

2011 IFSHA World and Grand National Championship Horse Show
Virginia Horse Center , Lexington, Virginia October 5th-9th.

The IFSHA Friesian World Show will return this year to the East Coast and will for the second time in it's history be held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. Hundreds of classes will fill the five days of competition, beginning with Dressage on Wednesday judged by Virginian, The Honorable Elizabeth Lewis of Keswick. In addition to classes from Intro through Grand Prix, IFSHA is proud to introduce Western Dressage to the schedule this Year as one of the Recognized Breed Affiliates of the newly formed Western Dressage Association.

Judging the Halter and Performance divisions throughout the week will be a Dream Team of USEF Ladies; The Honorable, Sue Burkman, Los Alamos, Ca., Nancy Troutman, Salem, Va and Judith Warner of Asheville, NC, respectively. This panel of three judges will rotate duties as call judge during the Show depending on their specialties and fields of expertise. Joining the talented trio in rotation on the Carriage Driving classes will be The Honorable ADS Judge Mickey Bowen of Unionville, Pa. An open carriage dDriving division has been added to the show this year to take advantage of our judges skills and encourage local whips to join the fun.

USEF Steward, Shirley Nowak and Dressage Technical Delegate Janice Enneking will be available for exhibitors questions. Master of Ceremonies, Doug Shane of Penrose, Colorado will ad his golden voice and library of music to assure a festive mood to the event. The management team of Gareth A selwood and Nancy Nathanson will once again run the show with their usual flair and are excited to announce that this year the IFSHA Board of Directors has chosen "The Yellow Ribbon Fund" as the official charity to benefit from this years Horse Show.

(www.yellowribbonfund.org). The Yellow Ribbon Fund was founded in 2005 to help injured service members and their families who are recuperating at Walter reed Army Medical Center and The Navy Medical Center. A very Special "Yellow Ribbon" Championship class will be held during the Horse Show on Saturday Night with all Entry Fees collected from that class donated to the Yellow Ribbon Fund in the name of the winner of that class!. It will be sure to be a highlight of the Show.

Board Member and East Coast Trainer Bruce Griffin is helping to organize a very special training event during this years show called the North American Trainers Challenge. For more information and rules please contact Bruce at griffinsporthorses@gmail.com

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