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12th ANNUAL COWBOY POETRY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

JANUARY 17, 2009

AT THE EMPTY SADDLE CLUB

39 Empty Saddle Road, Rolling Hills Estates

Free chili & cornbread at 6pm and the show starts at 7pm

C'mon down to the Empty Saddle Club for an evenin' of classic entertainment, cowboy style. We've got poets, musicians, chili, cornbread and a whole load of fun! The chili feed starts at 6pm to warm up your insides. Then at 7pm your outsides will be gettin' warmed up in the clubhouse to cowboy campfire songs, poems, music, comedy and whatever else just happens to ride on in with our performers this year. There'll be the poems of returning poets **Wanda Smith, Tori Thompson Janis Lukstein, Mary Van Dever** and the comedic creations of Kathy Stowe. **Steve Deming** and his saddle pals, **Craig Ruppert** and **Mel Harker** aka **The California Cowboys**, will be there to entertain us. **Paul Pitti** and **The New Westernaires** will be bringing us the flavor of the Old West with cowboy campfire songs from years gone by. **Ron Christopher** and **Saddletramp** will be back. There will be a performance by the one and only **Mulevis**, something you won't want to miss. Finally, here's a big welcome back to **Boomer McClennan** who is returning this year to perform for us. Boomer shared his original cowboy tunes with us in the early years of the Festival and since then has toured and recorded as an international Country-Western recording artist. Now, this is only part of our line up of performers, you'll just have to join us to see who else will be there to share their special poems or songs!

*The West is dead my friend
But writers hold the seed
And what they sow
Will live and grow
Again for those who read*

Charles M. Russell, 1917



FROM THE EDITOR...

My goodness here we are at the beginning of a new year! We have so much to look forward to. Be sure not to miss the Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival on Jan. 17. I can hardly believe that it is our 12th year. I remember when we first started at the ESC with only a handful of poets and a small gathering on a rainy January night. As the VP of Education at the time, I thought it would be fun to have a special event to celebrate our local talent and also give us something entertaining in January. Little did I realize how it would grow. Those of you who are thinking of maybe writing some Cowboy poetry and participating in the 2010 festival please checkout the article on How to Write Cowboy Poetry. It has some great pointers and is a good learning tool for poets just starting out as well as a refresher for poets who have been writing for a while.

Our Webpage at PVPHA.org is going through reconstruction, expansion and updating so you will want to check it regularly for important announcements regarding trail updates, meetings concerning equestrian issues that may need your support as well as checking to see if your friend's picture is in the member's section. We are also planning on publishing a calendar of interesting and informative speakers at our monthly meetings and there will special events to be scheduled throughout the year. Be sure to check back with the website regularly.

We are saddened by the passing of former Board member Kay Bara. Please see page 4 for more details.

The Dispatch has a new email address: pvdspatchmailbox@yahoo.com. Please send your emails to this address from now on. **May 2009 bring a year of great trail rides and other fun equestrian activities for all!**

Happy Trails,

Pam Turner



Getting to Know You and Your Equine Friends...

We'd like to learn a little about our members and their equine friends. In order to be culturally sensitive to the fact that there are many different members in the Family Equus, we are using "equine" to describe our dear barn loving friends in order to be "politically correct". We have put together the brief survey below. Please email us your answers and *please keep them brief, 2-4 sentences per question*. If you have a picture of your current equine friend, or a favorite of an old friend please include that with your email. Pictures need to be sent in JPEG format. It should be fun learning about each other.

1. Tell us a little bit about you and your equine background
2. Describe the equine(s) in your life
3. What has your equine friend(s) taught you?
4. Words of advice to share, or your favorite equine motto

Please send your info and hopefully a picture to pvdspatchmailbox@yahoo.com

We hope to not only publish your responses in the Dispatch but also online at our Website: www.PVPHA.org



Equestrians on Parade

There was equestrian participation again in the PVP annual Holiday Parade on Dec. 6. The Lomita Sheriff's Posse was one of the Color Guards for the parade.

The same unit, along with other Posse members also conducted a Lollipop Patrol and Santa Escort for the Peninsula Center that same day. PVPHA/Posse members included:

**Heidi Furer, Latha Hylton, Juanna Lamb
Steve Lamb, Sandy Lund and Wayne Lund.**

PV Pony Club members also joined in the Holiday parade sans ponies due to safety considerations. The young riders were enthusiastic as they marched along.



Pony Club Members on Parade

More on Parades past and present...

The Lomita Sheriff's Posse rode in the 2008 Rose Parade, escorting 12 US Olympic Gold Medal Equestrians that were riding on the Posse's horses in the Parade. However, they did not ride in this year's, January 2009 parade. The Long Beach Mounted Posse was featured again in this year's Rose Parade.

The Festival of Lights at Griffith Park

by Erin Ryan

Some of you may know that the DWP each year puts on a light show at Griffith Park. Formally for

