Our experiences with Pony Club are invaluable.

Pony Club required that my daughters continue to be mounted appropriately, which seemed to present our family with many "learning experiences." Melissa at 9 years old needed a safe and steady mount. I found a palomino QH pony for her. Rose was small and stout and wouldn't do more than she was asked. She seemed a good fit. Several months later, as Rose became stouter; we learned that we had actually purchased two ponies! Rose presented us with not only our first foal, but with our first BEC colt!

Shortly after this experience it became apparent that Baron was getting too old for Heather to continue to ride, so we set off to find a horse for her. The TB gelding we found for her eventually turned out to be dangerous. This exhausting experience made me determined to learn from my mistakes. In 1999 we found Greystone McDickinson, an 11 year old Connemara X TB cross, who is Heather's soul-mate. Dickens, as he is appropriately named, offered his pony personality to me to fall in love with and the rest is history.

I soon began dreaming of a Connemara of my own. I decided it would be wise to start by visiting Connemara breeders. While at Ginny Winkler's I must have had my "SUCKER" sign flashing, because Ginny, who had been serving as a BOG member and Region Chair, roped me into being the Region Chair against my better judgment. I had offered to help with a newsletter, but she thought I should serve as Region Chair. She offered to help me and she made good on her promise. She's been a great mentor and a wonderful friend.

My herd grew as I found a two-year-old filly named Foothill's Freedom. I bought her off of the Internet from Vanessa and Charlie Morgan. Shortly thereafter, with my "disease" progressing, I also acquired a pregnant mare, Cobweb Allison, from Lora Howard. Of course her colt, Catskill Keiran, is still on our farm as a member of the family.

Our little farm has emerged as the focus of our lives. My husband Ron, along with our daughters Melissa and Heather, all take part in working with our ponies. We raise a few well-loved ponies and I continue to stay involved in the ACPS, serving on the Awards Committee and presently acting as Chair of the Internet Committee. Pony Club is still an important part of our lives. We have hosted and participated in many clinics with Missy Ranshausen, Dorothy Maxfield, Richard Lamb, and other top clinicians. The joy we get from helping others learn about horse care and riding is immense.

My favorite place to be is in the barn or riding one of my ponies. It is a great life and I feel blessed to have gotten to know so many other wonderful people who share my passion. Blessed be the ponies.

Pat Norton-White

## Dressage at Devon

On Thursday, September 29th, a group of Connemaras from both Regions II & III assembled in front of the Dixon Oval at the renowned Devon show grounds. The first class of the day was the Mountain & Moorland Ponies judged by Bert Morland, a guest judge who also judged the class last year. The class had a total of 27 entries with entries from the Highland, New Forest, Dales, Connemara, Fell, Welsh Cob, Welsh and Shetland ponies. The quality of the ponies entered this year were a much higher caliber than last year and it was great to see such a strong showing of ponies at one location.

After two hours of gusty wind and sprinkles of rain the class was pinned with Grand Champion pony going to a Fell Pony: Brackenbank Poppy with a score of 87%. Reserve Champion was the Welsh Cob, Tangwylt Dawna Lisa with a score of 84%. Third place was Tudor Blue Bell, a Dale, Fourth was Glenhaven Barossa Valley a Welsh Cob, Fifth was Kynynmont Moira a Connemara, Sixth went to Morning Glory Ilyushin, a Connemara; Seventh was Llancloudy Magic Diamond, a Fell; Eighth was Mirwood Midnight Aurora, a Shetland; Ninth was Ridgetop Windy City, a Connemara; and Tenth place went to Ridgetop Hazy Blue, a Connemara.

The third class of the day was the Connemara class, judged by Jennie Loriston-Clarke who is known for producing Olympic caliber dressage horses. By the time the Connemara class was starting the skies opened up and rain started pouring from the sky. Unfortunately, the "annual Devon rain" didn't stop until the class was over! The ponies all behaved well and cooperated even with the sloppy footing and drenched coats. We even received a comment from the announcer that we were the easiest group of exhibitors to work with during the entire show! The results from the are as follows: First went to Karen McIntyre with Ridgetop Windy City, Second to Marynell Eyles with Ridgetop Hazy Blue, Third to Cynthia Polk Bonnie with Guthrie's Bonnie Gingersnap, Fourth to Pam Liddell with Kynynmont Moira, Fifth to Suzanne Dale with Morning Glory Ilyushin, Sixth to Nicole Haas Perin with Erin Terra's Dream On, Seventh to David O'Flaherty with Guthrie's Bonnie Mojo McDuff and Eighth went to Jim Finn with Barleymalt. Other ponies to compete included: Sean Young with Fieldstream's Celtic Cullen, Marian McEvilly with Patty's Look @ Me, Pam Liddell with Kynynmont Arianna, and Sam Davis with \*Hayselden Perseus.

