



# Connecticut Horse Council

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## 2010 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone!

Well, I'm thinking the summer is over. What a hot one it was! Hope you were creative enough to manage a few rides. I know we did a lot of early mornings and late evenings. So now we just have to worry about hurricanes.

A reminder that any Business or articles can be sent to me at [chcnewsletter.org](http://chcnewsletter.org). Be sure to check out our evolving website, by our very own web-wizard Daisy Gmitter.  
[www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org).

Our Calendar photo contest is complete! We've selected the photos and are presently offering advertisement space on the calendar to Business Members.

Have a fun and safe Fall! Be sure to get out and enjoy the upcoming crisp weather.  
Meg Sautter, CHC Newsletter Editor

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**CT Horse Council  
TRAIL NEWS  
Volunteer Horse Patrol  
Summer 2010**



Submitted by Diane Ciano

**[Your CHC Representation around the state...](#)**

**Welcome New Volunteer Horse Patrol Members:**

**Gail Miller & Tiffany** - Franklin, CT  
**Loree Osowski – Dottie & Tequilla Sunrise “Tiki”** - Baltic, CT  
Both Gail and Lorre will be patrolling the Sprague Preserve

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY EVENTS**

**CONNECTICUT GREENWAYS COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**CONNECTICUT EQUINE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

# National Trails Day Events

## Lost Silvermine Horse Camp Renovation Project, Natchaug State Forest

Members of the Volunteer Horse Patrol held a camp out and trail ride, along with camp and trail maintenance work days in June. These activities were in celebration of National Trails Day. The work was completed in the first phase of a \$50,000 renovation to the camp by installing a kiosk. The kiosk holds information on the camp rules, trail map, educational brochures, DEP notices and acknowledgements to those individual and organizations that have made donations to date for the match needed in the grant funding program. It is double sided – allowing one side for groups to post their flyers for events happening at the campsite.

Donations either monetary or in-kind are needed to continue the project of removing boulders from the campsites and placing them around the common area, purchasing and installing camp posts, picnic tables, gates, signs and trail markers. If you or your organization can help through donations or in kind services please contact Diane Ciano at [trails@cthorsecouncil.org](mailto:trails@cthorsecouncil.org).

***Remember. . . it's one of only 2 horse camps in CT  
And it's for everyone's enjoyment!***

**A BIG THANK YOU TO BRUCE WILDER FOR BUILDING THE KIOSK!**



Bruce made this at his home and it was assembled by Patrol Members at our annual campout.





**Bruce Wilder, Cat Wilder, Meg Sautter, Denise Ciano, Linda Wenner, Diane Ciano**



**Diane cleaning the out house at camp**

### **Goodwin State Forest, Hampton:**

The newly formed group, Friends of Goodwin State Forest also held a National Trails Day event on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> to introduce the public to the forest and educational center.

**CHC-VHP member, Jan Collins was there on hand with her horse Fable to meet and greet the visitors to the forest.**

### **Cockaponset State Forest:**

Members of the **Lower Connecticut River Valley Horsemen's Club and Bridle Lands Conservancy** held a trail maintenance day for their National Trails Day Event joining with members of the New England Mountain Biking Association (NEMBA), several CFPA volunteers, and a Hartford area hiking group among others rerouted a trail in the forest. **VHP members in that group were Melissa Evarts, President of LCRVHC and Gina McManus VHP Coordinator.**



## Volunteer Horse Patrol Receives 2010 Connecticut Greenways Award

Submitted by Jan Collins

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Connecticut Greenways Awards Day was held Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Rotary Park Bandstand in Putnam, Connecticut. There were several awards presented as well as 11 new Greenway designations added to the State's official Greenways Trail map.

For a complete list and additional information, go to the DEP website:

[http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2707&q=323852&depNav\\_GID=1704&depNav=|](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2707&q=323852&depNav_GID=1704&depNav=|)

The Horse Council's **Volunteer Horse Patrol** was selected for the **Volunteer of the Year Group Award**. Many members were present to receive the award recognizing the many volunteer hours the Patrol members have accrued helping the DEP in the State's many forests, parks, and wildlife management areas.



