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## NEWSFLASH!

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## A Whole New Understanding

### Heather Robertson Clinic *By Kristie Cotton*



Amanda Manley and Vogue

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Participating as a rider in the Heather Robertson clinic was enlightening and imparted a greater level of understanding about riding and horses. Heather's experience as an assistant trainer for Edward Gal could easily give her a duly-earned ego in the horse world. Instead, she is humble in her teaching, telling stories of horses she has trained and how she was taught to deal with problems that would arise. All nine riders participating in the clinic left with a new or higher quality of harmony. Following is a sampling of what the riders experienced and learned from Heather.

## Grando and the Passing of an Era

### *By KC Perkins-Kyle*

He was the first horse in Colorado that I noticed with awe. In 1987, he was new here. Laurie Harrison of Tandem Park Farms took me to a horse show. I cannot recall where exactly, but I will never forget the black horse with the white chin. As he came around the arena, he reared, landed, and then performed his test. It wasn't intended to be naughty. He just wanted to make sure everyone was paying attention. That's the kind of horse he was his whole life.



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## Sun Prairie Stable's Adult Camp

### *By Anna Blake, Infinity Farm*



Roger Kyle talking trust and respect.

Sun Prairie Stable's Adult Camp included Yoga, Feldenkrais Method, Horsemanship, and Riding to Music - not your usual dressage camp at all.

Such an interesting camp! I didn't hear much dressage lingo during the weekend, but I did see partnerships grow. The riders were fluid and balanced on soft, round horses, moving in a relaxed and forward way. That sounds like the definition of dressage to me.

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## President's Message



Lori and Unico GPA

Owning animals is not easy. I recently took a trip to Madrid, Spain. Getting ready for the trip was demanding: passports, travel documents, organizing the pet sitter and explaining how to take care of the four dogs and four horses and barn cat, only to leave for the week and worry about them the entire time. Humans seem to worry a lot. What are the trainers doing with

our horses? What is the pet sitter not doing for the dogs? What will the score be on the test?...the doctor's appointment we have scheduled, our children, and the list goes on only to find something else to fret about and take up valuable time feeling anxious. I returned from my trip to find things were fine while I was away, and went to my yoga class where I was reminded by the instructor to "stay present." How simple and basic, so much so that I totally forgot to live by those words, staying present. When we are present when we ride, in everyday life we can feel the anxiety fade. I thought that during this busy show season I would remind all of you the same.

RMDS Junior Camp is this month at Tomora Training Center and will be filled with fun for all participants. I know that Julie Haugen, RMDS Jr/Yr Chair and her team have been working

hard to make it a special weekend for all. And the fun will not end at the conclusion of the weekend; the USDF Region 5 Youth/Adult Team Competition wraps it all up at Tomora Training Center on the 22nd of July. Some campers will be staying that extra day to participate, and new ones will arrive. This, along with the adults and their teams, will be an extension of the bonds we make in the sport. Stop in to support the teams and cheer them on.

-Lori Mitchell, President, RMDS

We should learn to live in the present moment....



Lori's new screensaver

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### Foothills Chapter

The June 16 Foothills Ride-A-Test at Roberts Ranch, Littleton, was a great success with 28 riders taking advantage of Dolly Hannon's comments and guidance about how to improve our ride. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the event successful. Our next event will be the 2nd Heather Robertson Clinic on August 4 & 5 at Capricorn Farms, in Golden. Remember that Foothills members can audit the clinic free of charge. Details on all of our upcoming events can be found on the Foothills website, [www.foothillsdressage.org](http://www.foothillsdressage.org). The chapter's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on July 9th at Tuscany Tavern, Evergreen. We hope to see you there.

-CC Ross, Secretary, Foothills Chapter

### Wasatch Mountains

Our mantra this year seems to be "Work Together for a better Dressage Community."

The Wasatch Mountain Chapter is preparing for our first Chapter Show on July 14th with Shirley Rector, "S" Judge, and Colorado TD, Laurie

Mactavish. We are co-operating with Alison Child and Margo Gogan of Hilltop Dressage who are organizing a show on the 13th of July. Both shows are separate entities, but we are working together with the same Judge, TD, and Heather Petersen's show management team, Two White Feet.

Alison Child, Chapter Member, managing partner of the Collectives and UDS Treasurer, is the spearhead behind the bid for the 2012 Region 5 Championships in Heber, Utah. So come to these 2 shows and get a taste of the high mountain valleys of the Heber and Midway area which is 20 minutes from Park City, location of the 2002 Olympic venues of Park City Mountain Resort, The Canyons Resort, and the #1 North American Ski area 5 years running—Deer Valley Resort.

