

**53rd Annual Fall Pleasure Ride
Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 7-10th, 2022**

by Paula Chiazza, NYSHC Fall Ride Committee Chair Manager

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Notably the beautiful Brookfield Trail System highly acclaimed 130-mile horse and snowmobile trail system traverses over 13,000 acres of state forest in southeastern Madison County, which models for other Dept. of Environmental Conservation Trail Systems and supervised by Christopher R. Sprague, Supervising Forester, Region 7, Sherburne District Bureau of Forest Resource Management Division of Lands and Forest.

The NYSHC Fall Pleasure Ride, hosted its 53rd Annual Fall Pleasure Ride at Madison County Fairgrounds in Brookfield, New York. We had an amazing turnout of 90 participants, with lots of activity on the grounds as folks arrived, Thursday “Early Arrivals” and Friday “Official Registration Day”, checking into registration, locating their campsites, settling horses in the barns, with help from our Barn Manager Volunteers*, meet and greet friends and new comers, and heading out to the trails to see the peak colors.



Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening started with “Social Hour” of cheese/cracker snacks and beverage of your choice. During social hour we offered the 50/50 raffle ticket sale by our 50/50 Raffle Volunteers* and announced the winners followed by fabulous meals; Friday Fish Fry or Lasagna, Saturday Ham and Turkey and everyone’s favorite, Sunday BBQ Chicken.

Friday, after dinner, we opened with the Welcoming Committee; Paula Chiazza, NYSHC Fall Ride Manager and Sue Knauer, NYSHC President, followed with presentation by Michael Boettcher, Desdelan Photography, <https://www.desdelanphotography.com/>. Michael is also long-time horse/trail rider enthusiast, and over the past few years Michael attends the Fall Ride as our photographer. During the day you would find Michael taking photographs of riders on the trails or on the grounds. During the evening, folks would stop to view and enjoy all the screen shots displayed on laptops of the photographs taken during the day, and place orders of their favorites.

Saturday, during breakfast, folks would register for Poker Run, Weigh-In Your Horse, and/or see Michael Boettcher to arrange for photo shoots out on the trails. In the afternoon, folks would hit the trails for the Poker Run and/or take their horses over to the scale to guess the weight of their horse. Again, we opened with Welcoming Committee; Paula Chiazza, NYSHC Fall Ride Manager and Sue Knauer, NYSHC President, followed by the NYSHC Benefit Auction with Jim Waite, Auctioneer. This was Jim’s first time attending the Fall Ride. Jim has 40+ years auctioneer experience, along with estate and antique auctions within New York State. A special thanks to Jim Waite for all the auctioneering zest and enthusiasm! Of course, a special thanks Eliza Drummond and the Volunteers* for all the donations, set up, and organizing the Auction. The Benefit Auction fund raised over \$600.00!

Sunday, after breakfast, folks turned in their Poker Run sheets, and had the opportunity to view the displayed Jar Wars Baskets. After Social Hour and Dinner, folks purchased Jar Wars Raffle tickets, choosing each of the beautiful baskets of their choice. The winners were announced as tickets were drawn by the youngest of the volunteers “Maggie” who is the President’s daughter of Madison County Fairgrounds BOD’s. A special thanks to Kristin Bennett and the Volunteers* for the sponsors, donations, organizing and designing these beautiful baskets. The Jars Wars Raffe fund raised over \$700.00!

