

## **KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**March 22    2 p.m.-4 p.m.                      Farmington Community Center                      Watkinsville**

The Kel-Mac Saddle Club cordially invites current and past members to attend its 50th anniversary party to celebrate the club's legacy of horses, horsemanship & community. Anyone with old photos of Kel-Mac events or Kel-Mac show memorabilia who is willing to display it at the celebration, is encouraged to contact Valerie at [vpuryear@gmail.com](mailto:vpuryear@gmail.com).

In 1976, the late Norm and Faye Grayson were inspired to create a local horse show for the Athens/Watkinsville/Madison area. Initially, the horse shows were held on land in north Oconee County loaned by Dr. Paul Keller and Dr. James MacDonald. The shows were so successful that a group of horse enthusiasts established a riding club, named the Kel-Mac Saddle Club for the two doctors.

Today, Kel-Mac Saddle Club is the longest-running saddle club in Georgia that annually features four family and beginner-friendly horse shows, monthly trail rides, camping trips, equine educational meetings, workshops and scholarships.

Over the past 50 years, the club, which now has nearly 100 individual and family memberships, has raised more than \$170,000 for local charitable causes and scholarships. All contributions are raised from the club's horse show proceeds and generous donations.

Recipients have included equine and animal rescue groups, the Morgan County Sheriff's Empty Stocking Fund and the equestrian facilities of state and county parks such as A.H. Stephens, Hard Labor Creek, Watson Mill Bridge and Heritage Park.

Members, sponsors, family and friends all contribute to the success of the club as it takes teamwork to host all of the events.