

# OSIERLEA SPRING CONFERENCE

(We are calling it a Conference, rather than an Extravaganza, because our Ferris Wheel broke)

## GROUND WORK from weaning to Grand Prix

At Osierlea, in San Juan Bautista, California

February 25 – 26, 2012

This will be an overview presentation about this important and misunderstood subject – you can but do not have to bring a horse! Come, watch, participate, and learn!

- Ground Work is a test, a tool, and sometimes a life-saver
- It helps with general Submission and Safety, including veterinary issues
- It includes proper leading and handling, longeing, and long-reining
- It prepares the horse, at any level, for the next level of training
- It helps to clarify the horse's understanding of the specific tasks required
- It lets the trainer see the WHOLE horse, not just the front end that is in our normal field of vision
- It can be used for remedial training and rehab
- It helps the rider to understand the horse's reactions and behavior (empathy & how horses think)

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Basic Submission – how to establish a workable relationship between horse and handler.  
Lateral work – explore the many possibilities and variations.  
Collection and beginning medium and extended paces – how not to wear yourself out.  
Piaffe from the ground – the old masters taught piaffe from the ground; so can we.

There will be classroom sessions, handouts, demonstrations, and audience participation with Osierlea horses, or bring your own horse (limited to 6 outside horses).

Dr. Deborah Harrison DVM will be a guest speaker – addressing veterinary issues related to ground work and rehab.

Dr. Yorick Wijting, Doctor of Physical Therapy, will be a guest speaker – addressing body function and attitude of the handler.

Schedule

Registration – 8:00 AM

Start time – 9:00 AM

Breakfast – light breakfast at Osierlea – 8 AM

Lunch break – Lunch provided at Osierlea

Finish – about 4:00 PM

Dinner – Saturday – wine, cheese, and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Cost

Saturday and Sunday \$275.00

One day only, \$150.00

(Stabling \$25.00 per day)

To register, please print out this page and fill out information below and mail (or fax) to:

Osierlea  
334 Mission Vineyard Rd.  
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

FAX # 831-623-0607

Make checks payable to Osierlea

For questions, call Laurel Bruun at 831-245-9686

(Hotels and transportation questions contact Laurel Bruun)

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Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to bring my horse to participate in the demonstrations:  Yes  No  
Maximum 6 outside horses for demonstration

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