



# PASS IN REVIEW

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2nd Annual

## AUCTION

The 2012 WAA Fundraising Silent Auction  
October 12th—28th  
Online and In Person  
Culminating at **Annual Show**



Help the Westernaires Alumni Association to raise funds by bidding on auction items. With a cornucopia of dozens of items of varying value and description, we know there is something of interest for everyone who visits our online auction.

Amidst our awesome auction items, choose from items to enhance your home, gift certificates for services to refresh your spirit, lots of dining certificates to please your palate, and events that the whole family can enjoy!

With each bid, donation or referral, you will have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing that you, too, have helped our fundraising efforts while also having the opportunity to pick up some great goods and services.

Our online auction site is up and running:  
**[www.biddingforgood/westernairesalumni](http://www.biddingforgood/westernairesalumni)**.  
The final auction bids will take place over the Annual Show weekend, and the auction will close on Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 Mountain time.

Auction participants can partake either online, in person at Annual Show, or you may call us to place your bid by proxy. Don't worry if you don't live in Colorado or if you don't plan on making it out to Annual Show — this auction is designed so that everyone can participate, no matter where you reside.

Similar to eBay, the Bidding For Good auction website lets you enter the highest amount you are willing to pay for a particular lot. The system records this amount. Then, during the auction it bids for you, up to your maximum bid amount. The website analyzes your bid one increment at a time and bids for you only when necessary, so you may win the lot at a price lower than your maximum price. Check back on the website to see if you've been outbid.

More items will be added each day, so check the auction website frequently! Auction opens on October 12th at 8:00 AM Mountain time. **<http://www.biddingforgood.com/westernairesalumni>**

### Current auction items include:

1. Blaster Bouncer jumping castle rental (\$75 value)
2. Four passes to LolliPop Park indoor children's amusement park (\$60 value)
3. A family four pack of tickets to the Colorado Railroad Museum (2 adults, 2 child, \$20 value)
4. Four tickets to Mad Cap Theater (\$72 value)
5. A one-night stay with breakfast for two at the luxurious Table Mountain Inn (\$214 value)
6. An autographed photo of Denver Broncos Coach John Fox (priceless)
7. Two \$25 gift certificates to the Egg & I restaurants (\$50 value)
8. "Icy Studs" 11 x 14" photographic art by Thomas Barbey (\$400 value)
9. Four tickets to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo (\$69 value)
10. A \$40 gift card to Big R stores (\$40 value)
11. A \$10 gift certificate to Abrusci's Italian Restaurants (\$10 value)

*Would you like to donate items to this year's auction? Please contact us at [info@westernairesalumni.org](mailto:info@westernairesalumni.org) or 720-530-0603 to donate auction items!*

# ALUMNI



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# Tack Swap 2012 — a Great Success!

The WAA held their 2nd annual Tack Swap fundraising event in June of this year. Dozens of individuals and wholesalers came out to sell their surplus tack, equipment, and other goodies. The turnout of buyers was great! Thousands of dollars worth of goods were bought and sold.

This year, the Tack Swap was held in Westernaires' beautiful indoor Volunteer Arena.

Food, educational seminars, and entertainment acts kept the attendees flocking to the Tack Swap, and the WAA auctioned off over \$1,000 worth of prizes to lucky winners.

## 2012 Tack Swap raffle prize winners:

- Swag Bucket from Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply filled with bling show tack, grooming tools, and grooming products (valued at over \$425) won by Kayla Gilstrap
- Cheyenne Frontier Days VIP ticket package for four (valued at \$225) won by Shelly Garcia
- Family season pass to Denver Botanic Gardens (valued at \$120) won by Deigv Sprouse
- Heritage Square passes for four (valued at \$104) won by Aranda Lindsey
- Putting Edge mini golf rounds for eight (valued at \$80) won by Mike Zeni
- Colorado Shakespeare Festival passes (valued at \$72) won by Taylor Rogers
- Jump Street tickets for four (valued at \$48) won by Shelly Garcia
- Wits End comedy club tickets for four (valued at \$48) won by Kim Fear
- \$25 gift certificate to PF Chang's won by Kim Fear
- \$25 gift certificate to PF Chang's won by Tracy Albin

- \$25 gift certificate to PF Chang's won by Emily Kearns
- \$10 gift certificate to Red Robin won by Steve Stroud
- \$10 gift certificate to Red Robin won by Laura Carter
- \$10 gift certificate to Red Robin won by Debbie Mulqueen

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Chelsea and Nikki, two WAA Board members, working the 2012 Tack Swap.



