As the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation looks forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of Southern Lights this season, it also looks back at the event’s earliest beginnings with gratitude. Launching an event of this scale required not only the support of the local community, but also a collective leap of faith by the KHPF board. The KHPF feels tremendous appreciation for the foresight of those involved in the event’s inception.

Linda Green, a current member of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Advisory Board, was instrumental in the event’s founding. At the time, she was serving as the Chair of the Equine Division for Lexington Arts & Cultural Council (LACC, now LexArts). She had been privately considering a holiday lights event at the Kentucky Horse Park, and she mentioned this in passing one day after an LACC meeting. Others quickly expressed enthusiasm for the idea.

The Lexington Herald-Leader was quick to come on board through the encouragement of Events Coordinator Linda Morgan. The Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, led by David Lord, applauded the idea as it had been looking for ways to stimulate tourism during the winter. And the KHPF Board offered their support by agreeing to take out a loan to get the project off the ground. Others quickly expressed enthusiasm for the idea.

Linda Green and Linda Morgan worked tirelessly with others that first year, securing sponsors, designing light displays, and contracting the construction of the displays. It was a true community effort, with Kentucky Utilities assisting with the electrical needs, the Herald-Leader donating the advertising, and numerous other local organizations stepping up to the plate.

Green felt it was important for the event to be affordable and for it to expose individuals to the Kentucky Horse Park, so from the very first year, the event included not only the driving tour, but also attractions guests could enjoy on foot. “I wanted there to be free things to do. I always wanted to keep it affordable for families,” Linda recalls. This is a tradition that has continued and flourished throughout the event’s history.

Green remembers the opening night of the event. At 3:00 that afternoon, it became apparent that there was not enough electricity to light up the courtyard. Jamshid Baradarin, Director of Maintenance at the time, scoured every store in the region, gathering up all available extension cords. Linda recalls leaning out the Visitor Center Women’s restroom window while KHP Maintenance Manager Charley Wright fed extension cords to her to be plugged in. Guests were just starting to arrive for the kick-off party.

The inaugural Southern Lights was a great success, and in January, Green’s phone started ringing. Corporations that had previously turned down sponsorship requests asked if they could secure a spot for the next year. The three-year loan the KHPF had taken out was paid off after the second year, and the event began to turn a profit.

Green is thrilled to see Southern Lights grow and flourish. She is proud that KHP Foundation has remained committed to affordable pricing and attractions that expose guests to the Kentucky Horse Park. Most importantly, she is grateful for the support of those that shared her vision and helped make a lighted driving tour a priceless holiday tradition for thousands of families from across the region.
As the season has changed abruptly to Autumn, I find myself thinking about the importance of tradition in a time of change. There are so many traditions associated with the Kentucky Horse Park that I love and celebrate.

I love seeing the hundreds of beautiful trees on the KHP grounds changing to vibrant colors before they drop their leaves. I love seeing the KHP horses frolic in the pastures at the first temperature drop after a hot Kentucky summer. I love seeing them begin to don blankets and grow shaggy winter coats in anticipation of the temperature changes ahead.

I love seeing the campers in the campground decorating their campsites first with Halloween pumpkins and goblins, and then with festive holiday lights.

I love walking with my own family – two-legged and furry four-legged – each year in the Southern Lights Stroll. I love wearing the Stroll t-shirts I have collected from each year we have participated. I love that while we are often half-frozen before the night is over, it always feels like the first step in kicking off the holiday season as a family.

I love working at Southern Lights and watching the guests come in to take their “annual family photo” in front of the giant tree or with Santa or Frosty. I love seeing grandparents witness their now grown children bringing their grandchildren to enjoy the same holiday traditions at Southern Lights that they have enjoyed together as a family over the past 25 years.

I love the opportunity to re-connect with so many friends and supporters through the Foundation’s year-end fundraising efforts. It is such fun to write personal notes on letters, receive notes and contributions in return, and share my sincere gratitude with so many who love the park as much as I do.

As with all things in this world, the Kentucky Horse Park is always changing. I appreciate and embrace the growth and change as I know that it is required to keep the park healthy and relevant in an ever-changing world. But I also cling to the traditions that make this place so special and meaningful.

Thank you, dear friends, for providing your financial gifts and volunteer time to help allow the Kentucky Horse Park to change, grow and improve where needed. But thank you also for always helping us protect and celebrate our beloved KHP traditions and preserve the park for future generations.

