

Red Hat Society Gallops into Horse World

This group of equestriennes is having fun over 50.

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Have you heard of the Red Hat Society? What began as an impromptu social club for a handful of 50-something women has grown to numerous informal chapters throughout the United States. With the objective to "have fun over 50" the loosely organized clubs encourage women to wear red hats as symbols of their buoyant spirits.

Now the state of Indiana is boasting a chapter of red hat-wearing equestrians. Calling themselves the Galloping Grannies, the group of women further distinguish themselves by wearing red hats and purple chaps. And they do that while riding in parades and drill team performances. They practice regularly, socialize as a group and participate in fundraisers for charity. In fact, in June they'll be demonstrating their expertise at the Kentucky Horse Park.

If you're over 50 and a horse lover, you might want to organize your own red hat society for horse lovers. Why not? There's no age limit on being horse crazy. For some inspiration, visit www.redhatsandpurplechaps.com.