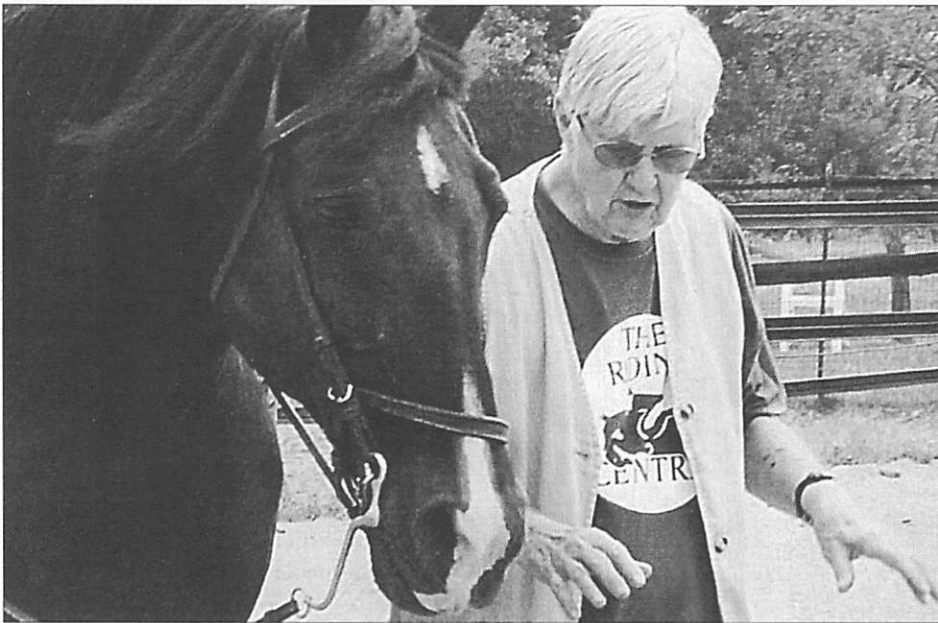




The Riding Centre News

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In Memoriam: Mary Agna (1924–2014)



Mary Agna with her favorite horse, Kizzie, in 2006 (Photo by Alma Shipley)

By Alma Shipley

We at the Riding Centre are sad to report the passing of Mary Agna, a local retired physician, dedicated horsewoman, and friend to the Centre. Mary and her beloved horse, Kizzie, were regularly seen on the trails, with Mary riding well into her 80s. Kizzie would even stretch out while Mary was mounting to make it easier for Mary to get on.

Mary boarded at Funderburg Farm for over 15 years, where she was an avid rider. She was also a supporter of the Riding Centre and passed on her love of horses to many, including her children and grandchildren, some of whom took riding lessons and attended summer camps at the Centre. Currently, her granddaughter, Faye, is carrying on the legacy Mary began by studying to become a farrier.

Lend Us Your Memories of the Riding Centre

For over 55 years, the Riding Centre has been an integral part of Yellow Springs and Antioch College. As the college faces new challenges reestablishing itself in the village, so too does the Riding Centre face challenges redefining its relationship with the college. In preparation, we have come to realize how important it is to preserve the Centre's rich history.

So many lives have been touched, and sometimes molded, by experiences at the Riding Centre. In an attempt to preserve

these memories, we are reaching out to our old and new friends. Please write down and send us your memories and thoughts about what the Riding Centre has meant to you. Pictures, especially old ones, would be greatly appreciated. They will be kept, with love, in our archives.

To submit by mail, send to the Riding Centre, 1117 E. Hyde Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387. To submit online, send to ridingcentre@gmail.com.

Student Volunteers Along for the Ride

By Marsha Casdorff

The Riding Centre is committed to its mission to promote horseback riding and teach horsemanship to anyone who has the desire to learn, keeping strong ties to the community. Last year we at the Centre were thrilled to strengthen our community ties by welcoming two local university interns, Jordan Market from Cedarville University and Rowan Coburn-Griffis from Antioch College.

For many years, students from Cedarville University have volunteered in our therapeutic riding program to fulfill their community service requirements. Jordan was able to intern with us to fulfill requirements for his psychology degree.