With true gratitude,
Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Awards More Than $27,000 in New Grants

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is pleased to announce that over $27,000 has been awarded in grants to fund 5 projects proposed by the Kentucky Horse Park in the third quarter of 2018. The projects funded as part of the grant application period ending in October were:

- $17,000 to be directed towards the 2018-2019 Field Trip Fund, a program that invites any Kentucky public school to visit the Kentucky Horse Park on a field trip free of charge.
- $4,500 from the Paul Little Endowment fund to support the Digital Project Manager for the International Museum of the Horse.
- $3,000 to be directed towards the International Museum of the Horse to pay the third year of a five-year licensing agreement with the American Museum of Natural History for “The Horse” exhibit components.
- $1,325 to be directed towards the International Museum of the Horse to upholster museum office furniture.
- $1,287 to be directed towards the KHP Mustang Troop to fund annual instructor re-certification.

These grants were awarded through a formal application process, administered by the KHP Foundation Grants Committee, and approved by the full Board of Directors.

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to support the efforts of the Kentucky Horse Park and is thrilled to partner with the park on these important projects!
Now in its 6th year, the Battle in the Saddle Celebrity Team Penning Event, held on September 28 in the Kentucky Horse Park Covered Arena, was an overwhelming success. Presented by Boehringer Ingelheim, this beloved event has become a tradition for equestrians and equestrian-enthusiasts from across the Bluegrass, and this year’s event was more thrilling than ever!

A fundraiser for the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, teams competed to pen a group of cattle in the quickest time, vying for Best Overall and the Farm Team Challenge awards.

The competition featured a number of enthusiastic and energetic celebrities including: Marvin Bartlett (Anchor, Fox 56), Daniel Boone (American Pioneer played by George Dickson), Steve Cauthen (Award Winning Jockey), P.J. Cooksey (Award Winning Jockey), Claire Crouch (WLEX Anchor/Reporter), Pat Day (Award Winning Jockey), Amber Freeman (WTVQ News Anchor), Caitlin Halliwell (Miss Rodeo Kentucky), Chris McCarron (Award Winning Jockey), Jason Myers (WTVQ Chief Meteorologist), Rosie Napravnik (Award Winning Jockey), Andre Pater (Painter/Artist), Joe Sharp (Thoroughbred Trainer), Andrea Walker (WKYT News Anchor), and Cathy Wieschhoff (International Three-Day Event Rider).

The 2018 Overall Winning Team was sponsored by Corner Woods Farm/Green’s Toyota and included Steve Cauthen, Terry Arnold, and Guy Mogge. Each Overall Winning Team member received a custom silver belt buckle designed by Montana Silversmiths, $150 Ariat gift card, and hay bags and product donated by Boehringer Ingelheim. This team also took first place in the Farm Team Challenge where they each received a $100 SmartPak gift card and gift basket donated by Bluegrass Podiatry.

KHPF Celebrates Successful Battle in the Saddle
2018 RESULTS
OVERALL COMPETITION:

GRAND PRIZE TEAM:
3 cattle penned in 1:20.72
Team #16
SPONSOR: Corner Woods Farm/ Green’s Toyota
CELEBRITY: Steve Cauthen
RIDERS: Terry Arnold, Guy Mogge

SECOND PLACE OVERALL:
3 cattle penned in 1:24.47
Team #2
SPONSOR: Hallway Feeds
CELEBRITY: Rosie Napravnik
RIDERS: Elijah McQuerry, Morgan McQuerry

THIRD PLACE OVERALL:
3 cattle penned in 1:47.44
Team #19
SPONSOR: Equine Medical Associates
CELEBRITY: Joe Sharp
RIDERS: Lydia Davis, Megan Ruff

HORSE FARM TEAM CHALLENGE:
FIRST PLACE: Team #16
SPONSOR: Corner Woods Farm/ Green’s Toyota

SECOND PLACE:
3 cattle penned in 1:47.50
Team #14
SPONSOR: Riverview Farm
CELEBRITY: Chris McCarron
RIDERS: Lee Ann Ingram, Orrin Ingram

THIRD PLACE:
1 cow penned in 3:49.03
Team #3
SPONSOR: Futurity Hill Farm
CELEBRITY: Patti Cooksey
RIDERS: Bill Hilliard, Polly Hilliard

Hallway Feeds took second place in the Overall contest. Their team included Rosie Napravnik, Elijah McQuerry, and Morgan McQuerry. Each team member received an Ariat gift card.

