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**SEATTLE CLINICS
INSPIRE HOPE
... AND PRACTICE**



Julie shows Seattle Clinic participant, Jennifer, how to teach her horse to back off of the leadrope.

Sue Sheckett once again hosted two clinics with Julie in Seattle, Washington, in September. This was Julie's second year of Seattle clinics, so expectations were high among returning riders. The clinics were filled with success stories. Two participants were so moved by their experiences that they just had to share their stories.

DOREEN AND CHRIS

The couple had bought their Icelandic Horses, Odie and Tenor, several months before the clinic. Even after two months of training for their horses, the new horse owners were becoming really frustrated with their inability to control them. They both had fallen off and were looking for help when they met Sue. With the skills she had learned from Julie and others, she was able to help Chris and Doreen make it until Julie arrived.

"My husband and I had high hopes for the clinic, and Julie delivered," Doreen beams. "We had been reading books, watching DVDs, going to horse events, and getting peer coaching from others; but there were still pieces of the puzzle missing. When she and Chris pushed for quick answers, the answer was 'Let's wait until Julie comes. She can help.'"

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Tracy & Dan

**2007 CALENDAR HOLDS
VARIETY, EDUCATION & FUN**

Miracle Mountain Ranch owner & Instructor Julie Carpenter has been helping clients develop their skills in "Horsemanship From the Heart" for 22 years. Like her students, every year she continues to broaden her own skills.

"Ongoing growth and improvement is what it is all about," she says. "Learning helps each of us stay fresh so we can have a fun and rewarding relationship with our horses and each other."

This year's training options include Camps, Clinics, Trail Trials, and several more intense learning options both at MMR and at several remote locations. Read on to see what's ahead for 2007:



Partnership participants Erica (left) and Franca (middle) head out for a ride with Julie.

The Miracle Mountain Ranch newsletter is produced and distributed quarterly. Its mission is to share MMR news & happenings and to supply continuing knowledge to help everyone improve their equine partnership skills using Horsemanship From the Heart.

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SEATTLE CLINIC STORIES (CONTINUED)



Above: Seattle Clinic attendees work on various ground work exercises to improve communication between horse and rider.

Above Left: Sue and Mocha investigate a tarp while Shirley and Whiskey (right) navigate between barrels.

Right: Lisa and Belle take time to enjoy the moment between successful activities.



Right: Clinic organizer Sue Sheckett takes a moment to survey her progress with her young horse, Tazo.



Left: During Tazo's first time in the round pen Julie shows Sue how to draw his thought so he begins to look to her for direction.



Doreen says she got a big boost of understanding and confidence at the clinic. She had this to say afterward:

We really appreciate Julie's down-to-earth, approachable style – listening to and answering every question. You can learn so much more because she creates a non-judgmental environment. Julie does not throw too much at you at once so that you get lost or not enough so you are not learning something completely. There is a difference between knowing what to do and knowing how to teach someone else how to do it.

Her real gift is showing the human to look for a change in the horse, and how a change in the human makes the horse respond. She gives you a new pair of eyes. You start looking differently at how you are interacting with your horse and in turn your horse is interested in working in partnership with you.

Julie gives horses as well as the rider clear and effective options so they don't become frustrated. Instead of circling my horse, I understand how (and why) to get the disengagement from him now, and how to give a "Thank you" to my horse for his efforts.

I am very excited to continue working with my horse and get out on the trails with my husband. I have confidence that the dream of being safe and having fun with our horses can come true. Thank you Julie for sharing your gift with us."

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JENNIFER

My horse and I attended the September 2006 WA clinic with Julie, and it was terrific! I have seen other horsemanship demos and been impressed momentarily by those who can take an untrained horse and in a few hours be standing on the horse, cracking a whip. But afterward I always thought "So What? What do you really do with that?" And, I was a little uncomfortable with the feeling it gave me.

Enter Julie Carpenter. Julie focuses on creating a trust and connection so that by choice the horse's thought is focused on you and the horse learns that you are the safest, clearest, kindest place to be. Julie teaches you how to be your horse's "lead mare" ensuring your horse is focused on your every move but is working with you by choice instead of just submission. Julie teaches you how to create a willing partnership. She emphasizes the importance of letting your horse search to find the right answer. She also emphasizes the importance of saying "thank you" in a way that the horse understands.

The three days of liberty work, groundwork and saddle time focused on learning how to get my horse's thought, attention and cooperation. I learned how to read the horse's movement, to use just a little action, see if that works, if not use more; always focusing on using as little as possible and giving the horse the time to search and find the right answer. Julie also works on a rider's seat, connecting the rein to the feet and disengaging the hind end when needed. By the end of the clinic we all had our horses working with us and for us in ways they never had before.

If you are saying "So What?" "What do you really do with that?" I can only tell you that I have seen a difference. My horse is more responsive to my seat, more willing to give me his effort, happier to go out and he seems more settled and relaxed in everything we do together. And I have changed. It has given me more confidence so I am clearer in my intent and actions. It has given me tools to work with to build a stronger, safer and sensitive partnership with my horse.

I am looking forward to continuing to learn with Julie and I can't wait until she returns next year.