From Left

**Jan Collins** - CHC Trails Committee, VHP Coordinator, CT Equine Advisory Council & CT Greenways Council member

**Laurie Giannotti** - CT DEP Recreational Trails & Greenways Program, DEP liaison for Equine Advisory Council

**Susan Jackson** - VHP, Pomfret Horse & Trail Association

**Diane Ciano** - CHC Trails Committee Chair, VHP Supervisor, CT Equine Advisory Council

**Meg Sautter** - CHC Trails Committee, VHP Supervisor, CT Equine Advisory Council member

**Penny Foisey** - VHP Coordinator, Pomfret Horse & Trail Association President

**Gail Miller** - VHP member

**Bob Viens** - Mayor of Putnam - **Susan Frechette** - Deputy Commissioner of DEP - **Bill O'Neill** - CT Greenways Council Chair.





**Diane Ciano, Laurie Giannotti (DEP) and Jan Collins-CT Greenways Council member representing CHC**

The Volunteer Horse Patrol is a Connecticut Horse Council sub-committee of the Trails founded in 2003 and partnered with the Department of Environmental Protection's volunteer program to help monitor and patrol the State's forests, parks, and wildlife management areas, offering directions, information, and even medical help if needed to the many recreational users of our public and private lands. They are also involved with trail marking and maintenance, and educating all trail users on "Sharing the Trail" by distributing pamphlets with multi-use information. They have increased their patrols from just 600 man hours in 2003 to almost 4700 man hours including 700 maintenance hours this past year. They and their equine partners must pass a Horse/Rider assessment to qualify for the Patrol and also keep their CPR certification up to date. Approximately 120 riders and horses from all around the state have qualified and now patrol some 60 parks, forests, wildlife management areas, town parks, and several Land Trust properties. Their logs are turned into DEP and other land agencies each year and the Patrol calculates that with their 16,000 patrol hours and 3000 trail maintenance hours over the past 6 years they have saved the taxpayers of CT approximately \$312,655!

**Other Connecticut Greenways Awards Given to CHC members and Council:**

1999 – **Jan Collins**, Somers – Lifetime Achievement Award

2000 - **Bunny Joseph**, Colchester – "Unsung Hero" (Volunteer Recognition)

2004 - **Connecticut Horse Council** – *Non Profit Award*

**In legislative news, the Greenway license plate fund has been restored so those wishing to purchase Greenway plates can be assured their dollars will go towards Greenways.**

**The Council is also keeping close contact with DOT on proposed Greenway corridors along highways, in particular the Merritt Parkway, which is undergoing renovation.**

**Greenway Council meetings were suspended for the summer but will resume again in September. Since this is an election year and there will be a new Governor, Jan Collins' appointment will terminate with the end of Governor Rell's term. Jan is currently serving as secretary to the Council following the previous secretary's resignation. Either Jan (or any other interested horse person) will need to be appointed in early 2011 by the new governor to represent equestrians on the Council.**

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

### NAUGATUCK RIVER GREENWAY

CHC-VHP members met several times over the summer months with the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley (COGCNV) to ensure that equestrian use was included in the Regional Greenway Routing Study for the towns of Thomaston, Watertown, Naugatuck and Beacon Falls.

The COGCNV staff was very cooperative and allowed CHC members to use their GPS systems to map four separate trail systems used by equestrians. This provided a means to address the study with the Planning and Design staff so that these systems could be included as possible alternate routes that could be utilized.

A BIG THANK YOU to **Glenda Prentiss**, GIS Coordinator (COGCNV)  
for her hours of help in creating the maps from our rides.

Some of the public lands that CHC addressed to be included in this Greenway Study were the connection to the Larkin State Bridle Trail (a 10.3 mile old railroad trail that connects the four towns of Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford and Southbury), Oxford Open Space, Naugatuck State Forest, Matthies Park (Beacon Falls), Whittemore Glen State Park, Hop Brook Lake (ACE), Mattatuck State Forest, Black Rock State Park and Black Rock Lake (ACE).

There are also other connections to be made on private lands that local CHC-VHP members will be working on with the Town of Oxford and private land owners. CHC members who worked on this project and will continue to work on the Oxford connection from the Larkin Bridle Trail to the Naugatuck State Forest are **Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, Vevette Greenberg, Alesia DiFederico** and **Judy Beliveau**.

### MERRITT PARKWAY MULTI-USE TRAIL

**Merritt Parkway Trail Alliance:** The Bike Walk Fairfield County Steering Committee (BWFC) met to continue their quest to advocate for the **Merritt Parkway Multi-Use Trail** along with other initiatives in Fairfield County area that include new Complete Streets and Safe Routes to Schools to be incorporated into the CT Dept. of Transportation's plans (ConnDOT) and the 24 towns/municipalities in the county for bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Officials from the South Western and Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency reviewed their current trail mapping data. Included of interest is the **Pequonnock/Housatonic Railed Greenway** that extends from Bridgeport through Trumbull and Monroe to the Newtown line. While some of this trail will be paved in the more congested areas, many sections will remain natural surface when on DEP land or in the more rural areas. There is also the **Housatonic River Trail** and **Norwalk River Parkway Trail**.

