

# *NCSU Extension Horse Husbandry*

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Above: Kim Collins measuring a pony during the certification.

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# *NC 4-H Horse Program Newsletter*

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## *The Winner's Circle*

### Certified NC 4-H Equine Measurers

At the recent Tri-State Leaders' Conference that was held in Greensboro, NC, a certification clinic was held for both Equine Measurers and NC 4-H Horse Program Stewards. Congratulations to the following individuals that recently completed training and are now NC 4-H Horse Program Certified Equine Measurers:

Name	County
Darlene Wyatt	Alleghany
Kim Collins	Chatham
Angie Hopkins	Cherokee
Erika Hedden	Cherokee
Kathleen Pugh	Currituck
Mary Hunt	Guilford
Susan Nations	McDowell
Carla Bundy	Perquimans
Jessica Holland	Rockingham
Maggie Boreman	Rowan
Pearl Lund	Rowan
Jennifer Almond Hutchins	Stanly
Crystal Holden	Transylvania
Tracie Gant	Transylvania
Samantha Taylor	Union

For a full list of all Certified Equine Measurers in the State, please go to the following link on the Equine Husbandry website: <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-certified-equine-measurers/>

In our next issue, we will announce the names of our new Stewards!



Karen Burns Grogan

*Each month we profile a former NC 4-H Horse Program member to catch up with them and highlight some of the amazing things our graduates go on to achieve!*

**Job Title and Place of Employment:**

Instructor (part-time), College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia; and Consulting Poultry Veterinarian, Chicken Scratch, LLC (my own business)

**What years were you in NC 4-H?**

I was active in NC 4-H from around 1984 to 1993

**What activities/contests did you participate in?**

I participated in Horse Bowl and Hippology contests on multiple teams, a team demonstration, and 4-H Horse Shows. I served as a junior leader at Horsemanship Camp in 1991(?). I helped

coach our junior teams for Horse Bowl and Hippology when I was in high school.

**What are your favorite memories from 4-H?**

My favorite memories were traveling to the Eastern National contests in Louisville for Horse Bowl and Team Demonstration. Those trips always were full of memorable experiences. We also spent time with other NC teams, which was a lot of fun. Camp also provided some interesting moments!

**What part of your involvement in the NC 4-H Horse Program has helped you most in life?**

The list for the skills I gained from my years in 4-H would fill up this page. For certain, it provided me the skills to easily navigate college, be certain of my career path and the completion of my degree in Animal Science and my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. It provided me the network of friends and colleagues that led me to earn a place on the NC State Collegiate Horse Judging Team, which I truly treasured in my years at NC State. For certain, 4-H provided me a solid foundation of communication skills that I use every day in my profession.

# Where Are They Now?

Karen Burns Grogan

**Are you currently involved in the horse industry? If so, in what aspect?**

I am not currently involved in the horse industry. I continued judging horse shows until 2002, when my work related travel became too intense. My oldest daughter just started taking riding lessons – so I know how to be the “good” show mom if we ever get that far!

**If you were an animal, what would you be?**

If I was an animal, I would be someone’s spoiled house cat – they have the easiest of days and stay nice and warm! (I spent the morning in 20 degree, very windy weather on chicken farms)

*Thank you to Karen for taking the time to answer our questions!*

## The Mane Events

### Upcoming Events and Activities

Event	Dates	Location	Contact
Northeast District Horse Bowl	February 20, 2016	Currituck County	Sandy Hall 252-459-9810
State Portfolios and Project Record Books Due	March 1, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Shannon McCollum 919-515-8486
State Horse Bowl and Hippology	March 5, 2016	North Carolina State University	Lori Stroud 919-515-5788
Holiday Classic Spring Show	April 23-24, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Richard Isley 336-908-3302
State 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest	April 23, 2016	St. Andrews University	Lori Stroud 919-515-5788
East Qualifying 4-H Horse Show	April 30-May 1, 2016	Williamston, NC	Eileen Coite 910-592-7161
West Qualifying 4-H Horse Show	April 30-May 1, 2016	Arden, NC	Lisa Mackay 828-403-6566
Deadline for Artistic Expression and Creative Writing Entries	May 1, 2016	Raleigh, NC	Lori Stroud 919-515-5788

## Qualifying Show Information

Information about the 4 Qualifying Horse Shows are available at the link below. Please contact the respective show secretaries for specific questions about each show.