Riverview Farm took second place in the Farm Team Challenge. Their team included Chris McCarron, Lee Ann Ingram and Orrin Ingram. Each team member received a gift basket from Bluegrass Podiatry. (See sidebar for more results).

The evening concluded with an After Party sponsored by Patterson Veterinary. Guests danced the night away to live music from The Ranahans. ◆
The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is proud to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Southern Lights, beginning on November 16 and continuing through December 31.

Please join us to celebrate this banner year as we usher in the holiday season with families from across Central Kentucky and beyond.

Begin your evening by driving through three miles of light displays featuring holiday favorites and unique horse-themed scenes. Once you have traveled through the lights, you are encouraged to park in the Visitor Center lot and come inside to take a photo with Santa, explore the Holiday Vendor Fair, ride the popular mini train, introduce yourself to the exotic animals at the petting zoo, and enjoy miniature train displays. In celebration of twenty-five years, the KHPF is thrilled to offer a special anniversary attraction this year - free carousel rides on the Holiday Carousel, made possible through the generosity of Alltech!

Please note that while the driving route is open every night, the additional Holiday Festival attractions are closed on Thanksgiving night and from December 24-31.

WHEN: Nov. 16– Dec. 31
Driving Route open nightly;
Non-driving attractions closed Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-31
TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
WHERE: Campground Entrance of the Kentucky Horse Park
3785 Campground Road,
Lexington, KY 40511
TICKETS:
Monday–Thursday
$17 per carload (up to 7 people)
Friday–Sunday
$27 per carload (up to 7 people)
Extended Van or RV
$37 (up to 15 people)
Mini Bus $65 (up to 25 people)
School Bus $80
Motor Coach $160
*Kentucky sales tax included in ticket prices

INSIDER TIP: We suggest you consider visiting Southern Lights on a weeknight – the lines are shorter and the ticket price is lower on Monday through Thursday evenings! Same great attractions! Also, arrive as close as possible to opening time (5:30 pm), and you will move through the driving route more quickly and have more time to visit our non-driving Holiday Festival attractions in the park’s interior!
Lace-up for the Lights!

It’s time to lace-up for a stroll through the lights! The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is delighted to host the 17th annual Southern Lights Stroll and 5K on Thursday, November 15. Be one of the first to experience this year’s stunning displays as you race or stroll through the Kentucky Horse Park. Baby strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome. The 5K race will start at 6:30 p.m., and the stroll will begin shortly thereafter.

The park has teamed up with 3 Way Racing to provide chip timing for the competitive 5K race, complete with awards. Pre-registration is encouraged for both the 5K and the stroll at: https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Lexington/SouthernLightsStroll5K. Shirts are included for the first 2,000 adults registered. Please note children will not receive a shirt unless they register as an adult.

Thank you to Ale 8-One and Coca-Cola for serving as our Sip and Stroll Sponsor! Other activities include a food drive for God’s Pantry and local animal shelters, mini train rides, and refreshments.

For more information visit: southernlightsky.org

KENTUCKY HORSE PARK’S INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE HORSE RECEIVES GRANT FROM INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The International Museum of the Horse (IMH) was honored to receive a 2018 Museums for America grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The IMH was one of 133 selected organizations from 472 applications received from across the country. The IMH will receive over $225,000 in federal funding, payable over two years, to support the development of an interactive website titled the Chronicle of African Americans’ in the Horse Industry. IMH will work with partners, collaborators, and advisors to collect, digitize, and share resources related to African Americans in the horse industry. The Chronicle will serve as a resource for K-12 students and teachers, college-level students and teachers, historians and scholars, on-site visitors, and African American descendants to connect with this important history. The IMH has developed a long-term, on-site exhibition and educational components. Such a focused and comprehensive archive does not currently exist anywhere else.

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation will be serving as fiscal agent for this award. "We are thrilled to work with the IMH on the execution of this grant, and we are honored to play a small role in bringing this project to fruition. The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to support the efforts of the Kentucky Horse Park and congratulates the IMH on its great work," stated Laura Klumb, Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation.

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Every semester, the Kentucky Horse Park is delighted to welcome interns from colleges and universities in this region who serve the park in a wide variety of capacities. The program is a win-win for all involved, as interns receive invaluable real-life work experience while the park benefits from training a new generation of equine enthusiasts.

