

RENNA VANDOOREN

Renna VanDooren is a Certified Bespoke Saddler who has served the horse industry in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, New York and Florida since 1993. Renna teaches saddle making courses in Sweden, and tours Sweden several times a year giving saddle fitting demonstrations and lectures.

1993 – Current President & Master Craftsman, Colonial Saddler & Harness Company Inc.
Bespoke Saddler

- Bespoke English Saddles
- Saddle fit clinics, lectures & private saddle fit evaluations
- Bespoke girths, bridles, reins, stirrup leathers & halters (pleasure & show)
- English saddle panel reflocking, gullet alterations and custom saddle panels
- Custom fit your manufactured saddle and tack to you & your horse
- Replace worn saddle flaps, seats and billets
- Saddle alterations and repairs to all major brands; specialized equipment

BIOGRAPHY

- ❖ 1995: Certified as Bespoke Saddler.
- ❖ 1999 - 2000: BETA leather trade show, Birmingham, England.
- ❖ 2000: Audience with Frances Kelly, Official Saddler and Harness Maker for the Queen of England. Patterned the original Queen's Black Horse Harness.
- ❖ 2000: Lecture on saddle fitting at Tarnsjö Garveri Sadelmakeri, Sweden.
- ❖ 2002: Created and conducted a three week saddle making and fitting course at Tarnsjö Garveri Sadelmakeri, Sweden, for 20 students.
- ❖ 2002: Conducted three saddle fitting clinics in central Sweden.
- ❖ 2003: Conducted four saddle fitting clinics and taught a four week saddle making and fitting class at Tarnsjö Garveri Sadelmakeri, Sweden.
- ❖ 2003: Apprentice passes the Masterpiece Test of the Masters Guild of Sweden, the only person passing the saddle exam (the first in many years to pass with a saddle).
- ❖ 2004: Conducted five saddle fitting clinics in Sweden and Denmark and conducted a five week saddle making and fitting course at Tarnsjö Garveri Sadelmakeri, Sweden.
- ❖ 2004: Two more of Renna's students pass the Master Saddler's Exam of Sweden with saddles; no other masterpiece participants presented saddles.
- ❖ 2005: Conducted a four week saddle making and fitting class at Tarnsjö Garveri Sadelmakeri, Sweden.
- ❖ 2005: Conducted a Saddle Clinic and course on saddle making via Bespoke theory for the working Masters and Saddlers of Sweden, held at Rockelstad Castle, Sweden.
- ❖ 2006: Conducted three saddle fitting clinics in Sweden, one of which at the Horse Chiropractors School of Kethetraholm.
- ❖ 2007: 2 Day Saddle Seminar at Vasteras, Sweden – highest rated seminar from participant survey. Fitted saddles for the Riding Academy at Ostersund Sweden.
- ❖ 2008: Wellington, Florida and New York Saddle Fitting Tours.
- ❖ 2009: Contributed Chapter on Saddle Fitting to Swedish Author and Clinician Anders Eriksson latest book.
- ❖ 2000 – Present: Annually receive and train Saddle Maker Apprentices from Sweden, Norway & Denmark for onsite in-depth training and certification.
- ❖ 2011: Slated for participation as a Master Craftsman in the Horse Day's at Spareholm Castle, Sweden.

EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

1995	Certificate of Master Saddlery	Plymouth, MI
2005	President of the Equine Independent Saddlers Guild (abbr. in Sweden H.O.S.S.) Representing saddlers from Sweden, Denmark and America.	

~Dedicated to proper fit and Craftsmanship within the horse industry~