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Fair Hill Foundation Newsletter

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Maryland 5 Star Update

Twilightlastgleam, owned and bred by Nina Gardner and piloted by Jennie Brannigan. Jj Sillman Photography

Tickets to the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill On Sale NOW

So you don't miss a moment of the action leading up to the event, please sign up for the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill newsletter at **Maryland5Star.us/Newsletter-Sign-Up/**

To ensure the inaugural October 13-17 Maryland 5 Star is a success, the Fair Hill Foundation (FHF) is singularly devoting its energies to raising $1 million to finalize construction of the cross-country course and provide sufficient operating funds for the Event; at this writing we have raised more than $800,000. The 5 Star represents a landmark point in time; flags from numerous countries will fly in the main arena and up to 200 horses from all over the world are expected to participate in the 5 Star, 3 Star, and Young Horse competitions at this extraordinary equestrian center created by William du Pont, Jr. in the 1930s.

To guarantee construction work is completed to the highest international standards, the FHF is working closely with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the State agency that manages the 5,600-acre Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area. Maryland DNR has retained Ruppert Landscape, Inc. to manage the project. Ruppert is highly respected and is one of the largest commercial landscape companies in the region.

Completing construction of the Ian Stark-designed Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill cross-country course and installing broadband on the site has been DNR's highest priority. With support from the Foundation, this work includes lineal aeration to relieve compaction, adding topsoil and sod, applying fertilizer and grassy weed pre-emergent herbicide and related work to ensure ideal turf conditions for the 6,280-meter course that features 45 jumping efforts including fences, water hazards, ditches, and mounds.

Once this phase of the project is complete, future plans for Fair Hill call for upgrades to the iconic grandstand dating back to Mr. du Pont's early years, as well as renovated barns, improved hospitality facilities, and auxiliary gallops. Improvements will be phased and when completed, Fair Hill will accommodate a diverse range of equestrian disciplines in an international setting that will broaden collaboration among competitors, enthusiasts, and spectators alike.

We are pleased to share the August/September issue of *Pressbox* including an excellent overview of the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill by Barry Silverman: **https://pressboxonline.com/2021/08/18/inaugural-maryland-5-star-ready-to-shine-at-fair-hill/**

Proud Past*Infinite Future: The People of Fair Hill

In the coming months, the *Fair Hill Bugle* will feature profiles about the leaders who are building on Mr. du Pont's proud past and taking Fair Hill into its future of infinite possibilities.

Bruce Jackson with a horse in the cold saltwater spa at Fair Hill.

Bruce Jackson

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center, Bruce Jackson brings his background as a skilled Thoroughbred stakes winning trainer to his work. Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center is a state-of-the-art facility offering rehabilitation, sports therapy, and conditioning through the latest in technological equipment designed to promote a safe and rapid advancement for horses recovering from injury.

In addition to treating Thoroughbred racehorses, the Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center rehabilitates sport, dressage, show jumping and 3-Day Eventing horses, most remarkably Neville Bardos, who, selected for the London Olympics team, competed at Burghley Horse Trials with Boyd Martin only eight weeks after being badly burned in a 2012 tragic barn fire in Cochranville, PA.

The Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center offers a variety of the modern effective physical therapy options, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, an Aqua Pacer System, a Cold Saltwater Spa, Dry Salt Therapy, Vibration Therapy, and Solarium Therapy. The skilled staff at Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center is thoroughly trained and knowledgeable, with a passion for horses and the desire to return horses to their owners well rested, fit and ready to perform.

Located at Maryland's Fair Hill Training Center, the Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center enjoys access to 24 hour veterinary services and is within easy reach of all major veterinary clinics and racetracks of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions.

Jackson grew up on a horse farm in England and moved to America to work under Hall of Fame trainer, Jonathan Sheppard, and then honed a diverse skills set with stints in California, England and Australia before eventually opening his own stable in the Mid-Atlantic.

Through the Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center he works with trainers like Graham Motion and Mike Trombetta at Fair Hill and New York-based Hall of Famers Bill Mott and Shug McGaughey.

A Message from Timothy Gardner, M.D.

Fair Hill Foundation Vice President and Director, Fair Hill International

Thanks to the commitment and dedication of many supporters, the Fair Hill Foundation has accomplished a great deal in a short period of time to prepare for the inaugural Maryland 5 Star Event at Fair Hill. In 2017, the United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) Board of Directors selected Fair Hill as the site for the newest American 5 Star competition on the international Eventing circuit after bids were submitted from several other competitive East Coast venues, including Great Meadow and Morven Park in Virginia, Tryon International Horse Center in North Carolina, and Ocala Jockey Club in Ocala, Florida.

Nina and Tim Gardner have spent decades enjoying the triumphs and heartbreaks of a life with horses. Jeff Lendrum photo

Subsequently, the Maryland Board of Public Works approved funding for the construction of Fair Hill's Special Event Zone – including a new cross-country course, competition arenas, and a reimagined turf and timber course – to serve as the annual host site for the new Maryland 5 Star and the historic Fair Hill Races. Steeped in tradition and known for its natural beauty, today's Fair Hill will not only draw the international equestrian community to the Delaware-Maryland-Pennsylvania tri-state area, but also will have broad effects on economic development and rural preservation in the region. Recognizing these benefits, more than 100 private donors have now contributed nearly $5 million in gifts and pledges for infrastructure and operations. We are immensely grateful to these donors who have brought us to this watershed moment.

If you have not yet supported our work or if you have and you would like to help again, we encourage you to consider a gift, either by going to the "donate" link on our website, by mailing a check, or transferring appreciated securities.

Your investment in our sport, our region, and our future will pay dividends for decades to come.

Timothy J. Gardner

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