

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Another busy month for the McElroy Group! We brought the month in with a Halloween dinner at Casa Bella following an awesome clinic with Hoka Thorn.

Great food and great friends , always fun when Elite Equines gals are in town.

On November 1 , Amy judged the Full Gallop Event right here in Aiken. I fun day with many nice rides through the Intermediate level.

The first week we spent preparing for the Dressage Nationals in Lexington , Kentucky. Holly and Festina and Dru and Kiss qualified and received invitations to compete.

Unfortunately Dru had to pass on her invite, So on the 5th Holly, Amy, and Jeanie with Festina in tow headed on their 9 hour drive to The Kentucky Horse Park. We were lucky enough to stay at Dr Joan's Garaboldi beautiful farm. On Friday more of the group and cheering section arrived. Great to have Nan and Jane join us. Holly and Festina warmed up beautifully , for their Intermediare Freestyle ride. They took home Fourth Place at the Nationals!!! Way to go. We had a good time watching lots of freestyles, shopping, wining and dining. Amy also had a great time coaching Joan ride 3 of her fun and up and coming FEI dressage mounts. Promising futures for them. A fabulous weekend for all.

The next weekend was equally as busy for Amy. On Friday the 13th she had a great opportunity toovernite at the Historic Middleton Inn in Charleston. The next day Amy judged the Middleton Dressage schooling show which also hosted the SCDCTA Dressage Seat Equitation Finals. What an amazing group of riders. Amy was very impressed with everyone's

composure, control, and their independent seats. The evening spent with our friends from Elite Equines, Caroline and Frank, Laurens , and Liz. We ate at the fabulous 951 restaurant. Dinner was certainly a treat and delicious!! I totally recommend this restaurant if you are in the Charleston area. Sunday the 15th was a full clinic day at Elite Equines with 10 riders. Everyone rode great as always and improved by end of their lesson.

It finally feels like Fall, but I sure hope winter takes its time!

The following weekend Fair Lane Farm hosted a Gunnar Ostergaard clinic. The mornings were freeing but the sun shined all day. All the regulars rode Amy. Holly. Susan, Dru, Jocelyn, Shelly, Kate, and newer rider Myron and first time Lyn and her very own Poppy. A great way to finish out the month.

Amy will head to Florida to spend Thanksgiving with her family.

A nice rest well needed and deserved. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Upon her return December will be here. We will have one week to make final preparations for the last show of 2015. We have a large group planning to compete in the Holiday on Horses show right here in Aiken.