motorists, last year was the first year of the Pedestrian Walk Only nights for the Festival. At that time, DWP felt that to have equestrians on the trail with the crush of walkers, dog walkers and baby strollers was a safety issue, and as a result of those concerns they forbid equestrians for the entire event. This year, our equestrian friend in the City of Los Angeles, Councilman Tom LaBonge, arranged for a meeting regarding equestrian access to the DWP (Department of Water and Power) Light festival held in Griffith Park during the Holiday. As a result of those negotiations, a workable plan for equestrians who wished to ride through the Light Festival was approved. For 2009, the Walk Only was from November 25th. till December 7th. Horses were not permitted to go though the Festival during that time. The equestrian community was welcome to ride through the Light Festival between Dec. 8th through Dec. 28th. on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week, from 5 PM to 7 PM. It was requested that riders enter the Light Festival from the Ranger Station side. To get there, equestrians could park their rigs in the dirt lot staging area across from the Live Steamers, next to Travel Town. From there, horses can ride through the Park, around the Old Zoo and the Merry Go Round to the Ranger Station. Those preferring to stay on the flats, as we did, could ride the trail that passes behind the Autry Museum and continue along the freeway trail that goes along the East side of the Golf Course which put them at the Ranger Station. PVPHA members Donna Hilgendorf, Erin Ryan, Debbie Lang, accompanied by friends Laurie Burpee and Serina, did just that, deciding to see the show from their mounts. The group did time their excursion close to the full moon, so plenty of riding light was available thanks to natural means (but we all carried flashlights just in case). With the exception of Serina, who was used to Montana winters, we all did the Southern California thing when weather conditions fall below 70 degrees, donned plenty of layers, scarf's and gloves. The horses did just fine with no incidences. In fact, I suspect the horses were sort of dazed at all the wonderment of the lights and music. I considered the music a blessing, for it was loud enough to mask my poor singing, and no one knew I was off key. Ah, to be thankful for the small things in life! Our group did inquire as to how many equestrians had participated that evening, and we were the only ones to their knowledge. This was a pilot program for equestrian access. As always, we needed to be courteous and cooperative with the DWP and Rec and Parks guidelines and staff. If all went well, perhaps next year we'll be able to ride without any restrictions, except during Pedestrian weeks. A thank-you to all, and to all a good night.



Welcome New Members:

Lori and George Brunn

What's Happening:

Jan. 17 – Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival

Jan. 9-Feb.1 – The Equine Affaire at the Pomona Fairplex

*PVPHA's sincere condolences to Dr. Tom Hackathorn on the passing of his beloved wife, Jill Elizabeth Hackathorn, 1949 – 2008
Jill moved to Southern California when she was 19 and met Tom. She had also ridden on the Canadian Equestrian team.*



In Memory of...

**Kay Bara
1939-2008**

By Melody Colbert with excerpts from the Daily Breeze

It is with great sadness I must report that a dear friend and longtime champion of horse-keeping and trails rights on the Peninsula, Kay Bara, passed away after a lengthy illness.

"Kay was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 5, 1939. She earned her degree in psychology from Western Reserve University. Kay subsequently moved to San Francisco, CA, to be nearer her future husband, Dick Bara. Marriage and a baby boy soon followed. While living in San Francisco, Kay was a Juvenile Probation Officer for the City and County of San Francisco.

In 1976, Kay and Dick moved to Los Angeles, where they purchased the Villa Francesca, their home in Portuguese Bend. Kay's keen appreciation of the area's historical heritage and the importance of preserving it led her to become a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Maritime Historical Society. Her careful research garnered Villa Francesca's listing in the National Registry of Historic Places."

Kay and her husband Dick were staunch and steadfast supporters and devoted many years of their lives "fighting the good fight" to prevent the loss of horse-keeping facilities and to preserve trail access in Rancho Palos Verdes

Kay was soft-spoken but forceful -- a very spiritual as well as very intelligent, practical and caring person. Kay was the epitome of hospitality, from the generous "spread" she could put out a moment's notice when company came calling, and the spontaneous tours she often gave of their historical landmark home and stable at 1 Peppertree in Portuguese Bend.

"Kay never lost her love of children and taught most of the neighborhood children to ride. She always kept a toy box for children who visited and children of all ages were welcome in her home. She worked with Ride to Fly, an organization working with handicapped children giving them the opportunity to experience the joy in horses and riding.

An environmentalist, Kay was one of the founders and an officer of the Coastal Conservation Coalition, working to maintain open space, local habitats, and public access on the peninsula. The open space, habitat and public access in the Trump National Golf Course, the Ocean Front development and other developments in Palos Verdes was due in large part to Kay's efforts. Kay was a member of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the Native Plant Society, and the League of Women Voters."

Kay served on the PVPHA board for many years until ill health caused her to resign earlier this year. She and Dick could always be relied upon to help with PVPHA functions, from dishing up ice cream at the social, to hosting fundraiser BBQs at their "ranch", to helping "man the booth" at the City Celebration every year. "She also served on the Rancho Palos Verdes Equestrian Committee, working to resolve horse related issues and to preserve trail access for horses." She never missed a City Council meeting, or a PUMP committee meeting, or any other meeting where horse matters were at stake. Kay was truly "one of a kind" and will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies go out to the Bara Family.

The memorial service for Kay Bara will be on January 10th at 1pm
At the Canterbury
5801 Crestridge Rd.
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No Flowers Please - instead make donations in Kay's honor to "Ride to Fly", the "Portuguese Bend Pony Club" or the "Palos Verdes Peninsula Horseman's Association Trail Fund."

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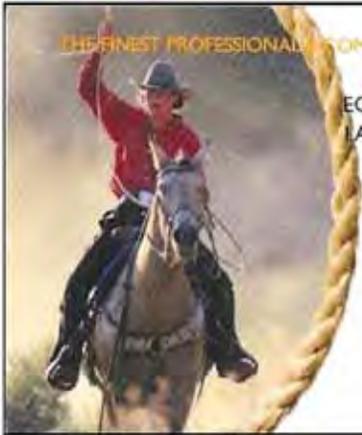
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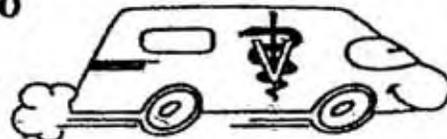


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