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CONNEMARA BOUTIQUE.
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March Region Meeting

Our annual Saint Patrick’s Day meeting will be held at the home of “Skip” and James Gercke in Brownsburg, Virginia, Sunday, March 19th at noon. Skip generously answered the call for a hostess, and we hope some new people will find this a convenient location. Their farm is not far off of I-81 near Staunton. Directions are as follows:

James and Skip Gercke
1125 McElwee Road
Rockbridge Baths, VA 24473
540-348-1015

DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH

South on I-81
Exit 205 Raphine
Right on VA 606 (Raphine Road)
Go 5 miles or less to a T intersection
Left on VA 252 (Brownsburg Turnpike)
Go into village of Brownsburg – go slowly
Pass Post Office and Old South Antiques and Art Gallery on right

At the corner of the Art Gallery turn Right onto Rt 724 (Hays Creek Rd) – this is a tiny little road and can easily be missed if you are going too fast
Go about 1 ½ miles and pass a big historical brick house on left
As you go around a sharp left turn, take the next Left onto McElwee Rd (Rt 726)
This is a gravel road.
Go about a mile. You will pass some black board fencing on the right.
The neighbors just before us with black board fence are 1195 – keep going a little bit more to get to us.

At the END of the black board fence is our mailbox with number 1125 and driveway.

You will see the white/cream colored house not far up the hill.

**DIRECTIONS FROM SOUTH**

North on I-81
Exit 200 Fairfield
Left on VA 710 (Sterret Road)
At the VDOT Station turn Left on Swope Lane
Follow Swope Lane to its end at a T-intersection
Swoop has a big hill and some tight turns so don’t go too fast
At the T-intersection turn Right onto VA 252 (Brownsburg Turnpike)
Go into the village of Brownsburg and turn Left onto Rt 724 (Hays Creek Rd) just before the Old South Antiques and Art Gallery
Follow directions as above to McElwee Rd.
Please bring a dish to share.

We will be holding region elections, including a new region governor.

I received this note from Anne Moe just after the last newsletter went out:

*Dear Region III friends: Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas flower arrangement! The roses gave up after two weeks but unbelievably the carnations are still hanging in there and look great.
Also thank you for the health-giving bone broth. It makes a great lunch with homemade bread (courtesy of my daughter-in-law) crumbled in it.
I have made so many wonderful friends in Region III and it means a lot to have you remember me. Anne*

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**Available from the Boutique!**

**Region Show Correction!**

Mark your calendars now, the region show will be held July 29-30, 2017 at the Virginia Horse Center. There is still plenty of time to make suggestions for the program, sponsor a class, or decide to volunteer.

NOTE: this is a different date than was published in the last newsletter, so fix those calendars you marked before!
A Special Opportunity

ACPS Inspection Educational Clinic – OPEN TO ALL
JULY 31ST, 2017 (Monday)
Lexington, VA

The ACPS is sponsoring an educational clinic for aspiring Inspectors, as well as any interested Connemara Pony owners and breeders on Monday, July 31st. Registration is required by July 15th (online). Come one, come all, to Lexington, Virginia, to this great opportunity! There is no cost, but reservations are needed so we know how many lunches to order. Please send a note to americanconnemara@gmail.com to reserve your lunch.

Tentative clinic schedule:
9:00 – 12:00 Judy Wardrope didactic and hands on presentation
Lunch provided
1:00 – 2:00 Marynell Eyles (ACPS) presentation including USEF rules and judging
2:00 – 3:00 Discussion of recommended reading material (see below)
3:00 – Written test (open book) for Inspector Candidates
Or, end of Clinic

HIGHLY Recommended reading list for aspiring Inspectors, as well as owners and breeders, to be read, in the next several months, before attending the clinic:

Judy Wardrope website: jwequine.com (download information on Functional Conformation)

The Ponies of Connemara, Ewart, J.C. Journal of the Dept. of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Vol 1, Nos 2 & 4 1900
All of Pat Lyne's Books Shrouded in the Mist, Out of the Mist, Reflection in the Mist, etc
Connemara Ponies, Michael O'Malley
The Connemara Pony, Bartly O'Sullivan

Conformation
Lameness in Horses, Adams, O.R.
Principles of Conformational Analysis, Vol 1-2
Bennett, Deborah
USPC Guide to conformation, movement and Soundness
Equine Photos & Drawings for Conformation & Anatomy, Hedge, Juliet
Conformation and Performance, Loving Nancy
Conformation for the purpose..., McBane, Susan
Color Atlas of the Horses Foot..., Pollitt, Christopher
The Biomechanics of Lameness in the Horse..., Rooney, James
The Mechanics of the Horse..., Rooney, James
The Anatomy of the Horse..., Way and Lee

Classified Ads

Thurman Farm Offers:

**Thurman Sileach** (Rattle ‘N Snap Laddie Boy x Thurman Keepsake (Landgate Bluebeard x Tre Awain Sileach)
“Best of The Day” at the Upperville Horse Show and the Region Ill Show this year. Great over fences.
Thurman Sileach

**Thurman Miss Independence** (Rattle ‘N Snap Laddie Boy x Thurman Raven (Aladdin’s Admiral Byrd x Tre Awain Sileach)
High placing in hand, under saddle and trail classes. Great over fences.

These five-year-old mares are for sale. They are a combination of “old time” bloodlines and a new Irish import. They have 3 years of professional training. They have been successful at the Upperville, the Warrenton and the Region III Horse Shows. They also have experience in Combined Training and trail riding.
Thurman Farm – Berryville, Virginia 540-955-1215 – bjb1971@verizon.net

**BALMULLO FARM OFFERS:**

Offered at Stud: **Foothill’s Field Marshall** (*Gunsmoke x Foothill’s Maybee). Cooled, shipped semen, only. $850.
For further information call 804-507-0269.

**GLENDALE FARM OFFERS:**

We will once again stand **Rattle 'n Snap Laddie Boy** (Moy Hazy Cove x Castle Strange Sparrow). Stud fee is $800 which includes a $250 booking fee.

Also standing at Glendale Farm is **Fernville Matchmaker** (Fredericksminde Hazy Match x Ross Castle Moya [Abbeyleix Owen]), imported from Ireland. He is a 2006 14.2 grey pony with excellent bone and movement. Stud fee is $600 which includes a $250 booking fee.

Two 3-year old fillies:
**GDF Match Point** (aka Peony)
By Fernville Matchmaker
Out of GDF Rock the Boat (by Rock Point- TB) $5500.
Bay w blaze and a couple white feet

**GDF Matchless** (aka Iris)
By Fernville Matchmaker
Out of Annie- TB. $5500
Plain dark bay
Both will be over pony size

All of these "ponies" w/t/c in the ring and have been trail ridden.
Call if you need more particulars.
**Deb Norman**, 540-955-1995 or deb@glendalefarm.com.

(Tre Awain Ginger Blue x Tre Awain Golden Lily) - 15.2, 1999 dun stallion with an impressive competition record. Winner of the 2015 ACPS An Tostal Award. Known for passing along his lovely temperament, athletic jump, and beautiful movement to his offspring. N/N for HWSD, $800 Located at Cady O'Daly Farm in Lynchburg, VA. Contact us at [www.CadyODalyFarm.com](http://www.CadyODalyFarm.com); 571-271-9441