



Dear Emerald Hill Clients:

Thanks to your support, Emerald Hill continues to grow. This year we have added a new farm to our property and have integrated that additional land into our overall plan for an equestrian community. We enjoyed a wonderful clinic with Laurel Tinney, updated our website, continued our long term plan to maintain and upgrade the barn and pastures, welcomed Holly Diehl as our new barn manager, added a number of new boarders, celebrated the return of Ashley Cooke to the barn, and competed successfully at rated shows near and far, to share but a bit of our news. All of our stalls are currently leased and we have a waiting list as well.

In addition to all the exciting things happening at Emerald Hill, one thing we did not expect has changed. We regret to inform all that after many years of wonderful and supportive service to our boarders and riders, Stefanie King will be leaving her position as Trainer at Emerald Hill Farm to pursue other areas of her life starting August 1st. As her Patheon responsibilities grow and her desire to spend time with her family and loved ones increases, she has determined that she must end her professional riding career. She will be missed by all but we wish her well in this new chapter in her life and hope that she visits the barn often and cheers us on from the sidelines!

Although we are very sad to see Stefanie moving on, we are extremely excited to welcome Christy Burns as her replacement as of August 1st. Christy grew up in Eastern North Carolina and worked with Robin as a Junior Rider. Christy's mother, Monica Burns, has played a major role in the teaching of many young riders in this area and Christy spent many of her early years helping her mother with the riding and training.

Christy graduated in 2003 with an Associate's Degree in Farm Management and a B.S. in Agribusiness from Bob Jones University in South Carolina. While attending college, Christy worked part time as an instructor/rider for several farms in the area including Cleveland Park Stables in Greenville, SC.

After graduating from College, Christy became a working student at Grazing Fields Farm (MA) attending shows all up and down the east coast including WEF and all the major north east shows. At Grazing Fields, she worked with Robin's sister Laurel Tinney and Kathy Fletcher competing in the major northeast adult equitation finals under their guidance.

After Grazing Fields, Christy worked at Spring Hill Farm in Frenchtown NJ for Rolf and Jen Bauersachs. There she was responsible for riding customer and sale horses at home and prepping them at shows.

Following Grazing Fields and Spring Hill, Christy went on to become assistant trainer under Melissa Jones Sarle at Paramount Show Stables in Raleigh North Carolina. Christy spent 3 years at Paramount and was responsible for managing the barn, teaching lessons and doing riding and showing of customer's horses (see photo).



Following her job at Paramount, Christy moved on to Texas where she was the assistant trainer at Bayview Equestrian Center. At Bayview, Christy was responsible for 20-30 lessons per week, training rides and taking customer's to horse shows.

Having worked with Christy in the past, Robin feels that she is a great fit for all of the Emerald Hill Clients. With her strong dressage background, extensive experience starting young horses and tons of experience teaching and riding, she will make a great addition to the Emerald Hill team. Christy will be available full time starting August 1st for lessons and rides. Note that Christy has a very flexible schedule so that she will be available during the weekdays for both rides/lessons and attendance at horse shows. In order to provide a seamless transition, Christy and Robin will work together for the first few months.

Join us in wishing Stefanie well and welcoming Christy to Emerald Hill Farm. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to continuing to work with the clients and their horses.