



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all! Winter finally caught up with us, after a fantastically balmy November. As always, the cold weather has brought a few annual changes to the farm. We've already put down the magnesium chloride in Arenas 1 and 2 to keep the dust down without watering, and the snowplow equipment is fired up and ready to go.

Welcome to new boarder Kelly Quinn and her horse Alex, and welcome back to Lori Stevens with her mare JJ!

The sides of the CoverAll arenas have been fastened down for the winter, to keep them taut against the wind. Please do not try to open them. Also, to those boarders for whom this will be your first winter here at Sunflower: please use caution when riding in the Cover-All arenas after a snowfall. When snow slides off the canvas it makes a noise, and some horses may need a little time to get used to it. You can check from inside the arena whether the roof is clear.

The cold weather also means we need to be careful with doors to keep the barns warm and heating costs down. Doors to tack rooms need to be kept closed all the time. And as always, please turn off lights if they're not being used!

We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and we will close at 3pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We also have new office hours: you can contact us

in the office from 9 to 5 Saturday through Monday, and 11 to 7 Tuesday through Friday.

Exciting news! The Saddler's Row Store at Sunflower Farms is open to the public! They have many everyday essentials on hand, and they can get special orders from the main store very quickly. They are open from 10 until 6 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 12 to 8 on Thursdays, and are closed on Sunday and Monday. Stop by, or contact them by phone at (262) 857-2444.

On January 10th, we are hosting a clinic with Laura Amandis. There are still a couple spots available, and it is open to auditors. Check out the signs posted around the barn for more information.

Finally, if you have a horse-crazy kid – or adult! – in your life, a lesson gift certificate might be the perfect present! Gift certificates are available in the office.



“Here lies the body of my good horse, The General.

For years he bore me around the circuit of my practice and all that time he never made a blunder. Would that his master could say the same.

–President John Tyler's epitaph for his horse