



Sugar Hill Spotlight



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Hello Everyone!

Thanks for your patience. I am behind schedule this month!

We've survived the January thaw, but that resulted in very muddy paddocks! The horses loved the warmer weather, but the staff and students will tell you that it takes twice as long to get the mud off the horses when grooming!

Now that February is here, I will share some exciting news with you! The staff and I have been keeping our excitement under control for two reasons. Though Kelly will balk at me for mentioning it, her baby is due this month. It is a boy and his name is Kolton. Please keep them in your thoughts with good wishes that when the time is right, all goes well so that Kelly can return to us as soon as possible. We will keep you posted and announce his grand arrival!

The second reason for our excitement is in expectation of the Scottsdale show taking place in Arizona beginning Friday the 12th. You see, two of our home bred geldings are already there, currently being stalled and strained at a farm just a short distance from the show grounds. Davis and Curtis Loew, half brothers, both out of Aladins Tapestry departed Sugar Hill last October. Davis turned three in January and Curtis is now a yearling. I am sure both of them have grown, matured and developed all the appropriate muscles! Each will be shown in highly competitive halter classes; Davis in Half-Arabian Three year old Geldings Stock Hunter Type and Curtis in Half-Arabian Yearling Geldings Saddle Pleasure Type.

Both of the boys are being pro-actively shown as one means of marketing two fine horses, examples of our breeding program. Davis and Curtis will be promoted for sale up to and throughout the competition by being presented and handled by a professional halter trainer in their classes. It is possible that I will show them in the amateur owner-to-handle classes too, but the trainer and I will base that decision on the results of their first classes. I will select and pack appropriate show clothes in order to be prepared. Believe me, I am proud to have an opportunity to show these fabulous horses and thereby take an active role in this means of advertising! Wish us luck!

While Kelly is out on maternity leave, the rest of us will pitch in to ensure that the mares are comfortable. Tapestry, Miss Barbary and our Saddlebred mare named Maggie are all settling into the turn-out routine of the big barn. When the weather warms, they will go back into the mare barn and resettle prior to foaling.

Desire and the newest member of the brood mare band, Cassie, are already under lights to ensure that their hormone cycles are in sync. We will begin actively monitoring them before too long with our intention being to begin breeding them in April. Stallions have been specifically chosen for each of the girls, deposits paid in advance and the veterinarians advised of our intentions.

Obviously, the three mares that will foal in May will be given health check-ups as soon as their babies are born. We usually skip the very next cycle and begin rebreeding the mares on the second one.

You might be interested to know that there are two other three-year old horses demanding our attention here on the farm. Bliss and Grace, both chestnut fillies, have been trained to work in long lines in the round pen. We have taken videos that I will take to Scottsdale at the request of trainers who visited here and looked them over last fall. They are excited to assess the progress the girls have made. We are fortunate to have a number of fine performance trainers from which to choose when selecting the best options for the future performance training of each of the young Sugar Hill Farm horses.

Our students continue to make us proud! They have ridden all winter, barely taking a break. They have utilized the lesson horses to their advantage and are making wonderful progress! Remember, friends and grandparents are always welcome to stop by during lessons. Hopefully our students will be interested in participating in a show, either here or away from the farm in the very near future!

Until next month...

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