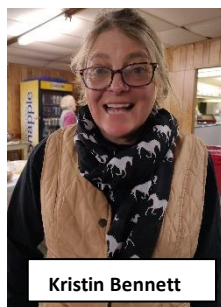
Topping off the evening, Paula Chiazza and Team Leaders announced and thanked the Volunteers offering each a gift of sincere gratitude listed below. *If I missed your name, I apologize, I want you to know the NYSHC appreciates all your efforts in making this a successful, wonderful year!*



Anita Martin



Eliza Drummond



Kristin Bennett



Heather Stoll & Linda Staigler

NYSHC Fall Ride Manager: Paula Chiazza, Team Leader (TL)

Registration: Paula Chiazza (TL), Patti Buttino (who is amazing), Jennifer Snyder, Sharon Slade, Debbie Darling

Barn Managers: Steve Luoni (TL), Janet Williams & Dwight Williams

Grounds Keeper: Clifford Harris

50/50 Raffle: Patti Buttino (TL), Kristy Rosick, Anita Martin, Nancy Eddings, Judy Joffe, Gianna Leffingwell, Debbie Darling. Results: Tickets pulled; winners announced

Poker Run: Anita & Art Martin (TL), Karen & Randy Wheeler, Jennifer Snyder. Results: 1st place Mike Buttino, 2nd place Vickie Frasier, 3rd place Pauline Burnes, 4th place Dinah Guarino

Weigh in Your Horse: Farley Tierney (TL), Carrie Brosnan, Nancy Eddings, Judy Joffe, Janet & Dwight Williams. Results: 1st place Debbie Darling, 2nd place Lory Quackenbush, and Lynn Clark

Auction: Eliza Drummond (TL), Jean & Phil Bradt, Millie Seaton, Pat Robinson & Kylie Robinson, Sue & Jim Knauer, Paula Chiazza. Results: Highest Bidders were announced

Jar Wars: Kristin Bennett (TL), Heather Stoll, Linda Staigler, Patti Buttino, Lory Quackenbush, Abby Vandenberg, Eliza Drummond, Lynn Clark, Maggie Walker
Results: Jar Wars raffle tickets pulled; winners announced

Erica Raab Inspirational Award: Nancy Eddings (TL), Carrie Brosnan, Janet Williams, Patti Buttino. Nancy Eddings announced and read an excerpt from the Nomination:



Paula Chiazza & Nancy Eddings

“Just as Erica Raab was a “Fixture” at the NYSHC Fall Pleasure Ride, the person who I am nominating for the 2022 Erica Raab Award also has been a “fixture” at the NYSHC’s Fall Pleasure ride for many decades. In 1989, along with her horse experienced her first NYSHC Fall Pleasure Ride at Brookfield and was hooked! She has both ridden and volunteered at the NYSHC’s Annual FPR in any capacity that we needed. I feel that Erica Raab herself would be proud to have these special horsewomen and volunteer be

the recipient. This year as we come together to honor a special person who has and continues to exemplify Erica Raab’s dedication, motivation, leadership, perseverance and

altruism, I nominate the organizer and manager of this year's Annual Fall Pleasure Ride, Paula Chiazza".

I was pleasantly surprised to receive the Erica Raab Award and the NYSHC for this honor. Thank you kindly, Paula

Honorable mention to:

- The Madison County Fairgrounds, Jeff Mayne and Staff Volunteers who planned and prepared for us all to enjoy!
- Donations and sponsors: American Nation, Ear Me Now Fly Bonnets, Begin Again Horse Rescue, Dover Saddlery, New England Saddle Fit, Lewis Restaurant, Barb Taylors Tack and Field, Sharon & Andrew Slade, Kristin Bennett, Heather and Alan Stoll, Patti & Mike Buttino, Sue & Jim Knauer, Paula Chiazza, Judy Maher, Jennifer Snyder-in Memory of Nancy Randell.
- Photographs by Michael Boettcher <https://www.desdelanphotography.com/> and Heather Stoll photos via <https://www.facebook.com/NYSHC/>.
- Erica Raab Award Designed and Painted by Judy Goldthwait, Equine Arts & Pet Portraits <https://jgportraits.com/>



Overall, this was a fantastic weekend! A special thanks to all the volunteers and your support in making the 53rd year NYSHC Annual Pleasure Ride a success! I so enjoyed this year with you. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Paula Chiazza
NYSHC Fall Pleasure Ride Manager