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Go to [Calendar](#) to see complete list of upcoming USEF/RMDS Show Schedule, clinics, schooling shows and events.

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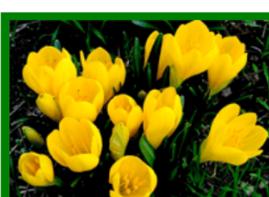
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Spring into Show Season!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's April and spring is in the air. The RMDS Show season is starting and the education season is also well on its way.

Some of us have gone on vacation this winter or indulged in the Colorado ski season. I was able to enjoy a vacation in my home state of Hawai'i. The sun and ocean revived me and allowed me to refocus on my goals. I am lucky enough to live in a state where my dressage passion can be fulfilled. As the current President of RMDS I have been able to encourage and support the expansion of educational opportunities for more members within our organization.

An organization such as RMDS is only successful because of the volunteers who serve on the Executive Board. I am amazed by the support and many hours of precious time that the Board members have given to this organization. Our members are the winners as we strive to improve RMDS.

Oh and my vacation was not just fun in the sun, lying on the beach or watching whales. It seems my passion follows me. My good friend and judge Patricia (Trish) Morine spent time with us on this trip to Maui and of course I returned the favor by giving her a lesson on her Hannoverian mare Kalae. They are currently working at Fourth Level. Yes I did have my boots, breeches and hard hat with me! Why? Well, we were suppose to go on a trail ride, but the rains and muddy trails kept us away. However as any good dressage trainer must have a quality arena, dressage training became our goal instead. So you see my passion for horses remains as my reason for everything I do.

RMDS members are known for their passion for their horses. However we all must spend time with family and friends outside of the equestrian world. Time away only helps us to grow with our horses. My mare Tia missed me during my time away and showed me how much by giving me two great rides when I returned. With a refreshed body and mind I think we connected again on a more intimate level.

I am ready for warmer weather and longer days so I may enjoy my horse even more. I hope other RMDS members are longing for this as well.
Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa

Christoph Hess: Clinician for Upcoming Professionals Clinic

By Simone Windeler
Professionals Chair, RMDS



Christoph Hess was born on Christmas Eve 1950 in Delmenhorst, Northern Germany. He says he was "infected" with the horse virus when he was only 8 years old. He started at the German FN (German Equestrian Federation) as an assistant in the education department.

Christoph holds a German instructor license as well as a FEI judging license. You can find more information on his [Facebook Page](#) (this one is in English). He has worked at the German FN since 1978 in numerous roles, he also was in charge of the Bundesleistungszentrum (BLZ) in Warendorf. Germany has specific training facilities for different Olympic disciplines. The BLZ in Warendorf is designed for riders of all disciplines, as well as vaulters and carriage drivers.

Christoph has authored several books, there are also some DVDs. As best as I can tell they have not been translated into English. He holds a Masters degree in teaching with emphasis on teaching adult learners. One of his major roles in the FN is the development of new courses for judges, riding instructors and officials. He travels within Germany and worldwide to hold seminars, clinics and conferences about riding with an emphasis on dressage and eventing.

Look for more information on Christoph in the coming weeks.

Don't forget to [sign up](#) for the Christoph Hess [Trainer's seminar](#) (for professionals only) on May 15-16 or his [clinic](#) (open to all) on May 17.

Here is your chance to hear from one of the world's top authorities on dressage.

RMDS at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo



THANK YOU

to Sharon and Pete Soos for once again setting up, managing, and organizing the RMDS exhibit booth at the 2015 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. Every year these two stalwarts do all the "heavy lifting" for giving RMDS such a great presence at the Expo, and all members of RMDS are most grateful for their dedication.

Thanks to those who volunteered to "(wo)man the booth" - it's always fun to educate people about dressage and answer their questions. This year I was asked "Can a branded Mustang compete in dressage?" and it was so great to be able to say not only YES, but then tell them the story of Kelly Boyd's "Andy", the Grand Prix Mustang and Breyer model.

The Dressage Foundation Grants

As we gear up for Spring, show season and clinics, The Dressage Foundation would like to remind everyone that we have some fantastic support for Adult Amateurs available! The grant deadlines are approaching, and we recommend getting a head start on these applications. Go to www.dressagefoundation.org for more info.

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Page C-27 Boulder Valley Ride-A-test: Judge Kathleen Donnelly

Page C-31 June 13-14: Judges: Jennifer Rorh, 'S' CA and Creeky Ralston 'S', CA

July 11-12: Judges: Beverly Rogers 'S' AZ, Dinah Babcock 'S' TX

Page C-55 Foothills Last Chance Show -
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