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Equine Community Works Together to Ready for Fair

Months of planning went into highly successful Equine Community Painting Party at the Shenandoah Fairgrounds on a recent Sunday afternoon. Sun and spirits were high during the three hours it took to complete the painting of the fence at the horse arena. The fast work was made possible by 23 volunteers, and the “proper preparation” provided by Ron Anderson of Anderson’s Painting and Sandblasting who pressure washed the fence earlier in the week. 4-H Silver Spurs under the guidance of Kim Rush, Shenandoah Valley Dressage Assoc. (ShenVaDa) and The Old Dominion Gaited Horse Assoc. members worked together in teams of two to tackle sections of the stripped fence.

David Herbert of ShenVaDa arrived early to assist Interim Fair Manager Marcy McCann in setting up the central workstation and to mark the arena fence into sections. Volunteers were paired into teams, given brushes and paint then assigned a section of fence to paint. At one point the teams stretched three quarters the way around the arena. Voices of teenagers laughing, kids tagging after parents and calls for more paint made for a festival atmosphere of the event. Even the horses came out for the day. TC brought by Silver Spurs member Brooklyn Rush and Zinn owned by Kathryn Hockman were beautiful reminders of the reason for the painting party. “While neither horse pitched in to paint, you wouldn’t know that by the looks of TC” said McCann. “TC’s up close and personal participation was evident by the white paint on his shiny coat, but Alexandra Crabill the 2008 Tiny Miss Fair Queen was so focused on her painting that she went home with less paint on her cloths than the horse on his coat. Working with these three groups made for a great day.” McCann added.

Herbert said “We are looking forward to working with other equestrian groups through out the Shenandoah Valley. By coming together on projects like this one we are able to learn more about each other and today we were able to provide a great service to the Shenandoah County Fair Assoc.”

Domino’s Pizza of Woodstock donated 8 pizzas to feed the hungry crowd and water was provided by 7Bends.com. A sepia toned limited edition horse print donated by LtdPrints.com was won as a door prize by Jeannie Hockman.

Each of the groups will be participating in equestrian events at the fairgrounds this year and information about Equestrian Events can now be found on ShenCoFair.com.

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