The shows are recognized by the Utah Dressage Society, Rocky Mountain Dressage Society and, through trainer/rider, chapter member Shiloh Gilbert of Idaho, who went to Medical school in

Colorado and now lives in Park City, Utah, we also have recognition by the Idaho Dressage and Eventing Association.

Congratulations to chapter member Evan Hills, who has just earned his USDF Silver Medal on his self-trained horse Grandee. Evan is training with his uncle, chapter member Gary Lawrence of Millbrook Farms. Evan is working to earn the scores necessary for what seems to be a very competitive Region 5 Junior/ Young Rider Team.

Millbrook Farms and chapter members Gary and Jan Lawrence just hosted a successful clinic with Kathleen Raine of Murrieta, California.

To wrap up: anyone who would like to volunteer for scribing, scoring, running, ring management, etc, at our 1 day show on Saturday, July 14th please contact Sally Shaffer – 435-640-8797. We are also looking for Class Sponsorships.

-Sally Shaffer, Treasurer, Wasatch Mountain Dressage, Utah

### RMDS SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

All events are open to everyone to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

#### 2012

July 18-21	RMDS Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
July 22	USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
Sept 20	RMDS Breed Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Sept 21-23	RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Nov 10	RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting & Awards' Banquet

For details on these and other RMDS events:

Contact Michelle Anderson, the RMDS Education Chairman, at 303-646-1375, [michand@hotmail.com](mailto:michand@hotmail.com). Also, read the Centaur, go to [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org), or contact the RMDS Central Office at 720-890-7825, [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org).

## Important Things to Know This Month

### Russ Fawcett Memorial Award

*Donated by Janet Foy*

#### *RMDS To Recognize 'Lifetime Achievement'*

*The "RFMA" will be awarded to an individual (professional or Amateur) who has shown dedication to the sport of dressage through education and "giving back." The RFMA will be awarded based on individual written nominations sent to the RMDS Central Office received by September 1.*

*A committee will review applications and choose the winner. Please send your nominations to the Central Office at: RMDS, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301 – rmds@rmds.org -*

### OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

Page A-8 Add:

Platte River Chapter, Laura Speer, 970-371-2934, riversidestables\_evans@yahoo.com  
Pikes Peak Chapter, Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040, simonedressage@gmail.com

Change:

Colorado Springs Chapter Patricia Leech, President, 719-749-2860, pat.leech@skybeam.com

Page A-11 Ellene Kloepfer 303-523-019

Page C-5 August 25-26 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I & II

Page C-39 AHIEC Sunday Series: Add:

Class 16 Basic Western Dressage Class TOC  
Class 17 Primary Western Dressage Class TOC

Page C-43 Second Judge is Eleanor Stine-Masek (S), Arizona

Page C-49 June 17 Centaur Rising Show I – CANCELLED

Page C-53 AHIEC I & II – Judge change: Pummy Chopra, M.D., "S", Wisconsin replaces Tami Batts  
add the "Q" division to Classes 130 and 133 for AHIEC I & II

Class 129 should be Class 229 – Sunday June 24 only

TD correction: AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL I\*

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL II\*

The Technical Delegate will be \*Joyce Hardesty

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL III\*\*

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL IV\*\*

The Technical Delegate will be \*\*Joseph Coleman

Page C 57 - Rocky Mountain III and IV are not a qualifiers for the National Programs for 2012.

Page C-63 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Warm-Up and Dressage at the Peak II Summer now presented by 2 White Feet, Inc.

Class 109 & 209: Friday, Saturday are the Dover Medal Classes. – Not Sunday

No Sunday classes at all.

Page C-64 Checks should now be drawn to 2 White Feet.

Page C-73 Paragon Dressage CDI has added the following class:

615. FEI Intermediaire II (2009 ED.) entry fee: \$70.00 prize money up to \$400.00

USEF Membership Form has been changed. You can now obtain a non-member adult amateur card. Go to [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org) to get the newest one.

# A Whole New Understanding

## Heather Robertson Clinic Sponsored by the Foothills Chapter

By Kristie Cotton



Heather Robertson

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Heather taught each of us to bring out our horse's athletic potential by always being conscious of what our goals were with our horse: "What are you truly wanting to obtain with your horse?"

