

## *Muffy Seaton, Williston, SC*



Muffy Seaton from Williston, SC, is a well-known driver, trainer and breeder of driving ponies. She has been an active CDE and Pleasure Driving competitor, judge and clinician for the past 28 years. In addition Muffy has served on American Driving Society and United States Equestrian Federation driving committees and has been the Mid-Atlantic Regional ADS Representative for three years. She is a Registered AHSA and ADS judge in Pleasure, Combined Driving and Driving Dressage. She also is one of very few

worldwide to hold the prestigious Light Harness Horse Instructors license given out by the British Driving Society.

Driving her Dartmoor pair of “Fleas”, Muffy has won every major Combined Driving Event in the East and in 1997 was invited to represent the United States at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in England where she placed third overall and was the highest placed American. She has been the USEF National Pony Champion four times, first with a four-in-hand and then with her pair. In 2005 she trained and qualified the single pony who won the gold medal at the World Pony Championships in England.

As a clinician, Muffy believes a strong bond of confidence has to exist between the driver and the driving horse in order to have a safe and happy turnout. She stresses communication and trust in all her training sessions. She feels that without communication, there can be no trust and therefore no teamwork between driver and horse.

Muffy and Drive On Productions have released a book and a video called “Bending the Driving Horse” that outlines her training methods of producing balanced happy driving horses, as well as the videos “Turnout and Presentation” and “Combined Driving 101”. Her newest video, Navigating 101, helps with questions from would be navigators.

Muffy will appear at the MHC Horse Expo on Friday, March 7, Round Pen/Auditorium, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (*Beginning Harnessing Clinic*), and Main Arena, 3:45-4:45 p.m. (*Bending the Driving Horse*); Saturday, March 8, Main Arena, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (*Combined Driving*); and Sunday, March 9, Main Arena, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (*Driving Dressage*).

Her website is [www.muffyseaton.com](http://www.muffyseaton.com) where you can keep up with clinic schedules, in house training, and current events.