



## SUNFLOWER FARMS

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Time to pack away the winter-weight breeches and break out the fly spray - it's officially summer! This month Sunflower Farms will be hosting our first ever schooling show on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The competition will take place in the large outdoor arena by E and F barn. Many of our own boarders will be participating, and we will have quite a few visitors as well. Many thanks to those of you who have signed up to volunteer at the show!

We welcome several new faces to Sunflower this month. In E barn we have four new horses: Lacey, with her owner Maeli Goren; Waranco, with Amy Grahn; Regal, with Michelle Lyons; and Winchesco, Peggy Gordon's new horse. Shiraz, Peggy Muasher's new Friesian, has moved into A Barn, and Kathi Ball's mare Bonny arrived in C barn. We also have a new employee, Colleen O'Neill, who will be working in the Hunter/Jumper barns. You can contact her at (262) 620-5393 or via email [coneill@sunflowerfarms.com](mailto:coneill@sunflowerfarms.com).

Now that the weather is nice enough for us to use the outdoor arenas on a regular basis, we're going to temporarily close Arena 2 so we can completely redo the footing and add a small viewing area on the south end. Construction will begin in mid June, and should hopefully be finished by the middle of July. We will also be moving a small part of the road by the hay barns to allow easier trailer access to the parking area.

If you have a trailer parked on the property, please contact the office so we can make sure we have all trailers accounted for. We also need you to contact the office this month if your horse is insured, to let us know whether you would like us to be able to call the insurance company for you in case of emergency.

Also on the calendar this month: the dressage Cover-All will be closed on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>, we have a police and fire department horse handling workshop on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and our Susanne von Dietze clinic is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>.

If your horse is sensitive to flies, you may want to prominently label a bottle of fly spray and leave it on your stall so the grooms can apply it before your horse is turned out. If you would rather apply it yourself, please make sure to cover the top of their haunches, because we've already seen some of the big black horse flies that land on horses' rumps and can send them into a bucking frenzy. Your horse will thank you!

To those of you who use the grooming stalls in A barn - please use the provided saddle racks right next to the stalls for your saddles, not the partitions between the stalls. The grooming racks walls weren't designed to support saddles, and tack left there could easily be knocked off or gnawed on by another horse.

Finally, although most boarders who bring their dogs to the barn are very responsible about keeping their pets leashed and cleaning up after them, we are having a problem with dog droppings on the front lawn. For hopefully obvious reasons, dog droppings anywhere on the farm is a problem. Unfortunately, if this continues to be a problem we will not be able to allow dogs on the property. For your own dog's sake and for all other Sunflower dog owners, please clean up after your pet.



*"Show me your horse, and I will tell you who you are."*

- English proverb