

Leeanne Meadow's Bio

“Leeanne Meadows Ladin is an award-winning author, historian, speaker and lifelong equestrian. She has written seven books, including **“Secretariat’s Meadow – The Land, The Family, The Legend,”** which she co-wrote with Kate Chenery Tweedy and Penny Chenery. The book was published in 2010, just before the Disney film “Secretariat” came out, and like the legendary Thoroughbred, it took off. To date it has sold over 40,000 copies.

The renewed public interest in Secretariat led to the Secretariat Birthplace Tour program at The Meadow in Caroline County where Leeanne conducted narrated tours for visitors from across the country, orchestrated special Secretariat events and handled the collection and display of historic memorabilia. One of her proudest achievements was obtaining the designations on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Commission for the original Meadow Stable barns built in 1936.

Leeanne and her husband Gary lived at The Meadow for several years and took care of Groundshaker, the star of the narrated tours who was a great-great granddaughter of Secretariat and the last racehorse bred by Penny Chenery. Today they are enjoying country life on their 1850-era farm in Montpelier. Leeanne has been very involved with the Secretariat For Virginia group to bring the magnificent bronze statue “Secretariat Racing Into History” to Ashland, and she is now planning the dedication festivities for next spring.

For more info, see www.SecretariatforVirginia.com and www.SecretariatsMeadow.com “