

### 3-Day Seminar, Sebastopol, California September 22-24, 2017

In a casual and communal atmosphere we will discuss the philosophy behind Nevzorov Haute Ecole including the foundation of human self development, which is the key to unlocking the depth of communication that is possible between human and horse. Starting with the acceptance of not forcing our horses to do anything we will explore what we can do and how to do it in a way that encourages the horse to think and express himself freely. Horses living at the location will be invited to participate with us for demonstrations and practical instruction to take back to your own horses. Limited to 5 participants.

[Sebastopol](#), known for its small-town charm, is about a 20-minute drive from the Pacific Ocean, between Santa Rosa and Bodega Bay, and is about 50 miles north of San Francisco. Once tended as a plum and apple growing region; wine grapes are now the most significant crop, with most orchard lands of the past in use as vineyards today. World-famous horticulturist Luther Burbank had gardens here.

Within walking distance of the seminar venue is the 157 acre Ragle Ranch Regional Park with ample walking and hiking trails, opportunities for birding and areas for picnicking and sports.

Our host, Ritu Esbjorn has graciously opened her home for us to gather in order to share and learn about NHE in a supportive environment. The small acreage property is home to the horses as well, allowing us to readily include them in our overall experience.

In case of known allergies, there is a cat living in the house where we will hold discussions and take meals.

For accommodations we recommend [Occidental Hotel](#), [Sebastopol Inn](#) or [Fairfield Inn and Suites](#), all within a 15 minute drive or less from the event venue. You may feel free to reserve lodging of your own choice other than our recommendation.

For air travelers we suggest [San Francisco International Airport](#) .

Registered participants will be sent final arrival details and contact information for the hosting venue one or two weeks before the seminar. There is ample free street parking at the event site.

A wholesome vegan menu will comprise the food, which is included in the fee. Allowances are made for food allergies and dietary restrictions, but we ask that no non-vegan food be brought in.

#### *Timeline:*

The seminar welcomes you on Friday September 22, 2017 as early as 3:00 PM with an opening remarks and introductions gathering starting at 5:00PM. Substantial refreshments served.

Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, breakfast will be available at the house before the lecture/discussions that will begin at 9:00 AM

We will break for lunch around noon and then spend afternoons with the horses ending the formal portion of the day around 4:30. Dinner served Saturday night.

The seminar will conclude with closing remarks and farewells around 4:30 on Sunday afternoon.

#### *Some featured topics:*

NHE philosophy and a new attitude toward horses.

Composure and how we can develop ourselves to enhance the communication with our horses.

What does it really look like when a horse says no?

The etiquette of equality - the right to say yes and no for everyone.

**Discipline - the art of self-control for humans and horses.**

**The cordeo and the halter, what's the difference? What the cordeo is for and why we still need both.**

**Communication tools and objects for play.**

**Haute Ecole elements, motor and social games and thinking games, common daily interactions: what's the purpose and how is it all related?**

**Equine Anatomy - an easy interactive game that gets us thinking about physiology and bio-mechanics.**

**The science of the harm of riding.**

**Safety.**

**NHE sensibilities brought to management, veterinary care and hoof care, and beyond horses.**