

## How bombproof do you want your horse to be?

Join us for an afternoon clinic learning how to work your horse through all kinds of obstacles that you might meet up with on the trail and/or in a trail challenge or working equitation or at any kind of show. Saturday, August 9th from 1 PM to approximately 4 PM...we're not in a rush, it can run over a bit, Rose Farm will host an obstacle training and judging clinic. Bring your horse for an afternoon of de-spooking, courage-building and smoothing out of how your horse handles various obstacles and trail challenges. You may work your horse in hand and/or mounted. Certified Judge Taylor Garner, who judged at the Quarter Horse Congress, will explain how each obstacle is judged with the official 7-step method. She explained it to me and it's great! Those of you with baby green horses as well as seasoned horses and riders will benefit greatly with exposure to our expanded obstacle area. It's a great benefit to get your horse to a new, safe, friendly place to work on these very important skills. Feedback from our shows has been very positive and everyone is relaxed and happy. The more that you expose your horse to new and different sights and the quicker he/she relaxes and trusts the rider, the safer horse you will have. Who doesn't want that?

The cost of the clinic is an affordable-for-all \$20. That covers you and a horse. If multiple people are working on a horse, each person will pay \$20. You may bring your trainer with you if you like for \$20. The trainer may help more than one student for no extra fee. If you would like to come watch and audit, the fee is \$5. Bring a chair if you get tired. I train this all the time and will be happy to help you if you need it. You will need to bring a long leadline, a dressage-type or buggy whip if you have one, a halter and tack if you want to ride. The first part of the day will be working your horse over the obstacles. The second part will be a judging seminar where you will learn how points are assigned for each obstacle. If you do not have transportation for your horse, you may borrow one of mine for an extra \$10. We have made this extremely affordable because we feel very strongly that a better trained horse is a safer horse. We have an indoor in case of rain and there will be fruit, snacks, soda, and bottled water for sale if you get hungry or bring snacks from home.

Our horses have all improved since we started working them this way. We have work yet to do, but it's a lot more fun than just riding in circles. This work is beneficial to dressage, jumping, western, and trail horses...any kind of horse. Call me if you have questions. Linda Stanier 410-586-1617. See you there!

The photo is of judge Jackie Flynt successfully schooling young filly Faith under the scary towels on a line.