

THE SPANISH MUSTANG FOUNDATION

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Our mission is to educate the public about the Spanish Mustang and the need to protect and perpetuate the breed.



DONATIONS FOR HAY FOR SPANISH MUSTANG HORSES

SPANISH MUSTANGS ON THE RANGE ARE IN NEED OF OUR SUPPORT. MANY SPANISH MUSTANG RANCHES HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO SUCCESS IN SELLING HORSES AND YEARLINGS THIS YEAR DUE TO THE DOWNTURN IN THE US ECONOMY.

The negative economy not only affects those losing jobs, homes or income; but it is having a deepening effect on Spanish Mustangs too. We are aware that big ranches working to keep major bloodlines alive are having difficulty doing just that. Horses have made it through last winter, but many are not in good shape with another winter season now upon us. This economy coupled with increasing drought conditions in some areas is compounding the situation.

We appeal to you to consider making a donation for the purchase of feed. If you would like to make a feed donation, mark your check "Feed the Spanish Mustangs."



MINING THE UNCONSCIOUS



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“Often the hands will solve a mystery that the intellect has struggled with in vain.”

-C.G. Jung

The Spanish Mustangs – An Iconic Symbol of the American West, a workshop presented by Julia Lanham and Robin Doughman at ‘Caballada Mustenada’ in Santa Fe on August 6, 2011. The event was co-sponsored by the Spanish Mustang Foundation and the summer symposia, Mining the Unconscious – The Creative Path to Self Knowledge.

Robin and Julia’s presentation focused on the way the Spanish Mustang travels through our imagination into the archetypal images of our dreamscapes while carrying with it creative inspiration. There is a natural companionship between humans and horses connecting the symbols of strength, power, grace, beauty, nobility, perseverance and freedom. The Spanish Mustang is an iconic symbol of the American west and its history on this continent surpasses all other horse breeds. The Spanish Mustang was first bred carefully by the Spanish and others prior to its journey to the Americas where it developed in the hands of Nature itself. It is a reflection of centuries of natural selection, yet it still carries the Spanish DNA markers of those equine individuals that were held in slings for their long journey on ships from Spain to the Americas in 1493.



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DOCUMENTARY FILM



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In 2011 the Foundation produced a documentary film, Return of the Horse, created by Sharon Eliashar and Leo Hubbard The film takes you back to the beginnings of the horse and brings forward new discoveries of fossil remains indicating the horse, equus caballus, is a returning native to this continent. Return of the Horse follows the path of the horse back and forth between Asia and the Americas and through Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Eliashar shows the path of the carefully bred Spanish horse brought with the Conquistadors. We follow its migration. We see the footprints of the Spanish Mustang making their marks and the horses leaving their bones over the continent. Leg bones of a new species of the horse were uncovered in Riverside, California in September, 2010, an important physical indicator pointing to the fact that the horse was on this continent 1.4 million years ago.

The imagery is brilliantly accomplished producing a beautifully illusionary quality that’s reflected throughout the film. Return of the Horse examines the history of the horse and documents the conservation of the Spanish Mustang.



YOUTH CLINICS

SMF Experiential Education Program

Our Experiential Education Program for children began in the spring of 2010 with professional horseman, Robin Doughman. The Foundation awards scholarships to students attracted to building a bond with Spanish Mustangs and discovering how to relate to horses appropriately. In making this connection the children, who are the next generation, are being primed to protect and preserve this deserving horse.



Students are presented with five ground-work techniques with a rope. The core skills – leading, backing, turning the front end, disengaging the hind quarters and moving the shoulders – are mastered. Effective communication skills are demonstrated so a safe setting is established for the child and the horse. The student acquires a leadership position with the horse when these skills are achieved safely on the ground before children mount and ride the horses. Partnerships between young riders and horses can expose the natural healing power of horses and generates a behavioral model that can be used in broad and diverse ways. These leadership skills can be applied to many other situations in the lives and experiences of children. The patience and confidence gained also lead to self-worth.

Our educational program also incorporates the history, character, and nature of the Spanish Mustang so the student gains a well balanced understanding of the place these ponies carve out for themselves as they meet the challenges nature presents to them. Yet again, this can become another positive behavioral model.



Adult leadership opportunities with Spanish Mustangs began in November, 2010. Robin expands the SMF Experiential Education Program with Mustangs and

Mindfulness Leadership Training clinics. Mindfulness is paying close attention to the present experience, intention, and the awareness and clear comprehension that arises from it.

We extend our gratitude for the wonderful horses, the volunteers at the training sessions working with each child participating, the children and adults in the program, and for Robin's careful guidance.

“Horse training is not just about horsemanship. It’s about a way of life.”

– Robin Doughman

ALTERMANN GALLERY AUCTION



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July 30th marked the date of Tony and Richard Altermann's auction of Kim Mackey's exceptional painting representing Spanish Mustangs. We take this opportunity to thank Tony and Richard Alterman and Kim Mackey. Their gift helps refurbish the resources needed for our programming supporting the preservation of the Spanish Mustang. Doug and Julia Lanham hosted the event at Caballada Mesteneda, which included music, delicious food catered by Rudy's BBQ and entertainment in the corral with Spanish Mustangs, Elsa Kloess and Robin Doughman.



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THANK YOU

The JW and Ethel I. Woodruff Foundation at the request of Mrs. Vikki Woodruff Lepper presented a grant to the Foundation to expand the SMF clinics for children and our goals to educate the public and promote the Spanish Mustang Breed.

We offer our deep appreciation and gratitude for these compassionate gifts.

We take this opportunity to thank each person who has made a monetary donation and everyone for their generous in-kind donations as well.

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