

# ATRC OF THE MONTH:

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILIES, FOLLOWERS, AND SUPPORTERS OF ALBANY THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER.



## COMFORT & JOY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MONTANA

ON NOVEMBER 29TH, MISS TAYLOR'S BELOVED HORSE, MONTANA, SUFFERED A SEVERE BOUT OF COLIC. SADLY, DESPITE THE VET'S BEST EFFORTS TO HELP HIM, HE DID NOT SURVIVE. MONTANA WAS 29 YEARS OLD. HE WAS MISS TAYLOR'S LOYAL COMPANION AND TRUSTED STEED FOR 15 YEARS. HE CAME TO WORK AT ATRC, ALONG WITH MISS TAYLOR, IN 2018. HE BROUGHT LIGHT, LAUGHTER, COMFORT, AND JOY TO COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF OUR RIDERS DURING HIS 5 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH OUR ORGANIZATION. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED AND LEAVE A BIG HOLE IN ALL OF OUR HEARTS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO MONTANA'S MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND, PLEASE CONTACT MISS LAUREN OR MISS KATE.



## DECEMBER AT THE FARM:



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## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: MAUREEN ADRIANCE

'Reeny' was born and raised in Albany along with seven siblings. She lives in Colonie presently. She has been happily married to Jack for 43 years and they have one son, Tom, and one granddaughter, Morgan. She studied music at Schenectady County Community College and worked for the NYS Education Department for 37 years. She started volunteering with us this summer, helping out with lessons. Reeny is very involved and always willing to lend a helping hand with all of our fundraising events. We feel so lucky to have her enthusiasm and dedication at the farm and want to recognize her for all of her hard work.

*To get to know 'Reeny' a little better, we asked her a few questions...*

### 1. What is your favorite part about volunteering at ATRC?

The instructors are very knowledgeable, patient and friendly. The grounds are absolutely beautiful, and the horses are awesome. I totally enjoy helping the instructors with the riding lessons and seeing the children become more and more confident and comfortable riding.

### 2. When you're not at ATRC what do you like to do?

I enjoy going to concerts, the theatre, exercising, swimming, reading and writing and spending time up North at our camp. I especially enjoy spending time with family and friends. I like all animals and birds and especially dogs and horses. Jack and I love to travel and have visited 36 States and 9 countries.

### 3. If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?

I would donate more to charities and non-profit organizations, share it with family and friends, travel more and perhaps build a home on a lake.

### 4. If you could meet your hero, who would it be and why?

Over the years I have learned of, and have had, relationships with many everyday heroes and have been awed and inspired by their accomplishments, perseverance, tremendous acts of love and kindness, and by their everlasting hope and deep faith.

### 5. Why do you volunteer at ATRC?

When I retired from the State 9 years ago, I wanted to volunteer doing something I really enjoy. I have always loved horses although I didn't have many opportunities to be around them. I researched Equine Therapy because I wanted to help unique riders become confident and happy around these awesome animals. I volunteered for many years working with adult riders and learned so much during that time. I also attended a workshop and obtained a skills certificate from a National Organization. The program I volunteered at closed during COVID for good. When public health improved, I began to seek out other horse farms working with unique riders and was so glad when I found ATRC.



## Winter Exhibition

Our Second Annual Winter Exhibition was a huge success!  
Thanks to all of our participants, sponsors, food & raffle donors  
**we raised \$8,780!**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday**  
10:00 AM - Lily R.  
10:20 AM - Rachel C.  
11:00 AM - Maya A.  
11:40 AM - Anna F.  
12:20 PM - Courtney M.  
1:40 PM - Allison L.  
2:00 PM - Tyler L.  
2:20 PM - Logan F.  
3:40 PM - Dorian M.

**Sunday**  
9:40 AM - Douglas R.  
10:00 AM - Sarah S.  
10:20 AM - Ava L.  
11:00 AM - Wendy D.  
12:00 PM - Nolan R.  
1:20 PM - Madeline R.  
1:40 PM - Justin R.  
2:00 PM - Emil B.  
2:20 PM - Sophia S.  
2:40 PM - Kendall W.  
3:20 PM - Erik T.  
3:40 PM - Jenna K.

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THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS:  
PAUL ALBY & HONEYWELL LAW FIRM  
KATE FITZPATRICK & SISTERS  
AND TO ALL OF OUR FOOD, PRIZE, AND RAFFLE DONORS!

