
Curriculum Vitae

Adrienne Hendricks

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Expertise, Saddle and Tack

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Adrienne Hendricks is a passionate horsewoman who left her professional life as a stockbroker to follow her true passion of saddle making, as well as specializing in the restoration and repairs of saddles and other equestrian leather goods. Adrienne grew up riding horses in Boise, Idaho riding Dressage, Combined Training, Hunters, Jumpers, and Endurance Riding. She is a Graduate H-A Pony Clubber. She is riding 4th level dressage on Cricket, her Thoroughbred / Hanoverian cross mare and is also training her new partner, Filomena, a Friesian.

As a child, she loved fixing her own tack and became quite efficient at doing it. She met Suzie Fletcher, a Master Saddler from England, while Suzie was living here in the US. Adrienne became Suzie Fletcher's apprentice, loved the work so much, that she left her professional career as a stockbroker. When Suzie left to return to England, Adrienne took over her workshop here in the United States. She is partners now with Suzie and manages the US repairs and remains working as Suzie's apprentice towards her Master Saddler designation. Adrienne also has an apprenticeship with Lovatt & Ricketts Saddlery in Walsall, England. She manages their US distribution and sales, and works with them on saddle design.

Adrienne is passionate about educating riders on all aspects of saddles and tack. She believes proper tack and a good fitting saddle will make all the difference in performance, soundness, and safety for both horse and rider. She has worked with a multitude of riders and trainers in many disciplines struggling with saddle fit for themselves, client's and their horses. Adrienne travels all over the country to work directly with her national clientele base and their horses as well as gives presentations to a

variety of horse groups about saddle fit and tracing analysis. She also assists clients daily with virtual saddle fittings.

Saddle repair and restoration has become a big part of her business as repairing a saddle can cost significantly less than buying a new one. She has restored numerous saddles including a museum quality saddle from 1890 for a Civil War re-enactor. Knowing how to preserve leather and recondition it is critical in saddle restoration. As is knowledge about the thread and techniques used over time in the creation of saddlery. Through her restoration work, she has gained in-depth knowledge about how different saddles are made and techniques used.

She will be traveling to England as soon as restrictions are lifted to test for her exams for Master Saddler and will become the third American Master Saddler as recognized by the Society of Master Saddlers.

LICENSES AND EDUCATION:

- 2022 Western Saddle Fit – Well Beyond the Basics, by Rod and Denise Nikkel (online class)
- 2019 Advanced Strap Techniques with Frances Roche, Saddlebury Training Centre, Salisbury, England
- 2014 Apprenticeship with Suzie Fletcher, Master Saddler, English
- 2006 Virginia Polytechnic University Master Business Administration
- 1997-2012 Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
 - 1997 Series 7 - General Securities Representative Examination
 - 1997 Series 63 - Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination
 - 2011 Series 66 - Uniform Combined State Law Examination
- State Insurance Licensed
 - Florida, Virginia and CA 1997 - 2012
 - Idaho 2011-2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- USEF
- USDF
- AQHA
- AERC
- US Pony Club Graduate H-A

EQUINE EXPERIENCE:

- Owner of Adrienne Hendricks Saddlery 2015 – Present
- Lovatt & Ricketts Apprenticeship 2018 - Present
- US Pony Club H-A Designation Qualifications 1983 – 1987
- Horse Competitions 1978 – 1989

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

Saddle making	Standards and practices
Saddle fit	Teaching and Training
Leather production	US Pony Club HA Designation
Leather quality	Horse Management

CASE OVERVIEW:

Case	Case Overview	Role	For
EW-1	Personal Injury - Rider was injured due to an ill-fitting saddle.	Consulting Expert	Plaintiff
EW-2	Negligence case - Rider was injured while renting a horse at a trail riding establishment when a strap attaching the girth to the saddle broke.	Testifying Expert	Defendant
EW-3	Negligence case – Rider was injured while taking a horse yoga class.	Testifying Expert	Plaintiff
EW-4	Negligence case – Rider was injured when renting a horse at a trail riding establishment when he fell off the horse and claims the girth was loose and the horse turned in circles because it was wild.	Testifying Expert	Defendant

Adrienne has testified in two depositions.