Other helpful and important advice throughout the clinic was:

*"Don't let your horse know there is anything but working being on the bit. If he understands that he must always be on the bit when his rider asks, and does so by trusting and respecting the hand and leg, then he will also have no problem stretching long and low, or going on a loose rein for a trail ride."*

*"Strengthen the topline correctly so you will not have problems with the higher levels."*



Heather Fitzgerald and Bell, a 19 year old Quarter Horse mare

*"Make sure you get a reaction from your aids."*

*"Be able to soften your hand after a half halt and your horses tempo should not quicken or slow, and his frame should not change in any way."*

*"Help your horse have better balance by teaching him to make really small steps at the trot, like a western jog, and all the way up to a lengthening. Be able to ride any stride length you want and have the horse be comfortable, balanced, and confident with the transitions to and from each trot you ask for."*

*"Riders tend to ride with their whip quite often and use it ineffectively. The horse must be taught to react to the leg." Heather told us that in Holland, you are not allowed to carry a whip for any reason at any level of dressage competition. We get our horses so accustomed to the whip, that they see it as if we were carrying a curry comb.*

*"If your horse isn't reacting to the leg, try a quick kick, which can be soft or hard, but must be quick if you want a quick reaction. The timing of the aid is crucial. Squeezing the riders legs harder on the horse is compared to a hug, and not likely to get the horse to react quickly. Spurs are an important tool at all levels to give a clear aid. Riders need to be mindful that their spur only touches the horse when they are giving an aid. Keeping your horse sharp to your aids requires much rider discipline."*

There was such clarity brought to each lesson that it was amazing to watch. I did not fully comprehend all that I learned until I rode on my own. Using the exercises Heather taught me to strengthen my horse's topline gave me a truly rewarding ride with my mare!

Heather's emphasis on the biomechanics of the horse and the effect and application towards how they relate to end goals was effective in every lesson. Every horse and rider was sculpted into a relaxed, steady picture of absolute harmony. The frame of each horse was changed with such quiet detail.

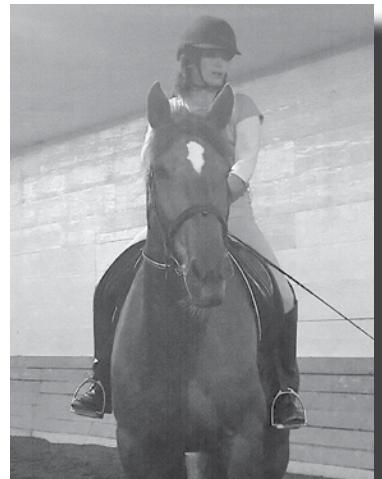
I am so excited to ride with Heather again in August. The Foothills Chapter rewarded us with



Susan Rudman and Adante, a 17 year old Irish Sporthorse gelding

an amazing, talented educator. Capricorn Farm was so accommodating to us and our horses. This is an opportunity you should not miss as a rider or auditor. See you in August! ♡ ♡ ♡

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Kristie Cotton and Benita, a 6 year old Draft Cross mare

**2012 RMDS Junior/Young Rider Dressage Camp**  
***“Ready...Set.... Show!!”***

***July 18-21, 2012***  
***Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO***

RMDS Jr/YR Dressage Camp is open to any RMDS junior/young rider that is at least 10 yrs of age or older. Participants will camp in tents and we will spend four busy days together making new friends, riding with top local trainers, learning from area horse experts and riding in a schooling show.

Camp Costs: \$375 per camper (This includes stabling, meals, lessons, activities and schooling show entry). Campers must provide their own: horse, tack, transportation/trailering, horse feed and bedding, and human cots/bedding. A \$175 deposit is required for pre-registration.

Camp Director: Julie Haugen 970.290.8360 defiancesport@q.com

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

**Camper's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail the completed pre-registration form and a deposit check for \$175 (made out to RMDS) to:

Julie Haugen 417 Promontory Dr. Loveland, CO 80537

# Sun Prairie Stable's Adult Camp

By Anna Blake, Infinity Farm

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Functional Integration with Pam Beets.

Saturday morning began with local yoga practitioner, Katy Dunn. She has extensive dressage experience to Grand Prix, coupled with 9 years as a certified Prajna yoga teacher. Mats were rolled out in the grass by the arena, trees blocked the wind and the sun warmed the participants. Katy directed a yoga practice that stretched backs, hips, and legs—all the while focusing a deep, conscious inhale and exhale of breath.

Katy says that good breathing is the most important part of creating a riding posture that is balanced, not collapsed or stiff. Everyone came away clear eyed and relaxed, and it wouldn't be the last time that breathing would be mentioned.

The next clinician was Pamela Beets, using the Feldenkrais Method to help increase body awareness and reduce muscular effort. Aside from over 25 years of Feldenkrais experience, Pam has studied extensively with Linda Tellington-Jones.

Pam started the group with an Awareness Through Movement (ATM) lesson. It was back to the sun and grass for this verbally guided class, focused on breathing, and noticing movement. It is hard to explain Feldenkrais: it's deceptive in its simplicity.

We broke for lunch, catered by Camille Griffin. Her reputation precedes her: fresh, healthy and really tasty food. Gourmet is an understatement, and we all enjoyed mightily.

The second part of Pam's session was a mounted lesson, taking the information from the first

session to the saddle. Riders came into the arena in pairs, each getting individual hands-on Functional Integration body work.

