

Newsletter April

Dear friends!

We had a wonderful finish out to the season in Florida with all the students doing well. Amanda Kusy and Webster started the season not having done any flying changes and when we were leaving they were consistently doing 2 in each direction daily. Jessica Wright and Sierra Keasler (Tennessee) reported in after arriving home that their show season had benefitted from our training and Terry Miller of Texas was elated to report that she had ridden in a large Houston show and been very successful. Best wishes to you all!

It is always great to get home to Maine and we arrived just in time for the daffodils. Mark and I flew home Easter day leaving the old Subaru for transport down there in Florida. It is the first time I had faced the challenge of moving the business with out car or truck transport. It was exciting and a lot of careful planning and packing.

Elton and Aryzona arrived easily and safely on commercial transport but were faced with going back to blankets. Mud/rain season here was a shock after days of 85 and 90 degrees coupled with lush grazing in their fields in Florida. Elton has been coming ahead fast and learning a lot! Check out his progress on the website under "What's up with Elton?"

I had already had a great dose of spring April 16-17 as I had been up to Meadow Lake Equestrian Center, Lancaster Kentucky to judge. What a great place, good staff and neat horses to judge. The spring flowers, lilacs and trees were all in bloom and the grass had been mowed several times. The folks there had the neatest collection of horses (including lots of draft crosses) I had seen in a while and they were all doing well. It was great fun.

Just as soon as I got home I was off to a clinic at Furnace Brook Farm Marshfield, Massachusetts. Erin Van Steen burg , head trainer and her assistant Kristi have a fine collection of young people that are talented and good students. The busy judging season is ahead and I have some interesting places to judge this year including two large shows in Canada, so I'll be driving and flying all over shortly.

It has been a fun week getting back to work here in Maine. It is busy and it is so much fun to see everyone! There are a number of horses in training and I have several horses available for lessons so give me a call! If you are getting ready to go showing don't forget that I can tune up your test for you... call for an appointment.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Spring to you all,
Hope to see you soon or give us a call!

Ida and Mark