

## 34th Annual Thorncroft Victory Gallop April 6, 2019 at The Bellevue, Philadelphia

*Golden Hearts Lead the Way: 50 Years of Horses Healing Humans*

Plans are underway, and the excitement is mounting as Thorncroft prepares for the 34th Annual Victory Gallop and 50th Anniversary Celebration. Mark your calendars and join us for this momentous occasion. It is an exciting time for the Farm, and for everyone who has been a part of our history! We are thrilled to have Gus and Kristin Meyer of Malvern as our chairs for this year's Victory Gallop, they are eager to share their passion for Thorncroft and the life-changing work that happens here with you.

This year's theme *Golden Hearts Lead the Way: 50 Years of Horses Healing Humans*, acknowledges the unique and transformative power that our horses give to all who encounter them. While each year brings necessary change to the Farm, we remain passionate in our efforts to provide this transformation to all who seek it, welcoming all friends regardless of their abilities. All proceeds from the Victory Gallop will benefit our therapeutic riding programs, providing life-changing services to our surrounding community.

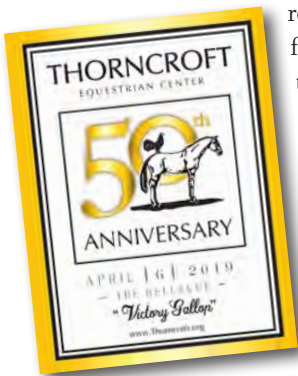
The Untouchables of Philadelphia band is back and ready to keep you on the dance floor where you will be surrounded by the fragrance of the amazing florals designed again this year by Cottage

Flowers, Malvern. Executive Chef Tim Paroulek of The Bellevue will work his magic and prepare a delightful repast sure to please all.



Once again the auction boasts wonderful treasures, so don't forget to charge your cell phone because electronic bidding is back with our new vendor GiveSmart! Register online at [thorncroft.givesmart.com](http://thorncroft.givesmart.com) to buy your tickets and start the bidding now! Cocktails are served in the Red & Clover beginning at 5:30, the auction closes at 10:30, and the last dance is at 11:30. FMI visit [www.thorncroft.org](http://www.thorncroft.org) or call 610.644.1963.

Special thanks to Jill Marshall for capturing the essence of Thorncroft and our celebration of 50 years with her design for the invitation.



## Celebrating 50 Years of Service What hasn't changed?

While many things have changed at Thorncroft since our beginning in 1969, a few things have remained the same. Thorncroft is here to serve! Our foundation is built on the principles of respect, love and inclusion under the common bond of horsemanship. We have been fortunate to have the steady and consistent guidance of Saunders Dixon, who started Thorncroft with the inherent belief in the therapeutic power of horses. He envisioned a place where all individuals would be treated the same and no one would

be turned away for lack of funds. These attributes to our program still exist today, along with consistent leadership and instruction. The



Farm still sits on 70 acres of land in bucolic Chester County and will remain that way in perpetuity. The horses are still gentle and healing. The instructors and volunteers still come prepared to change lives by helping people grow and learn using the horses and the Farm as their tools. Our riders still look forward to coming to Thorncroft. Love still abounds!



# Thoughts from the Hay Barn

Over the years Thorncroft has grown to where today we proudly offer an educated and committed staff, a barn with 34 healthy and sound horses, two beautiful covered arenas, offices and meeting rooms, 70-acres of open space, riders and volunteers who have been coming from the “tri-state” and beyond for years. Today we welcome their friends and grandchildren... ready for their first visit, a first ride, or their first walk across the Farm. We have hosted interns and visitors from as far away as France, Poland, Germany, Sweden, Bermuda, Taiwan, Brazil, Argentina, Bangkok, England, Israel and across the states that have come to share their knowledge.



Many donors have been with us since the beginning, and thankfully many more have happened along the way... all these friends arrive for the same reason, for the how and why of Thorncroft.



