

In the News



Forces of Nature

“**Forces of Nature**,” designed by **Jagdish Prabhu**, is one of 32 horses around the Carolina Foothills on public display through mid-October. As part of the **Art of the Horse** community arts project put together by **Our Carolina Foothills**, this was a commissioned piece for local resident and accomplished dressage equestrian **Elma Garcia**. To create this horse, Jag brought together two manifestations of the forces of nature: the power of the horse and the power of wind. He used wind blowers to move acrylic paint around the surface at speeds up to 200 mph to create a sense of movement, force and dynamism. For more information on the project and the artist, visit www.ourcarolinafoothills.com.



Georgina Bloomberg and Sydney Collier

Grand prix rider **Georgina Bloomberg** has begun sponsoring **Paralympian Sydney Collier** in support of her bid to compete in the **2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games**. Georgina, who is one of the United States’ top show jumpers, has been friends with Sydney for years and is excited to help the talented paradressage rider continue on her quest to represent the United States in championship competition and further promote the sport of paradressage. “I am honored to have the opportunity to support Sydney’s career,” Georgina said. “She has proven herself with her competitive record, and I look forward to being able to cheer her on in Tokyo.” The two riders met at a fundraiser for the **U.S. Equestrian**

Team for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. Sydney has previously competed at **2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games** (France) and the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, while Georgina jumped for the U.S. team that earned bronze at the **2015 Pan American Games**. Georgina purchased **Fherrigamo**, a 7-year-old U.S.-bred Oldenburg gelding, for Sydney to ride and will cover “Fritz’s” expenses in the lead-up to the 2020 Paralympic Games. “I wish I had enough words to express how grateful I am for this opportunity as I work toward the goal of Tokyo,” said Sydney, who rides in Grade I paradressage classes due to her extremely rare diagnosis of Wyburn Mason Syndrome. “It’s so amazing because it lifts a huge financial barrier that I have always experienced. Because of this, I’ll be able to focus even more on my training and being the absolute best athlete that I can be. This opportunity is not one that many people get, and I just want to make everyone proud.”



Klinger at the Washington International Horse Show
Photo by Alden Corrigan Media Photo

The **Washington International Horse Show** is accepting nominations for the sixth annual **WIHS Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor and Service**, presented by the **EQUUS Foundation** and **The Stephens Family**. The award recognizes a horse, individual or organization that best demonstrates the values of honor and service as embodied by Klinger, a special horse that has touched the lives of many in his life of service with the **3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon**. At The Old Guard, Klinger performs solemn duties as a funeral escort bringing departed military members to their final resting spot at **Arlington National Cemetery**. He also serves as the official escort to the President of the United States, has led the Presidential Inaugural Parade and serves as an ambassador for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. At WIHS, he has visited with children on Kids’ Day and participated in the Caisson Platoon Exhibition on WIHS Military Night. The 2018 Klinger Award recipient will be recognized at WIHS on Friday, Oct.

26, during Military Night. The recipient has the opportunity to select an equine charity on EQUUS Foundation’s Equine Welfare Network to receive a \$750 grant matched by a \$750 donation from The Stephens Family. Nomination forms are available at www.wihs.org/klinger-award and all nominations must be received by Sept. 14.



Jennifer Kocher with Carlos at the Vermont Summer Festival
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Matthew Metell kicked off the grand prix action at the **Vermont Summer Festival** with his second consecutive win in the \$30,000 Vermont Summer Special Grand Prix aboard **Donchalant** during the first week of the six-week Vermont Summer Festival. Matthew and Donchalant also topped the \$10,000 Manchester Designer Outlets Welcome Stake and the \$10,000 New Balance Welcome Stake. **Jennifer Kocher** was the one to break Matthew’s winning streak by claiming the blue in the \$30,000 Battenkill Grand Prix, presented by The Equinox Resort, riding Carlos. Jennifer and Carlos, owned by Kocher’s husband, Andrew Kocher, topped a two-horse jump-off for the top check. “We bought Carlos off a video two years ago,” said Jennifer of the 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding formerly piloted by Dutch rider **Peter Geerink**. “Andy bought him as a horse for him to ride, but he has turned out to be perfect for this level as well as the high amateurs. The best thing about him is he’s 100 percent brave and will never let you down.” Another big winner in Week Two was young professional **Emma Schauder**, who guided **In The Loop** to the blue in the \$5,000 NEHJA Hunter Derby, presented by Eastern Hay. Emma graduated from the University of Georgia in 2017 and spent the summer last year competing as an amateur before turning professional in the fall. “I really love teaching as much as I love riding, so I made the decision to go professional so I can help out my family’s business, Country Lane Farm,” Emma, 23, said. Emma picked out In The Loop, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, from **Stal Wilton** on a whirlwind 24-hour trip to Europe. “This horse is incredibly special to me,” she said. “He