Nicole Haas Perin



## Farm News

### Black Points Farm



(Mary with Black Points Norah Go Bragh)

My Tilly Go Bragh is in foal to Ginny's Dobh McDuff and I'm really looking forward to this 3/4 Connemara that is due in May 2006. I'm planning on this being Tilly's last foal but I just might breed back after I see the baby. (I'm trying to reduce the number of horses and the new foal will make #7 for a 6 stall barn). I have a 4 yr old and yearling (both full sisters from breeding Tilly to a TB). They are to become upper level event horses but I'm not able to get them there myself so will be selling them.

I have decided to keep my Norah Go Bragh for myself to compete now that I've learned better how to ride her. She is an awesome jumper and we've competed this season at Beginner Novice for the recognized shows and Novice at a couple of unrecognized ones.

I have just finished the Master edited video for our next DVD...First Handling and Haltering of the Foal and over the winter I'll start editing the next one on Leading. Sure keeps me busy but it's a great learning tool.

Mary Delton



(Mary with Black Points Norah Go Bragh)

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## Good Earth Farm

My husband had a serious riding accident on Sept. 13. Not his first as some may remember. He was either fallen on or stepped on by his very large half-draft horse. He will eventually be just fine. But he had broken ribs, pelvis and other miscellaneous including collapsed lung. He was in hospital 17 days. He is home now and I am running busy all the time. We are so grateful he had no brain damage and no paralysis. He doesn't remember his accident and the people with him did not see it happen. So, that is our family news.

Our horse news is that we have purchased a 2005 filly, Glendale Mayday by Concord River Roaring Water Bay, from Deb & David Norman of Berryville, VA. She will grow up with our 2005 filly, Good Earth Victory Go Bragh.

Good Earth Morning Star (halfbred by Greystone Sir Charles) is in foal to Greystone An Lauren for a 3/4 Connemara foal due in the spring. Star has been in dressage training all summer taking first, second and third in training level dressage at the Chestnut Ridge Dressage Show in September. Star will be for sale in the fall of 2006 after weaning her foal.

Sarah Booher



## Hideaway Farm

Hideaway Farm is enjoying all of the events of autumn in the Valley. Several race meets leading up to the Genesee Valley Hunt Race Meet have been very entertaining for all. Fox hunting has been wonderful. I can't say enough about our huntswoman, Marion Thorne who always shows us a great time. This weekend brings the Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club's Pumpkin Jumping Derby and opening meet followed by the big races and hunt ball next weekend. So much fun to be had!

The foals are growing by leaps and bounds and our two year old, Magic Carpet is taking to riding in stride. She has a wonderful trot and super disposition. I thank Marynell for raising such a great stallion.

Everyone please wish Bob Booher a speedy recovery who had an accident in the field. Our thoughts are with him and Sarah. All the best from Hideaway.

-Beth Anne Harris

## Sunny Slope East

After a great showing with my sister's yearling stud colt Erin Terra's Dream On at Devon, I am now compelled to take him and also my weanling filly Erin Terra's Morning Star to more inhand breeding shows. We were honored when the Connemara class judge wrote on "Zach's" scorecard that she thought he was well bred with a beautiful purposeful and free walk. I was elated with that since my sister has bred him from her favorite mare. We have one more show this year, and we will be attending the Region V show in Indiana. There I will switch ponies with my sister bringing Thurman Irish Peach home while she takes \*Hohnhorst Madeline who is due to foal in April.

-Nicole Haas Perin

## Congratulations Cindy and Greystone Adirondack A'Herne



(Spectrum Photos)

### Driving Division Champion at the Region I Connemara Pony Show

"I had a really good time at the Region I show... Saturday they ended the day's showing with 4 driving classes (Pleasure, Reinsmanship, Timed Cones and Scurry). Robin Groves was the judge for the division. She was wonderful... was very open and informative as to how and why she chose her placings in the classes. "Harry" ended up the champion in the Driving Division... I look forward to next year's show."

Cindy Fletcher

(Harry was the featured stallion for last year's Region II Stallion Raffle!)

## Classified:

For Sale: Two breedings to your choice of either Hideaway Sebastian (Hideaway Erin Smithereen X Hideaway Centerfold), or Irish Park Lord Inchinquin (The Fugitive X Willowdale Mist - Carna Bobby), or Irish Park Turf Fire (Kilgreaney Lad CPBS X \*Curreal Bay CPBS - Atlantic Storm). Value \$750 - 500 each. Will sell both for \$750 or one for \$400. Contact Pat Norton-White at (607) 538-9669 or [connemara@dmcom.net](mailto:connemara@dmcom.net) for further information.