

BAY AREA BARNS AND TRAILS

'Helping Preserve Equestrian Lands and Trails in the Great Outdoor San Francisco Bay Area

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Please share our E-News with Bay Area equestrians, organizations, riding facilities and land managing agencies.

Sonoma County Horse Council

Bay Area Ridge Trail Slide Show- May 1, 2006

When: Monday, May 1st 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Sonoma County Riding & Driving Club House in back of the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds.

RSVP (707) 575-4315

The Sonoma County Horse Council is inviting 'you' to enjoy a Trails Night on Monday May 1 at the Sonoma County Riding and Driving Club at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds

The evening will feature a slide presentation by Morris Older of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association- hosts of the popular 5-Day Labor Day Ride in the East Bay Hills.

The program is titled "The Bay Area Ridge Trail--Connecting Equestrian Communities."

The show tells how - from the conception of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and in fact years before that - equestrians supported and were crucial to the idea of creating trail connections around the Bay.

The show focuses on how the 300 miles of Bay Area Ridge Trail, dedicated between 1988 and 2006, are now enjoyed by equestrians. The show also offers inspirational views of areas that are being planned for addition to the Bay Area Ridge Trail network. It also includes great photos of the East Bay Hills terrain enjoyed during the 2003 -2005 Multi-Day Benefit Rides and promotes the 2006 East Bay Hills Labor Day Benefit Ride. August 31--Sept. 4, 2006.

The show will be presented by Morris Older, who assembled the show with the help of Connie Berto, Jim Steere, DVM, Barbara Weitz and many other equestrians from around the Bay.

Time permitting, Barbara Weitz will speak about the mission of Bay Area Barns and Trails, its grants program and efforts to help preserve equestrian opportunities throughout the Bay Area.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Please forward this invitation to anyone whom you think might be interested.

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April 17, 2006

Bay Area Barns and Trails Grants Available to Bay Area Equestrians

Equestrian coalitions, public or private landowners, land and trail trusts, and non-profit organizations are invited to apply for financial aid to assist with land, trail and barn acquisition, restoration, or construction. Public education and organizational capacity building grants are also available. Grants ranging from \$500.00 to \$5,000 are usually awarded to applicants that have raised matching funds during equestrian-sponsored rides or events.

The application form for 2006 Stewardship, Acquisition, Education and Capacity Building Support can be found on the Bay Area Barns and Trails website: www.bayareabarnsandtrails.org.

Since 1999 BABTT has awarded \$ 81,000 to twenty-five land trusts, agencies and/or equestrian organizations for projects that will help preserve and restore natural areas and wildlife habitat, maintain parks and public open space, equestrian facilities, trails and trailheads.

A list of grants 1999-2005 may be found on the website's Programs and Projects Page.

More information?

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