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## CHRIS GREGORY

A professional horseshoer since 1987, Chris Gregory is one of the most trusted names in farriery and hoof-care education. Through his commitment to improve equine footcare, over 1000 students have graduated from his horseshoeing programs. Many times that number have attended his clinics and lectures and thousands of hoof-care practitioners around the world have read his various books, articles, and guides.

Chris holds several academic degrees, including a Master of Science degree in human resource development, two Bachelor of Arts degrees (with a minor) and an associate's degree.

An American Farrier's Association Certified Journeyman Farrier, Chris has successfully passed this certification several times since first doing so in 1991. The AFA has recognized Chris with its Jim Linzy Outstanding Clinician Award twice, and Outstanding Farrier Educator Award 3 times.

Chris earned his Fellowship of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (FWCF) at the age of 30. The Worshipful Company of Farriers, (WCF) is a group founded in London in 1356 and regarded by many as stewards of horseshoeing's highest standards. Only 35 farriers currently hold this distinction, four of those Americans. In 2010, the Company named Chris an examiner, becoming the first American to work as an examiner for the Worshipful Company of Farriers. Beyond that, he is the creator of the Farrier International Testing System, (FITS), which is the exam that is used by Brazil, South Africa, Australia, and there have been FITS exams in the United States as well.

Competing at many farrier competitions, Chris has been Top Ten at the World Championship Blacksmith's Competition in Calgary, a member of the American Farrier Team that competes at the BFBA Internationals in Stoneleigh, and a year-end Top Ten Finisher with the World Champion Blacksmith's, an American association of competition minded farriers.

A sought-after educator, clinician and lecturer, Chris has appeared at farrier and equine footcare events across the United States and around the globe. He has presented numerous times at the American Farrier's Association Annual Convention and the International Hoof-Care Summit. Chris's writing has appeared in *American Farriers Journal*, *Anvil Magazine*, *Rural Heritage*, *Loose Shoe*, and *Western Horseman*, to name a few. In 2011, *Gregory's Textbook of Farriery* was introduced. 696 pages with over 3400 pictures and drawings, this book has set the standard for farrier textbooks, and has helped thousands of prospective farriers learn the trade, as well as improve the skills and knowledge of current practitioners.

At the age of 39, Chris was inducted into the International Horseshoeing Hall Of Fame, joining nearly 120 accomplished members. A farrier school operator since 1992, Chris and his wife Kelly opened the Heartland Horseshoeing School in 1995. Their graduates have gone on to shoe every discipline of horse and develop noteworthy practices.

Chris and Kelly Gregory are the proud parents of two children, Cody and Jacquelyn. In his free time, Chris enjoys spending time with his family, horseshoeing contests, writing, and running his farm outside Lamar, Missouri.