Auditors got to see a big change in the horses. Most riders had to drop stirrups at least one hole, horses blew and relaxed, and walks blossomed to 9s and 10s. Getting such a dynamic response from such light, non-intrusive work was amazing. The horses really seemed to enjoy this session—but then horses always think less is more.

We ended with one more brief ATM session. Restored and relaxed, it was time for the Saturday night barbecue and more great food.

Sunday morning brought Roger Kyle, veteran of 18 yrs with the Denver Police Mounted Patrol Unit, working as the primary horse and rider trainer most of that time. Clinic participants met him and his assortment of tarps, mylar flags, umbrellas, etc., in the outdoor arena.

Roger is a great communicator, sharing insights about the importance of trust and respect in both horse and rider. Roger's body language is so quietly confident, that horses and participants alike were drawn to him. He encourages the use of positive visualization, and one more time, the importance of breathing was emphasized. Roger says, "As long as you take small steps, you'll never have big problems."

One more break for another spectacular lunch from Camille, and it was my turn.

I'm Anna Blake, a local dressage/natural horsemanship trainer. I use music in my lessons because horses love all things rhythmic, and it seems to help riders as well.

Mounted with music playing, we did a walking warm up, using the rhythm of music to encourage both rider and horse lightly, happily, and sometimes humorously forward. I was asked to tie the sessions together (somehow), so we came back once again to our breath. That flowed into a bit of mounted yoga, followed by a reminder of the Feldenkrais movements of the previous day. My playlist is strangely inspirational. There was a rowdy version of You Can Leave Your Hat On. (We did wear helmets, after all.) We finished with a close order impromptu Quadrille, rocking to the Stones' Miss You. Woo-hoo!

Mary Chamberland and Donna Maloney organized this clinic. Thanks to them for all the hard work, and for their fun spirit; they led by example. The horses and riders were all ages and levels—an exceptional group of eclectic, fun, and committed horse owners. Thanks for coming.

And such an interesting camp! I didn't hear much dressage lingo during the weekend, but I did see partnerships grow. The riders were fluid and balanced on soft, round horses, moving in a relaxed and forward way. That sounds like the definition of dressage to me.



Yoga with Katie Dunn.



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# **DOUBLE THE OPPORTUNITY AT PARAGON CDI\*\* 2012/CDI\*\*\*2013**

Have you ever dreamed about qualifying for the USET Festival of Champions? Most qualifying must be done through FEI competitions. Colorado and Region 5 only has ONE CDI competition! This is the Paragon CDI\*\*\* in Estes Park, held in August every year.

Due to the 2013 Festival being held on the West coast in the fall of 2013, competitors will have two opportunities to qualify.

## **The Paragon CDI \*\* August 17-19, 2012 competition will count towards:**

- 2013 FEI Young Rider/Junior Championships (NAYRJC)
- 2013 Festival of Championship for Juniors, Ponies, Young Riders, Brentina Cup riders, and Small Tour (PSG/Inter I) riders

## **The August 15-18, 2013 Paragon CDI\*\*\* will be a qualifier for:**

- 2013 Festival of Champions for all Levels from ponies through the Big Tour (Grand Prix). This will also be a qualifier for the 2014 NAYRJC.

Paragon CDI is going to be in its third year in 2012. The competition has been improved each year!

The stabling and footing at the competition has been ranked among the highest in the country for FEI competitions! The California competitors (including Debbie MacDonald's group) came last year and were very impressed with the show! Another comment was about the shows hospitality. Friday highlights the "meet your neighbors" cocktail party, and Saturday is the wonderful competitors' dinner.

Interest has already been received from New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, California and Arizona. This is the show to attend!

If you have never been to this show, organizers Heather Peterson and Janet Foy urge you to give it a try.

Heather is well known for her competitor friendly office! Janet, with her experience with officials knows you will enjoy interacting with the judges, vets, and stewards that are invited to Estes.

The shopping is amazing! Buy a fab new purse! Have a glass of wine! Pick out a new shirt to wear or perhaps new britches, sheep skin saddle pads or even have an appointment with a sports psychologist to help calm your nerves!

Bring the family! Watch the elk meander across the streets. Send the family to hike in the Pike National Forest or perhaps do a tour to the Stanly Hotel and see all of "The Shining" memorabilia.

Sponsors are also welcome as a CDI is very expensive to host! For more information about receiving a prize list or a sponsorship package please E-mail:

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## **Our Condolences**

RMDS and its member would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Karen Perkins on her recent passing. Our thoughts are with you.