***At this meeting, the equestrian community became stakeholders to support this initiative. The meeting was of utmost importance as the organization was finalizing its Mission Statement. With equestrian representation there, we were able to have equestrians use included in their statement.*** Equestrians present: CHC members **Diane Ciano, Meg Sautter, Judy Beliveau & Vevette Greenberg**. Fairfield Bridle Trails Association, Bonnie Krietler and Caroline Sicilian were in attendance. The **Fairfield Bridle Trail Association** will be taking on the initiative to attend future meetings to support the project that will include equestrian use and to encourage local equestrians and organizations to join in on the efforts. They have also joined the CHC as a supporting organization.

## NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL - ROUTE 7

For a variety of reasons -- political, environmental, financial and cultural -- Super 7 -- a limited access multi-lane highway between Danbury and Norwalk was never built.

**But now, Representatives from the five towns along the Super 7 corridor -- Danbury, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield and Wilton -- are planning a different future for the 890-acre corridor.**

They want to build the Norwalk River Valley Trail, a Greenway with a walking/biking trail that would run the 15 miles between Danbury and Norwalk.

The Greenway skirts the Weir Farm property in Ridgefield -- now the state's only national historic site -- beautiful woods, limestone glens, and places like the pastel green meadow near the Norwalk River and Miller's Pond.

**At its northern end, the Norwalk River Valley Trail could easily intersect with the Ives Trail -- the almost-complete 15-mile trail that will run from Redding to Danbury to Ridgefield.**

To its south, it could cross the greenway trail planned to run along the Merritt Parkway.

**The Merritt Parkway Trail, in turn, is included in plans for the 3,000-mile East Coast Greenway, which is envisioned to run from eastern Maine to the tip of Florida. A well-provisioned citizen could leave home and, by pedaling and walking, end up in Bangor or Key West.**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DEP announced that Tom Tyler has been selected as the Director of the State Parks and Public Outreach Division. Tom has been serving as acting Parks Director since the retirement of Pam Adams last year. Prior to that he served a stint of more than 10 years as DEP's legislative liaison and then took on a new role in 2008 as the agency's Director of Constituent Affairs and Land Management.

Tom actually has a long standing connection to our state parks. He first worked for DEP in the early 1980s as what was then called a Senior Patrolman. In this role he had first-hand experience enforcing park rules and regulations at Penwood, Heublein Tower and Stratton Brook State Park.

As State Parks Director, Tom takes on responsibility for managing our outstanding network of 107 state parks and a staff of more than 100 dedicated professionals and 500 seasonal employees.. In his new role, Tom will focus on working with division staff to find ways to manage our parks even more effectively and to build them into even more attractive and compelling destinations for Connecticut's families. He will also work closely with Friends groups and other external constituents on collaborative efforts that benefit the system and the public.

### DEP maps!

A new accurate map of the Larkin Bridle trail was made this year thanks to DEP Laurie Giannotti, Tom Nosal and an intern. DEP contacted CHC Trails Committee Chair Diane Ciano for our input.  
<http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/stateparks/maps/larkinstatemap.pdf>

## THANK YOU DEP!

All DEP maps on line can be accessed on the website:  
<http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/parksforests/parksmap.htm>



## **State Animal Response Team (SART) Region 5 was recently activated....**

CHC Members **Diane Ciano & Linda Wenner** took part in a recently activated SART Region 5 State Activation Response. Although this was not an emergency situation, 16 animals (14 horses and 2 goats) were transported from the Gates Correctional Facility in Niantic as a precautionary move due to the impending storm of Hurricane Earl along the coastline. The animals were transported by the Dept. of Agriculture to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Company Horse Guard Facility in Newtown.

Responding SART members fed, watered and cleaned temporary stalls for the animals for two days until they were transported back to Niantic. The shelter then needed to be broken down, which included helping state employees with moving and loading the livestock panels and equipment into trailers and site clean up. It was a good training drill operation for the SART Team to respond. The operation was conducted with the coordination of the Dept of Agriculture and the CT SART Region 5.

