



OLD FIELD FARM, LTD.

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Dear Friend of Old Field Farm,

We are excited to announce that during 2011, Old Field Farm will offer its most interesting season of events yet. All of these events have been developed so that they bring depth to the Farm's ongoing commitment to its environment, to its equestrian and Long Island communities, and to the restoration of its historic structures.

New Old Field Events Make their Debut in 2011

Protecting the Environment at Old Field. Old Field Farm continues to make its support of the environment a priority with the addition of a project staffed by volunteers from "STATE" (Students Taking Action for Tomorrow's Environment) from Avalon Park & Preserve, and Four Seasons Audubon Society to build and install bird and bat boxes to be placed and monitored at selected locations throughout the Farm. The project goal is to provide nesting places for these indigenous species and will provide numerous benefits for the Farm: It will encourage respect for the wildlife with which we share the Farm and the value that they bring; it will teach us about these species and how we can protect them as a part of the Farm's ecosystem; and, importantly, it will give the Farm a natural form of insect control.

Expansion of Casenovia College Internship Program. The Internship Program initiated with Casenovia College last year has been doubled in size and scope. Last year's first college internship was a success for both Old Field Farm and intern Alex Miraglia, who studied all aspects of horse show operations and management. This year we are adding a second intern and we are expanding our educational platform to include promotion and marketing of equine businesses. Old Field Farm is proud of our support of the equestrian industry and looks forward to further expansion of this program to help develop future members of the equestrian industry.

Old Field Farm Hosts the LIDCTA Summer Dressage Show (July 24). Under the auspices of the Long Island Dressage and Combined Training Association, the Farm will host a USEF-recognized Dressage Show. "Dressage" (the French word for "training") is an Olympic competition discipline where horse and rider are judged and scored on the execution of a series of pre-scripted movements that are often described and appear to be choreographed dance steps. Each elegant and beautiful movement takes great skill on both the part of the horse and the rider. We are delighted to add the sport of dressage to our existing menu of hunter and jumper horse shows and competitions at Old Field Farm. It is one more way for spectators to appreciate the special partnership between the competition horse and rider.

Conformation Clinic Two Day Workshop (October 1 and 2). We have hosted many clinics at Old Field Farm over the years, but never one dedicated exclusively to equine conformation. This year we proudly present Judy Wardrope, author of "Ten Confirmation Myths" and an expert on equine conformation, who will conduct a clinic at Old Field Farm to cover how to select the appropriate horses for various equestrian disciplines. The two-day clinic will include a lecture, a hands-on workshop analyzing on-site horses, and a session under saddle. This clinic is a must for any rider who wants to understand how a horse's physical build impacts its performance. If you are a competitor or considering buying a horse and want to fully understand the dynamics of how each equestrian discipline and training program relates to a horse's unique anatomy, this clinic is made for you. Ms Wardrope's book has been chosen for discussion by the Old Field Farm Book Club (see below for a description of the Book Club event), which will provide a fine introduction to this subject for prospective clinic attendees.

Old Field's Traditional Events Continue to Evolve

Vineyard Ride Adds a New Stop (June 4, rain date June 5). The popular Vineyard Ride will add a second route for Vineyard-Ride veterans (those who have participated in at least one Vineyard Ride). The Diliberto Vineyard, a charming local vineyard whose offerings are influenced by Italian traditions, will open its doors to provide a new tasting experience to this select group of Vineyard-Ride veterans, who will also visit two of the other vineyards on the Vineyard Ride's usual route. Our usual Vineyard Ride route, open to all ticketed supporters, will still include stops at Martha Clara Vineyards, Paumanok Vineyards and Jamesport Vineyards. Both Vineyard rides feature a wine tasting tour of three vineyards on horseback followed by a gourmet luncheon. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and hospitality of all of our vineyard friends and supporters and of our long-time friends at the Nassau-Suffolk Horsemen's Association and East End Horsemen's and Livestock Association with whom we continue to work together on this event. The Vineyard Ride has become a spring tradition on Long Island and sells out quickly. We encourage you purchase your tickets well in advance. Tickets are on sale now.