Saunders is the how and his mission remains the why; same as it was in 1969. We will continue to welcome anyone who chooses to be a part of Thorncroft; regardless of who they are, what they can do or their financial status. Every individual is treated with the same respect and dignity and offered an equal opportunity;

to experience the Farm’s Quaker-based philosophy and true healing through the power of love.

While this is a year of celebration, a time of congratulations and excitement, of sharing stories and years of camaraderie, remember the heart and soul of the Farm have always been you...each and every one of you who have left your foot prints on the Farm.

For that, we remain forever grateful, for what you have brought to Thorncroft in the past, for how you will care for the Farm into the future. In peace, bless you and thank you, Saunders & Sallie.

## Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS.

Join us for our annual Volunteer luncheon Sunday, March 31 at Limoncello, Chester Springs from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 22. See the reservation form in this newsletter or e-mail [maddie@thorncroft.org](mailto:maddie@thorncroft.org). **There is NO invitation being mailed.** We invite volunteers that have given 50+ hours in 2018 to join us as our guests. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate and acknowledge the work of our volunteers. Congratulations and special thanks to all our volunteers, and especially those who have given 50+ hours of their time to the Farm over the past year.



### 50+ HOURS

Emily Brockman  
April Boutin  
Barbara Burns  
Karen Corcoran  
Peggy Franck  
Marin Gala  
Audrey Griffin  
Curt Jones  
Suki Kermes

Maria LaTran  
Nancy Ramsey  
Gerty Römer  
Vanessa Ruffo

### 75+ HOURS

Jacob Donohue  
Christine Del Paggio  
Gretchen Larsen  
Bruce Mammarella  
Cheryl Meyer

Ro Schuler  
John Scott

### 100+ Hours

Linda Adams  
Joan Baldwin  
Elize Budziak  
Janice Conner  
Kayla Connor  
Brett Dolente  
Ann Hill

Joyce Jones  
Marybeth Lee  
Doreen Makos  
Alex McNamara  
Tifani Mikropoulas  
Alesha Polles  
Lisa Robinson  
Sally Roth  
Michael Serocki  
Beth Vitello  
Emily Wells

### 200 + Hours

Pam Morris  
Linda Scheuerle

### 300 + Hours

Michael Neal

### 400+ Hours

Ingrid Cantarella





# Hats Off to Our Special Friends

**A**t this milestone in Thorncroft's history, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our special friends and vendors who, over the years, have generously cared for the needs of the Farm.

A Anchor & David M. Hickman  
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 Bee.Net Internet Services  
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 Parker Electric  
 PATH International  
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 Tate Weller & Baker LLP



Rick Clark Ferrier Services



Parker Electric

## The Strength of Human Spirit Award

As we celebrate 50 years of serving the community and in honor of that milestone we have invited two families to accept an award that we have presented in the past and will award the night of the Victory Gallop, "The Strength of Human Spirit."

**Thorncroft is honored to this year present the Award to Jane MacElree and her daughter Ann Hill of Hilltop Farm and Caroline Moran on behalf of the Elizabeth R. Moran Family and Brushwood Stable.** Both families have been a part of the Farm since almost our beginning, through volunteering, their support of Thorncroft and the Equestrian world at large; we can't imagine any others that have had such an impact or are more deserving of this award. Join us again for this exciting occasion!

The Strength of Human Spirit Award is presented by the Victory Gallop Committee to the individual and or family who strives to make a difference in the lives of those with special needs.



Over the years Thorncroft has presented the Award to:

**2014: Temple Grandin, Ph.D.**, in recognition of her lifelong dedication to the people and animals that have benefited from her knowledge and gift.

**2012: Missy Ranshousen**, Chef d'Equipe of the US Para-Equestrian Team and **Hope Hand**, President of the US Para-Equestrian Team, for their dedication to the sport and para-equestrians.

**2002: Adam Taleferro**, for his recovery from a life-altering football accident (the athlete sustained a traumatic football accident at Penn State).

**1998: The Bruce & Karen Smith Family**, for their commitment to children with disabilities; while caring for their three children they took on ten foster children with special needs.

**1996: Christopher and Dana Reeve** for their international dedication to the education and research of and for people with traumatic spinal cord injuries.