Elizabeth Hall, Tanya Wescovich and **Linda Wenner** from the Dept. of Agriculture headed the operation with the help from Donna Cobelli, DVM, CT SART Region 5 Team Leader - 5 DEMHS ESF 11 Chair and Tracy Brindle, CT SART Region 5 Coordinator. Other SART members involved were Marcia Schultz, JoAnn Marsh, Jerry Blank, Bob Yost, Leigh Kirmil, Michelle Durocher and Cheryl Greeley.

Other CHC members who have joined in on SART Region trainings are Meg Sautter, Josephine Barker and Laurianne Goulet. Both Meg and Josephine have completed the additional FEMA online training to receive both the SART pin and patch.

**The Connecticut Horse Council encourages its members to become involved in the training and certification of the SART program to prepare regions and the State of Connecticut to respond to disasters and potential emergency situations involving animals. Website: [WWW.CTSART.ORG](http://WWW.CTSART.ORG)**



**Marcia Schultz, Tanya Wescovich, Elizabeth Hall, Tracy Brindle & Diane Ciano**

## **State Animal Response Team (SART) *Region 3* has recently started trainings....**

Dr. Arnold Goldman is the Region 3 director. Our most recent trainings have covered the following topics:

Communications and Public Information, Guest Speaker Ed Lescoe, CREPC ESF 15 Chairman

Dog Behavior and Safe Handling Practices by Simsbury Animal Control Officer Mark Rudewicz,

The Art & Science of Poultry Rescue presented by Michael J. Darre Ph.D P.A.S of UCONN

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## **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

CERT members receive an initial 20 hours of training. The training consists of the art of preparedness in an emergency (flood, hurricane, explosion). It teaches that your responsibility is first as a family member, then as a member of your neighborhood and then for your community.

**The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.**

CERT training is free and available in a number of locations. I took my training in East Hartford, which is a VERY active group. East Hartford CERT operates the Greater Hartford Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Relief and provides assistance to first responders in long term incidents. You can check with your local Emergency Director, any of the Community Colleges and/or keep an eye to the newspapers; which is where I found my training offered.

CERT is a part of Dept of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Their website is [www.ct.gov/demhs](http://www.ct.gov/demhs).

## Your CHC Representation around the state...

### **CT Horse 911 Fire Prevention, Response & Emergency Preparedness**

A Practical Guide for Firefighters & Emergency Responders

On September 12 the program, CT Horse 911 was presented to 24 Firefighters and Emergency Responders at Mitchell Farm in Salem, CT. A PowerPoint presentation was shown covering the topics of The Nature of the Horse, Handling, Catching & Containing the Horse, The Barn, Fire Response, and Equine and Other Emergencies.



After coffee and donuts we went outside for some 'hands-on' with the horses. The group was given a brief overview of halters and leads...







And then the  
'application' of  
such...



We concluded with learning to tie quick release leads and a human containment chain.



The lead presenter was Laurianne Goulet, assisted by Diane Ciano and Meg Sautter.

Our host was Mitchell Farm owner Dee Doolittle, who, along with her volunteers, graciously welcomed us all and allowed us to 'handle' the horses. Dee was also able to forge a stronger bond and understanding with the Salem Fire Department. □



# Be Red Cross Ready

## Hurricane Safety Checklist

See also 'CHC Horses & Hurricanes' in 'publications' at [www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org)

**What should I do? What supplies do I need? What do I do after a hurricane?**

For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).  
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- \_ Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- \_ Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- \_ Flashlight
- \_ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAAWeather Radio, if possible)
- \_ Extra batteries
- \_ First aid kit
- \_ Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- \_ Multi-purpose tool
- \_ Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- \_ Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- \_ Cell phone with chargers
- \_ Family and emergency contact information
- \_ Extra cash
- \_ Emergency blanket

- \_ Map(s) of the area
- \_ Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- \_ Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- \_ Tools/supplies for securing your home
- \_ Extra set of car keys and house keys
- \_ Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- \_ Rain gear
- \_ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- \_ Camera for photos of damage

**Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life- and property threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.**

**Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane.**

**Know the Difference**

**Hurricane Watch—**

Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

**Hurricane Warning—**

Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

- \_ Listen to a NOAAWeather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- \_ Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- \_ Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- \_ Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- \_ Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- \_ Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- \_ Fill your car's gas tank.
- \_ Talk with members of your household and create an

evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.

- \_ Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

- \_ Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.

- \_ Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and

- \_ Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at

**[www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov)**.

- \_ Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.

- \_ Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.

- \_ If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.

- \_ Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

- \_ Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and

report them immediately to the power company.

- \_ Stay out of any building that has water around it.

- \_ Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.

- \_ Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.

