

Trust in the Path

Another year past...It is so hard to believe that we are about to embark on 2010 and yet it seems that we just blinked and the spring green had disappeared, the summer warmth had evaporated, and the colors of our glorious eastern Oregon fall had blown away. Time is an amazing anomaly, and certainly something that the horses try so hard to get us to understand and simply apply the notion of **SLOWING DOWN!**

Those of you who have been following my journey with horses will recall that each year the horses have given us some very specific concepts to contemplate. In our clinics, and in our lives, we have examined how words such as *LIGHTNESS, SELF-CARRIAGE & SELF-CONFIDENCE, SERVICE & HUMILITY* have played-out in our understandings. This year we were asked to "Trust in the Path". Oh, this was a fun and deep subject! From learning to trust our instincts, to relaxing and taking the path less traveled ~ Which can be so much more rewarding ~ to simply learning to stop worrying and trust the universe...It has been interesting! At the end of the year all I can say is:

***Thank Goodness the horses
are leading us down this path
~ It is so worth the effort!***

Let me share some of the quotes and feelings you have expressed after pondering the theme of "Trust in the Path" during clinics and retreats with T&T:

*Don...*If I get in time & rhythm and ride 'to the balance' it is so easy for the horse to trust in your path. Getting the young horses out in the BIG world to experience 'wonderful independence'!

*Elaine...*Finding the 'ways', the 'paths' to get my horse *with* me, takes *time* to establish my leadership qualities!

*Freya Madeline Stark...*There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.

*From August 09 Colt Start...*What a difference a day makes! Seeking softness – always. It is a world of opportunity out there! Complacency does not belong on our path!

*From the Women's Retreat...*You are never too old to learn! Our two 70+ year old gals reminded us to ever be thankful for ALL that we are given, appreciate every moment, and believe that there is always a PLAN for our path!

I am inspired in this world of speed, recessions, pain, and hate to "Trust in the Path" of my horses and follow the road leisurely, recognize all my blessings and good fortune, and see the good in every moment. To each and every one of my human and horse friends...

***Thanks for letting me be a
part of your path!***

Special Memories of 2009

Plenty of great pictures come to mind over the course this past year of people and horses that made our lives special ~ Who Trusted in the Path! Here are just a few...

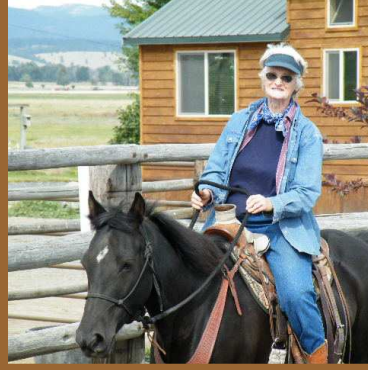
First Rides – Walkers and Quarter horses combined with lots of BIG smiles for a number of great first rides in 2009. As always, each colt taught us a special lesson, and our ability to listen and observe with patience made for what will be a life-long success.



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Women's Retreat - We were inspired during our Annual Women's Retreat with two 70+ young women, and a tenacious Idaho gal, reminding us that you are never too old to learn, have fun, and be thankful for all that we are given...In life & from the horses!



Annual Horse Swim Party - Fishes, horses, and great food combined again in 2009 for the annual T&T Horsemanship Horse Swim! We had some new faces, which marked the first time experiencing the wonderful JOY of getting wet all over with your horse! It was great fun, a beautiful day after a rain storm, and the stories will live for a long time.

2009 Apprentice...A Program of Growth

Our 2009 apprentice, Gail Lemburger, was beyond a real joy to the entire program at T&T. While we did not have a lot of clinics outside the Haines area this year, we did have a variety of offerings here at the ranch. Gail made everyone of those special for both Susan and I, along with each of our clients. Her joy for the horse, and desire to live in the moment with them, was contagious! To highlight her journey, we were able to make the perfect match with Gail's dream of having an Andalusian gelding. Our good friend Chuck from Boise was looking for just the right partner for his PRE gelding, Dezzy. It was all meant to be! Gail has changed his name to Matteo, which means 'Gift of God' in Portuguese. They are a great pair, and will have many years together...Trusting in the Path!

