



# GMHA

## 2014 Annual Report

### Board of Directors' Report

Despite some challenges, we are pleased to report on many successes in 2014. Our individual and business memberships have exceeded the previous year and our event entries were at an all-time high. The Annual Fund outperformed the prior two years.

GMHA increased the scope and number of events on the grounds. The June Dressage Shows, the Festival of Eventing, the Neil Shapiro Clinic, and our expanded Distance Days competitive trail rides are just a few examples. We also added more Members' Days to the calendar. All have been overwhelmingly successful. Our post-event participant surveys have given high marks to our staff, grounds crew, organizers and, of course, our volunteers, without whom none of the events would be possible.

Our commitment to the success of equine activities in our community is integral to our mission. This year we proudly participated in the Vermont 100 endurance ride, hosted a Hunter Pace with North Country Hounds, held fund raisers for High Horses Therapeutic Riding and Ride for the Cure, and worked with the Vermont Equine Riding & Driving Association (VERDA), Hartland Riding Club, and Central Vermont Dressage Association (CVDA).

GMHA's focus on fulfilling our mission of preserving and maintaining trails continued with the

addition of two new easements from landowners. Many riders expressed appreciation for the excellent condition of our trails.

Planned Giving is a key component to ensuring that GMHA will be here for the future. We were pleased to have the opportunity to recognize our newest members to the Silver Stirrup Society at an event this past August. Not only do these gifts provide for future stability, they help inspire others to consider leaving their own legacy gift to GMHA.

In preparing for the coming year, we are cognizant that our principle focuses are to: enhance the experience for members and participants whenever possible, solidify our financial stability for the present and future, invest in our infrastructure, physical buildings, and grounds, educate and promote land and trail preservation, and support and foster our hard-working staff and volunteers. We are also clear that we, as Board members, are charged with acting in the best interests of the association and our membership.

We will build on the successes and learn from our challenges to ensure that GMHA continues to flourish in the future.

— GMHA Board of Directors

## **GMHA Board**

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**Cyndy Kozara,**

Trail Easement Specialist

**Bruce Perry,**

Grounds Manager

# Special Thanks to **Birch Hill Farm**

for the continued use of their beautiful property  
for our events.

## Scholarship Funds

### **Junior Horsemanship Clinic Scholarships**

A total of \$5,000 was generated from donors and the Disosway Foundation for the purpose of providing financial assistance to 11 students to participate in the Junior Horsemanship Clinic. Without the help of these funds, the students would not have been able to attend GMHA's ten day premier eventing clinic with their horses or ponies. We look forward to continuing this program in 2015.

### **Young Equestrian Development Scholarship**

New for 2014, this program was made possible by endowment funds entrusted to GMHA to provide educational opportunities for equestrians. In the first year of the program, \$1,500 was awarded to 6 young equestrians to compete or participate in a learning activity at GMHA. Scholarship funds were awarded for events in a variety of disciplines: hunter jumper shows, the 100-Mile Ride, Horse Trials, and the eventing clinics. This program will continue in 2015.

## Eileene Wilmot Award

Eileene Wilmot and her husband Peyton purchased Birch Hill Farm in 1950 and lived there for nearly 40 years. Eileene was a lifelong supporter of the sport of eventing and strongly advocated for supporting young people. In her memory, Birch Hill Farm generously sponsors an award which goes to the three top-placing riders competing in the Junior Preliminary division of the GMHA Festival of Eventing August Horse Trials.

This year Karri Bellamy took the first place \$900 prize, Becky Haring was awarded \$600 for second, and \$500 went to third place rider Abigail Flint.

## 2014 Membership Statistics

### Membership by Category:

Business Members	57
Individual	623
Lifetime	161
Family	438
Junior	164
Friends	9
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>1452</b>

### New for 2014:

Subscribers	106
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\* Increased from 1449 members in 2013.

Business Members provide support to the GMHA by supplying product or funds for our use in exchange for website marketing and advertising. Our diverse community of horse owners and members make the GMHA marketing efforts effective for the business members including Strafford Saddlery, LandVest, Springfield Auto Mart, Woodstock Inn, Rodd Roofing, SmartPak, Triple Crown Feed and others.

# Thank you

to all who made 2014 another terrific season at GMHA!

- Members
- Competitors
- Volunteers
  - Donors
- Landowners

*We look forward to 2015!*

## Trail & Open Space Preservation Program

This year GMHA wrapped up a contiguous trail easement project involving five properties that began two-and-a-half years ago! The Highfield Trail is now a reality, connecting Sheddsville Road to Banister Road. It allows horses and riders to savor- if just for a while- peaceful meadows and private road with tree-lined stone fences. These West Windsor neighbors, all horse owners and strong GMHA supporters, have diligently worked together to help protect this pleasureable equestrian passageway.