Shoppers and sellers mingle at the 2012 Tack Swap.



A close-up of the beautiful show tack donated by Murdoch's — the Tack Swap raffle grand prize.



Franci Martin sells tack on consignment for the non-profit Gray Tail Fund.



The Alumni Association served pizza and refreshments to attendees.



Judy and Jill Wolf performed a hands-on demonstration of equine Reiki and training.

# The 2012 Annual "Horsecapades" Show

Oct. 27th & 28th

Visit, mix, and mingle with other alumni at the Alumni Association booth on the midway level of the Event Center.

There are four Horsecapades shows this year. Show times are:

**Saturday, October 27, 10:00 AM**  
**Saturday, October 27, 2:00 PM**  
**Saturday, October 27, 7:00 PM**  
**Sunday, October 28, 2:00 PM**

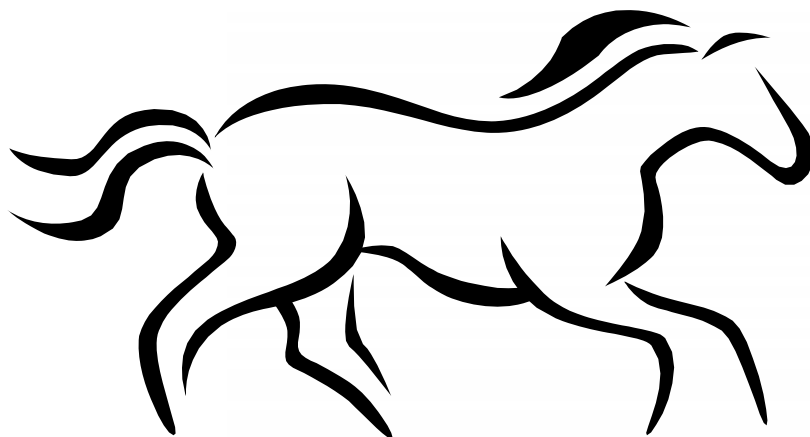
Tickets are **\$8.00** each. To purchase tickets, you may:

- ✦ Mail us a check or money order. Please include the number of tickets you wish to purchase, the show(s) you wish to attend, your mailing address, and how you wish to take delivery of the tickets. We can either send the tickets to you, or you can pick them up at the Will Call window on the day of the show.

- ✦ Purchase tickets online from our website. We take Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards. Simply go to [www.westernairesalumni.org](http://www.westernairesalumni.org) to purchase online from our secure checkout functionality. We can either send the tickets to you, or you can pick them up at the Will Call window on the day of the show.
- ✦ Show up on the day of the show and purchase tickets at the ticket window. However, many shows sell out, so purchasing your tickets in advance is a wise decision!

**Don't plan to be in the Denver area on October 27th and 28th? Help to support the cause by purchasing donation tickets!** All donation tickets are 100% tax deductible.

The Westernaires Alumni Association will have a booth at Annual Show again this year, so please stop by and see us. We'll be performing additional fund raising, and we'll be celebrating alumni and old friends at our Homecoming show.



## Bringing a Horse to Annual Show?

Are you an alumnus who would like to bring your own horse to Annual Show? Upon your arrival on November 6th, please stop in at the Barn Office (it's on the northeast side of warm-up arena) and check in with Barn Superintendent Larry Britton. Please be aware that you must purchase a ticket to ride in the show.

Larry will provide you with a stall and a stall card. The stall fees have not yet been set, but will be approximately \$10.00 for the entire weekend. Please bring your own feed and any necessary supplements and tack that you may require.



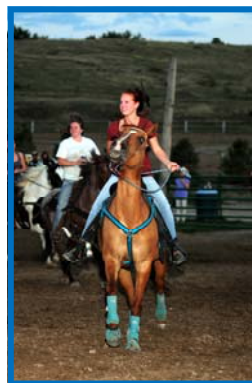
Can you spot BJ Maloney in the picture above?

Anyone who rents a stall will be expected to fully clean the stall upon departure on October 28th, after the show. Many alumni, in years past, have left without cleaning their stalls. Let's be good stewards in the Westernaire community by cleaning up after ourselves!



Elmer E. Wyland at Annual Show 1955





## Alumni Ride 2012

Hundreds of alumni came out to ride and watch the activities at Alumni Week this past August.