- \_ Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.

- \_ Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

- \_ Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.

- \_ Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.

### **Let Your Family Know You're Safe**

If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through **[RedCross.org/SafeandWell](http://RedCross.org/SafeandWell)** to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call **1-866-GET-INFO** to register yourself and your family.

**See also 'CHC Horses & Hurricanes' in 'publications' at**

**[www.cthorsecouncil.org](http://www.cthorsecouncil.org)**

Visit the Travelers website for additional information:

**<http://www.travelers.com/claim/catastrophe-resources/disaster-tips.aspx>**





## Share The Road

### The Connecticut Department of Transportation Reminds Travelers to “Share the Road”

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has launched its 2010 “Share the Road” campaign, highlighting the “3-foot” law that went into effect in late 2008, designed to provide a buffer zone for bicyclists. The goal of the campaign is to improve the safety of all travelers, including bicyclists, pedestrians, and **equestrians**, through awareness and education. . . .

For more information on the “Share the Road” campaign, and to get tips for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on how to stay safe, visit [www.sharetheroadct.org](http://www.sharetheroadct.org)

.... By the way – The photo below was taken last year in Florida. Christopher Dowes is the Recreational Trails Program Director in DC. promoting carriage driving as a means of transportation.



# Supporting Organizations

<p><b>The Bethany Horsemen</b>  <b>President Eric Lehman 203-393-2222</b></p>	 <p><b>Marlborough Trails &amp; Tails 4-H Club</b>  <b>Elida DeLuca 860-563-0443</b>  <a href="http://www.4-h.uconn.edu">www.4-h.uconn.edu</a></p>
 <p><b>Cheshire Horse Council</b>  <a href="http://www.cheshirehorsecouncil.com">www.cheshirehorsecouncil.com</a></p>	 <p><b>New England Arabian Trail Organization</b>  <a href="http://www.orgsites.com/ct/neato">www.orgsites.com/ct/neato</a></p>
 <p><b>CT Dressage &amp; Combined Training Association</b>  <a href="http://www.cdctaonline.com">www.cdctaonline.com</a></p>	 <p><b>Newtown Bridle Lands Association</b>  <a href="http://www.nblact.com">www.nblact.com</a></p>
 <p><b>CT Valley Driving Club</b>  <a href="http://www.cvdriivingclub.com">www.cvdriivingclub.com</a></p>	 <p><b>North West Draft Horse Association</b>  <a href="http://www.northwestctdrafthorse.com">www.northwestctdrafthorse.com</a></p>
 <p><b>Litchfield Hills Driving Club</b>  <a href="http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.org">www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.org</a></p>	 <p><b>Pomfret Horse &amp; Trail Association</b>  <a href="http://www.pomfrethorseandtrail.com">www.pomfrethorseandtrail.com</a></p>
 <p><b>Lower CT River Valley Horsemen</b>  <a href="http://www.lcrvhc.org">www.lcrvhc.org</a></p>	 <p><b>Reddington Rock Riding Club</b>  <a href="http://www.RRRCLUB.ORG">www.RRRCLUB.ORG</a></p>

# Business Member Directory

CHC would like to encourage horse owners to use the services of our member businesses. This will help our industry to prosper. If your business does not appear here, consider joining CHC so that we may add your listing as well. This information is made available at our trade show booth and on our website.

**Note: Listings in our business directory is a service to our members only, and does not necessarily endorse any individual, business, or product.**

## Acorn Studio

**Mary & Chip Geer**  
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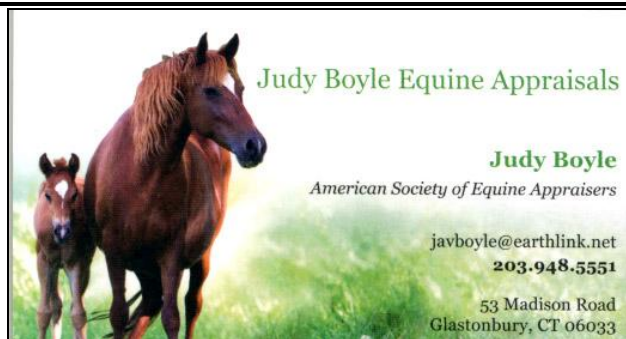
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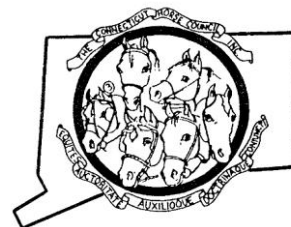
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