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Secretariat Racing into History Monument Coming To Middleburg August 8-9

MIDDLEBURG, Virginia – July 28, 2023 The *Secretariat Racing into History* monument will be returning to its home state of Virginia on August 8, with Middleburg as its first stop. The bronze sculpture by well-known artist Jocelyn Russell has logged more than 3,500 miles on a 50th anniversary Triple Crown Tour that began in late March. Its final destination is Ashland, Virginia, the former home of Christopher Chenery, founder of Meadow Stable and breeder of the legendary champion.

Middleburg will welcome *Secretariat* and its team with special events hosted by Middleburg Community Center and Loudoun Therapeutic Riding on August 8, and by the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) on August 9.

The August 8 schedule will feature a reception from 4-5:30 pm at Middleburg Community Center, followed by a free showing of the Disney film *Secretariat* at 6 pm. See <https://secretariat8923.eventbrite.com/>. Kate Chenery Tweedy, who was in the film with her mother, Penny Chenery, will share her behind-the-scenes experience on the movie set. Copies of *Secretariat's Meadow, The Land, The Family, The Legend*, written by Kate Tweedy and Lianne Meadows Ladin, will be available for purchase to benefit Loudoun Therapeutic Riding.

The evening program at the NSLM on August 9, from 5-8 pm, will include Jocelyn Russell speaking about the making of the sculpture, *Secretariat Racing into History*, and its cross-country journey. Hear from Kate Chenery Tweedy, about her own experiences with *Secretariat* and his string of victories in 1973 that led to the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years. Signed copies of the book, *Secretariat's Meadow*, will also be available for purchase. Following the speakers, there will be an opportunity to have photos taken with the *Secretariat* bronze alongside Secret Beau, a grandson of *Secretariat*.

https://www.nationalsporting.org/index.php/nslm/event_details/1306/

Secretariat Racing into History is 21 feet long and 11.5 feet tall. It is the largest monument of Secretariat in existence, illustrating the Virginia-born champion's larger-than-life presence as an equine athlete and American icon. His astonishing records in the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes in 1973 remain unbroken after 50 years. The Secretariat for Virginia committee and the Ashland Museum have been working for months to raise the \$695,000 needed to place the monument in downtown Ashland. For more information, see www.SecretariatForVirginia.com.

The National Sporting Library & Museum is located in Middleburg, VA, the heart of beautiful horse country. Founded in 1954, the renowned research Library and fine art Museum highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits. Angling, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the organization's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year, and is open to researchers and the public. There is no admission fee to the Library. The Museum charges \$10 for adults, \$8 for youths (age 13–18), and \$8 for seniors. NSLM members and children age 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Library & Museum hours are Thursday–Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.