



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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May 1, 2007

Spring is finally here! Hopefully we're past any more cruel surprises like the two days of snow that followed our 'spring' weather last week! The beautiful weather has brought hundreds of colorful tulips out all over the farm. They make a beautiful welcome for our new horses: Finnian in D barn, and Lorena, a mare who recently moved into F barn.

There are a few 'Spring Cleaning' items to go with the warmer weather. We'll open the sides of the Cover-All arenas this month, and will begin reseeding the grass paddocks. Please bear with us through the reseeding process, as we will need to rotate horses off of the new grass. The trails are also beginning to dry up and leaf out, but are still very soggy in places. Trail waivers are now in a binder on the front desk. Please make sure you sign waivers for both farms that own trail property each time you go out on a trail ride.

There is also a Boarder Notes log on the front desk. If you have any non-urgent maintenance requests, comments, or suggestions, please write us a note!

Since we (hopefully!) will not be needing heavy blankets for a long while, please find time this month to take any winter blankets hanging on your horse's stalls home to store for the summer. If you would like to have them laundered first, remember that Wear N Tear will pick them up and drop them off here at Sunflower.

Finally, we have some exciting events coming up in the next few months! Patty Becker just gave our first clinic of the season, and we will have a Susanne von Dietze Dressage and Seat clinic here in June. On June 10th, Sunflower Farms will host its very first show! We have dressage classes

from Green as Grass up through First Level, and several Combined Training ring tests. We'd love to have as many boarders as possible involved in this community event, so please contact the office if you are interested in signing up! And, of course, no show could function without the volunteers who make it possible; if you would like to volunteer please let us know!

We will also be hosting a workshop on June 16th for our local police and fire department, to train them how to handle horses in emergency situations. They are looking for volunteer horse/handler pairs who can spend several hours with them in the morning and afternoon.

Bristol and Koehler will be worming horses in the middle of the month. Please sign up on the sheets posted in each aisle.

You can contact Melissa via email: mquinn@sunflowerfarms.com or by phone: (262) 206-7613

Phil would like to thank everyone for your prayers and good wishes. He is trying to be at the barn at least 3 days a week, at various times, and will be able to trailer to the Silverwood show. His phone is now on 24/7 - (262) 620-4846.



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