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/spotlight/2016-qualifying-horse-show-information/>

## Deadline Approaching for Horse Bowl and Hippology Entries

February 24<sup>th</sup> is the postmark deadline for Horse Bowl and Hippology Entries. The links below contain information about the contests.

Horse Bowl Information, Entry Form, and Hotel Information:

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-horse-bowl-contest/>

Hippology Information, Entry Form, and Hotel Information:

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-hippology-contest/>

## 2016 Horsemanship Camp

The NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp will be held June 12-17, 2016 and the webpage has been updated! Click the link below for the registration form and other essential information!

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-4-h-horsemanship-camp/>

## The Right Lead Tips and Tricks for Club Leaders

### 2016 Candace Norman Outstanding Service Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Candace Norman Outstanding Service Award. Two winners, a youth and adult, will be selected. Please consider nominating a deserving youth and/or adult that meets the criteria listed below:

**Criteria/Selection Process:** *The selection process will focus strongly on the nominee who exhibits true dedication and embodies all the characteristics and morals of 4-H – A well-rounded person who strives to make the community a better place through example and leadership. We feel that this reflects the lifelong commitment Candace made to our program and will encourage youth to continue striving for major accomplishments through setting and achieving goals.*

*Candace was a role model for so many 4-H participants, adult volunteers, and associates, and the future of our program is dependent on more people being likewise dedicated. This award is displayed at the Hunt Horse Complex (NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh), where Candace spent a countless number of hours over the years working in the show office.*

The 2016 winners will be announced on July 9 at the North Carolina State 4-H Horse Show in Raleigh.

Application: [2016 Candace Norman Award Application](#)

## Over Herd NC 4-H Horse Program News

### 2016 Eligibility Card Information

All youth interested in showing in 4-H Qualifying Shows or the NC State 4-H Horse Show will need to complete a 2016 Eligibility Card. There have been some changes to the eligibility card completion process, so please read through the 2016 Standard Operating Procedures so you are aware of the changes, deadline and other important details.

[2016 NC 4-H Horse Program Eligibility Card SOP](#)

[2016 4-H Horse Program Eligibility Card](#)

### 2016 Horse Judging Contest

The 2016 NC State 4-H & FFA Horse Judging contest is only 2 months away! This year's contest will be held April 23 at St. Andrews University. The judging portion will take place at the University's Equestrian Center and oral reasons and awards will be held in academic buildings on main campus. The schedule for the event is still being finalized. There will be a coaches' meeting on Friday evening at 7:00 PM.

30 Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express-Laurinburg, NC (910-291-3300). Please request your rooms under the block "NC 4-H Horse." The rate is \$84.99 plus tax for a double room. The cutoff date for the block is April 15.

For more contest information, including the entry form, please visit the Horse Judging Contest page on the Extension Equine Husbandry webpage: <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-nc-4-h-horse-program-educational-events/equinehusbandry-horse-judging-contest/>

Need resources to help prepare for the contest? Be sure to visit the Horse Judging Resource Material page for links to manuals, videos and other valuable tools!

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-educational-materials/horse-judging-resource-material/>

## Straight from the Horse's Mouth Horse Industry News

### Southern Equine Consortium Newsletter

Below is a link to the first edition of the Southern Equine Consortium Newsletter. This newsletter is the result of collaborative efforts between the southeastern states and will start to be distributed on a periodic basis (perhaps monthly or bi-monthly) as an effort to offer more resources to horse owners in the southeast.

[SEC Newsletter January 2016](#)

## *Thoroughbred Mares*



## *The Judges Card*

Tune up your judging skills!