Since 1959, the Riding Centre has had a mutually beneficial relationship with Antioch College, with the Riding Centre property being owned by the college and the Riding Centre offering lessons and volunteer opportunities to the Antioch College community. For the first time, we are thrilled to have Rowan, Antioch student and recipient of a Miller Fellowship, interning for 2014-15.

We would like to introduce our interns in their own words:

Jordan Market: First of all, my time at the Riding Centre was nothing short of a blessing. For my time at the barn I was a senior psychology major at Cedarville University. I'm from Cleveland, but I was actually born and raised on South Bass Island (which you may know of as Put-in-Bay), a small island on Lake Erie.

I contacted the Riding Centre in the early fall of 2014 to fulfill the requirements for a psychology internship that I needed to graduate. I am a person who values manual labor and hands-on experience, so the fact that I could come to the Rid-

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Student Volunteers Are Along for the Ride

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ing Centre was a no brainer for me. The internship would fulfill my psychology credit because of the contact with special needs children and adults.

Carolyn [Bailey] was the sweetest host the moment I showed up and pretty much put me to work on the spot, which I really enjoyed! Not only were the people at the Centre EXTREMELY friendly, kind, and welcoming, but I didn't expect the time there to be so therapeutic for me. I was able to see the riders at each session come in with such anticipation, and watching them bond with the horses was a beautiful thing.

I got to "get in the trenches" of the barn as well. I spent a few days "de-cobwebbing" the barn (wow) and also pushing the tire mulch away from the perimeter in the outdoor arena, among other things. I was also able to provide assistance to veterinarian Dr. Luckenbill when he came to do dental work on the horses.

Rowan Coburn-Griffis: I grew up two hours north of Yellow Springs, in a small town in Putnam County. We built a house there on a 10-acre plot passed down through several generations. It's



Student volunteers Rowan Coburn-Griffis, an Antioch College Miller Fellow, left, and Jordan Market from Cedarville University. (Photo by Janetta Lewis)

mostly wooded, with the remains of an old quarry in between our property and my grandmother's. My family was involved with an animal rehabilitation center before I was born, and we went back to work with them when I turned 13. We started taking on our own set of farm and nuisance animals and have recently been approved to be a non-profit organization known as The Quarry Farm, an animal rehabilitation center and conservation farm.

I went to Hocking College and got an Associate's degree in natural resources, and then I got accepted to Antioch College, which is how I ended up working for the Riding Centre as a Miller Fellow. I work mornings mostly and have been getting used to the horses. I love throwing open the doors and watching them run out into the paddocks.

I've developed several habits, including not sleeping past 7:30 most mornings and clicking my tongue at cantankerous creatures (which sometimes gets me into trouble, especially when I did it to my classmates the other day). The horses have gotten past picking on me, the newbie, and the people have taken me under their wing. I love the mornings with everyone; it's been an adventure. 🐾

A Big Ride-A-Thon Thank You

Once again, we want to thank our Riding Centre families and students for making our annual Ride-A-Thon a great success! We also want to thank the Yellow Springs Community Foundation for helping sponsor our 2014 Ride-A-Thon. The proceeds this year went into the Barns and Grounds

fund to help us maintain our facilities and pastures. Specifically, proceeds will allow us to begin the removal of invasive plant species such as honeysuckle from our fields.

A huge "thank you" to the following students who participated:

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The Riding Centre

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Big losses, great gains—

Tanner Leads in Fundraising

By Janetta Lewis

Everyone at the Riding Centre was excited to welcome a new barn dog into our family. Tanner, a five-year-old yellow Lab, came to us looking more like a yellow walrus than a dog. Tanner was put on a rigorous diet and training program, and David Williamson ran a Tanner-A-Thon, accepting pledges per pound lost before Labor Day. Yay for Tanner for losing a whopping 25 pounds!

Wagner Subaru hosted a “Blue Tie Af-fair” and picked the Riding Centre as one of three local charities to receive a donation. Thank you!

Did you know that you can help support the Riding Centre just by shopping at Kroger? Register your Kroger Plus card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com, type in our NPO number “43599.” If you’ve already registered, word has it that you need to repeat the process every spring. Please watch our website, and we will notify you when it’s time.