MMR 2007 CALENDAR



| <u>Date</u> | <u>Events</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Notes*</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|
| Jan. 2-3 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| Jan. 9-10 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| Jan. 30-31 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| Feb. 6-7 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| Feb. 10-17 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Feb. 20-21 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| Feb. 23-25 | Three-Day Clinic | \$375 | At MMR: Concentrated, advanced learning & skills practice. |
| Feb. 27-28 | Two-Day Clinic | | Plymouth, CA: Private. |
| March 1-3 | Women's Retreat | \$450 | at MMR: Includes Breakfast & Lunch. |
| March 6-13 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Mar. 28-Apr. 1 | Five-Day Clinic | \$625 | At MMR: Concentrated groundwork & riding skills. |
| Apr. 9-20 | 2-Week Apprenticeship | \$2,100 | At MMR: Concentrated, advanced learning & skills practice. 5 students. Incl. board |
| Apr. 24-25 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Apr. 26-29 | Four-Day Clinic | \$600 | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| May 1-4 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| May 5-6 | Two-Day Clinic | \$250 | Los Altos, CA: Contact Lisa Powell, 650-941-6611. |
| May 11-13 | Three-Day Clinic | \$425 | Seattle, WA: Contact Sue Shecket 206-860-5068. |
| May 16-18 | Three-Day Clinic | \$425 | Seattle, WA: Contact Sue Shecket 206-860-5068. |
| May 22-29 | Women's Camp | \$1200 | At MMR: Concentrated, advanced learning & skills practice. |
| June 1-2 | Two-Day Clinic | \$250 | Oroville, CA: Contact Tracy Johnson 530-534-5815. Beginning/Open. |
| June 3-4 | Two-Day Clinic | \$250 | Oroville, CA: Contact Tracy Johnson 530-534-5815. Advanced. |
| June 8 & 11-15 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| June 9-10 | Two-Day Clinic | \$300 | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills. Includes board. |
| June 23-29 | Volunteer Work Week! | | Susanville, CA: Dreamcatcher Horse Sanctuary |
| July 1-6 | Youth Camp | \$850 | at MMR: Lots of horsey fun! Includes Food, Board & Bunkhouse. Arrive by 6pm July 1. |
| July 13-15 | Three-Day Clinic | \$375 | At MMR: Concentrated, advanced learning & skills practice. |
| July 16-20 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| July 23-27 | Youth Day Camp | \$750 | Santa Cruz, CA: 8 kids & lots of horsey fun! Includes Snacks. Arrive by 6 pm on July 22nd. |
| Aug. 14, 15 & 20-24 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Aug. 16-19 | Four-Day Clinic | \$600 | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills. Includes board. |
| Aug. 27-30 | Four-Day Clinic | \$600 | Plymouth, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills. |
| Sept. 1-7 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Sept. 8-9 | Two-Day Clinic | \$300 | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat & riding skills. Includes board. |
| Sept. 14-16 | Three-Day Clinic | \$425 | Seattle, WA: Contact Sue Shecket 206-860-5068. |
| Sept. 19-21 | Three-Day Clinic | \$425 | Seattle, WA: Contact Sue Shecket 206-860-5068. |
| Sept. 23 (Sunday) | Day at the Ranch | | TACK SWAP, CRAFT FAIR, BBQ Hearts for Horses Fundraiser! |
| Sept. 27-29 | Women's Retreat | \$450 | at MMR: Includes Breakfast & Lunch. |
| Oct. 5-6 | Two-Day Clinic | \$300 | Burns, OR: Contact Toni Ford, 541-573-1174. Groundwork, seat & riding skills. |
| Oct. 9-17 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Nov. 9 & 14-17 | Individual Sessions | | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |
| Nov. 10-13 | Four-Day Clinic | \$600 | Santa Cruz, CA: Contact Julie. Includes board. |
| Nov. 23-25 | Three-Day Clinic | \$375 | At MMR: Groundwork, seat and riding skills. |

*All Clinics cost \$125/day plus \$15/day horse board unless otherwise noted. *All Clinics run from 9 am - 5 pm unless otherwise noted. *Deposits are required to hold your space in all clinics & camps. If you need to cancel, and we can refill your space, we will refund your deposit. If we cannot fill your space, your deposit is non-refundable. *We maintain a waiting list on all camps & clinics. *Camps include horse board, a bed in the bunkhouse and food unless otherwise noted.

'07 MMR ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Multi-Day Clinics & Camps: Two through Eight-Day clinics all begin with developing solid ground work and foundation riding skills. Advanced clinics build refined seat and riding skills both in the arena and on the trail.

Partnership Program: a flexible, personalized week where two students learn alongside Julie. Students watch and learn as Julie works training horses each morning. In the afternoon, they work with their own horses.

Two-Week Apprenticeship: This year a shortened, five student format gives students a concentrated opportunity to work with multiple horses.

Youth Camp: Eight participants, Julie and two assistants mix horses, learning, games and other fun activities. Kids get lots of personal attention and have a really great time.



Three-Day Camp: based out of 300 acres in Pioneer, CA, six participants camp out and advance their riding and trail safety skills in the cool Sierra mountains.

Women's Retreat: offers the space, time and guidance to help women refresh and reinvigorate their energy and explore their most important truths. Julie and life counselor Evelyn Birnbaum guide you on a weekend of awareness-building and learning to listen to the language of your heart and the spirit of the horse.

Remote Clinic Locations: Clinics and some individual instruction will be available in Santa Cruz, Oroville, Los Altos & Plymouth, CA, and Burns, OR, and Bellevue, WA.

Between lessons and clinics this year, Julie is spending time improving her own skills with master horseman Harry Whitney. She is also travelling to Germany to visit trainers overseas.

Julie frequently adjusts her schedule to accommodate client needs. So if you don't see something you want, just ask. (*See the full MMR Schedule on page 3.*)

Above: During the 2-Week Apprenticeship, Julie has Terry walk on all fours like a horse so she can feel the difference between a soft bend and a stiff turn.

Right: Rheannon watches as Julie shows her how to softly and safely toss the saddle on her horse.



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