

COLONIAL CARRIAGE & DRIVING SOCIETY



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DRIVE INTO SPRING SEMINAR -- SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 | 8:00 AM *RAIN OR SHINE*

At Orleton Farm
31 Prospect Hill Rd
Stockbridge, MA 01262

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society is pleased to host an exciting lineup of experts for our annual seminar. This is an open format with plenty of time for questions. There is something for everyone no matter what level.

Panel of Clinicians Veterinarian Allie Catalino, Taren Lester, Jessica Axelsson and Mary Waller

Morning Session

8:00-8:45

Registration

9:00-9:45

Dr Catalino

- Pre purchase exam of your new horse
- To xray or not to xray
- What issues you can live with or not
- When is it a go or not to purchase
- The new horse entering your barn--management, feed, turnout, routine.
- Conditioning your horse or new horse for the spring season.
- Open for any and all questions.

9:45-10:00

Break

10:00-11:00

Mary Waller, Expert on proper turnout. **Bring your turnouts for Mary's suggestions!**

- How to make your attire complement your turnout.
- What type attire and colors work with formal and informal carriages.
- The differences.
- What attire could cost a lot of money and what does not need to cost a lot of money.
- Your turnout on a budget, can it be done.
- The so important correct HAT.
- The Goal is to have the judge have a good first impression of you.

11:00-12:00

Taren Lester & Jessica Axelsson, Pleasure show and Dressage show discussion

- A Judge's and trainer's perspective of what the judge is looking for in a pleasure show and dressage ring.
- The common mistakes made, simple corrections
- Class by class differences in what is appealing to the judge and what is not.
- What is necessary for dressage turnout on the move and appointments class in a pleasure show.
- Open for any and all questions

12:00-1:00

Lunch Pizza will be provided. Bring your own refreshments. Tour the carriage & coach collection.

Afternoon Session

1:00-3:00

Taren Lester & Jessica Axelsson, A discussion on the newest bits on the market

- How the different bits affect your horses.
- The correct curb chain length and the different types
- What raising and lowering the bit will accomplish
- The different settings on the coupling reins in pair driving
- The different adjustments on your harness that can be made that can make a difference.

3:00-3:30

Any and all questions

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost \$65 Members, \$85 Non-Members, Checks payable to CCDS

RSVP By April 30

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Dr. Allie Catalino

Dr. Catalino is originally from Baldwinsville, New York where she began riding in Hunter/Jumper competitions at five years of age. Throughout high school, her enthusiasm and interest in horses continued with a working student position where she fine-tuned her horsemanship skills. Allie attended SUNY Geneseo where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. During her time in Geneseo, she was an active member of the Geneseo Equestrian Team and represented the team at IHSA Nationals in 2014. After attending veterinary school at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island Canada, Allie was very excited to return to New York to be a part of the Oakencroft team. She has a particular interest in equine sports medicine as well as lameness, imaging, cardiology, and alternative medical therapies. In her free time, Allie enjoys hiking with her two dogs, Lana and Penny, and spending time riding her horses, Nevada and Rebel.



Mary Stokes Waller

Mary and Harvey are the gracious hosts of our CCDS gatherings here at their Orleton Farm and sponsors of our annual driving show. Orleton Farm and its prideful collection of vintage horse-drawn vehicles have been in Mary's family for many generations. Mary is passionate about preserving the Gilded Age history of the property as well as continuing the tradition of carriage driving and encouraging others to engage and further the art and camaraderie of the sport.



Jessica Axelsson

ADS/USEF R PDJ, ADS r Driven Dressage Judge USEF, ADS, CAA Member
Jessica began driving commercially as a tour guide in her hometown of Cape May NJ with the Cape May Carriage Company before attending college at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, PA, where she studied Equine Science. Upon graduation Jessica worked as a groom for CDEs and pleasure shows, as well as two successful draft horse hitch teams. She has competed at The Walnut Hill Driving Competition in Pittsford, NY, Lorenzo Driving Competition in Cazenovia, NY, and Orleton Farm Pleasure Show in Stockbridge, MA, as well as officiating at many wonderful shows throughout the country, notably the Grand Oaks Classic in Florida, Connecticut Morgan, Morven Park in Virginia, the Columbus Classic and Villa Louis in Wisconsin



Taren Lester (Taz)

Taz, with Boyd Exell, developed many of the bits popular with driving competitors across the world. He will be discussing the design of the bits and what applications each is used for.

Taz specializes in coaching combined driving with a focus on fundamental dressage principles which leads to success in all three phases. He is experienced with all turnouts (singles, pairs and four-in-hands) and led the top competitors of 2024 National Championship for Advanced Ponies including Amy Cross (Champion) and Sarah Reitz (Reserve Champion).

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