**JENN BOUNEY-STEVE CAPORIZZO-CHRISTINE CARLSON-  
COLETTE CIFOR-KATIE CURTIN-LISA DELSIGNORE-  
ROBIN FERENZO-STEFANIE FEUER-KATE FITZPATRICK-  
CATRY GINOCCHI-JOSEPH GUY-DORIAN & KELLY HUNTLEY-  
TAYLOR HUNTLEY-ANDREA KOWALESKI-KELLY MAGNUSON-  
JENN MCACUNA-DEB MITCHELL-SPENCER HANES-LESLEY RET-  
WINNY SCOTT-NICK SIMONS-MEG WYMAN**

SPECIAL THANKS TO:  
THE HUNTLEY FAMILY-BARBARA BUTCE-STUART & RUTH LEHMAN

## Congratulations, Sophia!

Sophia won the ATRC blanket donated by Cathy Ginocchi of In Stitches for being a top fundraiser for our Second Annual Winter Exhibition.

**Sophia raised \$630**  
that will help support our herd.  
Way to go, Sophia!



# Our Second Annual Winter Exhibition

## Walking (Trotting & Cantering) In A Winter Wonderland



We would like to thank all of our volunteers, families, and friends for coming out on December 4th and 5th for our Winter Exhibition! Our riders had so much fun showing off all of their skills to their closest family and friends. A little joy was needed this year! A very big thank you to all of our sponsors and donors for this event.

### Event Sponsors:

Paul Aloy (Honeywell Law Firm), The Fitzpatrick Sisters, and W J Riegel Rail Solutions,

### Class Sponsors:

Altamont Country Values, ATRC Board of Advisors, Kristine Carlson, Katie Curtin & Nick Simons, Jenn Mckeown, Deb Mitchell, and Southend Powder Coating

### Ribbon Sponsors:

Altamont Country Values, Steve Caporizzo (Pet Connections), and Brian & Kelly Huntley

### Raffle Donors:

Karen Blum Anthony (KLA Watercolors & Acrylics), Jenn Bourey, Robin Ferendzo (Coldwell Banker Prime Properties), Kate Fitzpatrick, Kathy Ginocchi (In Stitches Press & Stitch), Girl Fight Fitness, Joseph Guy, Taylor Huntley, Lesley Ret (Color Street), Mindy Scott, Anne Tarpinian, and Meg Vijayan

### Food Donors:

Colette Cifor (Tangram Partners, LLC), Robin Ferendzo (Coldwell Banker Prime Properties), Stephanie Feuker (Caked With Love By Steph), Andrea Kowaleski, Patticakes Cookies, and Spencer Noakes (Remarkable Liquids)







## Making Spirits Bright!

~ Miss Jenn ~  
Our New Instructor in Training

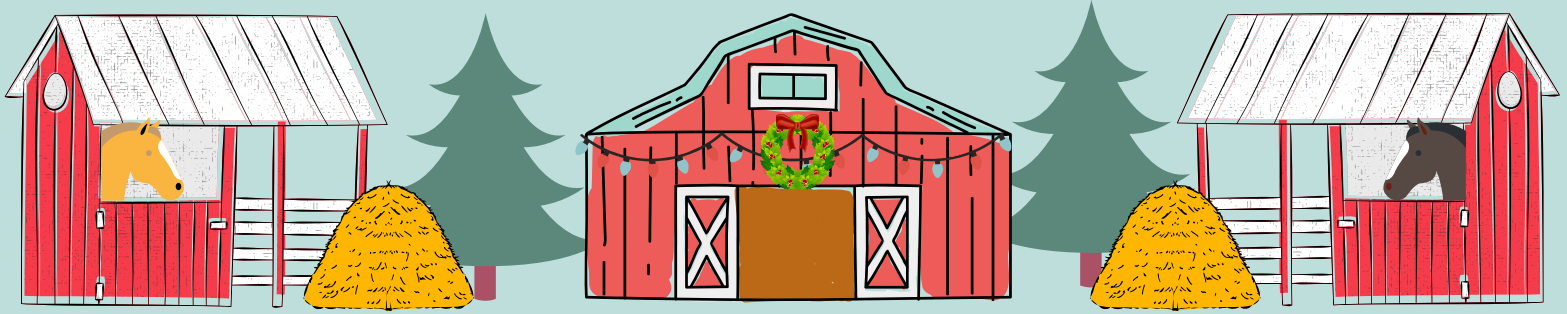


Jenn earned her BA in Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2013. Although she has worked in the financial services industry for close to a decade, Jenn has always been compassionate for those with mental illness and people on the autism spectrum, with equine therapy as a means of therapeutic treatment.