A HUGE "Thank You" to Gail for all she gave this summer and in past years as well!



What's Ahead in 2010

The year ahead is going to be a great one! We are confident that if all of us continue to apply our 'Horseman's Protocol' to everyday life, that we will see amazing results! By slowing down to breathe & focus, we will set things up for our dreams to come true. Susan & I are looking forward to seeing you this year in:

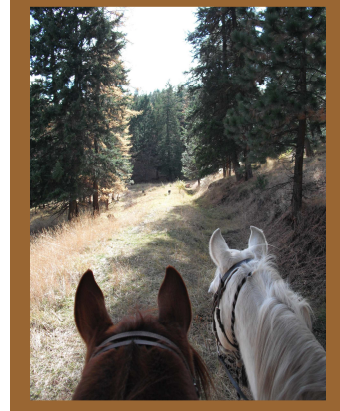
- A clinic in your area
- Participating in the gift of a *Retreat* here at the ranch
- Bringing your family or group of friends for a fun *Vacation* to stay in the bunk house and ride in the mountains
- To step outside your bounds to take the *Doma Vaquera* clinic, or *Cow Working* or *Work in Hand* clinics
- Allow yourself to enjoy your horse even more, through continuing your education!

- Blog with Us! Join at:

horsemanshipjourney.blogspot.com

Times are certainly tough, but you have made a tremendous investment in your horse with a commitment not only to care for his physical needs, but also to keep him happy with a positive attitude. Horses like to play, using their brain, and they enjoy accomplishing a job well done.

T&T Horsemanship would like to make it easy for you to continue your education with Alice and for you and your horse to have fun. Here are some ideas and options for you to choose from.



Lay-Away Plan: Design your own payment plan that works for you!

Let us know the clinic, retreat, or vacation package you would like to attend, and we will “Lay It Away” just for you! We will be happy set up a payment plan that fits.

Host a Clinic: Ride Free...

Consider hosting a clinic in your area and choose the topic. Do this and ride FREE! See the details on the website or give us a call.

Invite a Friend: \$100.00 discount off your ride!

If you have ridden with us previously, convince a friend or group of friends to ride with you in a 2010 clinic, and we will give \$100 off your clinic price for every additional rider you recruit.

Build Your Own Clinic or Vacation Package: You decide the topic & agenda...

Here is an opportunity to bring to together your personal group of friends or family members for a clinic or vacation working on your favorite horse activity. Get what you want out of a clinic!

Sell auditing tickets: You could ride free...

It's easy...Sell a \$25 auditor ticket, and take \$25 off the price of your ride! Sell ten auditing tickets, and take \$250 off.

Get the picture? Gather your friends as auditors & you could ride FREE!



First to Water Hole Specials: Early Bird Savings...

The Aspiring Horseman - Sign-up with a \$100, non-refundable deposit for any T&T 3-Day or more clinic before **March 1, 2010** and receive the “Aspire Bag” – A \$100 value includes Alice's Workbook, Nancy's halter & lead, and a Lucky Penny Flag. On the other hand, if you have all that, just apply the \$100 discount to your participation fee.

The Seeker – If you sign-up between **March 1st & May 1, 2010** with a \$100, non-refundable deposit for any clinic, retreat or vacation package, you will receive the “Seeker Pack” – A \$50 value includes the workbook & a horseman's flag. (Or apply the \$50 discount to your clinic fee.)

Horse Courses- These are the most economical way to continue your education and build on skills learned. We offer two types of Horse Courses:

- 1) Our Advancing Series – Which takes place over three weekends, one per month in July, August & September – Cost is just \$600 (This equals 100.00 off each 2-day clinic)
- 2) Local Continuing Ed Course – Eight sessions, either weekly or twice a week, offered during the winter, spring, and fall months here at the Ranch – Cost is still just \$250!

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