

Candid Comments

"Looks like Ruthann's teaching much more than braiding – Lots of basic stuff (wrapping, grooming) – My first thought was that you would have to be crazy to pay a clinician to teach you these things. Then, I thought, I'm probably wrong -- This woman is a good teacher -- She breaks tasks down systematically, emphasizes safety, and teaches with enthusiasm -- It may not be the most difficult subject matter to master, but there are an awful lot of riders who haven't mastered basic grooming/care skills, and you're be better off learning from someone who excels in teaching."

- dab, AKA Working Hunter, Chronicle of the Horse Discussion Group

"Ruthann did a clinic here at our farm a couple of years ago. It was great. She is super nice and I learned a lot of great braiding tips and techniques. I can't remember how much we charged per person, but I think it was right around \$100 for a lecture and hands-on session. Everyone who attended went away with a smile on their face and excited about what they had learned, so I think it was a success and well worth the money in their minds."

-Canterlope, Chronicle of the Horse Discussion Group

"I am so glad you came! I learned so much, especially from the grooming clinic. The new techniques will really help me be a better groom and horse person. The braiding clinic was awesome, too. I feel more confident now that I will be able to braid and groom for others. Thanks you so much for staying late to help me. I haven't had anyone pushing me to be perfect. So, I admit I have been slacking. You taught me how things are safer when they are done well. I really appreciate it. Now I know the importance of doing things well."

-Jill Smith, groom. Walpole, MA

"Explained very well. I'm only 9 years old but I was never bored. I can't wait to get home and try these new things on my pony."

`-Katie Berube, Northwood, NH

"I did a clinic with Ruthann Smith for braiding which was a very good investment. She improved my braiding 100%, to the point where I could do my own without embarrassing myself 😊. She has a video and a website as well, I think it is luckybraids.com"

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"Your clinic helped my braids stay in longer and look better. Now I get many compliments on my braids. A Dressage judge actually stopped me to compliment my braids! You were a huge help. My friends who hated to braid now enjoy it thanks to you."

Heather Reynolds, Eventer. Hatfield, MA

"The clinic with Ruthann is very informative- straight to the point. It's easy to work with Ruthann because she kept asking, 'Do you get it?' Do you understand? Here. Try this...Try that. I really enjoyed it. She's a nice person.

Laurie Smigelski, Combined Driver. Groton, MA