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2010 August 10-12 Empire Farm Days Equine Seminars Set

Seneca Falls, NY - Six Equine Seminars set for the August 10-12, 2010 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott & Son Farms in Seneca Falls, NY, will offer horse lovers the opportunity to see the unique Gypsy Vanner Horses (also called Gypsy Cobs), and pleasure and performance horses in live horse demonstrations. A different program is set for 11am and 2pm at the Equine Center Round Pen on each of the show's three days. The demonstrations are sponsored by Empire Farm Days and Layden Fence & Livestock Services.

The 2010 Equine Seminar schedule includes:

Tuesday, August 10

- 11 am – Creating a Bond with your Horse with Trainer Liz Hodge
- 2 pm – How to Start a Young Horse with Trainer Liz Hodge

Wednesday, August 11

- 11 am – Round Pen Work: Preparation to Long Lining with Trainer Tonya Clothier Cooper
- 2 pm – Long Lining Before Hooking to Cart with Trainer Tonya Clothier Cooper.

Thursday, August 12

- 11 am – The Gypsy Cob Horses: Their History, Original Uses & Conformation with Trainer Gracie Seely
- 2 pm – The Gypsy Cob Horses: Their Modern Uses & Judging Standards with Trainer Gracie Seely.

Gypsy Cob Horses will be on display in the Equine Center all three days of the show.

On Tuesday, August 10, Elizabeth Hodge, a certified Richard Shrake “resistance free” horse trainer, will offer an 11am Round Pen seminar focusing on developing confidence, communication and comfort for both horse and owner. In her 2pm seminar, Liz will demonstrate how to develop a strong foundation for training a young horse.

Hodge has participated in several Shrake clinics along the East Coast, and now trains horses, riders and 4-H equine club members out of Durand's East Edge Ranch in Clayton, NY. She earned her Equine Science and Management degree specializing in Training at SUNY Morrisville, and trains in English and Western style disciplines for pleasure and competition. Hodge is a veteran presenter at EFD Round Pens and has developed an avid following among show visitors.

On Wednesday, August 11 at 11am, Tonya Clothier Cooper of TMC Performance Horses, will demonstrate round pen work to prepare a horse for long line training, and at 2pm she will demonstrate long lining as preparation for hooking to a cart for training a driving horse.

Cooper is a graduate of the University of Findlay (OH) Equine Program and successfully owns and operates Smokey Meadow Farm, a boarding/training facility with a 25-horse capacity in Cuba, NY. She specializes in breaking colts and working with and showing many breeds for Western and hunt seat pleasure, horsemanship, showmanship, driving, working cow horse events, trail and ranch riding. Smokey Meadow Farm stands stallion "Smoken Paint Gun," trained by Cooper to several local championships in many disciplines. Cooper also trained 3-time National Champion Haflinger, Nando, owned by New Millenium Haflingers of Cameron Mills, NY.

On Thursday, August 12, Gracie Seely of Capital "G" Menagerie will present the Gypsy Cobs of Drumlin Gypsy Ranch in Clyde, NY. Seely has worked with many different breeds, but calls the Gypsy Cobs, also known as Gypsy Vanner Horses originating in England and Ireland to pull Gypsy caravans, the most "magnificent."

As a youth, Seely participated in 4-H Hippology all the way to national competition and taught Hippology to students in New York's Ontario County. She has worked in several equine disciplines, including harness racing, hunting/jumping, barrel racing, gymkhana, and with draft and Western pleasure horses. She currently operates her own horse training business and is head trainer at Drumlin Gypsy Ranch.

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