# Thorncroft Calendar

## Spring/Summer 2019

### March 10: Barbara Strawson Clinic

Auditors welcome at no fee. RSVP to [maddie@thorncroft.org](mailto:maddie@thorncroft.org)

### March 17: Tara Jones Pieceful Solutions Riding & Training Clinic

Solve the pieces of the riding puzzle with master clinician Tara Jones. \$115 per participant. To register, e-mail [maddie@thorncroft.org](mailto:maddie@thorncroft.org)



March 17th

### March 24: Masterson Method Clinic

Join Thorncroft and Valissa Willwerth, MMCP for a hands-on demo exploring equine bodywork using the Masterson Method. To register, e-mail [maddie@thorncroft.org](mailto:maddie@thorncroft.org)

### March 31: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Restaurant Limoncello in Chester Springs. All welcome from 12p.m.-3p.m. Use the enclosed reservation form or call 610.644.1963 to join us. Please reserve by March 22. Volunteers with 50+ hours are guests of the Farm.

### April 6: 34th Annual Victory Gallop at The Bellevue Philadelphia

Join Thorncroft on Saturday, April 6 to celebrate the Farm's 50th Anniversary at our Victory Gallop at The Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia! Black tie dinner, dancing, and silent auction. Proceeds to benefit Thorncroft's life-changing therapeutic horseback riding.



April 6th

### April 14: Do You Know Horse Speak?

Clinic with Sharon Wilsie-Join Thorncroft and renowned clinician Sharon Wilsie of Wilsie Way Horsemanship as she shares the basics of her ground-breaking methods.

### May 25: 40th Annual Therapeutic Riders Division of the Devon Horse Show

The prestigious TRD of the Devon Horse Show brings together 175 riders of all abilities to compete in a variety of classes including equitation, dressage, and trail.

### May 26: Championship Classes at The Devon Horse Show

On the Devon Horse Show Grounds. Presentation and classes will start at approximately 11:00 a.m., followed by a performance by the Thorncroft Mainstreamers.



May 26th

### June 6-8: The Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games

Our Special Olympic athletes will travel from Thorncroft to Penn State to compete in the equestrian divisions.

### June 17-August 9: Summer Camps

Join the Farm to celebrate the season of sun, fun, friends, and horses! Campers ages 8-12 and Counselors-in-Training ages 13+ welcome. Register online at [thorncroft.org](http://thorncroft.org)

### August 29: 2nd Annual 5K Trail Run for Thorncroft

Join us, and run, walk, or wheel along our riding paths and through the fields where our horses grave. Public welcome to post-event celebration with food and music.



August 29th

### October 13: 10th Annual Lobstah Bake & BBQ

Description: Enjoy a menu of all the fixings of a traditional lobster bake with lip-smackin' BBQ! Live music, open bar, + much more! Reservations required.



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# Results of the 39th Annual Therapeutic Riders Division of the Devon Horse Show

Join us Saturday, May 25 at Thorncroft for the 40th presentation of the Therapeutic Riders Division of the Devon Horse Show and on Sunday, May 26 at the Devon Horse Show Grounds for the Trophy Presentations, Championship Class, and performance by the Thorncroft Mainstreamers.

Photography kindness of Louis Gitlin.



## The Hope Montgomery Scott Perpetual Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Devon Orthodontics  
Presented by Dr. Maria Secchi and her daughter Sophia Secchi  
For the Winner of the Championship Class  
**Champion: Brianna Bevans of Pegasus Riding Academy**



## The Hope Montgomery Scott Perpetual Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Devon Orthodontics  
Presented by Dr. Maria Secchi and her daughter Sophia Secchi  
For the Reserve Winner of the Championship Class  
**Reserve Champion: Carol Rowehl of Pegasus Riding Academy**



## The Brushwood Challenge Trophy

Sponsored by Brushwood Stable  
and presented by Caroline Moran and Blake Aller  
For the Best Rider with Disabilities  
**Winner: Carol Rowehl of Pegasus Riding Academy**