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**Colorado Springs:** 3rd Tues., For location information contact Pat Leech, 719-749-2860, pat.leech@skybeam.com, www.CSDressage.org

**Foothills:** quarterly meetings, location TBD, Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com

**Grand Valley:** 2nd Thurs. each month, location TBD, Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net

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**Northern Colo.:** 3rd Tues., each month, location TBD, Hana van Campen, 303-918-3863, bigsprucefarms@bendelow.net

**Pikes Peak:** Mtg time and location TBD. Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040, simonedressage@gmail.com

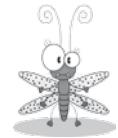
**Platte River Dressage:** Mtg time and location TBD, Laura Speer, 970-371-2934, riversidestables\_evans@yahoo.com

**Wasatch Mountains**  
Linda Nickerson, 801-647-3291, mail@snowypeaksranch.com, Location TBD

**Western Colorado:** Judith Family, 970-923-8832, dns@rof.net

### **Meeting Schedule of the RMDS Executive Board**

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 pm. Meeting dates in 2012 are January 12, March 15, May 10, July 10, September 13, and October 11. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location. Steering Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governors' meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov (this year is Nov 10). Contact the Central Office for precise details.



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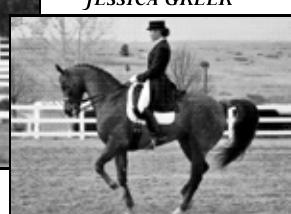
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# The Centaur Newsletter

The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 7th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters-to-the-editor: Centaur Editor, Cathy Van Berg, 1767 Rose Petal Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80109, Phone: 303.916.6136, email: vanbergc@yahoo.com

## ADVERTISING

RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301, Phone: 720.890.7825, email: rmds@rmds.org

## DISPLAY ADVERTISING

For information about corporate advertising and/or sponsorship, please contact Beth Geier (contact info above.)

Artwork (ads) must be provided in electronic format. Acceptable forms include: jpeg, pdf, tiff, eps, and doc. IF UNSURE ABOUT AD FORMATTING, please contact the editor (contact info above) for consultation. No substitutions may be accepted. If your ad is submitted in a file format other than those listed above, you will be contacted regarding an additional charge for reformatting or redesign. Hourly charge for redesign/reformat is \$50, in minimal units of one hour.

Please be sure to include a printed version of your ad with your payment so that the ad may be proof-read against the electronic version. Printed ad copy cannot be used as final art.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be submitted via email to the RMDS office (address above.) You may also type or hand-write a classified ad and mail it to RMDS headquarters, attn: Beth Geier, The Centaur. Please limit your classified ad copy to 50 words or less. Exceeding 50 words will result in additional charges per line.

## PAYMENT AND AD COPY DELIVERY

Email ads to: rmds@rmds.org, and cc the electronic copy to vanbergc@yahoo.com. Send payment and hard-copy to the RMDS office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301.

## AD RATES AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

Classified \$20 per item for sale (includes web listing.) 50 words maximum. Classified w/photo \$32 per item for sale.

Full Page .....	\$150	7" x 9.5"
Half Page .....	\$90	7" x 4.5"
Outside back half .....	\$105	7" x 4.5"
1/4 Page (Vertical Only) ..	\$55	3.25" x 4.5"
1/8 Page (Business Card) ..	\$30	3.5" x 2"

(horizontal only)

Ask about discounts for multi-month or annual ad contracts.

Payment for ads is due on the 7th of the month. If not received by the following 7th of the month, the person will be listed on the RMDS website under the suspended category.

## EDITORIAL POLICY

Articles submitted for publication will not be returned. Please contact the editor before submitting unsolicited articles or photos. Articles represent the work and views of their authors, and not necessarily that of RMDS, its officers or employees.

# Utilize the RMDS Network:

## Trainers and Instructors:

### Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

If you wish to increase business, you can place your information on the RMDS website at very low cost. Send information to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Dr, Boulder, CO 80301, Phone 720.890.7825, or email: rmds@rmds.org (note on subject line "Trainer Info".) Please include your name, phone, address, email, training locations and other pertinent info such as awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 emails per month requesting names of trainers in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Cost is \$50 annually. Mail check to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive. Boulder, CO 80301.

## Advertise Events on the RMDS Website

Website ads on the RMDS site provide your event with high visibility. Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears. Unless the RMDS Central Office is notified in advance (rmds@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

Please limit content of the ad to 20 words. Your email and website addresses will be displayed as links.

Because of the implicit connection to the RMDS, we reserve the rights to:

- Refuse any ad.
- Edit ad content.
- Limit the number of ads displayed at any one time.

## Important Info on RMDS membership

Awards are based on the information on your membership card. Be sure to double-check everything very carefully.

Duplicate cards are available for \$2.00. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by mailing the Central Office at rmds@rmds.org.

