

Catherine Parke is the founder, owner and manager of Valkyre Stud, a commercial Thoroughbred nursery in Scott County. The farm currently cares for 50 mares, as well as the foals and yearlings they have produced. Valkyre clients either race their stock or sell their mares' offspring at public auction at Keeneland or Fasig-Tipton Kentucky.

After graduating from the University Of Kentucky with a degree in Animal Science, Catherine worked for several prominent farms before establishing her own operation in 1978.

Catherine was instrumental in helping write and secure passage for the Kentucky Breeders Incentive Fund. Proudly, Kentucky is the only state-bred program that distributes breeders awards for horses that not only win in US, but throughout the world.

Catherine, a World Finals winning equestrian, is a member of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, Kentucky Equine Education Project, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, Thoroughbred Club of America, and The Keeneland Club.