Internships are available in virtually every department of the park, including the Breeds Barn, the Education Department, Special Events, and the Museum. The internship program is managed through the Kentucky Horse Park Volunteer Department under the leadership of Annie Martin, KHP Volunteer Coordinator. Securing an internship at the KHP is a competitive process, and interns are required to complete 160 hours of work over an 8 week period.

During the Summer of 2017, the KHP was thrilled to welcome its first KHP Mounted Police intern, Georgia “Mills” Maloney. During her time at the park, Mills was responsible for Mounted Police stable duties including bringing horses in and out, bathing, feeding, exercising and even patrolling with the officers for special events. Throughout her internship, Mills worked over 300 hours in the Mounted Police barn.

When asked about the value of her internship, Mills shared, “Everything I learned in my internship transferred to my entire equestrian life. It was completely invaluable, and the opportunity to work under Captain Rakes was such a gift. She is truly a horse whisperer, and she inspired me on so many levels.”

Now a student at UK, Mills often comes out to check on the horses and say hello to the officers! The KHP Foundation was delighted to welcome Mills as a new member of the Man o’War Society in 2018 through her charitable donation. She chose to support the KHPF because she is passionate about the work of the park. She said, “The park is a special place because it showcases a wonderful animal in such a meaningful way, demonstrating its evolution through so many facets of our lives.”

For more information about the KHP Internship Program, please contact Annie Martin at 859-259-4267. ◆

**Champions’ Circle Society—Ensuring the KHP for future generations**

The Champions’ Circle Society recognizes those individuals who have included the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation in their estate plans or have contributed to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation through a life-income gift. It allows the KHPF to thank donors during their lifetime and to recognize their commitment in a meaningful way.

Becoming a member of the Champions’ Circle Society is quite simple. In fact, you have qualified for membership if you have informed us that you have named the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation in your will. You need not disclose the amount you intend to bequeath if you do not wish to do so. When you inform us of your intentions, we respect your wishes, regarding how you would like to be recognized or if you would prefer to remain anonymous. All details of your gift are held in the strictest confidence.

For more information about the Champions’ Circle Society or making a planned gift to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, contact Executive Director Laura Klumb at 859-255-5727.
Genie Redman’s lifelong passion for animals, particularly horses, can be traced back to her childhood. She grew up in Lake Forest, IL, contracted polio as a child, and was told she would never walk again. Her father was committed to her recovery and sought alternative therapies and treatments to retrain her muscles. Perhaps the most effective treatment came in the form of a small Shetland pony named Peppy. Peppy and Genie became fast friends, and Genie rode her daily through the woods surrounding her home. Genie’s therapist wanted her to swim, walk in the sand, and ride her pony every day, and after two years of intensive therapy, Genie was healed.

Genie’s passion for horses continued throughout her life. She married and had two children, and through her husband’s work, lived in South Africa, Holland, and Italy. Eventually, her family moved back to the United States and settled in Ft. Thomas, KY. It was there that Genie met individuals who got her involved in fox hunting, a sport her family could enjoy together.

Genie also became increasingly interested in purchasing horses that needed “fixing.” She liked the challenge of spending two or three years with a horse, retraining it, repurposing it as necessary and preparing it for the show ring, foxhunting, or pony club for the children. Genie and her children spent a great deal of time at the Kentucky Horse Park for family friendly shows. She eventually started looking for a farm that would be close to it. She found that farm in Paris in 2001. She lives there still and remains actively involved in rehabilitations, retraining, showing and foxhunting.

When asked about her memories of times spent at the Kentucky Horse Park, she fondly recalls bringing her then eight-year-old son to the park in 1980 for a Robert Murphy show. She recalls him standing in the old elegant sales barn, looking out over the pastures and dressage show ring, with eyes as big as saucers. “He was so impressed, and he said, ‘I want our barn to be just like this’.”

Genie has been a supporter of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation for many years and often chooses to make her commitment through the donation of appreciated stock. Genie wants to support good programs for horses, people, therapeutic programs, conserving the land and education while also avoiding capital gains taxes. Many financial advisors suggest making a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities directly to charity. Gifts of appreciated stock oftentimes allow you to increase your gift and your tax deduction at the same time. Genie says she trusts the KHP Foundation to be good fiscal agents of her donation and put the money to its best use at the park.

When asked why she chooses to support the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, she cites a number of reasons. She loves that every member of the family can participate in showing at a different level. She loves that there are retired horses living at the park who are cared for and whose stories get told. She loves that the park improves the quality of life for our region and beyond. But perhaps most importantly, Genie exclaims, “Because you do wonderful things for horses!”

