



ONTARIO THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

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The ManeLine

President's Message

2011 was a tremendous year for OnTRA and 2012 is promising to be even better. 2011 saw the largest grant program in OnTRA history, with over \$38,000 given in grants. We are eager to build on that success in 2012.

We are pleased to inform you of a number of changes to the OnTRA board. Viki LaCombe has stepped down from her role as President. We will miss her leadership and energy, but we believe that we have a dynamic, eager board moving forward. There are currently a couple of vacancies on the board, however we have had interest in the slots and hope to have them filled soon. I look forward to getting to know you better in my new role as President.

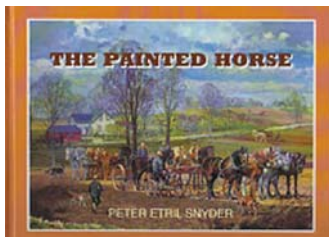
We are excited to inform you of a number of changes OnTRA is planning. We are looking to utilize new technologies to provide education to our members and member centres. Keep checking our website for the latest information! Additionally, we will be conducting a survey

of our membership to determine how we can better serve our members and member centres in coming years. Of course, we will continue to look for new partnerships and sponsorship so that we can continue our legacy of strong grant programs.

Best wishes for the coming year!
 Kirsten Smith
 President – OnTRA

The Painted Horse

OnTRA received a wonderful donation of coffee table books called 'The Painted Horse' by Peter Etril Snyder. The book brings together quite a number of his paintings that deal with horses. The books normally retail for \$60, however



OnTRA is selling them on our website (www.ontra.ca) for \$30. Check out his website for a sample of his work - www.snyder-gallery.com.

2011 OnTRA Leg Up Grant Program!!

OnTRA received an overwhelming response to the Leg Up Grant Program. In total, we will have helped 81 riders from 12 centres that represent Ontario from north to south to east to west. Thank you to all who applied and we are so very pleased to have been able to help so many of the riders in our province. Thanks also to our member centres who were able to send representatives to our AGM to receive their cheques. OnTRA plans to continue with this grant to assist our riders in 2012.



front (1 to r) Kirsten Smith - OnTRA, Josette Woolf - TRTRC, Kate Day - OnTRA, Lesley Ridout Gauer - Windrush, Viki LaCombe - OnTRA, Megan Watson - OnTRA, Heather Macknesan - Pride Stables
 back row (1 to r) Ian Woolf - TFTRC, Janine Langley - OnTRA, Les Barsony - Windrush, Dave Hanley - KR Equestrian, Gary Brown - TEAD, David Mitchell - TEAD

Jump Canada Tackles all the Hot Topics at Symposium

Ottawa, ON — with a total of 159 attendees treated to a fantastic learning experience, the Jump Canada Symposium held on November 18 and 19 at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC, was a resounding success.

A packed two days, led by Linda Allen, an FEI 4* course designer, and Julie Winkel, a Registered USEF judge, featured 16 top riders and horses demonstrating showing hunters on the line and over fences, riding Derby courses, executing jumper courses and jump-offs, using gymnastics to improve horses and so much more. Throughout the Symposium, Allen and Winkel were more than willing to answer questions from the audience, and were eager to share their wealth of knowledge.

"Jump Canada is committed to improving our sport by providing educational opportunities for both rider and their horse," said Lindy Welsby, Chair, Jump Canada Athlete and Domestic Development Committee. "The symposium created a terrific learning atmosphere where the participants could interact, listen and learn from top professionals and two of the best clinicians in our sport. Quality events like this are key to building success of our hunter and jumper riders across Canada, by putting an emphasis on learning and development and not just competing."

In addition Dr. Antonio Cruz gave an informative talk about the veterinary side of the competition horse, and during the lunch hour many presenters spoke on topics such as shoeing, footing, clipping, coaching information, tack fitting, and schooling exercises over low



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obstacles.

"I would like to thank Claudia Cojocar, who planned and organized the program, along with her on-site team, Jane Tidball and Chris Pack of Thunderbird Show Park for their facility and team work, along with Barbara Mitchell of the Athlete and Domestic Development Committee. Also a special thank you goes to Equine Canada staff member Ashley Raaymakers for her administration of the Symposium," added Welsby.

"The Symposium covered so many aspects of training the rider and the horse — both hunter and jumper — that everyone who attended was sure to have added a great deal of knowledge to his or her

repertoire," said Barbara Mitchell.

About Jump Canada

Jump Canada is the committee of Equine Canada responsible for all hunter, equitation and jumper activities in Canada from the grass roots to the international level. Jump Canada is governed by a board, the majority of whose members are elected by the stakeholders in the sport. For more information regarding Jump Canada programs and activities, visit www.equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada.

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2011 OnTRA MEMBER CENTRES

- ASHBURN:** The Stables at WindReach Farm - 905-655-5827
- BARRIE/ORILLIA:** Stonegate Farm - 705-791-4441
- BELLEVILLE:** Quinte Therapeutic Riding Assn. - 613-395-4472
- BRACEBRIDGE:** With Care Oke-Cook Family Farm - 705-645-5866
- BRAMPTON/CALEDON:** Caledon Equestrian School - 905 584-2022
- CALEDON EAST:** Peace Ranch - 905-584-9156
- CARLETON PLACE:** Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program - 613 257-7121 ext. 236
- CORNWALL:** Brave-Hearts Riding Club - 613-528-1616
- GREELY:** TROTt - 613-821-1844
- GUELPH:** Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre - 519-837-0558
- HAMILTON:** T.E.A.D. - 905-679-8323
- KARS:** Tranquil Acres. - (613) 489-5294
- KITCHENER:** CODRP / Pride Stables - 519-653-4686
- LONDON:** SARI Therapeutic Riding - 519-666-1123
- MILTON:** Windrush Stable Therapeutic Riding Centre - 905-854-6008
- ORANGEVILLE:** EQUUS 3D - 519-940-0048
- OWEN SOUND:** G.R.A.C.E. - 519-372-2721
- PETERBOROUGH:** PARD Therapeutic Riding - 705 742-6441
- PETROLIA:** Tomlynn Acres Reg. Quarter Horses - 519-882-0958
- PORT BURWELL:** Jabez Therapy Ranch - 519-874-1168
- PORT ELGIN:** P.R.A.N.C.E. - 416-832-2522
- SCHOMBERG:** King's Ransom Equestrian - 416-995-3842
- SHELburne:** Traditions Farm Therapeutic Riding Centre - 519-925-1866
- ST. CATHARINES:** Horse Alternative Therapeutic Services - 905-704-9820
- SAULT STE. MARIE:** Therapeutic Ride Algoma - 705 945-8546
- THUNDER BAY:** Thunder Bay Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 807-472-5650
- TORONTO:** C.A.R.D. - 416-667-8600
- TORONTO:** Saddle Up For Success - 416-932-1919
- TOTTENHAM:** Awesome Acres Therapeutic Riding Centre - (905) 936-1197
- VAL RITA:** Northern Lights Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 705-335-2441
- WHITBY:** Durham Bay Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 905-668-6680
- WINDSOR:** Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 519-969-1261

Please volunteer at a centre near you!

DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that OnTRA is not responsible for the accreditation, actions or activities at any OnTRA Member Centre. OnTRA has no legal or structural authority over any Member Centre as each Centre is autonomous. Be aware that horseback riding can be a dangerous sport therefore you should verify the safety procedures & the certification of the instructors at the therapeutic riding facility of your choice.