### Trail easements donated in 2014:

- Shirley and Bob Fenner amended their 2011 trail easement to extend Gambol Hill Farm Trail.
- Amy Bresky donated a trail easement for her critical link to Highfield Drive.

Read more about this cooperative trail easement project in the upcoming GMHA Fall Magazine.

— Cyndy Kozara, *Trail Preservation Specialist*

*Thank you to  
everyone involved!*

*Help Keep  
Open Space Open!*

# 2014 Annual Fund Donors

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*Trail Fund, In Memory of, General Donations, In-Kind Donations*

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*Our sincere thanks to all who have supported us this year.*

# Bates Saddles/Strafford Saddlery Festival of Eventing

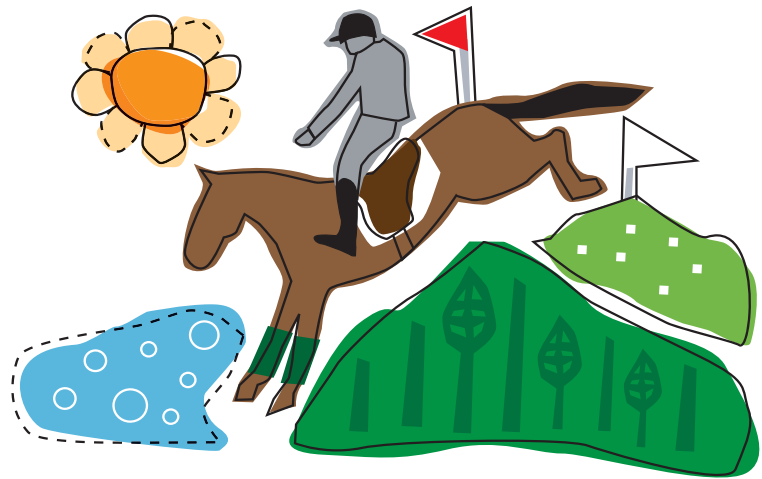
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## Title Sponsors

Bates Saddles and Strafford Saddlery

## Novice/Training Classic Three-Day Sponsors

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## Festival of Eventing

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Linda and Jeff Kipperman  
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### Donation of Goods and Services

Sally Stetson Design  
- Graphic Design services  
High Wind Farm  
- Morning Coffee

### Special Thanks to

Sally Stetson  
*for her graphic design and print  
production expertise and countless hours  
helping with the Festival.*

Dia Jenks  
*for help with the competitor's party.*

Joan Davis/Flatlands Foto  
*for Festival photography.*

Birch Hill Farm  
Tom DeBevoise of Upwey Farm  
South Woodstock Fire Station  
*for the use of their property.*

# Silver Stirrup Legacy Society

“Recognizing all those who have made a legacy gift to ensure a sustainable future.”

If you have already remembered GMHA in your will or estate plan, please let us know by filling out a “Charitable Gift Intent Form,” available for downloading at <http://www.gmhainc.org/planned-giving.html>.



## Thank you to our donors!

### 2011

Willard Rhodes  
John and Katharine Leslie

### 2012

Dr. Earle E. and Katherine Johnson  
Eileene May Wilmot  
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Elizabeth F. Hill-Sweet  
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Cecilia Lucia Hoyt  
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Sally Fellows  
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Dana S. Jolley  
Anonymous I  
Anonymous II

### 2013

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Kathy Hall  
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Robin Malkasian  
Dr. Kathleen M. Burr  
Ruth K. Sudduth  
Jane-Ashley Pakenham

### 2014

Sylvia Adair Maker  
(Posthumous)

## Event Statistics

### *Our disciplines by the numbers*

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>2014 # of Competitors</u>	<u>2013</u>
Eventing	962	914
Hunter/Jumper	690	678
Pleasure Riding	265	191
Driving	181	172
Clinics	191	138
Competitive Trail	287	313
Dressage	648	605

# 2014 Volunteers

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*GMHA sincerely thanks all of our volunteers for their hard work this season.*

Susan Achenbach  
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Gail Allen  
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Keith & Lynda Angstadt  
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Steven Dimick

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Melissa Drye  
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Eileen Duffy  
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Dale Eddy  
Clarissa Edelston  
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Denny Emerson  
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Christine Eromenok  
Charlotte Faccio  
Linda Ferland  
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Mary Hutchins  
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Megan James  
Karen Jameson  
Ray Johnson  
Susan Johnson  
Elaine Johnson  
Elaine Johnston  
Scott Keating  
Heather Kelley  
Barbara Kelley  
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Sara Kilguss  
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Lawrence Knowles  
Susan Koso  
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Michele Perry  
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Cynthia Rankin  
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Edwin Reynolds  
Julia Reynolds  
Rebecca Rice  
Callan Richardson  
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For more details on the 2014 Season, check out the

