

Old Friends

Thoroughbred Retirement in Georgetown, Kentucky

Accredited by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)



Spring/Summer 2018

A Message from Michael Blowen

There's something so soothing about indulging in the sheer pleasure of watching our retirees nibbling grass (and each other) in the early evening. I know it's very selfish. And, frankly, that's okay with me.

Whether it's Game On Dude nuzzling Little Mike or Amazombie preventing Rapid Redux from winning his 23rd or War Emblem just being War Emblem, it's an endless cineramic tableau of these great horses being just horses.

The past few months, thanks to your generous donations, we've been able to transfer horses from satellite farms over to our main facility, and to a newly purchased additional 90 acres located nearby. And, thanks to a donation of horses and money from philanthropist Mari Hulman George, we have cut our off-site expenditures significantly.

It's also allowed us to retire AP Valentine and River Squall for Dr. Day; Lubash for Christophe Clement; Joey P for all his great supporters in New Jersey; Nicanor for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and Deeply Undervalued for Chad Brown and Seth Klarman. And while it's always exciting to offer homes to famous horses, it's especially rewarding to welcome the not-so-famous like Palmer's Approach for Lorita Lindemann, Bunkers Edge for Shirley Ford, and Prized Poach for a sister TAA organization.

We can't wait for early August, when Old Friends Artist-in-Residence Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner's *The Art of Old Friends* arrives. Visit page two to find out what levels are still available for pre-order.

We have three Old Friends events in early August at Saratoga: Dagmar's *The Art of Old Friends* August 5 book-signing at the National Racing Museum; Cabin Creek's Annual After the Races Party at the Saratoga National Golf Club that same evening, and our August 8 free party at Anne's Washington Inn! Hope you can attend!

It's not too early to make plans for Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs in November. Old Friends will have a presence at Equestricon that week, including a brief talk by yours truly. (Diane insisted on the brief part). We're really looking forward to working with Breeders' Cup on a number of

events surrounding the 2018 running and, to top it all off, we'll be having a spectacular get-together at Old Friends on the Sunday after (November 4). Tickets are available now online through our website, or by calling our office. Check our Save the Date on page 2 for more event information.

Again, thanks for all your support. Without you, we wouldn't exist. Just so I don't feel too selfish, you're welcome to join me at dusk to see what I'm privileged to see every day.

Michael



Michael Blowen
President & Founder



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Old girlFriends Bint Marscay, Miss DuBois & Elusive Honey practice synchronized grazing.

Look what your donations
have accomplished!

Meet Our Newest *Old Friends!*

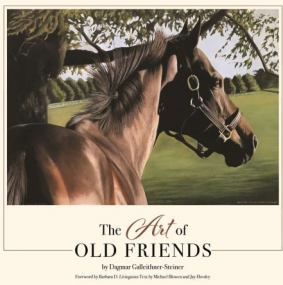


**DEEPLY
UNDERVALUED**
(5) a Kitten's Joy gelding who arrived in late May from trainer Chad Brown for owner Seth Klarman.



JOEY P (16) is a 12-time stakes winner & millionaire. He arrived from Second Call Adoption & Placement Service in New Jersey, & was born, bred and raced in that state.

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The Art of Old Friends Available for Pre-Publication Order FOR A LIMITED TIME

The Art of Old Friends, a stunning collection of artwork by Old Friends Artist-in-Residence Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner celebrates the retirees of Old Friends Farm. With a foreword by Bob and Jill Baffert and text by Jay Hovdey and Michael Blowen, the over 45 featured horses include Black Tie Affair, Charismatic, Game On Dude (on the cover), Gulch, Hidden Lake, Little Silver Charm, Precisionist, Sarava, Silver Charm, Sunshine Forever, Tinnies Way, and more. This is volume one of what is planned to be a collectible series. Dagmar is generously donating 100 percent of the proceeds to our retirees.

