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# Team Quirky Community Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter

November 2025

## Shorter days & Save the dates!

We've been happy the days have cooled off (in Sonoma) and the fog finally ran away (on the coast). This month as the sun disappears earlier and the holiday season starts gearing up, we hope you are able to fill yourself with peacefulness and inclusivity found with our herd and at a Square Peg Ranch. Read more in this newsletter about what your Square Peg community has been up to in October and our plans for November and some dates to save in December.



## What we are obsessing over with these days...

Neuroscientist Dr. Steve Peters explores how understanding the equine brain can transform the way humans and horses learn together. His books — perfect additions to any horse lover's holiday reading list — are available through his website, Horse Brain Science.

## Family Input Survey

We want to hear from you! Looking towards the next year and our budget we are considering when and what our next rate increase will be to align with similar programs in our area. We greatly appreciate your feedback to help make this transition as smooth and thoughtful as possible. This survey is completely anonymous.

Please help us by filling out this survey:

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Kemma, Emma, Dr. Steven Peters, and Joell at the Equine Brain Science Clinic at Kalembar Equine in June 2025.

# Square Peg's Spotlight



## Halloween fun on the Coast and in Sonoma

Costumes, horse painting, apple bobbing, pizza, and plenty of treats—thank you to everyone who made this year's Halloween celebrations at both locations so special!

## Moso's Healing Journey

Our beloved horse Moso underwent surgery to remove his eye due to glaucoma and additional eye complications. Huge thanks to the UC Davis Veterinary Team for their incredible care. We're proud to give Moso a safe, loving home as he transitions into blindness. Please take a moment to say hello to him—your voice and presence are an important part of his healing process. He will be home Friday, November 7th.

[Fundraiser for Moso's Medical Bills](#)



## Becca & Joell Explored Kentucky

Joell and Becca brought #TeamQuirky spirit and curiosity to Kentucky Horse Park in October for the Racehorse Retraining Project Thoroughbred Makeover and International Liberty Festival! Catch the highlights on Instagram [@thesquarepegfoundation](#) and read more about the adventure in Joell's Messy Desk post.

# Events in November (& December)



## Horse Boy Method Training

*November 3 & 4 in Sonoma*

Earlier this month, we hosted a Horse Boy and Movement Method Training at Cadence Farm. Thank you to everyone who participated—it was truly a wonderful group.

If you're interested in joining a future Horse Boy training, we'd love to have you!

[Sign up for future HorseBoy Method trainings](#)

## Horses & HeartMath – Cultivating Calm Before the Holidays

*Monday, November 24 in Sonoma*

As part of our Giving Tuesday campaign, join HeartMath trainer Janet Fitch and our horses for an hour of calm and connection. Enjoy a brief intro to HeartMath, a sensory walk, and quiet time with the horses—an opportunity to slow down and enter the holiday season with a grounded heart.

*Two sessions available:*

*11am-12pm and 1pm to 2pm*

*Suggested Donation: \$25*

[Sign up for Horses & HeartMath](#)

## Leftover Thanksgiving Picnic

*Friday, November 28, 12 pm*

*Ocean View Farms*

Join our Coastside team for community connection by bringing a shareable leftover to our Friday picnic lunch. Contact Joe for more info or questions.

## Community Hike

*Saturday, November 29*

*1-3pm*

Join us for a casual community hike at Rush Creek Preserve, in Novato—a chance to move, connect, and enjoy the fall sunshine together. Bring well-treaded shoes and a shareable Thanksgiving leftover.



# Holiday Fun Ahead

SQUARE PEG FOUNDATION PRESENTS:

## #QuirkyXmas 2025

AN INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

QuirkyXmas returns in 2025—a magical, sensory-friendly holiday event welcoming autistic and neurodiverse families with joy and inclusion.

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Santa's  
TREE FARM  
AND VILLAGE  
Half Moon Bay, CA

Autism Society  
San Francisco Bay Area

SAVE THE DATE

December 20, 2025  
10AM TO 2PM

SANTA'S TREE FARM  
78 Pilarcitos Creek Rd.  
Half Moon Bay CA 94019

FREE ADMISSION

RSVP

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# Giving Season at Square Peg

## GIVING TUESDAY



Next week marks the start of **Giving Tuesday**, and we're setting an ambitious goal:

Raise \$50,000 to fund our programs.

Your generosity helps us care for our horses, support neurodivergent individuals and families, and create dignified jobs for neurodivergent adults with support needs.

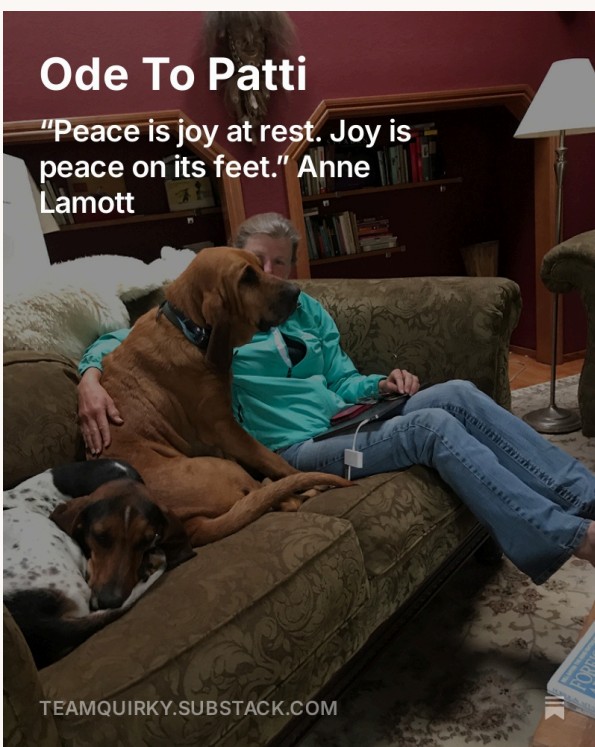
Many employers offer donation matching programs. Double your impact by checking with your HR department!

If you prefer to give your time, consider volunteering for our Holiday Cleaning Crew in Sonoma on:

- Thanksgiving Weekend
- Christmas Eve and Day
- New Year's Day

[Holiday Cleaning Crew](#)  
[Sign ups](#)

**Keep an eye on your inbox and our social media — our Giving Tuesday campaign is coming soon, and we can't wait to share it with you!**



### Ode To Patti

"Peace is joy at rest. Joy is peace on its feet." Anne Lamott

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[Check out Joell's most recent Messy Desk on remembering Patti](#)

# Gratitude Corner



**Justine Miner** — for your impactful multi-year gift. We are deeply grateful for your continued belief in and support of Square Peg's mission.

**Betsy Jones** — for your generous donation covering a shipment of hay for our Sonoma horses.

**Rest in Peace to our Patti <3**



## Represent #TeamQuirky

The Square Peg Swag Store is now open year-round! Snag a cozy hoodie, a #TeamQuirky shirt, or a logo beanie (holiday gift idea, anyone?). Every purchase supports our programs.

👉 [Shop the Square Peg Store](#)



**DONATE NOW**

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