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In this month's newsletter, you'll find all the information you need to know for both World Equestrian Center locations in September.

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Click through to learn more about construction updates from exciting projects such as The Shoppes Off 80th, The Riding Academy Hotel, The University of Florida Health Physician Offices, the Event Center at WEC and Indoor Arena 6.

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September Event Calendar

World Equestrian Center – Ocala:



<u>Summer's End Morgan & Saddlebred Horse Show:</u> September 7-10 – Head to UF Health Arena 2 and Arena 3 to watch Morgan and Saddlebred horses compete in a variety of disciplines. Highlights include Academy Riders on Saturday afternoon and Handicapped Exceptional Riders Friday at 3:00 p.m.

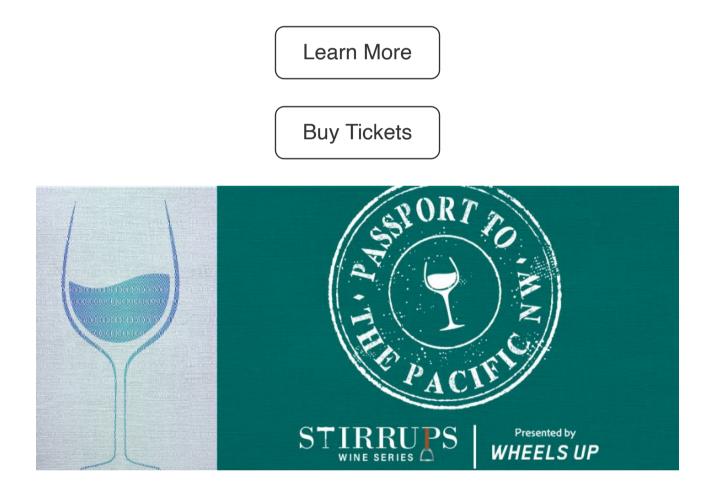
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<u>Festivals of Speed:</u> September 10 – Come out to Expo Center 2 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and see the featured indoor display of more than 200 exotic, classic and American muscle cars, celebrating 60 years of Lamborghini, 60 years of McLaren, 75 years of Porsche and the 75th anniversary of Ferrari. General admission tickets are \$20 and tickets for kids 12 and under are free.

Buy Tickets



Ocala Comic Con 2023: September 16-17 – Join in this family-friendly, all-ages Comic Con event in Exposition Center 1 with celebrity guests, comic book creators, vendors and so much more. Tickets are required to enter. Tickets for kids 10 and



<u>Passport to the Pacific Northwest:</u> September 22 – Journey to the Pacific Northwest by way of food and wine. Passport to the Pacific Northwest, the third event in the WEC 2023 Wine Series presented by <u>Wheels Up</u>, will transport you to one of America's most unique growing regions. Gather on the terrace from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. for wine samples, small plates and live music inspired by the PNW.

## Buy Tickets



<u>WEC Oktoberfest 2023:</u> September 30 and October 7 – Celebrate Oktoberfest in Expo 1 at back-to-back Saturdays of German-themed fun. Break out the lederhosen and enjoy traditional food, fill a commemorative stein with draft pours and samples of German beer, play games (stein-holding competition, anyone?) and dance to live music with the Swinging Bavarians.

## Buy Oktoberfest Tickets

On October 7, run right to the fun with the Schnitzel Shuffle 5K Fun Run in honor of Oktoberfest. Bibs, medals and t-shirts are included in race entry and themed attire is encouraged.



Save the Date:



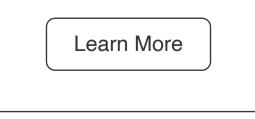
<u>Ocala Food & Wine Festival:</u> November 3-5 – The third annual Ocala Food & Wine Festival presented by Lugano Diamonds returns to World Equestrian Center. The 2023 event is a celebrity-chef-led celebration featuring three days of culinary competition, beer, wine and spirits education and samples of extraordinary cuisine.

Buy Tickets

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington:



<u>Sport Horse Nationals Arabian and Half Arabian Championship Show:</u> September 11-16 – The Sport Horse Nationals Arabian and Half Arabian Championship Show highlights horses of the Arabian Horse Association (AHA), the official Arabian horse breed association and registry in the U.S. and Canada, with more than 1 million registered Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. The AHA was formed in 2003, as the result of a merger of the Arabian Horse Registry of America and the International Arabian Horse Association.