Pre-Order *The Art of Old Friends* Now, and Choose Your Bonus:

Level 1—The Book, signed by Dagmar

Price: \$39.99 (plus \$10 shipping)

Level 2—On Your Mark

Price: \$45.00 (plus \$10 shipping)

Level 1 plus five bookmarks from book images

Level 3—Notable Book

Price: \$60.00 (plus \$10 shipping)

Levels 1 & 2 plus a pack of five notecards from book images

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Levels 1-3 plus 16"x 20" poster *The Art of Old Friends* book cover

Level 5—How Does Dagi Do It?

Price: \$125.00 (plus \$10 shipping)

Levels 1-4 plus a photo book, the Making of *The Art of Old Friends*

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Price: \$200.00 (plus \$10 shipping)

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Price: \$250.00 (plus \$10 shipping)

Level Eight—A Personal Sketch Makes It Better

Price: \$1,500 (no shipping charge)

Level Nine—Bliss! Your Very Own Original Painting

Price: \$3,000 (no shipping charge)

How to Place Your Order (Books available in early August)

- ♦ To order by credit card call us at 502-863-1775.
- ♦ To order by check, include your Level Choice price & shipping cost (Kentucky residents add 6% sales tax)

Mail to:

Old Friends, 1841 Paynes Depot Road, Georgetown KY 40324



August 5, 2018

The Art of Old Friends Book Signing



National Museum of Racing & Hall of Fame, Saratoga Springs, NY. Join Old Friends and artist Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner for a *The Art of Old Friends* book-signing.

August 5, 2018

Old Friends at Cabin Creek "After the Race" Party 6:30 pm



Saratoga National Golf Club, Saratoga Springs, NY. Food, music, silent auction & more! Contact Cabin Creek at 518-698-2377 for event & ticketing information.

August 8, 2018 5:30 - 8 pm

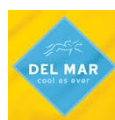
Old Friends Cocktail Party



Anne's Washington Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY. Come join us and party where Old Friends began! *The Art of Old Friends* book-signing with Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner, Mama Mia's catering, open bar and it's free!

September 1, 2018

The Art of Old Friends Book-Signing at Del Mar Race-



Join us where the turf meets the surf as artist Dagmar Galleithner-Steiner autographs her new book *The Art of Old Friends*.

September 6, 2018

Old Friends Stakes at Kentucky Downs, Franklin, KY



Come out to Kentucky Downs and join us for a great day of racing featuring the \$250,000 Win and You're In Old Friends Stakes.

October 29-30, 2018

2nd Annual Equestricon Convention

Kentucky International Convention Center, Louisville, KY



Taking place during Breeders' Cup week, Old Friends is proud to participate in the Second Annual Equestricon Convention, fan festival and trade show. Event & ticketing information at Equestricon.com.

November 4, 2018 12 noon -3 pm

Breeders' Cup Celebration at Old Friends, Georgetown, KY

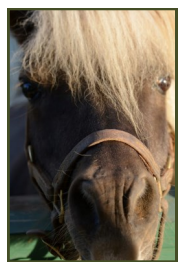


Celebrate the conclusion of Breeders' Cup with our party commemorating Gulch's 30th Anniversary Breeders' Cup Sprint win at Churchill Downs. Live & Silent auction memorabilia, catered Proud Mary BBQ, tours & more! Admission is \$30; members \$15; kids under 12 free. Offering a special \$10 discount on admission to Equestricon Convention pass holders.

The World according to *Little Silver Charm*

These days I am busier than ever, what with the expansion of Old Friends and the addition of more horses to our herd.

I am responsible for so many things here at Old Friends — visitor outreach, fundraising, public relations, equine relations.



My thousands of followers on Facebook and Twitter clamor for more of my “inside scoops” about what goes on at the farm. I also serve as the official spokes-horse for Georgetown/Scott County tourism, adding the luster of my celebrity to promoting my home town and county as a tourist destination.

