

Two Stellar Opportunities for Horse Enthusiasts in the Midwest

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Dream big and you may be pleasantly surprised when those dreams come true. Such was the case for the Iowa Lipizzan Association, Inc. in 2009. One major event such as the Herwig Radnetter clinic would be enough for most organizations to handle in one year, but two major events would be over the top. Well, the ILA is never one to step down from a challenge so the group took on two major events this year. Both the Herwig Radnetter and Dianne Olds Rossi clinics were extremely successful with riders and auditors coming from throughout the Midwest to attend.

Herwig Radnetter



The Herwig Radnetter clinic was held August 6-7, 2009, at Catalpa Corner in Iowa City, Iowa. Both riders and auditors were greeted with friendly, knowledgeable volunteers at the check-in table and welcomed into the cozy estate of Dr. Susan Brigham and Dr. Jim McNutt known as Catalpa Corner.

Attendees enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere while they ate breakfast and lunch under the giant Catalpa trees that surround the farmstead. Raffles were held throughout the day and winners walked away with a vast array of prizes that ranged from Nutrena Safe-Choice feed to Over the Rainbow cupcakes to ILA clothing to a gift certificate to the Redhead Restaurant.

While attendees enjoyed the food and fun Herwig Radnetter shared some of his vast knowledge and expertise with them. Herwig has over 30 years of experience at the Spanish Riding School of

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TOP: Marla Quenzer and her Andalusian gelding, Alano 4.

BOTTOM: Maureen Peterson and her Dutch Warmblood mare, Krystalline.

Vienna and he applied his skill the minute a rider entered the arena.

He quickly assessed each horse and rider combination and set to work immediately to improve their performance. Each pair made great progress during their lesson and came away with a positive experience.

Approximately six weeks later the Dianne Olds Rossi clinic was held on September 19th at Catalpa Corner. Dianne Olds Rossi is the owner and producer of "The Magical World of Dancing Horses" and the new "Imagine! Dancing Horses."



Dianne Olds Rossi

Considered "The Master of the Dance," Dianne offered attendees a fresh perspective on the timeless art of horsemanship.

Dianne's approach focused on improving the rider's position and working systematically and simply to improve the horse's performance. Her gentle yet deliberate methods made dramatic improvements in each horse and rider combination. It was a fun, relaxing, educational day that was enjoyed by all attendees.

The ILA would like to thank Catalpa Corner, the riders, auditors, volunteers, and sponsors for their support. Without this support these clinics would not be possible.

BELOW LEFT: Rachel Wehrheim and her Lipizzan stallion, Neapolitano Juwela.

BELOW CENTER: Deb DeVries and her American Warmblood gelding, Mon Coer.

BELOW RIGHT: Karla Sibert and her Thoroughbred gelding, Direct Gold.

