



Presents an USHJA Clinic with Richard Watson on:  
**February 6<sup>th</sup> & February 20<sup>th</sup>**



Clinic cost is \$100. Clinic will be a one hour session. Clinic will have a maximum of 2 participants per slot. A maximum of 10 clinics will be held on each date. Clinic is geared to both hunter & jumper disciplines. No charge for auditors.

### **2015 Recipient of the USHJA Jane Marshall Dillon Award - Richard Watson**

Not many in the hunter/jumper world can say they've done ranch work, rodeos, shown cutting and reining horses, trained polo ponies and show jumpers, and invented and produced bits. But at the ripe age of 84, one man can. Richard Watson. He personifies what the United States Hunter Jumper Association leaders seek when awarding the perpetual trophy, presented in memory of Jane Marshall Dillon, to those who have given riders a foundation as they are introduced to the our discipline. His work ethic has served him well through his life and his personality and style has made him easy to spot in the warm-up area... wearing his trademark cowboy hat.

Horses have always been a part of Richard's life. His father ran a riding academy, so Richard was bound to take it up one way or another. About his father, Richard says "He told me he didn't care what I did, but I was going to learn to ride either bareback or with an English saddle. I told him I was going to be a cowboy and picked bare-back." His first horse was a 4-year-old wild mustang who taught him patience, humility and respect for the power of a horse. And to this day, he still believes that a feel and connection with the horse is the foundation of good horsemanship, no matter the discipline.

After working for Monte Foreman in Florida and Tennessee, he started his own stable in Germantown, and went the hunter/ jumper route there for about 20 years, giving lessons AND as he says "trying to learn more about what I was doing." Watson had an epiphany when Howard Lewis came by at the Chagrin Valley Horse Show in a golf cart bearing a sign saying, "The day I found out I didn't know it all was the day I started learning." He said, "I found out I didn't really know anything; I was just bluffing my way through it. Then I started learning. When I started listening to my horses." And, he concedes to still learning every day.

Affiliations with his daughter Brenda, Canadian Olympic rider Mac Cone, William Martin, Phoebe Sheets and the late David Wright show the breadth of his reach throughout the hunter jumper world in sharing his knowledge and desire to learn. As his daughter has said, he feels a day is lost if he hasn't learned something.

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### **Jane Marshall Dillon Award**

The Jane Marshall Dillon Award has been created to recognize equestrians of all professions who have devoted their lives to teaching and mentoring riders beginning their education in the hunter/jumper discipline. These teachers have been instrumental in building future horsemen by instructing their students in proper horsemanship, training and riding while instilling in them the principles of integrity, empathy for the horse and a strong work ethic. The winners will have their name placed on the Jane Marshall Dillon Perpetual Trophy, which will reside in the USHJA headquarters in Lexington, KY.

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**Rider Name:**

**Trainer Name:**

**Cell Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**If you are on grounds and attending VET you may place the clinic fee on your show tab with Jennifer in the office. If trailing in please call to reserve your slot – 803-295-2759**

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