Jenn began volunteering at Albany Therapeutic Riding Center in August where she learned barn management, equestrian care, and helped with riding lessons. She began taking regular lessons this summer to learn natural horsemanship with a focus on equine and rider safety. Jenn is pursuing her Therapeutic Riding Instructor certification through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) and ATRC.

When she is not at the barn, Jenn loves to stand up paddleboard, run, read, and spend time with friends.





## **Welcome, Apollo!** **Come Let Us Adore Him**

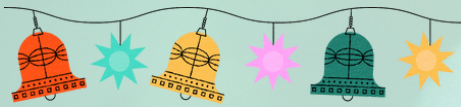
**Apollo is a 24 year old American Paint Horse registered with the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) under the name, Jack J Stormy. Miss Kate and her mom, Kristine, purchased him in 2003.**



**Apollo walks, trots, canters, and does jumps. He has taught many children how to ride, including Miss Kate's very own 6 year old daughter, Lillie. He has been a youth stock horse and participated in countless lessons, trail rides, and horse shows during the years that Miss Kate has owned him. He has won innumerable English EQ championships. He loves being brushed and using people as human scratching posts. His favorite snack is Twizzlers. Please join us in welcoming him to our herd!**

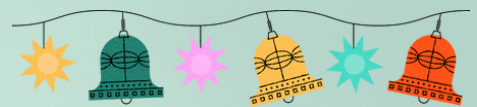






## Oh What Fun It Is To Ride!

<https://equinehelper.com/category/lifestyle/>



According to the article, "Is Horseback Riding Fun?", by Carmella Abel on *equinehelper.com*, "Horseback riding is incredibly fun when it is done safely with the correct protective gear and the necessary experience and knowledge of how to maintain control of your horse both in the saddle and on the ground. [It] becomes even more fun as you learn more about your horse and the stronger your bond becomes with one another... horseback riding is fun because of the incredible bond that you form with your horse. I still remember my amazement...at how I was communicating with such a large and beautiful creature...like any relationship, bonding with your horse takes time and commitment... Horseback Riding Is Fun Because Of The Friends You Make...the people that you meet along the way!...[H]orse people are friendly, easy to get along with, and can become some of the best friends that you'll ever make...Horseback Riding Is Fun Because It's Challenging...[It] requires problem-solving, quick thinking, and determination. Good horseback riders...must learn to think like their horse so that they can implement solutions that their horse will understand and respond to correctly...it's fun looking back at where you first started and realizing that the things you once found difficult are now second nature for you!...Horseback Riding Is Fun Because It Teaches You Good Life Lessons...you learn not only about horses but also about life...[It teaches] patience...Horses can [be] very stubborn...they often require repeated training before any negative behaviors are corrected...[Horseback riding teaches] Selflessness...properly caring for your horse will require you to put aside your own desires and comfort...staying late at the barn to fill up water buckets, muck out stalls, or take care of a medical issue are just a few of the things you have to get used to doing...[Horseback riding also teaches you] how To Work Well Under Pressure. Horses are living and breathing creatures that possess their own free will. Because of this, unexpected things are bound to happen. Whether it's your horse spooking at something jumping out of the bushes, or simply refusing to follow your commands, working with horses teaches you how to think on your feet and quickly and calmly take care of unexpected situations."





# Deck The Halls & The Stalls...







Send a 'Shout Out' to someone special!  
For a \$10 donation your message and photo will appear in our monthly newsletter!  
For more information or to submit an entry contact Miss Taylor.

## Celebrating December

*Make A Wish*



I hope you have an  
amazing year ahead!

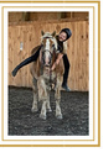
~Kate Fitzpatrick~

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

The Albany Therapeutic Riding  
Center recognizes

**JENNA**

as Elsa Marie's official sponsor  
November 2021-November 2022.



ELSA MARIE

TAYLOR HUNTLEY  
ATRC Executive Director

**Congratulations!**

### CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

The Albany Therapeutic Riding  
Center recognizes

**NOLAN**

as Tanner's official sponsor  
December 2021-December 2022.



TANNER

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM  
THE FARM

