

Dear friends,

We have had a great winter in Florida . While the winter was hard up north we experienced an unusually warm winter down here in Florida. We are just about to head north again . Windswept Acres Farms 539 Townhouse Rd. Rte 41 Vienna will host us this year. We are looking forward to being in Maine and hope you will call for lessons and training 207-578-0119. and/or stop by for a visit. We'd love to see you and have a visit. If you'd like lessons at your farm Ida will be able to travel one or two days a week so call for your appointments now. ☺



The horses have thrived this winter. Elton went out a number of times at the Florida competitions and received good scores in mid-60's in third level test One. The 4 year olds Lilith and Erik's "Hawk" had a number of schooling outings that were very successful. I have included a photo of them .

Stephanie Heikkinen's vanner cross mare "Splash" was a hit with Erika and all of the FDEP participants... Thank you ! We currently have one of the Tylord Farm geldings for sale L'Caruso a Trakehner , 4 year old, an elegant competition type, started under saddle with our special brand of careful work. He loads on vans, trailer, ties to the trailer, lunges, long lines- good with Ferrier. He's a good looking compact light bay small markings and will be 16.1 or 2 tops . Priced now at 20k.

Many thanks to all of our Florida Dressage Experience Program participants and alumnae – it was a great year and busy. Special thanks to those additional educators who joined us this year. Bo Jenå came for clinics, Gary Severson the Saddle Doctor came to adjust our saddles and give us an education day, Steve Scotia Equine Dentist and his wife Stacia were generous with their time and worked with FDEP trainers and horses on dental care and horse healing, Harbor Ridge Vets Dr. Ed educated on skin lesions, and Dr. Cortellezzi chiropractic and Mr. Darryl Woods on shoeing and hoof balancing. We learned so much this year ...thank you to all. In addition the entire group had a chance to observe my clinic lesson with Mr. Arthur Kottas at the Global Festival and it was really a great day and special thanks to Mr. Kottas and the organizers.



Plans are already in the works for next years [The Florida Dressage Experience Program](#) and reservations are rolling in. If you have an interest in joining in please check our website for pricing but call me for your specific estimate.... We have several levels of participation that generally fit in most peoples budget. ☺

If you have an interest in Long lining or lunging check out the surcingles on our website. Push the surcingle button and have a look at them. We are expecting a shipment of surcingles this month from Sweden. In addition to the traditional leather stiffen gullet design we have a new style coming which has a flexible top—gullet if you have a horse with really wide shoulders, mutton withered, kissing spine or other concerns ... this may be the answer to your prayers. We are expecting this new design in at the end of this month as well as our ultra Light weight lunging whips designed to relieve arm fatigue.

If you haven't found us on facebook we'd love to have you join in. Check out the Florida Dressage Experience Page and give us a **LIKE** so you will see our posts.... Most of our pictures and posts are there for the season and you can find me listed as Ida Anderson Norris . I'd love to get your friend request if I haven't already!

I hope to see you all soon. Mark and I are driving north May 12-13 so will be off-line for 2-3 days but Happy Mother's day to all... and hope to hear from you soon!
Fondly ,

Ida and Mark

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