



Valley Water Mill Park Equestrian Center  
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**Lynn Vandenberg, Park Coordinator**—Growing up in La., Lynn competed at State and National levels with Quarter Horses in western pleasure, western riding and showmanship and with Arabians in western pleasure and showmanship. As a collegiate, Lynn was co-captain of an 8 member bridle-less, saddle-less Arabian Drill Team and performed vaulting demonstrations across the southwest. After graduating, Lynn began her career in Horse Racetrack Management at several notable facilities across the south including Louisiana Downs in Bossier City, LA, Remington Park in Oklahoma City, OK and Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, TX. Continuing her equestrian pursuits, she competed in rated Hunter Jumper Shows, trained and conditioned field hunters for fox hunting, evented and exercised race horses. Lynn is a Certified Master Instructor, English and Western with CHA and has attained her bronze medal with the USDF.

**Emma McKinnon, Equine Coordinator**—Originally from Good Hope, IL, Emma graduated from Western Illinois University with a Master's degree in History Education. Emma combined the love of horses and teaching, becoming a CHA certified riding instructor in 2006. Emma is an accomplished endurance rider and a member of the American Endurance Ride Conference and Ozark Country Endurance Riders. She has logged over 1585 competition miles with 23 Top Ten finishes and 1 coveted Best Condition Award. Emma loves to compete her two Arabian horses in sanctioned rides across the U.S. Emma teaches beginner through advanced riders.



**Trevor Galyon, Greene County Sheriff's Deputy** – From Tuscon, AZ, Trevor has been riding horses for as long as he can remember. Starting at age 7, he competed regularly in calf roping on his trusty quarter horse, Rafter. Trevor was a member of the Arizona Jr. Rodeo Assn. for over 11 years and was president of the Junior Calf Roping Assn. Currently, Trevor is serving his community as a Greene County Sheriff's Deputy and member of the Greene County Sheriff's Posse. Service work continues during off duty hours as Trevor helps on the family farm, running over 80 beef cows on 150 acres in Republic, MO. Trevor instructs and mentors all students in the HorseSHOE I and II (Sheriff's Horseman Outreach Education) classes.

**Chelsea Chichester, Weekend Equine Manager**— Born in Romania, adopted by U.S. parents and raised overseas, Chelsea has been riding since age 7. Her vast travel experience has exposed Chelsea to a diverse amount of equestrian disciplines and management practices. After her college experience, Chelsea worked year round at a Christian Summer Camp as Equine Program Assistant Manager teaching and coordinating equine activities for over 750 students. In 2013, she became a CHA Certified Instructor. Chelsea is the Weekend Equine Coordinator and teaches beginner to advanced students in English and Western.



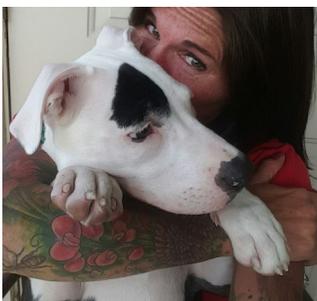


**Colbie Covert, Instructor**– Colbie never asked for a horse, but on her 8th birthday, her uncle gave her two horses. This started her horse journey which took her from Clover Kids to successfully showing on the local All Breed circuit. Now she rides a variety of horses and lives on a farm with a variety of 18 horses ranging from Fox Trotters, Quarter horses, Arabians and mules. Colbie manages summer camp activities, provides morning feeding and care to the herd and teaches lessons as her schedule allows.

**Gabby Deckard, Instructor**-Gabby grew up in North Springfield. She had always had a love for horses but couldn't afford to take lessons. She took a few lessons here and there when she was younger but started riding consistently at the Equestrian Center when she was 14. She has worked with a range of breeds from Quarter horses, Thoroughbreds, Morgans, to Arabians. She has a love for Arabians and has started to train and show them this past year. Gabby is a weekday Lesson Instructor and a Recreational Leader during Summer Programming.



**Ashlyn Ogan, Instructor**-- At 11 years old, Ashlyn started taking lessons from many local facilities and eventually ended up at Valley Water Mill Equestrian Center. At the age of 13, she got her first horse, an off the track thoroughbred. Phoenix helped Ashlyn to navigate her way through local shows and the work that goes into caring for your own horse. Ashlyn purchased her second horse, a unbroke warmblood and has trained him with much success in the dressage show ring. Ashlyn teaches beginner lessons during the week, assists with Summer Camp and many other facility events.



**Misty Trent, Parks Caretaker** - Misty is Valley Water Mill Park's full time caretaker. She comes from a three generation family that has been in service to the Springfield Greene County Park Board for over 43 years. Misty has been working with the Parks Department since 2002. Constantly in motion, Misty is responsible for all of the grounds keeping at both the Equestrian Center and the Watershed Center which includes mowing weed-eating, spraying, cleaning the house and restrooms, harrowing and inspecting the arena footing, planting flowers, spreading manure, pasture management, hay management and assisting with all park events.