Photos are courtesy of Kevin Miller Photography. See Kevin's pictures online at: [www.digipic.us/equestrian](http://www.digipic.us/equestrian)



### What is the Westernaires Alumni Association?

In an effort to reconnect, to celebrate our common heritage, and to support the organization that was so influential on our early lives, a group of Westernaires Alumni was asked to band together and commence the formation of an Alumni Association. Structured similar to other fraternal alumni groups, the Westernaires Alumni Association exists solely for the benefit of the Westernaires organization and aims to act as a "pass-through" entity for Westernaires fundraising.

The mission of the Westernaires Alumni Association is to promote involvement in and advancement of the Westernaires organization. Alumni Association programs support and strengthen partnerships among the Westernaires organization, Westernaires alumni, and future Westernaires.

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2012 SENIORS!

### Red Team

Michelle Akiyama  
Frankie Bush-Johnson  
Gladys Ellis  
Kristen Fast  
Bailey Fowler  
Alissa Galasso  
Katia Gillcrist  
Jackie Kemp  
Leanne Kissell  
Sophia Koop  
Tamara Kramer  
Cory MacDonald  
Shelly McDaniel  
Jamie Mencke  
Hannah Moschetti  
Shannon Mulqueen  
Caylee Parrish  
Kaley Pontius  
Tavin Prewitt  
Madeline Voiles  
Ali Werner

### Precisionettes

Leyna Arrage  
Amelia Brandt  
Katie Brussock  
Brea Castillo  
Cubrina Courdin  
Kelsey LoSasso  
Lauren McKaig  
Lauren Nicoll  
Emily Pray  
Ayrin Purcell  
Aubri Rabideau,  
Krysten Roby  
Sarah Safadi  
Morgan Sander-Olhoef  
Alicia Schilz  
Allison Thomas  
Stephanie Trask

### Cavalry

Conner Dugan  
Ben Grogan  
Kenji Holmes  
Brent Lee  
Gabe Shriver  
David South  
Leo Steiner  
Lucas Trimmer

### Crimson Rangers

Sonya Braley  
Dallas Dear  
Katie Depue  
Corrine Dubovsky  
Jasmine Hass  
Serra Jackson  
Alexandra Nelms  
Jessica Osterlund  
Brittney Terry

### Royal Rangers

Molly Brooks  
Laura Carter  
Rachel Flowers  
Marissa Morton  
Alex Wildee

### Nighthorse Rangers

Amanda Schmalz



# Sponsor a Westernaire Horse

The Westernaires Alumni Association is proud to bring you a program aimed at collecting auxiliary resources for the Westernaire rental horses.

We understand that not everyone has the money, time, or wherewithal to own a horse anymore; that's why sponsoring a Westernaire Horse – any horse who may have touched your life in some way – is a popular alternative.

Sponsor ANY Westernaire horse, in memoriam or living, rental horse or owner horse, pony or draft. All money collected from the program goes directly to an encumbered fund for the Westernaire string, helping to ensure that the rental horses will always continue to have the tack, supplements, and state-of-the-art care that they need.

## Sponsor Me

**Color:** Grulla brown

**Gender:** Gelding

**Breed:** Quarter horse

**Age:** ~12 years

**Height:** 15 hands

**Likes:** Helping with Red Division

Hi. My name is Curtis, and I am a Westernaire horse. I'm a quarter horse who now lives at Fort Westernaire. Even when I'm amongst my many horse friends, you can find me easily in a lineup, because of my gorgeous grulla color. But I'm not just about my looks—I love running in Red Division teams. In fact, I can be a bit of a handful at times. I'm not well suited for younger riders yet, but I'm working on it.



Would you like to sponsor me, or any of my other Westernaire horse friends?

Similar to other sponsorship programs, individuals can contribute on a one-time basis, or on a repeated, regular basis.

The Westernaire Alumni Association officially began the Sponsor a Horse program at the 60th Anniversary gala event in August 2009, and we're happy that the program has already been a great success.

Never fear if you see that your favorite Westernaire horse has already been sponsored by someone—horses can be sponsored by more than one person, and ANY horse can be sponsored.



Thank you

Gracias  
Obrigado!

## Thanks to our 2011 Contributors!

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Merci

Thanks

Our sincere gratitude goes out to the following individuals and organizations who helped us to meet our goals last year.

Westernaires Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations are 100% tax deductible.