Old Field Farm Book Club Third Annual Meeting. (Date TBA) For its third annual selection, the Old Field Farm Book Club has selected "*Ten Conformation Myths*" (available in as an eBook) by internationally acclaimed conformation expert Judy Wardrope. Conformation involves an analysis of the horse's physical structure, relating to the study of form as it relates to function for horses. Thus conformation can reveal how horses are best suited for various equestrian disciplines such as racing, showing, hunters, jumpers, dressage, Western reining and provide insight on how to design their training programs. We highly recommend this event to all equestrians and especially to attendees of Ms. Wardrope's October 1 and 2 Clinic. (see above for details).

Michael Page: A Clinic with a Three time Olympian (June 24th or 25th). Michael Page will come to Old Field Farm in June to conduct a clinic geared toward all levels of rider who aim to sharpen their skills, knowledge and riding performance.

Sandy Ferrell : Enhancing Show Hunter Performance Clinic. Leading show hunter rider Sandy Ferrell will return to Old Field Farm in July to conduct a clinic in which she will work intensively with riders interested in improving their horses "way of going" and performance in the show ring. Ms. Ferrell is back at Old Field by popular demand by riders who have found Ms. Ferrell's clinic to be of great benefit for themselves and their horses.

Style for the Season VII: Shopping the Worth Collection (May 8-10). Our Old Field Farm supporters and friends can "sharpen their chic" - in a special up close and personal way by shopping the Worth Collection for Spring and Summer, at "The Barn at Avalon". The Worth Collection features fine women's apparel known for quality, value, and elegant style. What makes shopping the Worth Collection unique is the one-to-one styling assistance for which Worth is well known. Purchases from the Worth Collection for Spring and Summer will directly benefit Old Field Farm. To schedule a personal appointment please call Laura Norwalk: (917-596-3176), or send her an email: laura@strategicimagepartners.com.

Old Field Farm Summer Horse Show Series. Our 2011 Old Field Farm Summer Equestrian Festival includes a series of popular competitive horse shows. Special features for competitors include "**The Spy Coast Farm Hunter Classics**" and "**The Mercedes Benz of Smithtown Old Field Farm Hunter Derby**". Tickets will be available soon for the Hunt Brunch (June 12) which will take place during the Smithtown Hunt Horse Show and for the popular August Clambake (August 21) during the Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's Association. The "Cross Rail Café", Old Field Farm's new seasonal pop-up restaurant seating area in the grandstand, which makes its debut during the 2011 horse show season at the Farm, will provide horse show spectators with a place to sit and enjoy the delicious fare from local Chef Mario Spirou.

Everything Audrey! The Eighth Annual Old Field Farm Summer Outdoor Film Series. "Everything Audrey!", a theme selected based input from Old Field Farm supporters, will consist of three classic films featuring Audrey Hepburn: "My Fair Lady", "Roman Holiday", and "Breakfast at Tiffany's". As always, Town of Brookhaven historian Barbara Russell will join us to provide the historic connections between each of the films and our local Long Island community and the Farm. Come join us and bring your picnic (and flashlight!) for a free evening of outdoor film fun.

For additional information about these and other Old Field Farm events, please check the flyers enclosed with this letter and the Old Field Farm website www.oldfieldfarmltd.com.

Old Field Farm's Ongoing Restoration During 2011

In preparation for the upcoming season, we are continuing our work to improve the Hunt and Pony Course. We are also in the process of restoring an additional six-stall stable building and rebuilding and painting more fencing. Our Learning Center project is still under active development and our campaign to raise funding to upgrade the Richard Haviland Smythe Main Barn Roof is ongoing as well. Volunteer assistance from large corporate entities helps us in addressing many of our restoration and preservation activities.

Our restoration and preservation activities and accomplishments and our community and equestrian events would not have been possible without the continuing support of the friends of Old Field Farm. Enclosed you will find an application card for membership in Old Field Farm. Please join today. Funds raised through the membership, as well as your donations, help us to offset the costs to bring you the events described in this letter as well as others we are planning for the months and years ahead. Many of these events are offered to the community free of charge

We look forward to seeing you at Old Field Farm throughout the 2011 season. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

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President, Old Field Farm, Ltd.

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