

OUR PRESENTER

~Bob Solman~

Bob Solman is a retired businessman with a passion for the care and well being of all animals, especially horses. Bob is a professional natural balance farrier who volunteers his talents at horse rescue facilities, helping the most severe cases. He always strives for the best outcome for the horses and to educate horse owners to better understand the need for proper hoof care.

Bob has learned Natural Balance theory and hands-on skills directly from Gene Ovnicek, the founder of the Natural Balance concept, and has enthusiastically pursued and supported its advancement. It is due to Bob's dedication to animals and commitment that this program is offered at NMCC.

Northern Maine Community College recently hosted a Hoof Care Clinic with Gene Ovnicek. Here are some of the comments from participants:

- "A day in my life well spent!"
- "I have had horses for 40 years and what I learned today is very, very valuable."
- "As a researcher myself, I was impressed with the scope and nature of the research that supports the natural balance methodology."



Farrier Courses & Clinics

For more information about the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization, visit

www.e-hoofcare.com



Natural Balance
Farrier Education



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NATURAL BALANCE CLINICS

This one day clinic is a must do for all horse owners and riders. We will teach you the basics of natural balance hoof care and how these principles relate to the overall soundness of your horse. Topics will include the biomechanics of the foot, caudal foot support, lameness treatment and prevention and improving the overall performance of the horse. This day will also include a hands-on demonstration of proper natural balance trimming and shoeing and will raise your awareness of some common issues/questions that all horse lovers should address with their professional farriers. This one day will change the way you think about hoof care forever.

Two convenient locations to choose from:

Houlton: Saturday, August 25 ♦ 10am – 3pm

Fort Kent: Saturday, September 29 ♦ 10am – 3pm

Cost: \$25

A waiver of liability must be signed before participating in the clinical portions of the training. Space is limited, so register early.

Hoof Care Science Program

NMCC has developed a program to train horse owners, farrier students, and veterinarians on the principles and guidelines of Natural Balance Hoof Care. With the help and guidance of Gene Ovnicsek and the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization (ELPO), the College has developed these training opportunities for horse enthusiasts and professionals of any level. Our goal is to provide students with a unique educational opportunity that is top-notch quality. All of these non-credit courses present opportunities for hands-on learning.

Call 768-2768 for more information.

PROFESSIONAL FARRIER SCHOOL

Using Natural Balance Principles

This 8 week school will teach you how to trim and shoe horses in the role of a professional farrier, using the Natural Balance Protocols. You will learn the whole horse anatomy and foot function, how to evaluate the horse's movement and foot mapping to recognize distortions, complete maintenance of barefoot horses, as well as hoof prep and application of standard and natural balance shoes. In addition to introductory course work and hands-on basic forge work, you will focus on the recognition of common lameness issues and how to treat minor pathologies, how to render first aid treatment to laminitic and foundered horses and have a firm understanding of your newfound abilities and limitations relating to hoof care.

Monday – Friday, September 4 – October 26
8:00 am – 4:30 pm ♦ *Cost: \$5,775

*On campus housing and meal plan available for only \$1,175 (12 meals per week)

Financial assistance/loans may be available for this training. Call Leah at 768-2768 or e-mail lbuck@nmcc.edu for more information.

Limited to six students!



Farrier School/Clinics Pre-Registration Form

Name - Please Print _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

*Registration Fee:

One-Day Clinic - Houlton \$ _____

One-Day Clinic - Fort Kent \$ _____

Professional Farrier School \$ _____

Housing & Meal Plan \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Make checks payable to Northern Maine Community College and mail to:

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Or register on-line at: **www.nmcc.edu**

Questions?

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