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“Do It Yourself” Workshops at the Western States Horse Expo!

You know about the Magnificent 7 All-Around Stock Horse Championship happening at the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Western States Horse Expo. You have seen the announcements about the Western Select Barrel Race and the BLM Mustang Adoption which are happening at the event as well. The Art Show, the Young Rider Park, Clinicians Unmounted and Horse Expo University have all been highlighted too! Of course the SHOPPING is going to be great too! The 20th Anniversary Western States Horse Expo, happening on June 8-10, 2018 at Cal Expo in Sacramento, California is an event you will not want to miss!

But wait, there is more!

The Western States Horse Expo is adding three incredible “do it yourself” workshop opportunities – which we call “Horseinterest” - to the schedule of activities the Attendees can enjoy to enhance their “Horse Expo Experience.”

Pop Wagner is a master craftsman who loves to create amazing traditional mohair cinches! Attendees can learn to make traditional seventeen strand mohair cinches with Pop Wagner at the Western States Horse Expo! Cost is \$150 for one day, \$275 for two days and \$350 for three days. Cost includes material for one basic 17 strand tied cinch per day. To register email Pop at popwagner@aol.com or call 612-817-5898. **NOTE: This is a LIMITED opportunity for only three people per day. Advanced registration is highly recommended!**

Into leather? Leather braiding, that is. So is Gail Hought! Gail is a master craftsperson and owner of Hought Fine Art & Leather. Gail will be offering two workshops each day. Morning sessions are from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and afternoon sessions are from 2 PM-5 PM. Each session is limited to 3 students and advanced registration is recommended. Materials supplied include pre-cut fully prepared strings and a mandrel which you will take home. Bring your braiding questions as well as a notebook!

Buttons and Knots Instructed:

- 2 & 3 pass Spanish Ring Knot
- 6 bight Turk’s head with herringbone interweave
- 6 bight Turk’s head with gaucho interweave
- 4 bight gaucho
- 6 bight long pineapple button with herringbone interweave

To register please call (707)839-1871 or go to Gail’s website:
<http://www.hought.com/brinsthp-calexpo.html>.

Speaking of braided art, master craftsperson Kayleen Johnson, of Rebel Headdress, is teaching workshops in the art of paracord braiding at the Western States Horse Expo! Attendees can learn how to make their own 4, 8 or 12 strand braided paracord projects. Personalized instruction and all materials provided to build your choice of:

- A set of reins
- A lead rope or
- A dog leash

Beyond learning the basics of plaiting a round braid, students can learn how to start and finish projects with simple decorative knots! Cost is \$75 each session. Morning sessions go from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & afternoon sessions go 2pm-5pm. Classes are limited to only 3 people each day so early registration is highly recommended!

To register or for more information please email kileprechaun98@gmail.com.

No other equine/ rural-lifestyle Exposition in the nation offers so many amazing opportunities to enrich and enhance one's equestrian lifestyle, improve one's horsemanship and engage in incredible learning opportunities! With the exciting schedule of activities slated for the 20th Anniversary Western States Horse Expo, the event will set the new gold standard by which a world class exposition is judged. With ten new ticket packages available for 2018, Attendees can save money and enjoy all the activities and events they can handle! The Western States Horse Expo is the "must attend" event of the year. Do not miss out! To get your tickets please visit the Event Website at <https://horseexpo.com>.

About Western States Horse Expo

Presenting two of the best Horse Expositions in the United States, California's Western States Horse Expo in Pomona and Sacramento are a must-attend events for any "equine and rural lifestyle enthusiast" no matter what their level! In three short days Attendees can catch up on the latest training and education, shop the nation's premier equine vendors and connect with your horse friends. Attending the Western States Horse Expo is a low-cost, high quality way to stay engaged in the horse industry, making sure you have the tools, knowledge and products to help make the most of your investment (and enhancing your experience) in the equine and rural lifestyle year round! Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2018, these events will be celebrations that you will not want to miss!

Information on our 2018 Sacramento celebration: <https://horseexpo.com/>