## The McDermott Perpetual Trophy

Sponsored by the children of Isabel MacDermott, and presented by 2018 TRD Co-chairs, Jane Higgins and Mary M. MacKinnon  
Winner of the Division for the Mentally Disabled  
**Winner: Samantha Weitz of Sebastian Riding Associates**



## The Hilltop Trophy

Sponsored by Hilltop Farm and presented by Jane C. MacEree and Ann Hill  
Winner of the Division for the Physically Disabled  
**Winner: Brynn Barnhart of Special Equestrians**



## The TRD Championship Cooler

Sponsored and presented by Ronald I. Blair  
For the Champion Therapeutic Horse of the Year  
**Winner: Leaf of Thorncroft**



## The Thorncroft Perpetual Trophy

Sponsored by Pat & Michele Boova and presented by Dr. Maria Secchi of Devon Orthodontics and her daughter, Sofia  
Winner of the Division for Learning Differences  
**Winner: Abby Mains of Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center**



## The E.W. Garbisch Trophy

Sponsored by Gwynne G. McDevitt and presented by 2018 horse show committee members, Kay Ferrari and Nancy Baulis  
For Outstanding Achievement by a Rider with Disabilities  
**Winner: Brianna Bevans of Pegasus Riding Academy**



## The Anne Joyce Cochran Trophy

Sponsored by Happy Hollow Farm, presented by Eric Corkhill  
Rider with the Highest Scoring in Trail Class  
**Winner: Adam Suttman of Special Equestrians**



## The Stephanie Bennett Perpetual Trophy

Sponsored by the Horse Show Committee and presented by 2018 horse show committee members, Nancy Baulis and Kay Ferrari  
Winner of the Advanced Division  
**Winner: Carol Rowehl, Pegasus Riding Academy**



## The Ann Dixon Artistic Award

Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. McDevitt and presented by Sallie Dixon  
Awarded for Artistic Expression in the Musical Freestyle  
**Winner: Nashaia Williams of CATRA**

# Join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

**Ristorante Limoncello**  
499 E. Uwchlan Ave.  
Chester Springs, PA 19425  
610.524.3112



Please tear off this form and return it with your check to:  
Thorncroft Equestrian Center  
190 Line Road, Malvern, PA 19355

Celebrate the special work and dedication of our volunteers with our friends and families at a luncheon on **Sunday, March 31st, 12:00-3:00pm.** A savory buffet has been chosen by the chef just for YOU! **RSVP by Friday, March 22nd** FMI thorncroft.org or 610-644-1963.

Your Name, Address & Day Phone:

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ adults in my party @ \$35 per person (49 volunteer hours or less)  
\_\_\_\_\_ children @ \$20 per child (12 yrs and under)

Please list the names of the adults and children in your party:

*Please Note: Volunteers with 50+ hours as listed in the newsletter are invited as our guests.*



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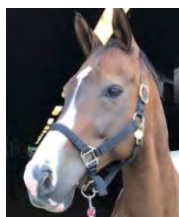
## Welcome to our newest friends...



Rusty



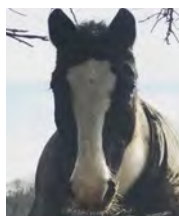
Maddie



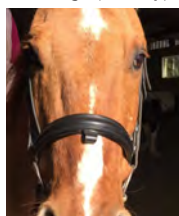
VanGogh (Vinney)



KC



Paint Jack



JJ

Welcome our latest four-legged additions to the Farm horses, through your generosity... horses and ponies that have served their riders so well are given a second life at Thorncroft.

**Rusty** came to the Farm kindness of the Lisi Family.

**Maddie** will keep you on your toes while you "toodle" about the arena on her happy, round frame.

**Van Gogh**, known in the barn as Vinney, is a generous gift of Caroline Moran.

**KC** is owned and shared by our Office/Admissions Coordinator Lisa Hirsch.

**Paint Jack** is the kindness of the Summy family.

**JJ** came to us accompanied by his two moms Alli Gallagher and Carole Cloud.

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