

It's that time of year again...the sun is shining, the birds are singing and we at the Horse Industry Association of Alberta are thinking about the depths of winter. Crazy? Well, maybe a little, but mostly just doing our best to provide yet another conference filled with education, information and some much needed mid-winter fun with other horsey folks.



Anyone remember the woman in the skeleton suit who jumped on the trampoline during her presentation in 2008? (Yes, that was at the HBOC not some wild Halloween party I attended). That was **Peggy Brown**, a Centered Riding and Driving clinician from Ohio, who is also certified with the American Riding Instructor Association as an Instructor Educator and Expert Instructor in multiple disciplines. She has competed in western, hunt seat, jumping, and dressage as well as driving competitions, and she and her horse Ulie were long-listed with USET for three years in Advanced Combined Driving. Well, Peggy is back for 2011 and, because we enjoyed her so much on her last visit, this time we're putting her on the stage three times. The first session will be during the Stable Owners Seminar on Friday to talk about "instructor skills & ethics", and then twice during the conference, once on "riding your bones" and a second session for drivers on "getting started in driving and moving forward in competition".



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