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Tales From Jessie Dowling Equestrian Adventurer

At the Newport Cultural Center Free Event

154 Main Street, Newport, ME, 04953

Jessie will come to NCC to talk about her experience in The Gaucho Derby! Whether you are a horse enthusiast, if you crave adventure or just like to celebrate amazing accomplishments this discussion will inspire you! There is no charge for this fun evening out!

The Gaucho Derby is a 500-kilometer horse race set in Patagonia, Argentina. Dowling placed 15th out of a field of 40 international riders. For 10 days riders, carrying their own gear, navigate their way through some of the most ruggedly wild places in the world through strong winds and ever-changing weather using a handheld GPS. The Gaucho Derby is billed as the "Toughest Horse Race in the World" and is as much a survival race as it is a test of horsemanship. Riders draw 8 horses at random to ride throughout the race and horses must pass strict veterinary checks along the way.

Dowling says "The best part of the race is getting to spend time with so many amazing criollo horses (the native breed of Argentine horses). The challenge of meeting a new horse each day and quickly developing a trusting partnership with these strong fast agile horses is indescribably exhilarating and fulfilling."
At Iron Ledge Farm, Dowling teaches lessons, trains horses, coaches endurance riders, and leads endurance focused riding retreats throughout Maine. You can find out more by visiting **www.ironledgefarm.com**