One of my most important jobs involves providing each new arrival with a personal orientation, whether they want it or not. Some of these Thoroughbreds don't see why they need advice from a miniature horse, but it doesn't take me long to knock some sense into their heads, figuratively speaking of course. I teach them how to manipulate the farm staff, how to score as many carrots as possible from visitors, and how to deal with War Emblem (ignore him).

Last year more than 21,000 visitors toured the farm and,



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Hello, it's Me, surrounded by my adoring public!

naturally, they all wanted to meet me. I greeted each and every one personally. You are probably asking: How does he manage to do it all? It's all in a day's work for the hardest working horse at Old Friends. Some of the big horses denigrate my role, saying that I am “just a mascot”, but I am so much more. I am the voice of Old Friends. I am the face of Old Friends. I AM Old Friends.

How YOU Can Help Our Old Friends

CLUBHOUSE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP—\$150
INCLUDES A BRASS/LEATHER KEY TAG
& DISCOUNT EVENT ADMISSIONS

♥
Shares For Life—\$100
Receive photo & certificate for your favorite
Old Friend

♥
Old girlFriend's Society—\$100
Lifetime membership includes an Old girlfriend photo
& official T-shirt, & Annual visit with our *Old girlFriend's*

♥
Friend for All Seasons—Any amount gratefully received
Monthly gift program for those who understand the value
of a steadfast, reliable partnership

Your Donations ♥ Benefit Our Retirees

- One bale of bedding straw ♥ \$5
- One bale of hay ♥ \$6
- Hoof supplement ♥ \$10
- One bag of senior feed ♥ \$16
- Three bales of hay ♥ \$18
- Fly Mask ♥ \$20
- Hay for a day for the entire paddock ♥ \$25
- Fifty pound bag of carrots ♥ \$30
- Equine dentist visit ♥ \$40
- Three bags of senior feed ♥ \$48
- Heated water bucket ♥ \$65
- 16 foot section of fence ♥ \$150
- Durable horse blanket ♥ \$200
- Farrier visit for the herd ♥ \$250
- Paddock waterer ♥ \$1,000
- Sponsor a Stall ♥ \$2,000
- Single horse run-in shed for shelter ♥ \$2,000

Thank You for Supporting Our Horses!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

- ☐ General Donation \$ _____
- ☐ Clubhouse Annual Membership (\$150.00)
- ☐ Shares for Life (\$100.00) Horse: _____
Little Silver Charm & Gorgeous George (\$25.00 each)
- ☐ Old girlFriends Society (\$100.00)
- ☐ Friend for All Seasons Monthly Donor (credit card)
Indicate amount to be charged monthly \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____ Purpose _____

☐ Check enclosed, payable to Old Friends

☐ Bill my credit card

____ VISA ____ American Express
____ Mastercard ____ Discover

Account number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV# _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Old Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.
Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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Old Friends is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe harbor & dignified retirement to Thoroughbreds whose racing & breeding careers have come to an end.



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Meet Our New *Old Friends!*



BUNKER'S EDGE

(10) was helped out of a difficult situation by one of our long-time supporters.



A P VALENTINE

(20) won the Champagne at 2 & finished second in the Preakness & Belmont Stakes.



Multiple graded stakes-winner **RIVER SQUALL** (24) was bred by the legendary Frances Genter Stable

VISITING HOURS

Thru November 5, 2018
Guided Tours Daily at 10 • 1 • 3
Reservations Required
Adults \$10; Children 6-12 \$5
Children 5 & under free

Book at oldfriendsequine.org
or call 502-863-1775

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LUBASH (11)
earned \$1.5 million winning 18 races & is a New York Turf Champion



PRIZED POACH (10) is an unraced son of the late Old Friends resident Prized.



A full brother to Barbaro, **NICANOR** (12) arrived in April, from Roy & Gretchen's Lael Stable