## GMHA Fall Magazine

*Arriving in your mailbox in late November.*

**Your 2015 GMHA Calendar will arrive in early December!**

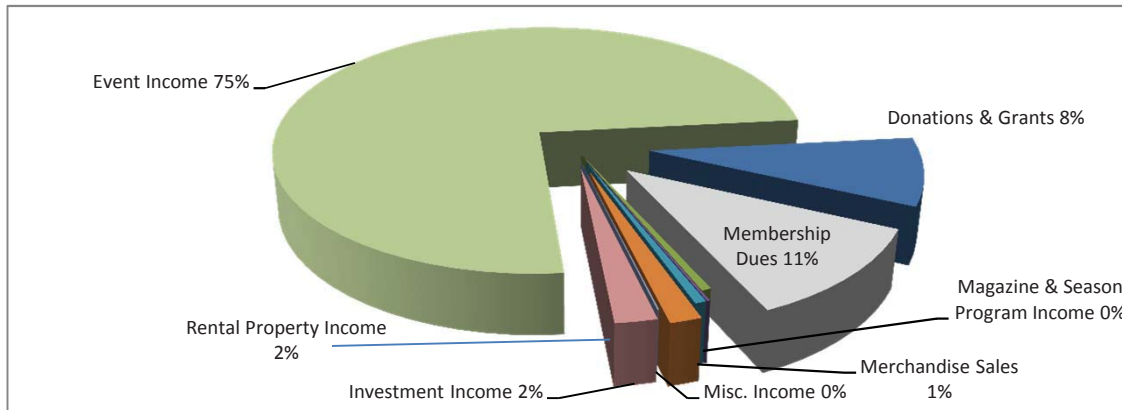
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# The GMHA Financial Picture

## ANALYSIS OF REVENUE SOURCES

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**INCOME PIE CHART\***



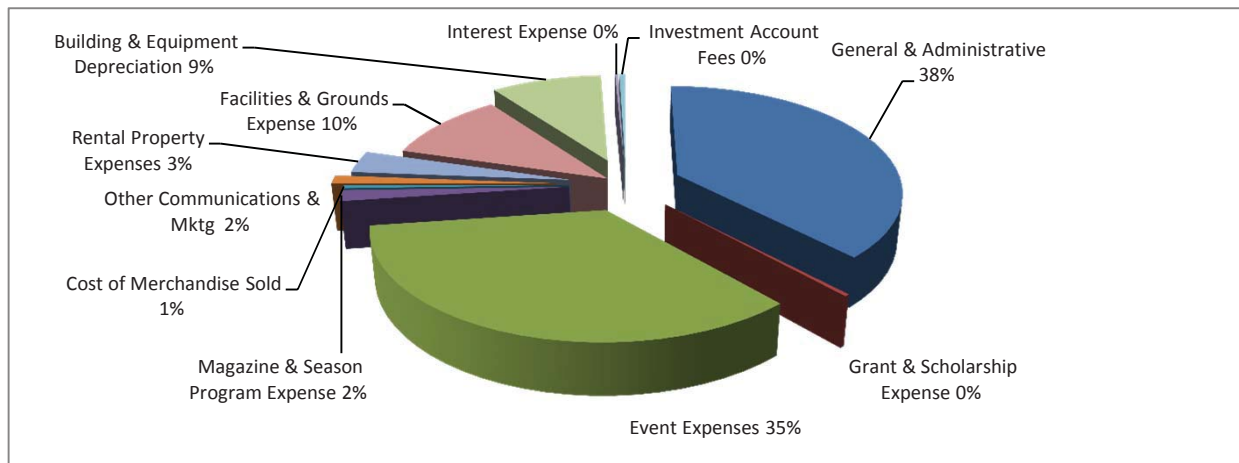
11 months ending 9/30/14

Donations & Grants	\$	111,751.00
Membership Dues		149,406.00
Magazine Seasonal Program/Web Site Income		6,695.00
Special Event Income (Raffles & Fund Raisers)		2,181.00
Merchandise Sales		7,657.00
Rental Property Income		21,562.00
Miscellaneous Income		1,075.00
Investment Income		28,417.00
Event Income		981,505.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,310,249.00</b>

## ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES

UNAUDITED

**EXPENSES PIE CHART\***



11 months ending 9/30/14

General & Administrative Expenses	\$	514,786.00
Grant & Scholarship Expenses		4,360.00
Event Expenses		469,750.00
Magazine/Seasonal Program Expenses		22,357.00
Cost of Merchandise Sold		6,342.00
Other Communication & Marketing Expenses		17,167.00
Rental Property Expenses		45,069.00
Facility & Grounds Expenses		141,031.00
Building & Equipment Depreciation		126,378.00
Interest Expense		3,718.00
Investment Account Fees		6,476.00
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,357,434.00</b>
Use of Temp Restricted Donations Arenas & XC Improvements (note 1):		3,318.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,360,752.00</b>

Note 1: Project Completed 2013