



## Sugar Hill Spotlight



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Hello!

October is here and normally that indicates the arrival of autumn. But here at the barn we had a heads up weeks ago that the change was coming! Perhaps you have noticed that the horses coats are growing and they appear wooly. They are a bit more difficult to groom and to do it effectively one needs a little more "elbow grease" these days!

That's why we went to great lengths to do a photo shoot last week. It was important that we get photographs and videos of the sale horses, babies through two-year olds, so that we can market them more effectively. The sun was shining on Tuesday morning and in less than 3 hours we had all 8 horses captured on one media or the other-sometimes both! Tara and I will spend considerable time in up coming days editing and submitting photos and video clips so watch the web site for updates.

The three horses also being marketed but not here on the farm are Davis, Bliss and Grace. Davis and Bliss will be competing at US Nationals later this month, on October 26, 27 and 30th in Tulsa, OK. If you are interested in watching their classes live from the show grounds, please check in with Tara and the girls for specific website addresses. I am excited to be able to be there to watch them compete.

Horses come and horses go from SHF for various reasons. We are missing one of our favorites- Tracy. Her departure requires explanation. Though Brian is building his own barn, her departure time was somewhat critical because Brian is a member of the judges panel for the US National show. It is imperative to me, as well as there are rules, that there be no question of favoritism because his horse was in this barn. So Tracy has settled into her new stall at home.

If you recall, I mentioned that Zippity was sent for evaluation in hopes that she could go into performance training again. Unfortunately some medical issues surfaced that will keep her from any future performance career. I am able to ride her a little here at home and we hope that she will eventually adapt to a role in the lesson program as well.

Jo has also come home for a bit of a rest from the rigors of training during the show season. I am looking forward to spending time with him too at least for a few months. If all goes well, he and I hope to compete in Scottsdale in February 2011!

I am excited to announce that Sugar Hill is the host site for the Western New York Dressage Association's Fall Clinic "From The Judges Box" with Scott Peterson (S,NY). Riders must register in advance to ride a dressage test of their choice for the judge. After each, Scott will give his comments aloud and discuss what the rider can do to potentially raise their score. This is a perfect end to the show season and provides riders a fresh start to their wintertime "homework". The date is Saturday October 23rd. Flyers are available in the entryway at SHF. Auditors are welcome so anyone interested in learning more about this discipline should consider attending.

ALL Family and Friends of Sugar Hill Farm are invited to participate in our Pumpkin Decorating Party and Contest being held on Saturday, October 30th at 2PM here at the farm! Riding Students are welcome to bring siblings, parents and grand-parents too! There will be multiple categories and prizes will be awarded. Come be creative and you may win a free riding lesson! Sign up on the poster in the entryway! Have fun!  
Until next time,  
Betsy



### Our Lesson Horses

Last month I told you about Tu-Sann. This month I want to share Dynamo's story. Dynamo is the other SHF foundation lesson horse.

In 1989 a handsome bay horse was born of Polish lineage. This colt became the second generation of National Champion Park horses on both the sire and dam sides. At age 7 Dynamo came to this area and began winning in the show ring in Country English Pleasure and English Show Hack. His wins came at both the Regional level as well as at Youth Nationals.

Originally Pro Dynamo came to SHF as a show horse then owned by a client.

But years later, after he retired, this "Energizer Bunny" was purchased by Sugar Hill. He became a trusted guide for beginner riders who love to go forward! His willingness to work makes him a cherished lesson horse that, despite some recurring health issues, continues to give us all he can. Though we have curtailed most of his lessons, Dynamo will remain here for the rest of his life. He is a very special horse and we will do all we can to make every day comfortable for him.