To learn more about making a donation of appreciated stock to the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, please contact us at 859-255-5727, or visit our website, www.khpfoundation.org.
The Kentucky Horse Park Field Trip Fund kicked off again this September, providing thousands of Kentucky school children the opportunity to visit the Kentucky Horse Park on a free field trip. Through the support of the Kentucky Horse Park Foundation and its generous donors, all public Kentucky schools are eligible to visit the Kentucky Horse Park free of charge and apply for bus transportation assistance.

Since its inception in 2016, the program has allowed over 10,000 Kentucky school children to visit the park. During their time at the park, students tour the International Museum of the Horse, meet retired racehorse champions, and are introduced to horse breeds from around the world. They gain exclusive access to the one of the world’s most renowned horse facilities, and they are given an experience that otherwise would be unavailable to them. The program seeks to serve 6,000 students during the 2018-2019 school year.

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is so grateful to the sponsors that have made this program possible, including Copia Foundation, Thoroughbred Charities of America, US Bank Foundation, Kentucky Horse Council, Rouse Family Foundation, and Summerhill Farm.

To support this effort, please contact the KHPF office at 859-255-5727. ◆
Kentucky Horse Park Foundation Donation Form

Enclosed is my gift for $__________________________

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

City/State/Zip _______________________

Phone _________________________________

Email ________________________________

Please charge my gift of $_______ to the following credit card

☐ VISA    ☐ Mastercard    ☐ AMEX

Card #: ________________________________________

Exp. Date: _____________________________

Cardholder _____________________________

Signature _______________________________

I would like my donation earmarked for the following: PLEASE CHECK ONE

☐ Man o’ War Society  ☐ Nina Bonnie Endowment Fund  ☐ International Museum of the Horse

☐ Capital improvements    ☐ Wherever it is needed most    ☐ Other _______________________________

KHPF NEWS

A Warm Welcome for Pony Moms and Dads

The KHP Foundation and Kentucky Horse Shows LLC hosted Pony Parent Land for its eighth year during the 2018 USEF Pony Finals. Competitors’ parents were treated to a relaxing oasis – an adults-only hospitality area at the Stonelea Pavilion which offered refreshments, complimentary massages, and a welcome respite from the frenzy of the competition.

THANK YOU TO CARL MEYERS!

The KHPF was honored to partner with celebrated Lexington clothing boutique Carl Meyers during the World’s Championship Horse Show in August. Carl Meyers’ owners Sherri and Neil Mosley dedicated 10% of sale proceeds during one day of the championship to the Nina Bonnie Endowment. The KHPF is so appreciative of not only this generous support, but also of the exposure provided by partnering with such a beloved local business.

CARL MEYERS

MAN O’ WAR SOCIETY BENEFIT REMINDER

The Kentucky Horse Park Foundation is continually seeking ways to honor our Man o’War Society members and provide tangible benefits for their generous support. We wish to remind our donors of some changes that took place last year.

In order to better meet the administrative needs of the Kentucky Horse Park, Man o’ War Society parking benefits are now valid for a calendar year (rather than for twelve months from the date of gift). Essentially, this means that donors should consider making their annual gift prior to March 2019 to maximize the parking benefits they will receive in 2019.

The KHPF thanks its Man o’War Society members for their unwavering support of the park! Please do not hesitate to contact the KHPF office at 859-255-5727 if you would like more information about the Man o’ War Society.◆
UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15
Southern Lights Stroll

November 16-17
Bluegrass Rockin’ Rodeo

November 16-December 31
Southern Lights

November 27-December 3
Good Giving Guide Challenge

For a complete listing of all events at the Kentucky Horse Park, please go to www.KyHorsePark.com

COMING SOON:
The 2018 GoodGiving Challenge
KHPF is delighted to announce it will participate again this year in The GoodGiving Challenge, scheduled for November 27 through December 3. The GoodGiving Challenge is an online giving campaign designed to make charitable giving easy and fun.

A partnership between Blue Grass Community Foundation and Smiley Pete Publishing, the 2017 GoodGiving Challenge raised over $1.4 million for 120 participating Kentucky non-profits. There are many fun incentives for participation, and KHPF will be eligible to compete for endowment prizes throughout the 2018 Challenge.

Please watch your email and KHPF social media channels for more information during this upcoming season of giving! ♦