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In this issue, we meet extraordinary people who have taken many different pathways to finding and defining their mission in life. Sometimes those journeys are direct and straightforward, sometimes they are winding and require a restart or a leap of faith. In the end, it is often the experiences of the journey that help define the mission.

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Take a Peek Inside

Stable Spotlight: Anna Marek



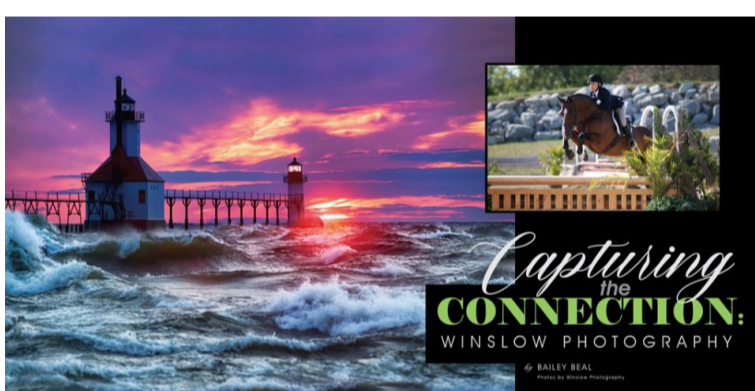
Our stunning cover star is Anna Marek, a Nations Cup gold medalist and upper-level dressage rider whose love of training and taste for winning has fueled her rise in the sport. In our Stable Spotlight feature, Marek shares her journey from a timid child rider to relaxed, fun-loving teen equestrian and a ride that ultimately brought her to international competition.

24 Hours in the Life of Rodrigo Pessoa



We spend 24 Hours with seven-time Olympian Rodrigo Pessoa and learn how he approaches the balance between training, competition, traveling and family life. He shares his passion for the sport and his dedication to remaining at the top of his competitive game. We photographed him at the stunning winter headquarters of his Amethyst Equestrian in Wellington, FL.

Capturing the Connection: Winslow Photography



Get to know Josh Winslow of Josh Winslow Photography who sees horse shows through the lens of his camera, capturing the deep understanding between horse and rider and the transformative moments that define equestrian sport.

Inspiration: When Serendipity Leads to a Mission



We're inspired by Olivia Alcorta, founder of Storeybrook Farm Sanctuary whose serendipitous concern for an Amish cart horse called Abe helped establish her mission to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome America's forgotten horses (and many other animals) at her charming family farm in Vermont.

Rebecca Ray: An Authentic American Story



Our Equestrian Style column takes us behind the scenes with Rebecca Ray Designs. The iconic brand has carved out a niche as a purveyor of authentic bench-crafted handbags and totes made in America by women artisans. With designs that embody the sporting lifestyle and a unique commitment to creating "honest luxury" the future is bright for Rebecca and her team.

Behind the Course: Alan Wade



FEI Level IV course designer Alan Wade headlines our new Behind the Course feature, where we meet the creative people who design intricate jumping tracks at horse shows all over the world. Alan shares his perspective on designing for the \$150,000 Lugano Diamonds Grand Prix CSI3* in the World Equestrian Center Grand Arena during the 2023 Winter Spectacular circuit in Ocala.

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About World Equestrian Center

World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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