

## Darrah Alexander

by Jessie Smith

A well known and long-standing equestrian professional in the Millbrook Area, Darrah first found her roots here when she moved from Rochester, NY to the Millbrook area to work for Event Rider Louise Meryman in 1990. Nearly thirty years later, Darrah has competed all the way to the four-star level, produced many successful horses, developed her own business, and is now based out of Shekomeko Creek Farm, owned by Guy and Caroline Merison, where she trains numerous Millbrook riders and has her own exciting up-and-coming horses.

Darrah has competed at the Millbrook Horse Trials nearly every year since 1990, competing horses from Beginner Novice through Advanced on numerous occasions. The event is the pinnacle equestrian event of the summer for the area, and she loves that she can bring her green babies alongside her top-level horses to the same event in her local community to show how Millbrook still produces outstanding equestrians and horses.

Darrah has a dedicated bunch of long-standing clients, of whom many are heavily involved in the Millbrook Horse Trials, as both volunteers and competitors. Judy Amster, Mary Shimkin, and T. Sims regularly volunteer and help raise money for the Horse Trials. Young Riders Alice Roosevelt and Cassie Sanger also help out every year, while competing at the event in the upper levels.

Cassie and Alice compete regularly up and down the east coast, producing top-level results nationally under the

coaching of Darrah. They are a fine example of up-and-coming young riders that consider Millbrook and Area I their home base. Both Alice and Cassie will be competing at MHT this year and Darrah will be competing some of her younger horses at the trials.

We look forward to cheering on our local professionals and riders who help shape the Millbrook Community as an area still rich in eventing and equestrian roots. Good Luck Darrah and students!



*Darrah Alexander with student Cassie Sanger*

