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have been busy preparing to show and/or are showing, judging and training. RMDS will be holding several educational events this year. The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo is Feb. 28-Mar. 1. RMDS will be presenting all three days and we will be giving a demonstration and explanation of what dressage is all about. Please join us in support of our sport or if you can volunteer, contact Sharon Soos to help out.

We are happy to report that several donations towards **Build a Byte Barn** are coming in and truly helping RMDS to pay for our database/website upgrade.

As spring approaches, we prepare our horses through conditioning and training. We are also working on our rider fitness so we can help our horses by having good balance.

I am hoping to see our members at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo as volunteers, spectators or participants. Enjoy the longer days with your horses and families.

***Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa***



Would you like to ride with Gwen at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo? We need horse and rider pairs to help demonstrate the sport of dressage! We especially need FEI riders! Contact Gwen if you would like to participate!



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## Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

by Una Schade

The 2019 Season RMDS Awards Banquet was a success as usual. Many wonderful people and horses won the beautiful awards that RMDS gives out every year. The banquet was well attended, with 163 attendees, and there was lots of fun to be had.

The evening started out with drinks and dinner, as well as our members bidding on the silent auction items that were donated by our many considerate donors. Our MC, **Julie Barringer-Richers** kept the crowd engaged (and under control), while helping us celebrate the yearly accomplishments of all our RMDS riders and horses.

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Partway through the awards, we had a special feature. ***A live auction on three of our donated items.*** There was an auctioneer contest in the auditorium next to us, and one of the auctioneers volunteered his services for a couple items to help our organization. A huge thanks to Tony Wisely of Wisely Benefit Auction Services for spicing up our evening.

The evening finished up with the remaining awards being given out, the silent auction wrapping up, and some fun photos of our members with their awards!

A lot of people and hours went into this lovely evening, so a huge thanks to everyone for making the event such a success. Especially ***Beth Geier*** for organizing the banquet, ***Heather Petersen*** for organizing and running the slideshow presentation, ***Shannon Lemons*** for the Awards Layout and Presentation, and ***Una Schade*** for organizing the Silent Auction. We raised **\$6,270** through the silent auction and netted **\$5,267.74** when all was said and done for the evening. What a successful and fun night! We look forward to next year's event!

*Please remember if you won an award, to keep that silver shined up so when you return it you don't incur a cleaning fee!*

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## New Year - New Shows

*By Beverly Swanson*



I came across this picture from last year's schooling show at Mariah Farms, and I was reminded of what showing our horses is all about. The grins and the grooming and the ribbons and the dress-up tell it all in this image.

As we head into 2020 and the excitement of a new year, maybe a new horse, maybe a new level, let's all remember what it's about:

**Have fun, be kind, cheer each other on, and always care for your horse!**

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