To the left is a class of 3 Thoroughbred Mares that were featured in the August 2006 issue of Horse & Rider magazine. To see if you placed them correctly, read the expert judge's opinion from the article:

<http://www.equisearch.com/article/thoroughbred-mare-conformation-20363>

## *Trail Placings and Reasons*

*In our last issue we posted a link to a Trail class that was filmed at the 2013 Quarter Horse Congress Horse Judging Contest. The reasons below were prepared by 2015 NC State 4-H Horse Judging Team Member, Michaela Vick from Nash County.*

Link to the class: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EWc5KeQwes>

Good Afternoon, 1243 was my alignment of this trail class. I found an obvious top individual who incurred no penalty points, a close middle pair, and an obvious bottom, who lacked the promptness and quality of the other individuals. Drawing your attention to my initial pair, I aligned 1, the liver chestnut, over 2, the dark bay, as 1 performed a more careful pattern, showing more style and a higher degree of difficulty, maneuvering more correctly through the gate with no hesitation, as well as being more mannerly and precise through the serpentine. I do grant, however, that 2 did work off a looser, freer rein. It was these characteristics which aided me in placing 2 over 4, the roan, in my intermediate pair.

2 was more easily guided through the course, loping cleaner with more style over the right lead poles, in addition to backing straighter in the "L" and turning flatter and easier in the box. I fully recognize that 4 did maintain more cadence and consistency when jogging the serpentine.

Directing your attention to my concluding pair, I preferred 4 over 3, the chestnut. 4 exhibited a more mannerly pattern, having a more consistent headset and quieter poll, as well as being more willfully guided through the back and into the box, taking a more correct, precise number of steps when jogging over the poles. Even though I grant that 3 maneuvered the gate with more flow, staying closer to that gate, this horse incurred the most penalty points, hitting a right lead pole. In addition, 3 mouthed the bit, and lacked the manners and quality of the other individuals in this class, and could therefore merit no higher placing today. Thank you.

**Official placing on the class was 1-2-4-3 with cuts of 3-1-2.**

# Advertisements

## NC 4-H Horse Judging Manuals for Sale!

The NCSU Horse Judging Short Course Manual (20th edition) features 12 chapters and 298 pages of information that focus on numerous disciplines and classes. The introduction chapter covers characteristics of a successful judge, mechanics of judging performance classes and evaluating lameness. The remaining chapters cover these topics:

- Conformation Evaluation
- Showmanship
- Western Pleasure
- Western Horsemanship
- Trail
- Reining
- Western Riding
- Ranch Riding
- Saddleseat Classes
- Hunt Seat Classes (Stock-Type and USEF)
- Non-Trotting Classes

This manual is a great tool for horse judging team members and coaches!

Manuals are \$25.00 each. Please complete the order form to reserve your copy. Please make checks payable to NCSU.

[NCSU Horse Judging Short Course Manual Order Form](#)

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# A Bit More

Due to computer issues that occurred right before the newsletter was set to be published, A Bit More will return in the next edition of the NC 4-H Horse Program newsletter! We apologize for any inconvenience!

## 4-H Horsemanship Camp

June 12-17, 2016

Bring your equine partner to camp! Located in Ellerbe, North Carolina, NC 4-H Horsemanship Camp will improve your horsemanship skills while making new friends and having fun with other horse lovers. All breeds and disciplines welcome! Classes are divided by skill level and riding style. Campers will have the opportunity to:

- \*Have riding lessons on their horse twice daily taught by qualified staff
- \*Participate in and watch training demonstrations from professionals
- \*Play games on horseback
- \*Learn new and better horsemanship skills and techniques
- \*Participate in trail rides
- \*Practice new skills, such as horse judging, equine first aid, and much more!

All for only \$420!

For the Camp Manual and more information go to:  
<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-4-h-horsemanship-camp/>  
OR contact the Extension Horse Husbandry Office at  
(919) 515-7871 or [Alaina\\_Cross@ncsu.edu](mailto:Alaina_Cross@ncsu.edu)

## Save the Date

VIRGINIA - NORTH CAROLINA



HORSE FESTIVAL

March 5, 2016 10 am—3 pm

Olde Dominion Agriculture Complex

Chatham, Virginia

- = Parade of Breeds
- = Demonstrations
- = Equipment Dealers
- = Door Prizes



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