Our spring Dressage and Hunter shows and the fall Dressage show ran like well-oiled machines. Thank you to the many volunteers and the expertise of Charlene Carlson and Carolyn Bailey. Marsha Casdorff added to the success with a tack sale at the spring shows. Marsha also ran the Centered Riding clinic. Of course, the Ride-A-Thon continued to be our biggest fundraiser thanks to Carolyn Bailey and many talented students.

No one believed that the 2014 calen-

dar could compare to last year’s, but Jennifer Lawson pulled it off! Any volunteers for 2015?

Cindy Minton-Piatt, once again, lent us her expert grant writing skills to receive grants from the Animals for Life Foundation, the Greene County Community Foundation, the Springfield Foundation, and the Della Selsor Trust. Vikki Hazelbaker wrote and received a grant from the Springfield Rotary Club. Marsha Casdorff brought in a grant from the Yellow Springs Community Foundation to fund paying an Antioch student through the Miller Fellowship to work for the Riding Centre.

The Riding Centre is still strong and growing after 55 years thanks to a dedicated staff, volunteers, board, members, and the generosity of our donors. Thank you also to Antioch College and the Glen Helen Ecology Institute for the land on which we live. 🐾

Did You Re-Member?

Have you renewed your membership for 2015? For insurance purposes, no one outside the lesson program is allowed to ride on Riding Centre property unless they are a current member. This includes guests. A guest membership can be purchased for \$10 a day.

Riding Centre property includes the McCally Barn and arena, the hunt field, the woods beside the hunt field, and the commons area. **A helmet must be worn at all times while mounted on Riding Centre property.**

Our List of Contributors...

...and how you can join it!

- Adopt a Horse (yearly)\$1,200
- Adopt a Dog (yearly)\$50
- Adopt a Cat (yearly)\$35

Donate towards:

- Endowment, Buildings, Special Projects, General Fund (Any amount)

Become a Member

- Lifetime\$500
- Corporate (yearly)\$1,000
- Blue Ribbon (yearly)\$100
- Supporting (yearly)\$25

Riding:

- Family (yearly)\$100
- Individual (yearly)\$75

Special thanks to: Dr. Brad Luckenbill, Dr. Brett Ellis, Kenny Hoyle, Gary Holland, Chris Hilsamer, and Allen Metz who keep our horses up and running. Also, thanks to Cedarville University for providing volunteers for our therapeutic program. Without these folks we could not do such wonderful work.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS:

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- Mary Agna
- Jessica L. Andrews
- Carly Bailey
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- Deloris & Duke Conrad
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Dogging Our Steps

By Carolyn Bailey

As most people who hang around barns would agree, no barn is complete without a great dog. We were excited to welcome Tanner to the Riding Centre family in June. Tanner is a five-year-old yellow lab, and one of the sweetest dogs around.

When Tanner came to us from the Clark Co. Humane Society, he weighed in at a whopping 135 lbs! After a strict diet and much chasing of balls, he is down to a respectable 106. That's much better, but he still has more to lose.

Tanner has brought much love to his people and cats, while essentially ignoring the horses, which they prefer. Please stop by to meet Tanner and throw his ball for him, and remember that local shelters are filled with these wonderful gems who just need a home!

You can see photos of Tanner's amazing progress on Page Three.

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If you are already supporting us using your Kroger Plus Card, please remember to sign up again every year!

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March 29	*Adriene Kramer Clinic
April 19	*Adriene Kramer Clinic
May 16	Diana Rich Clinic
30	Dressage Show
31	Hunter Show
July 19	*Adriene Kramer Clinic
September 13	*Adriene Kramer Clinic
19	Dressage Show
October 24-25	Centered Riding® Clinic with Elaine Meredith Steele
November 8	*Adriene Kramer Clinic
December 6	Riding Centre Association Members' Meeting & Potluck

*Adriene Kramer's clinics will be held on Sundays, starting at 9 a.m. with a discussion on the theme of the clinic and unmounted exercises to help develop feel for the horse. For more information, please email Adriene at adrienekramer@gmail.com.

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