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Melanie Trimper at mmt328@yahoo.com; or visit us on Facebook Region-III-ConnemaraBoutique

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**Region III Show**

Our region show is coming soon! Please join us at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia on July 29th and 30th for the show, and consider staying on through Monday to attend the Inspection Clinic. Other activities during the weekend include a Friday evening trail ride and social, free Saturday evening dinner, and maybe another trail ride Sunday evening for those staying over to Monday.

We can also always use volunteers to hand out ribbons, act as score runners, gate keepers, jump crew and secretarial assistants. Please contact Marynell to reserve your dream job.

The prize list is available on the ACPS website under “forms” on the region III page. Deadline for pre-entries is July 24th.

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**Warrenton Pony Show**

The Connemara classes at the Warrenton Pony show will be held Sunday July 2nd, starting sometime after lunch. As we are the last classes of the show, many people have left the show grounds and parking is easy, there are nice places to sit in the shade to see the ring, and the show committee sometimes serves cake! For the past few years Connemara fans have gathered for a potluck lunch in the tent next to the ring to cheer on the ponies. Come join them!
Upperville Horse Show

The Connemara classes at the Upperville Colt and Horse show were held on the afternoon of June 10th on the Polo Field at the Upperville showgrounds. The purebred Champion was the bay stallion S.R. Irish Envoy owned by Marilyn Cheek and shown by William Howland. Reserve went to the gray mare Thurman Sileach (Rattle ‘N Snap Laddie Boy x Thurman Keepsake) owned by Barbara Byrd and handled by Mary McMillen.

In the hunter undersaddled class Oakfields Carnelian (*Hearnsbrook Dunoon x Templebready Ruby) owned by Katy Milan and ridden by Katy Carter took the blue in a class of ten, and the hunter hack was won by S.R. Irish Envoy.

Both halfbred classes were won by Prize, owned by Jennifer Daly and ridden by Katherine Define. Complete results of the Connemara classes at Upperville are available at http://www.horseshowsonline.com.

From the ACPS

It is time to consider nominations for national end of the year awards. Here are some guidelines from the awards committee. Don’t be shy, anyone can nominate a pony, your own or someone else’s. You can find more information about the individual awards on the ACPS website.

- Region Chairs are encouraged to nominate a pony from their Region, but nominations may come from any ACPS member, including the owner.
- A nomination shall be single page about the pony’s achievement sent to the Over-All Awards Chair by August 1.
- The Over-All Chair shall solicit input from the other committee Leaders by August 7.
- The Leaders shall vote on the winner by August 21.
- The Over-All Chair shall notify the winners immediately.
- If the vote is close, an Honorable Mention shall be awarded also.

Guidelines:

- What has this pony done in the past year (August to August) to bring positive attention to the breed?
- Why should the ACPS be especially proud of this pony’s achievements in the past year?
What outstanding attributes of a Connemara has this pony brought to the attention of the public?

**Calling all Artists!**

Region III is planning a Connemara art show to be held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington in conjunction with their annual Pony Show on July 29 and 30, 2017. We will display paintings, drawings, and sculpture depicting the Connemara Pony or reasonable facsimiles; i.e., no proof that the painting is a Connemara has to be presented. The art work may or may not be offered for sale (artist’s preference); if sold, ACPS Region III will take a 10% commission. Please contact balmullofarm@gmail.com if you have any questions. And…..please…..get painting!!

![Whipper-in](image)

*Whipper-in, by Yvonna Frazer. The pony, as much as you can see of her, IS a Connemara!*

**ACPS Inspection Educational Clinic – OPEN TO ALL**

**JULY 31^{st}, 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 31^{st}. Registration is required by July 15^{th} (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*
Our very first Connemara, in fact the first Connemara I ever saw, was an angelic pony named Rosehill’s Glenconi, the somewhat awkward name a tribute to her famous sire, Marconi, (and dam, Glenoughan Grey)...we called her Speckles. Marconi was a blue-eyed cream by MacDara imported from Ireland by Rosehill Farm in Georgia in the 1960’s. Rosehill was, at the time, one of the largest Connemara breeding operations in the US, if not the world, having over 200 ponies. But, sadly, it did not last forever. When owner Robert Wright became ill the ponies were dispersed. Several, including Speckles, went to a farm in Florida, 50 or so went to the University of Florida for research, some went to Big Bear Farm, just down the road from Rosehill, and some to Blue Hills in Tennessee. May Medley’s father bought a few so that Marconi appears in many, many pedigrees today. Some, including El Lasto, Marconi’s last surviving stallion son, went to Linda Linton in Sea Island, Ga. Linda had worked for Mr. Wright and did all that was possible to find the ponies good homes. I met Linda over 30 years ago in Sea Island, when I went on a visit to see El Lasto and Linda’s other Connemaras. But we did not keep in touch.

Fast forward to 2017. I got a call from someone in Montana inquiring about a filly I had for sale. In the course of the conversation the caller mentioned that her mother used to breed Connemara ponies. “Hmmm”, I thought, “I wonder who was breeding ponies in Montana.”

“Linda Linton”, she said. I was delighted!! Her daughter, Susan, has a farm and riding school near Missoula, Mt. Wouldn’t it be nice if the filly went to Montana…It would be like she was staying in the family.

Later: Susan decided she wanted something older than the filly I have, so she won’t be going to Montana. But it was fun to contemplate.
treated to spectacular scenery at every turn. And lots of sheep.

Ten of the fittest ponies you will ever see! Kim Harrison

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.

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 last year. Great over fences.

Thurman Miss Independence

These six-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 Ill 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.

Cady O’Daly Farm Offers:

Also standing at stud: **Tre Awain Goldsmith**
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; 571-271-9441

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,