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## RMDS President's Message

I hope everyone has had some opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather we have had the past week or so and spent quality time with your equine partners. April has some excitement!! We have the Adult Amateur Clinic with Bill McMullin, Scribe training provided by GVDS, High Plains youth and AA clinic, some Ride-A-Tests and a few other events. It is time to prepare for Show Season!!

I want to remind everyone that volunteering is necessary to keep our shows going. I realize everyone is incredibly busy and finding time with all the many other obligations we have is difficult. However, if we don't want entry fees to increase to cover the expense of hiring staff to fill the positions, we need to find the time to volunteer! It is also a great way to meet some amazing people and perhaps learn something new about our sport!

**“Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do”**

Happy Riding  
Dorothy

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The RMDS Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2021 RMDS Scholarship recipients:

- The Beverly Swanson Memorial Adult Amateur Scholarship: Amber Benson & Cindy Petersen
- Junior/Young Rider Scholarship: Sophia Still & Emily Schmid

The Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate all recipients on their dedication to the sport of dressage and would like to encourage all members to submit applications for next year's scholarships. Best of luck to this group of riders on their dressage journey!

## USDF Region 5 April 2021 Message

There sure has been a lot of snow in Colorado the last few weeks! It has been desperately needed and hopefully we will have greener pastures this coming spring and summer, but our horses have had very little turnout due to all the mud the last few months and they are a bit stir crazy at times.

Prize lists will be coming out soon for the 2021 Great American/USDF Regional Championships and we are very much looking forward to hosting one this year at HIPICO Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The New Mexico Dressage Chapter of RMDS has been working very hard to make this show a great success and we are looking forward to having a more central championships for our region for the first time in a long time. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us September 16-19, 2021.

For the 2022 Great American/USDF Region 5 Regional Championships, we did not receive any bids. There are some irons in the fire to find a solution that will work, but if you have any ideas for venues with 300 stalls, 4 competition arenas and date availability in September or early October, please reach out to me as soon as possible. It will greatly aid in our expanding our current options.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is April 15. Our region will have 4 PM delegates for the 2021 USDF Convention in Houston, Texas December 1-4. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Dorothy Kapaun at [dorothykapaun@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothykapaun@yahoo.com). Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

As of March 22, our potential candidates for the 2021 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships August 10-15 in Travers City, Michigan will be finalized. As I write this, we have 8 riders who have declared (6 Juniors and 2

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jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. This competition is a reasonable distance for us to travel by trailer, which makes things much more feasible, but we still need your help in order to be able to. If you're a rider, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS!

Till next month!

Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director

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🌟 Congratulations to Catherine Siemiet on becoming the newest RMDS TD! 🌟

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## Put Your Best Foot Forward

by *Natalie DeFee Mendik*

The clinician you've always admired is coming to teach at an RMDS-sponsored event. Before you get too excited about riding, you may first need to put together a video for a selection committee to review with your application. As with anything in

tips on the video process to optimally present horse and rider pairs and to streamline viewing for the event's selection committee.

**Read the full article:** <https://www.rmids.org/blog/8401-2>

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## How to Buy an Amateur Horse: A High Plains Dressage Presentation by Jessica Greenstein and Joseph Newcomb.

*By Sally O'Dwyer*

*"Our sport can be frustrating due to the expense. Remember that as out of reach it may feel at times, the essence of dressage is about training—which can be performed on any horse of varying quality. Is it wonderful to ride a horse that is bred for dressage, has natural ability, and offers the movement? Yes, but remember your long game. If you love the sport, try to be smart and invest in your training." Joseph Newcomb*

High Plains Dressage, a member chapter of Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, recently hosted a zoom educational event presented by Jessica Greenstein and Joseph Newcomb, of Exclusive Dressage Imports (EDI) to discuss what to consider when buying a horse. EDI specializes in the import and training of elite quality dressage horses. Joe and Jess have gained considerable expertise in buying and importing horses, which includes evaluating, finding good temperaments, and going through vet checks. They shared some great insights.

**Read the full article:** <https://www.rmids.org/blog/how-to-buy-an-amateur-horse>

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## SANTA FE DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

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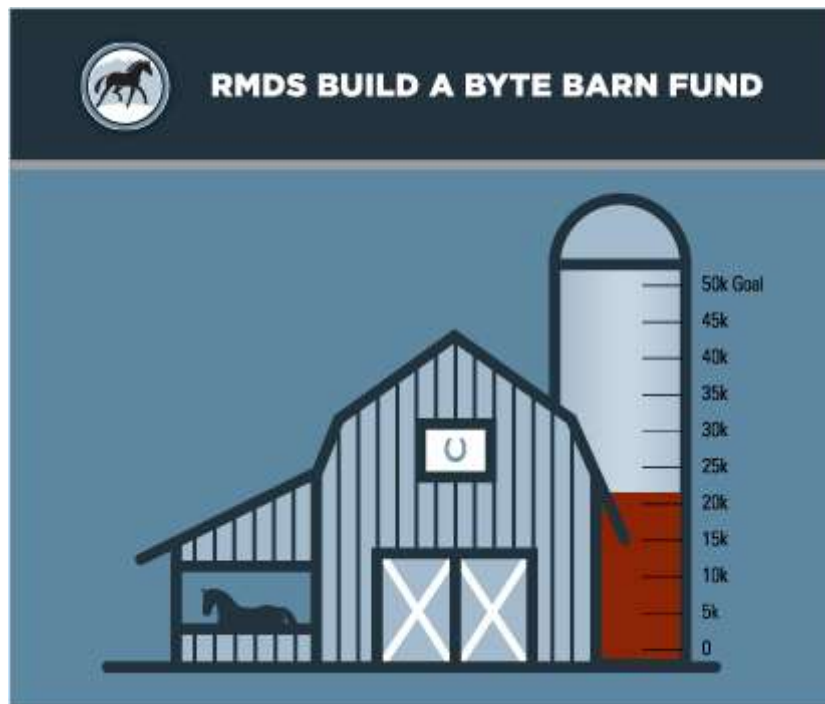


## Upcoming Events

- Apr 9** - GVDS Scribe Training 101 with Amber Benson
- Apr 9-10** - GVDS Ride-A-Test with Megan Bretey
- Apr 10** - Arkansas Valley River Walk Schooling Show
- Apr 10-11** - NCDA Ride-A-Test with Julie Haugen
- Apr 17** - High Plains Dressage Youth Clinic with Sara Storch
- Apr 17** - Boulder Valley Dressage Clinic with Monique Potts-Using obstacles for dressage training
- Apr 17-18** - RMDS Adult Amateur Clinic with Bill McMullin-S
- Apr 24-25** - GVDS Schooling Show I - Judge: Simone Windeler
- Apr 24** - HP Adult Amateur Clinic with Colleen Diamond
- Apr 26** - Grand Valley "Equine Massage" with Krista Nobilio
- May 1-2** - Grand Valley Caveletti/Prix Caprilli Clinic with Tammy Fagan
- May 1** - AVDA Clinic with Kathy Simard
- May 1-2** - New Mexico Dressage-Jeremy Steinberg Clinic
- May 2** - Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO

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important announcements!**

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**RMDS had a new database built and website designed. Our previous database was over 30 years old and needed to be revamped in order for our organization to move forward.**

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