Proof of AA status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, and horse MUST be current members PRIOR to any ride for the score to count towards qualifying for RMDS Championships and for qualifying for any year-end award. If PONY is not listed under breed and you have a pony, send a copy of the measurement form or the permanent pony card to the Central Office. Remember, membership and its details are your responsibility. Be sure corrections are made.

# Technical Delegates, Judges, and Certified Instructors

## Dressage Judge Ratings and Levels Qualified to Judge

Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" where the score does not count.

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training - Second (RMDS only)	"S"	Senior	All
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second	3* (FEI C)	All	
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth	4* (FEI I) International	All	

\*may only judge at RMDS recognized shows.

### FEI PARA Dressage 3\*

Kristi Wysocki ..... 303-648-9877

### FEI 4\*

Janet Foy^ ..... 719-260-1566

### USEF 'S'

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez^\* 303-263-0768  
 Sandra Hotz^ ..... 303-817-2030  
 Anita Owen ..... 303-953-9904  
 Janet "Dolly" Hannon^\* .... 303-919-4112  
 Kristi Wysocki^\* ..... 303-648-9877

^ = FEI Young Horse Certified

\* = Dressage Seat Equitation Certified

### USEF 'r'

Loni Gaudet ..... 985-966-3832  
 Amy Jablonovsky ..... 970-493-2833  
 Gwen Ka'awaloa ..... 303-917-3679

### USDF 'L' Graduates (Schooling and RMDS

Only recognized shows)  
 Simone Ahern\* ..... 719-749-9274  
 Julie Burt ..... 719-431-2342  
 Alison Child\* (UT) ..... 435-640-3287  
 Linda Coates-Markle ..... 303-469-0279  
 Alex Curnutt ..... 303-906-7083  
 Kathleen Donnelly\* ..... 970-310-8729  
 Amy Fulstone\* ..... 775-721-1123  
 Beth Geier ..... 303-673-9840  
 Jessica Greer ..... 970-581-5613  
 Julie Haugen ..... 970-290-8360  
 Sarah Martin\* ..... 719-379-3716

Linda Ohlson-Gross\* ..... 303-840-9818

KC Parkins-Kyle ..... 303-841-9953

Kathy Simard\* ..... 720-981-4448

Simone Windeler ..... 719-287-2040

\*Denotes Graduation with Distinction

### Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge

Janet Foy 'R' ..... 719-260-1566  
 Gwen Ka'awaloa 'r' ..... 303-917-3679  
 Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'R' 303-263-0768  
 Kristi Wysocki 'R' ..... 303-648-9877

### FEI Level 1 Dressage Steward

Rusty Cook ..... 505-877-1456  
 Heather Petersen ..... 719-683-8435

### Technical Delegates USEF

Eva-Maria Adolphi (UT), r .. 801-254-3247  
 Rusty Cook (NM), r ..... 505-877-1456  
 Laurie Mactavish (CO), R . 970-390-5160  
 Debbie Moloznik (CO), r ... 818-515-0377  
 Heather Petersen (CO), r . 719-683-8435  
 Catherine Siemiet (CO), r . 719-942-5311  
 Dianne Stanley (MT), R .... 406-652-4061

### Technical Delegates, RMDS sanctioned shows only

Joan Clay ..... 970-420-0887  
 Jeannette Hillery ..... 303-494-7718  
 Mary Jo Hoepner ..... 719-495-3648  
 Mindy Maguire ..... 720-301-0089  
 Dee Stiers ..... 970-876-2987

### USDF Certified Instructors

#### Training - Second

Julie Burt ..... 719-431-2342  
 Jill Cantor Lee ..... 970-209-8491  
 RaeAnn Cook ..... 970-225-1408  
 Janet "Dolly" Hannon ..... 303-279-4546  
 Ellene Kloepfer ..... 303-523-0191  
 Clayton Martin ..... 719-379-3716  
 Bridget Milnes ..... 303-660-4986  
 Kristi Wysocki ..... 303-648-9877

#### Training - Fourth

Simone Ahern ..... 719-749-9274  
 Nancy DeVaney ..... 303-681-2516  
 Loma Fowler ..... 303-841-0417  
 Sarah Martin ..... 719-379-3716  
 Kathy Simard ..... 720-981-4448  
 Melinda Weatherford ..... 970-484-5218

## Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

### JULY 2012

- 1     **Sun Prairie RMDS Show III, Sun Prairie Farms, Peyton, CO**  
Contact Camille Griffin, camillegriffin@msn.com, 719-287-9197
- 1     **Schooling Show, Flying Star Stables, Brighton, CO**  
Kim Benson, 303-655-1815, flyingstar@mesanetworks.net
- 7-8    **Rocky Mountain Dressage III & IV, Somerset Farm, Longmont, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 10     **RMDS Executive Board Meeting, OPEN TO ALL, 6:30 PM**  
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org
- 13     **Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up, Fountain Valley School, Colorado Spgs, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 13     **Wasatch Back I, Heber City, UT-USEF**  
Contact Alison Child, 435-640-3287, achild@kirwin.com
- 13-15   **James Shaw Clinic, BlueRoof Equestrian Center, Lafayette, CO**  
Contact Dawn Fisher, 720-272-5706, equibalance3@comcast.net
- 14     **Wasatch Mountain Dressage Show, Heber City, UT-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 14     **Dressage at the Peak Summer II, Fountain Valley School, Colorado Spgs, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 15     **Centaur Rising Dressage Show II, Pine, CO, RMDS**  
Contact Kristann Cooper, 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 15     **AHIEC Sunday Series #2, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO**  
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033, jbarringerrichers@comcast.net
- 18-21   **RMDS Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO**  
Contact Julie Haugen, defiancesport@q.com
- 21     **MM Ranch Schooling Show, Fountain, CO**  
Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040  
<http://elegantrider.com/schooling.html>
- 22     **USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO**  
Contact Julie Haugen, defiancesport@q.com
- 27-28   **Sage Creek III & IV, Sage Creek Equestrian, Heber, UT-USEF**  
Contact Bobbie Jo Derksen, 801-376-9062, bbjsagecreek@hotmail.com
- 28     **Dressage Schooling Show, Hidden Creek Equestrian Center, Peyton, CO**  
Contact Sue Borders, 719-740-1099  
susan.e.borders@gmail.com
- 28-29   **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival III & IV, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO-USEF**  
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers, 720-341-5033, jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

### AUGUST 2012

- 1     **Ballet on Horseback, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Boulder, CO**  
Two performances
- 3-5    **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**  
Glenda McElroy, 818-841-3554, glenda@glenroys.com
- 4-5     **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Dressage Show, Cheyenne, WY-USEF**  
Contact Steve Siegel, 307-632-7587, steve@wyomingcarriages.com
- 4-5     **Heather Robertson Clinic, Capricorn Farm, Golden, CO**  
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 9-10    **Manuel Trigo Clinic, Tally Ho Farm, Park City, UT**  
Contact Diane Wieser, 801-209-6518, tallyhofarm@msn.com
- 10-12   **Dressage at Sun Prairie I & II, Sun Prairie Farms, Peyton, CO-USEF**  
Contact Camille Griffin, camillegriffin@msn.com, 719-287-9197
- 11     **Tuscany Hill Farm Schooling Show, Franktown, CO**  
Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040,  
<http://elegantrider.com/schooling.html>
- 11-12   **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show, Fairfield, UT-USEF**  
Contact Jan Lawrence, 801-631-2516, millbrk@xmission.com
- 12     **Centaur Rising Dressage Show III, Pine, CO-RMDS**  
Contact Kristann Cooper, 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 17-19   **Paragon I, II, III CDI\*\*\*, Estes Park, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 25     **CSDA Dressage Show, Norris-Penrose, Colorado Springs, CO**  
Contact Jennifer Glass, 719-749-2293, saglass25@msn.com
- 26     **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer, Sextant Farm, Longmont, CO-RMDS**  
Contact Beth Geier, 303-673-9840, bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 25-26   **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I & II, Heber, UT-USEF**  
Contact Susan Jero, 801-330-5763, sjero@aol.com

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- 1     **Ride-A-Test-with Debbie Richl-Rodriguez, A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**  
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 1-2     **GVDS Fall Show, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO-USEF**  
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net
- 2     **Foothills Last Chance Dressage Show, A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**  
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 8     **Pendragon Stud Dressage Show II, Larkspur, CO-RMDS**  
Contact Leslie Terry, 303-688-4147, Lt2@kellin.net
- 13     **RMDS Executive Board Meeting, OPEN TO ALL, 6:30 PM**  
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org

- 15** **Tuscany Hill Farm Schooling Show, Franktown, CO**  
Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040,  
<http://elegantrider.com/schooling.html>
- 15-16** **USDF JR/YR Clinic with George Williams, Stellar Stables, Franktown, CO**  
Contact Susan Rudman, 303-697-8528
- 20** **RMDS Breed Show, Championships & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)
- 21-23** **RMDS Championship & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)
- OCTOBER 2012**
- 5-7** **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships, Wasatch Event Center, Heber City, UT**  
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)
- 6** **Ride-A-Test Show/Clinic with Jenny Baldwin, Palomino Gaits, Canon City, CO**  
Contact Jamee Amundson, [piaffennpassage@aol.com](mailto:piaffennpassage@aol.com),  
308-672-1364
- 11** **RMDS Executive Board Meeting, OPEN TO ALL, 6:30 PM**  
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825,  
[rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org)
- 13-14** **GVDS Fall Harvest Schooling Show III**  
**Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**  
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660,  
[classicaldressage@earthlink.net](mailto:classicaldressage@earthlink.net)
- 20** **Dressage in Pink, Sextant Farms, Longmont, CO**  
Contact Donna Baxter, 303-857-3879,  
[highbrowbling@mesanetworks.net](mailto:highbrowbling@mesanetworks.net)