Monthly Event Calendar

## **Competition Calendar**

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World Equestrian Center – Wilmington
2023 Fall Classic Series Dates

Fall Classic I: September 27-October 1 USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumper Fall Classic II: October 4-8 USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumper Fall Classic III: October 11-15 USEF Premier/Level 5 Jumper Fall Classic IV: October 18-22 USEF Premier/Level 5 Jumper Fall Classic V: October 25-29 USEF Premier/Level 5 Jumper

Fall Classic Prize List

2023 Midwest Indoors Dates

Midwest Indoors I: November 8-12 USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers Midwest Indoors II: November 15-19 USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers



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World Equestrian Center – Ocala 2023 November and December Show Series Dates

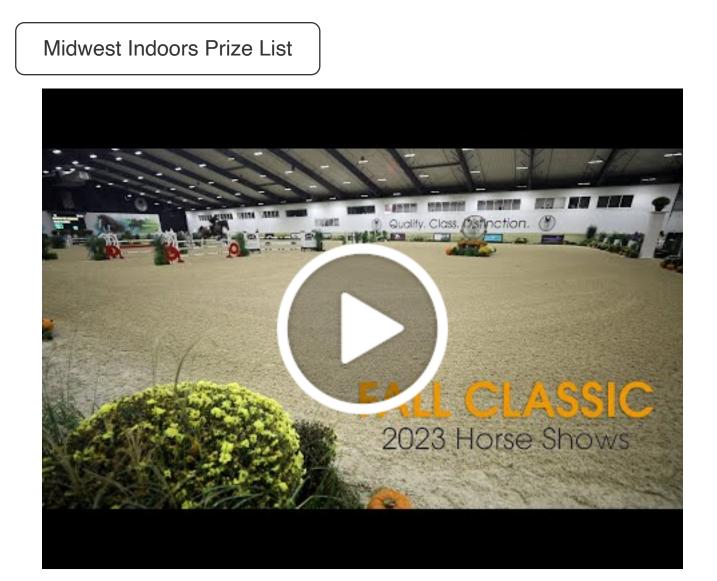
November I: November 8-12 November II: November 15-19

December I: December 5-10 CSI3\* (pending USEF and FEI approval) December II: December 12-17 CSI3\* (pending USEF and FEI approval)

> November Prize List (pending USEF approval)

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Winter Classic 1: November 29-December 3 USEF Premier/Level 4 Jumpers



<u>WEC – Ocala Dressage Schedule:</u>

September 14-17, 2023 – CDI3\* and USEF/USDF competition October 21-22, 2023 – USEF/USDF competition November 16-19, 2023 – CDI3\* and USEF/USDF competition December 7-10, 2023 – CDI-W and USEF/USDF competition





The Iberian Horse Spectacular is a weekend of unique competition at WEC – Ocala on October 20-22, 2023. Iberian breeds are invited to compete for special prizes at all FEI levels from Young Horse through Grand Prix. The highlight will be a one-night-only event on Friday, October 20, celebrating the majestic horses of Spain and Portugal in an exciting equestrian presentation. Brought to you by <u>Hampton Green Farm</u> and the <u>Baroque Equestrian Institute</u>, the IBERICON reception and exhibition will include PRE, Andalusian and Lusitano horses showing their signature movements in traditional dressage as well as costumes of the region.

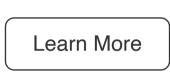
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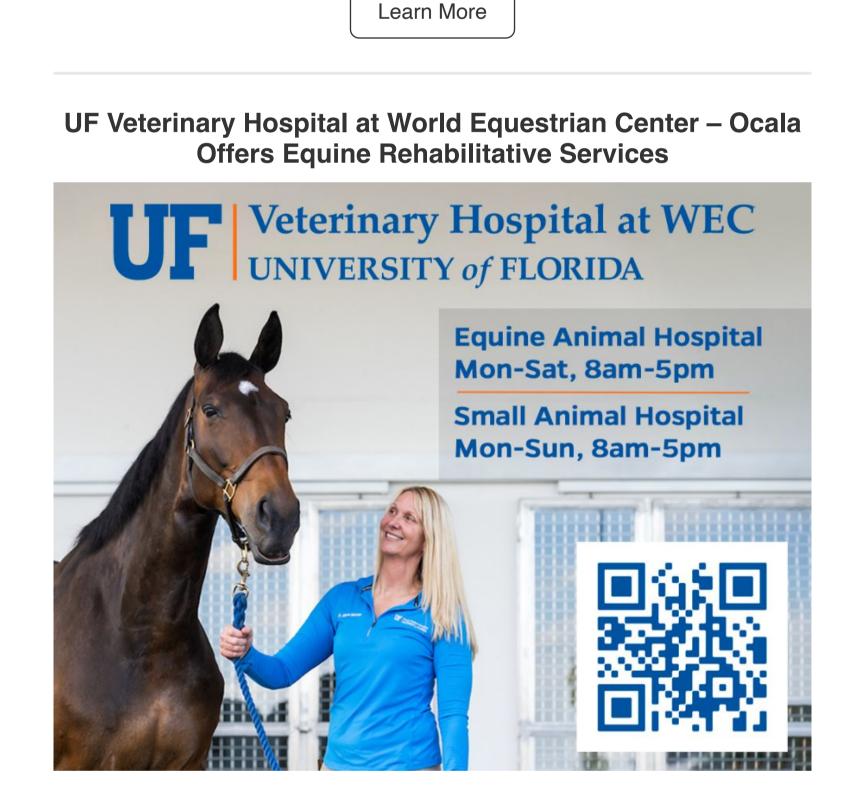


