

The Mane Bit

HARROGATE HILLS' MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

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A trip down memory lane

Many thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate the 40th Anniversary of HHRS. It was a lot of work for the organizers and the generous support of everyone over the years is greatly appreciated!

It was lovely to look back on the last four decades and share old memories with so many people from over the years.

Dare we say, "Here's to the 50th?"







Silent Auction update

As you all know, a good friend of the farm, Leslie McCormick, was involved in a head on collision by someone travelling in the wrong lane. Thankfully, the injuries to passengers and horses were not life threatening, but her truck and trailer were damaged beyond repair.

The Silent Auction, held during our 40th anniversary celebration, raised \$1235.00 for Leslie. Thank you so much for the generosity of all who participated! We really appreciate it and I know Leslie did as well!

Calendar of EVENTS



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING Friday, October 17

PA DATES

Friday, Nov 21, Friday, Jan 30

HALLOWEEN
EXTRAVAGANZA
Sunday October 26

A DAY TO CONNECT WITH HORSES Sunday, November 9

MOUNT ALBERT CHRISTMAS PARADE Saturday, December 6

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES
Friday, December 5

CHRISTMAS PARTYSunday, December 14

CHRISTMAS BREAK
CAMP
Details to come!

TINY TROTTER

ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, December 20





Since Halloween is coming, let's make this month's trivia something about our horse's skeleton!

OCTOBER TRIVIA QUESTION:

This bone's name is derived from the latin for "PEA".

We also have one in our wrist.

What is this bone called?

The answer will be in next month's issue of The Mane Bit.

TRIVIA GUIDELINES

• Place your answer in the box found in the lounge and include your name and contact information.

- There will be a random draw from the correct submitted answers and one person will win a prize.
- The winner will be announced in the following month's Newsletter.



















Horse show wrap up



by the changes in their own home turf.

As a species designed to survive by noticing changes, this can present quite a challenge for riders at every level.

Karina and Jackson

at Harrogate.



Our horse show season has ended, with our last away show at Stonewood Equestrian in September and our last show at the farm on Sunday, October 5.

The riders were polished and professional and especially at the away shows, the horses acted like they'd being doing it all their lives.

One of the things we sometimes forget to acknowledge is how stressful these kinds of events can be for the horses. The test for

the students is to not only find a way to calm their own nerves, but also to take on the job of mentoring the horses through the process.

The quietest, unphased school horse can become quite alarmed by the changes in venue and even



However, the ability to stay calm under pressure and assume the role of a leader is a skill that will come in handy in all aspects of life. It is one more thing that horses teach us, and we're always proud when the Harrogate students show us they are able to rise to the occasion.

Congratulations to our Harrogate show team for another successful year.







Halloween Extravaganza at Harrogate

Sunday October 26, 2025

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Pumpkin Painting

(Everything will be supplied)

Haunted Scavenger Hunt

Horse Costume

Halloween Parade at 1:00PM

Family and Friends Welcome!







The answer to September's Trivia Question is:

Q: When a horse hears a sound, it's ears will swivel towards the source of the sound. What is this process called.?

A: The Pryer Reflex.

We had a number of correct answers this month and the winner was determined by a random draw! The winner is Maya B. who gets a \$25 gift card from Greenhawk. Honourable mention goes to Noah M., Marleigh B. and Aubrey J. Congratulations to all!

A DAY TO CONNECT WITH HORSES

& reconnect with yourself

When life feels overwhelming, sometimes the best teachers have four legs and a guiet heart. Horses are highly intuitive animals who live fully in the moment - and on Sunday, November 9th, we're inviting you to come do the same. During this half-day experience, our horses will help you slow down, reset, and discover simple, practical tools to manage your stress and **stay centered** in your everyday life. This time is just for you – no demands, no expectations. Just come as you are and cultivate the same grounded presence that horses live by every day.

> Since no riding is involved **experience is** not necessary. This is an opportunity to connect with horses from the ground where you are encouraged to listen to what the horses have to teach us.

> > When: Sunday, November 9th **Time:** 9:30am – 1:30pm **Price:** \$145.00 (plus HST) Light refreshments

> > > included







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