



San Domingo Ranch Presents

“Happy Trails”

The Growing Crisis of Loss of Land for Horse Related Activities and Equestrian Trail Building.

A two day Conference March 27th and 28th with concurrent AQHA Trailride and Camp Out.

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Land ...

Our land -is disappearing at a rate of 6,000 acres per day. Once it is gone, we cannot get it back. Horsemen are losing trail access on public lands. Liability concerns are limiting our ability to ride on others' private land. In the future, where will you ride, drive, compete, race, raise foals, and grow hay? Where will your grandchildren ride drive, compete, race, raise foals and grow hay?

This March 27-28th, The San Domingo Ranch will be presenting an opportunity to experience the better part of a weekend devoted to Equine Land Conservation and Trail Building. There will be an American Quarter Horse Association Trail Ride, and a Fashion Show with Hanna Hartnell. Barbeque will be served both days. The major speakers will be Jan Hancock, who wrote “Equestrian Design Handbook for Trails trailheads and Campgrounds”, and Deb Balliet from Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. Tips on resources and tools available for trail building, planning trail systems and safeguarding land use for horse enthusiasts will be offered. A special section on “National Land Trust Case Studies Review” and “Seeking and Forming Land Trust Partnerships” has been planned. The conference will explore working with groups like Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and USDA Forest Service, as well as working with other Professional Trail Building organizations for funding resources.

Jan Hancock is on the advisory Board of the Diablo Trust, a 426,900 acre land collaborative. Diablo Trust was initiated in 1993 at a community gathering called by two northern Arizona ranch families in Northern Arizona. Diablo Trust features one of the largest trails in Arizona built with a community based collaborative process. Along with the benefits of planning trail systems, Jan will share her experiences building and designing trails in the private industry. She wrote the Equestrian Design Guidebook for the U.S. Dept of Transportation, and is currently writing her latest book "*Horseback Riding Around the World – My Top 100 Places to Ride.*" She credits her bay gelding, Partner, for always making the work of writing books about horses incredibly fun. Jan has worked as a consultant for the City of Glendale's Master Plan and has designed trails and helped public and private individuals connecting large, adjacent properties as well as acquire funding like the Diablo Trust lands and Rails to Trails partnerships, working tirelessly to create successful recreation opportunities for riders. Continuing education credit for this in Landscape design is available.

Our Second speaker Deb Balliet of Equestrian Land Conservation resource will speak on "Seeking and Forming Land Trust Partnerships" and "National Trends and Equine Industry Facts". Loss of open land has been identified as the greatest threat to the future of all equestrian sport, recreation, and industry. By educating horse people and encouraging partnerships with conservationists and other user groups at the local level, the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource is mobilizing thousands of equestrians to work for land access and protection in their communities.

Last but not least, a Fashion Show and class "Fashion Designing as a Business 101" will be offered with continuing education credit. Class will be taught by Equestrienne enthusiast and Fashion Designer Hanna Hartnell of the Red Carpet Fame. Although a successful fashion designer in Los Angeles today, Hanna is long been a committed horsewoman whose designs reflect the modern woman. Along with her pieces, Antique and Contemporary Indian Jewelry will also be on display and for sale. Please call 361 358 1244 or go to www.sandomingoranch.com to register for Trail ride, or Conference. Group discounts for student organizations are available. See you there!



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