Vendor Spotlight: Annette Ellen Designs

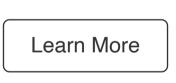


In 1997, Annette Wallander began the journey to revolutionize the women's apparel industry, launching a women's custom made-to-measure fashion business located in Cincinnati, OH, that utilized technology solutions. After relocating to the Jacksonville, FL, area in 2012, she repositioned the business to include both of her passions: fashion and equestrian.

Annette started designing and selling ready-to-wear women's fashions and custom equestrian show competition coats at equestrian events and created an online store for her collections. The stylish women's fashion apparel is made from quality easy-care fabrics suitable for many occasions.



The equine veterinarians at the UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center – Ocala offer world-class care, are board-certified in equine sports medicine and rehabilitation, are well-versed in the demands of each individual sport horse and can provide a range of rehabilitative treatments and programs to ensure your horse performs or recovers at its best.

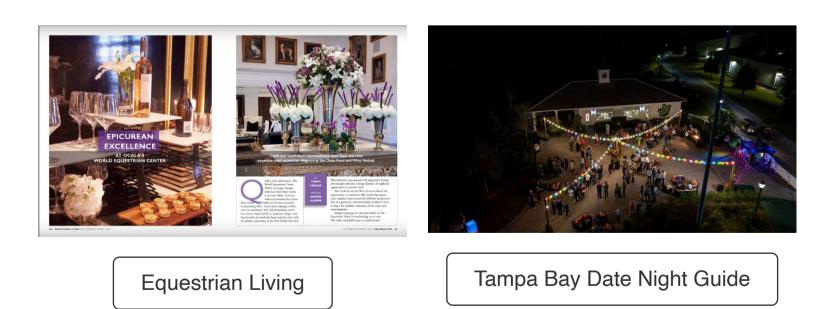


**World Equestrian Center in the News** 

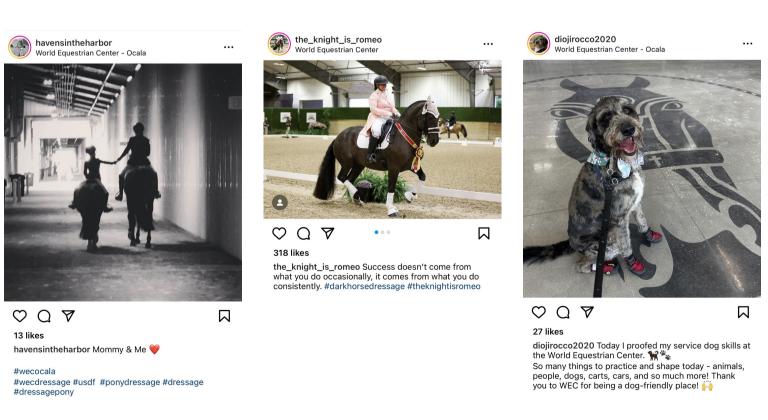


World Equestrian Center – Ocala has been chosen by the Fédération Equestre International (FEI) as the only North American site of the Longines League of Nations<sup>™</sup> qualifier for 2024 through 2027.

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**WEC Social Media Memories** 



Remember to tag World Equestrian Center and use #worldequestriancenter on all of your WEC social media posts!



**About World Equestrian Center** 

World Equestrian Center features two premier equestrian and multidisciplinary venues in Ocala, Florida, and Wilmington, Ohio.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art arenas, expansive stadiums, versatile outdoor space, sporting fields and well-appointed exposition centers. An abundance of lodging options and luxury accommodations are conveniently located on-site, along with shopping and dining throughout each property.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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