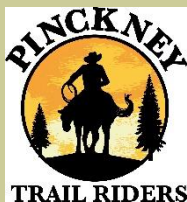


Spring 2021



# PTRA Newsletter

## PTRA BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Armstrong, President  
Dianne Martin, Vice President  
Amy Scharmen-Burgdolf  
Elsa Elmore  
Edna Money  
Niki Money



*Photo: Tri-lobed Hepatica, the first spring wildflower to find blooming on our riding trails*

## A Message from PTRA Vice President

Spring has sprung! The first spring ephemeral wildflowers are in bloom, the wood frogs, western chorus frogs and spring peepers have been calling, and the first of the spring flowering trees, serviceberry and flowering dogwood, are displaying some beautiful, soft color for us in the woods. I have been riding and hiking on our trails this spring, and due to our Adopt-a-Trail program and other dedicated volunteers, I think our trails have never looked better!

In January, we had our Annual PTRA Meeting via Zoom. The meeting was well attended and went off without any technological glitches! We are looking forward to hosting our Annual Blessing of the Horse in June and having our camping Ride to Hell weekend in October. The full calendar of events for all the Southeastern Michigan trail riding groups is below for your planning purposes. I hope you have the opportunity to check out some new places to ride this year. See you on the trails!

-Dianne Martin, PTRA Vice President

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## Schedule of Events – SE Michigan Trail Clubs

### MAY

8: Brighton Trail Riders Celebrate Spring Ride and Annual Meeting  
14-16: Highland Trail Riders Poker Ride Spring Camp  
28-31: Ortonville Poker Ride Camp (Memorial Weekend)

### JUNE

5: Pinckney Trail Riders [Blessing of the Horse](#)  
5-6: Maybury Trail Riders Picnic Destination Ride and Camp  
11-13: Pontiac Lake Horseman Summer Fun Camp  
18-20: Proud Lake Trail Riders Camp  
26-27: Brighton Picnic Camp

### AUGUST

6-7: Detroit Horse Power Distance Ride-Kensington & Proud Lake ([GLDRA](#))  
8: Detroit Horse Power 9 mile Novice Ride and Hunter Pace – Kensington

### SEPTEMBER

10-12: Highland Trail Riders Horseshoe Hunt Fall Camp  
17-19: Pontiac Lake Horseman Tour the Trails Fall Camp  
24-26: Proud Lake and Kensington Trail Riders Circle Ride

### OCTOBER

2-3: Brighton Poker, Picnic Camp  
8-10: Pinckney Ride to Hell and Back  
16: Maybury Spooktacular

## Business Member Spotlight – Marjie’s Manes

Marjie’s Manes is located in Gregory, just a 1/2 mile west of the Unadilla party store. She has a passion for trail riding and training young horses! Marjie feels lucky doing hair at her licensed salon located at her horse farm on Williamsville Road.

Marjie has been doing hair many years and has

owned and managed several salons over the years.

She is a world certified Schwarzkopf colorist and is experienced in all hair types.

Call for an appointment, and enjoy the relaxed setting.



*Photo: Marjie Deerr, Owner of Marjie’s Manes in Gregory, MI, and Business Member of PTRA*

## Adopt-a-Trail is a Big Success!

All of our Adopt-a-Trail segments have been adopted and some of our adopters have been busy clearing. Hands down, **Susan Hanawalt and Bob Ogilvy** get the award for most hours worked to date this year! They have already spent 30 hours clearing trails since the start of the new year!

**Heavenly Horse Stables** has also spent some time on their section. And, **Dianne Martin** has been clearing as she hikes.

Please let Dianne Martin know if you have been clearing your sections, so that she can log the time into our DNR Volunteer Log. You can email her at [dmartin@asti-env.com](mailto:dmartin@asti-env.com) or text her at 810-599-5468.



*Photo: Bob Ogilvy clearing a tree from near Marker 12*

## Attention Amazon Shoppers!

You can choose Pinckney Trail Riders Association as the charitable organization your purchases will support when you shop at AmazonSmile:

<http://smile.amazon.com/>.

We will receive 0.5% of your purchase price quarterly. This is a great way to give back. Just remember to always shop from [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) instead of the regular amazon site to make your

shopping count!



# Membership Renewal for 2021 – Renew Now!

**Membership year runs Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join on our website \*or\* below:

Single \$20/yr\_\_ Family \$25/yr\_\_ Business \$30/yr\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Optional Trail Maintenance Donation

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to PTRRA and mail to:**

**PTRRA  
11185 Country Ln.  
Pinckney, MI 48169**

*Donations are tax deductible*

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*Pinckney Trail Riders Association is a 501c3 non-profit corporation registered with the Internal Revenue Service and the Michigan Attorney General's office as a charitable organization.*

*Our purpose is to improve, protect, maintain and expand the horse trails in the Pinckney Rec Area and surrounding areas for use by horse men and women, their families and the general public for horseback riding, horse camping and horse related activities.*

## Flower Sales - 2021

We had a great sales event with our annual flower sales fundraiser! We earned \$603.50 profit for all of our efforts.

Flowers will be delivered to Sue Armstrong's house at 11185 Country Lane, Pinckney on April 29<sup>th</sup> and

will be available for pick up by noon at her house on that day, if you have not made arrangements for someone to deliver them to you.

Thanks everyone for your support! Enjoy your flowers!



## Next Board Meeting – May 6, 2021 at 7pm

Board meetings are now being held virtually using Zoom. Everyone is invited to join in. If you would like to be included on the next meeting, please email us at [pinckneytrailrider@yahoo.com](mailto:pinckneytrailrider@yahoo.com) to get a link invite to the meeting. You do not

need to install Zoom or have an account to join the meeting. You can join from your smartphone, computer or tablet.

Agenda items for the next meeting include:

- Planning for the Blessing of the Horse event
- Trail Work

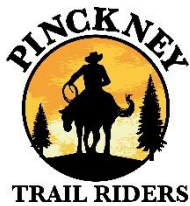
We welcome your input!

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If you are a current business member and do not see your information listed here, please contact Dianne Martin.

**Lakelands Trails News**

PTRA member Chris Harman often rides from her farm to the Pinckney Bridle Trails using the Lakelands Trail. As we are all aware, bike traffic on the Lakelands Trail has dramatically increased in recent years. Often, other use groups can make us equestrians and our horses a bit nervous, especially if the other groups are not knowledgeable about safety around horses and/or impolite. However, Chris Harman had some good news to share about an experience she had recently on the Lakelands Trail:

"Last weekend there was an organized bike ride on the Lakelands Trail. The bikers were going 125 miles from Jackson to West Bloomfield (per one of the riders). There had to be 30 to 40 bikes that passed me riding Belle and another horse from my farm. I have to say that this was the most polite and accommodating group of bikers I have very experienced. Every one of them asked if it was OK to pass. Many asked about the trail etiquette regarding bikers and horses. Then, when we were crossing M-36 at Barton road, heading east to Pinckney bridle trails, cars from both directions stopped and allowed us to cross M-36. We thanked everyone that accommodated us. I believe that we need to focus on the positive experiences we have too. This was a perfect example of how we can co-exist with our own interests and everyone can be safe."