

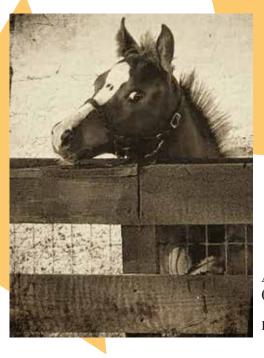
NEWSLETTER

"A Figure of Speech"

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Spice o Life Serendipity (Akira Derringer x FMHA Rosie). Bred and owned by Spice o Life Morgans Don and Mary Geisler, Ocala, FL.



2022 FLORIDA FOALS

Future Stars!



Atwood James T. Kirk (Grand Cru Dom Perignon x Perfect Cut). Bred and owned by Atwood Farm, Randal Donelson and Gary Sales, Oxford, FL.

Atwood Jeromesville (CBMF Over The Moon x Atwood Heliotrope). Bred and owned by Atwood Farm, Randal Donelson and Gary Sales.

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CITRUS CUP 2023 -

Mark your calendar April 12-15, 2023 Citrus Cup Regional will be held at the newly renovated Alachua County Agricultural and Equestrian Center, Newberry Florida. Exhibitors this year were thrilled with the renovations including matted stalls, new lighting, and covered wash racks just to mention a few. More are in progress for 2023! Citrus Cup 2022 was a success thanks to our exhibitors and generous sponsors and we hope to continue to build on our success for 2023. The committee has made some changes to the classescombining some on the In-Hand, adding Specialty In Hand classes, deleting classes that have not had entries the past 2 years, and adding the new USEF Western Equitation class. The list of classes will be posted on the Citrus Cup Facebook page and FMHA web site in November. Please be sure to check it out - if you need a class not on the list let Alicia know ASAP before the schedule is finalized. Judge for the main ring is Coby Holowacz. Dressage

Judge for the main ring is Coby Holowacz. Dressage and carriage obstacle to be announced soon. Best Western Gateway Grand will be our host hotel and they will be offering a reduced rate for our exhibitors. You may make reservations at anytime the rate is already in place! We are thrilled that Janice Scotto will spearheading the Friday night exhibitors party. Exhibitors will again be treated to special and unique "treats" daily.

Look forward to seeing everyone in April at Citrus Cup.

Alicia Davis

SUMMERS END SHOW

Summers End 2022 is a wrap and all I can say is wow. We went from 98 horses in 2021 to 204 in 2022. We doubled the number of stalls to over 280 and we sho wed in Disney for horses. The facility is amazing and the World Equestrian Center was nothing but accommodating to our needs. We have already booked 2023 back the week after Labor Day and have some great changes in store for the Show. We will be splitting some classes. Adding Food to the Arena all day Sat. Catering Thursday Friday and Sat night. We will be making the ring a little smaller and adding Box seats along the rail. Our Academy Division was one of the largest ever seen in Florida and Next year in Sunday Morning we will have Academy Championships. We are also adding reserve Championship neck Ribbons and steeping up the quality of our Prizes. Mark you calendars Sept 7-10 WEC 2023. WEC has also reduced our room rate and said they have never seen a crowd like ours for a show other than their Championship nights for gran Prix Jumping

TRAGIC LIGHTENING STRIKE AT KEVIN GIBSON'S FARM

This sad story mlght be good as a reminder of the dangers of lightning and the importance of additional precautions wiring a barn. In hindsight (working with the electricians) it appears lightning hit the power line coming into the house. This blew out the main breaker, knocked pictures off walls, and fryed any low voltage appliances and TVs. Power surge followed the line to the barn and affected the 3 horses nearest the light switches. Lightning struck about 2PM that Saturday.

Bruce (GFF Riverdance) was closest to the light switches. I found him down with nystagmus, cold sweat, and heart racing. We treated him hoping to give him a chance but he passed at 3:35AM Sunday morning.

Rugger (Khalahari) was next closest to the light switch. He was found down with nystagmus, cold sweat and heart racing as well. Fortunately Rugger responded to treatment and was able to get up after a couple hours. Rugger had serious ataxia and an ulcer in his right eye. Eventually we had to take out the eye. He continues to adapt and show incremental improvement with the ataxia. He has graduated from not being able to walk out of his stall to 1 hour turn outs twice/day.I am very optimistic he will largely recover over the next 12 mo.

Lil John was across the isle from the power switch and seemed OK that Saturday night. Sunday morning he started colicking HARD. Made 3 attempts to resolve his colic. Each time as soon as the meds wore off he went right back colicking. We felt he had a strangulated lipoma. Being geriatic he was a poor candidate for surgery so made the decision to euthanize. He didn't die directly from the lightning strike but it is too much of a coincidence to believe it didn't play a role.

Important part: I have now installed surge protectors on the power line coming in and an additional breaker box in the barn. Yes, it was a "freak" event but it could have been prevented. I would give anything to be able to go back and make the upgrades that could have saved Bruce and John.

Kevin Gibson













LOTS OF SMILES AND FUN TIMES AT SUMMER'S END 2022





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8-15 2022, MORGAN GRAND NATIONAL, Oklahoma