Copper Level \$1—\$99	Bronze Level \$100—\$999	Silver Level \$1,000—\$4,999	Gold Level \$5,000—\$19,999	Platinum Level \$20,000—\$49,000	Diamond Level \$50,000+
Nikki Reed	Curt & Kim Fear	Karen Kronauge			
Brenda Bergh	Daniel Lindsey				
Janet Kreps	Chelsea Willis				
	Bill Fisher				
	Sallie & Phillip Hamm				
	Maryann Pearsall Rowley				
	Colorado Mortgage Alliance				
	Blue Rose Ranch Horse Rescue & Adoption				



# Extreme Makeover: Mustang Edition

Saturday June 9th was a busy day for Westernaires and the Westernaires Alumni Association. While the Alumni Association was hosting the Tack Swap fundraising event at the Volunteer Arena, Red Team was on the road to Fort Collins, Colorado to perform at the 3rd annual Extreme Mustang Makeover. **Additionally, two of our newest alumni, Margaret Blaha and Emilee Shearer, demonstrated their amazing horse training abilities at this year's event.**

The Extreme Mustang Makeover, sponsored by the Mustang Heritage Foundation and BLM, is an event in which 50 participants are given a wild mustang for 90 days with the goal of gentling their horse. At the culmination of the 90 days, the participants demonstrate what they have accomplished by putting their horses through required courses during two days in June. After some initial judging, the top 10 participants then demonstrate with a freestyle performance in front of an audience on Saturday evening. Monetary prizes are awarded to the top performers. The mustangs are then put up for adoption to the public the next day. All trainers receive a portion of the sale price above \$200, plus reimbursement of up to \$700 for any veterinary expenses incurred.

Margaret was a returning trainer, having worked with a mustang just last year. In her first year, she and her horse "Derringer" placed 28th in the competition. As the day of this year's competition neared, Margaret was skeptical that she would advance to the top 10 because her horse this year – "Moonshine" – was much more challenging than her horse from the previous year. In



fact, it took five entire weeks before Moonshine would allow Margaret to get close enough to touch him.

The Varsity Big Red Team performed their Firelight drill for the opening of the Saturday evening performance. The riders were incentivized to perform well – they were told that if they ran a good drill they would be allowed to return to the stands and watch as Margaret and Emily took their mustangs through their paces. Naturally, the Firelight drill was well performed (of course!), and the Red Team returned to cheer.

That cheering must have helped, as Margaret and Moonshine came in with a **fourth place finish!** Meanwhile, Emilee Shearer also did fantastically well at the event this year – she came in **12th in the field of 50.**

To see Margaret's performance in the Mustang Makeover, visit her YouTube video at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDZEZ3jkzW4>

While in Westernaires, Margaret was on the Horse Trainers team (see sidebar), so one can see that her training abilities come naturally now. Margaret next plans to train mustangs through the TIP (Trainer Incentive Program) <http://www.extrememustangmakeover.com/emmcolorado.php>

Congratulations to Margaret and Emilee for their excellence in training!

The Westernaires Horse Training Team was formed in 2006 primarily to maximize the number of rental horses being used for Westernaires activities. Other goals include:

- Improve the safety record of rental horses
- Conduct training as safely as possible
- Identify and address horse disciplinary issues
- Keep the Director informed of the status and progress of training efforts, and the horses and Trainers assigned to the training program
- Make recommendations to Director on horses that may not be usable for certain Westernaires activities due to disciplinary or other training issues
- Communicate any horse training issues with Red, White and Blue Division Chief Instructors, and the Chief Wrangler
- Educate and improve the training skills of Trainers

#### Requirements for entry as a Trainer

- Must be a Red Division rider
- Must be recommended by a Division Chief Instructor, or a Base Team instructor
- Must demonstrate sufficient skill in working with three separate horses in the Training Program on the ground and while riding

#### Basic skills that a Trainer must acquire:

- Teach a horse to lead
- Teach a horse to lunge
- Teach a horse to change leads
- Teach a horse to trailer load
- Teach a horse to neck rein
- Teach a horse to accept flags
- Teach a horse to stand still while being mounted
- Teach a horse to move in formation next to other horses while in drill
- Teach a horse to walk, trot, lope, gallop and stop - on command
- Teach a horse to accept spurs
- Teach a horse to be accept a bit and a bridle
- Teach a horse to pick up his feet
- Teach a horse to have manners while being groomed
- Teach a horse to move forward in a controlled manner
- Teach a horse to backup in a controlled manner
- Teach a horse to jump
- Trainers must always ride in a balanced and correct position in the saddle

