

## Stacey Giere

*Stacey's Bio in her own words is coming soon. In the meantime, here's what I know about Stacey.*

*-- Diana Axness*

Stacey lives in Brecksville, Ohio and is the owner and CEO and Founder of Bit by Bit, which provides custom-made bits for all disciplines and trains out of Maple Crest Farms. Giere is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation farmer at Maple Crest which has been in her family for 185 years.

She is a member of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the American Driving Society (ADS), and the Carriage Association of American (CAA), where she is a Level 2 Instructor.

I met Stacey at CanDrive in 2017. She told me she is the only clinician who has been invited back every single year. After meeting her and watching her teach, I quickly understood why. She is very skilled at assessing both the horse and driver and coming up with a helpful lesson plan. Unlike many of the other clinicians, she didn't start out a lesson by teaching each student her way of driving. Instead she asked questions and watched and then figured out how she could help the driver and horse. She was patient when either the horse or driver wasn't getting it and enthusiastic when they did.

Stacey is currently part of the USEF Developing Athlete Program for Combined Driving. As part of the program she goes to clinics and receives instruction from Thorsten Zarembowicz along with nine other select drivers.