- NOVEMBER 2012**
- 3-4** **USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.**  
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0634,  
[dvschmitz@msn.com](mailto:dvschmitz@msn.com)
- 10** **RMDS Board of Governors'**
- 10** **RMDS Awards' Banquet**

- DECEMBER 2012**
- 5-8** **2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA**  
Contact [USDF.org/convention](http://USDF.org/convention)

For updates to the calendar, go to [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org)

THESE EVENTS ARE DEPENDENT UPON VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!

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4. A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
5. If you're wondering if you left the water on in the barn, you did.
6. If you're wondering if you latched the pasture gate, you didn't.
7. Hoof picks migrate.

## Region 5 Report

Hope everyone is having a great summer so far! My children go back to school August 6th so we're packing in the fun as much as we can while we can...

Several important DEADLINES are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
  - New award categories are being offered to GMOs in 2012! GMOs can now submit nominations for Newsletter Awards, Website Awards, and Photography Awards. Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by August 31. Please note that the nomination process is also new for 2012. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
  - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
  - Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
  - One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors' meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 5-8, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2012 NAJYRC Championships as is the period for the USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses and Brentina Cup. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us:

- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – September 15-16, 2012. Parker, Colorado.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – October 5-7, 2012. Heber, Utah.
- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2013. Parker, Colorado.

Till next month!

*Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director*

## Reminder

### **What: USDF REGION 5 YOUTH AND ADULT TEAM COMPETITION**

**When:** Sunday July 22, 2012

**Where:** Tomora Training Center, 11000 Hwy 34 Bypass, Greeley, CO 80634\*

**Fees:** Just \$50.00 per person—that's it!

Each rider will ride 2 tests of their choice. All riders are on a team. The team is one the riders put together themselves, or they can be assigned to a scramble team. Please keep youth with youth and adults with adults.

Teams will be encouraged to express their team spirit through the use of a team name they choose and colors they choose, or colors will be assigned.

Ribbons will be given through 6th place for team standings. Prize list and more information available on the RMDS website.

USDF/USEF rules apply.

Use the 2012 RMDS entry form.

\*I-25 to exit #257A onto Hwy 34 bypass, east towards Greeley. Approx. 7.5 mi. to Tomora Training Center on right (south) side of 34 Bypass



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*37.6% Decrease in active  
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*10.2% Increase in average  
sold price (\$307,896)*



# KL Realty

*1612 spring gulch dr*



**This** spectacular gated property affords the best of Spring Gulch. Private and quiet, the 49 acres include granite outcrops, evergreen trees, lush meadows, a pond, and abundant wildlife. Contemporary 4000 sq ft house was completely redone in 2002, with top finishes and mechanical systems, designed to capture panoramic views. Horse lovers, note access to hundreds of miles of national forest riding trails, 3-stall barn with runs, loafing shed, fenced pastures, separate workshop, and huge garage with basement. **MLS# 677285 \$1,295,000**

*el dorado preserve*



This 812-acre ranch offers a variety of terrain including panoramic mountain views, a spring fed lake, and seasonal streams. With legal access to Golden Gate Canyon State Park, the ranch offers an abundance of recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. **\$7,500,000**

*7103 valmont*



10 acres with high quality soil and copious water rights. Legal trailer ADU and main house. **MLS# 676914 \$980,000**

*7509 e cty line*



Remodeled home with livestock facilities, barn, outbuilding with storage, workshop and office. **MLS# 676560 \$650,000**

*the galatia estate*



Nestled beneath a beautiful hogback with its own 16-acre lake, this 6,000 sq ft homestead is built on nearly 100 acres and offers endless opportunities for agriculture and recreation. Includes a large hay barn, a steel-framed workshop, a loafing shed and extensive water rights. **MLS#673521 \$4,350,000**

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# Grando 1982-2012

By KC Parkins-Kyle

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He was purchased at an auction at Capricorn Farms in Golden, Colorado. I have often told Marti Foster that I fell in love with her horse long before I knew her. I watched this horse climb the levels at the shows, always commanding attention. Better horses would often score behind him in the shows, because even the judges couldn't resist his presence.

He went through colic surgery at a time when very few lived through that. At 18 years old he did his first Grand Prix. He was the horse that Marti made her reputation on, as a professional. He performed at the stock show for one of the early "Dancing with Horses" performances organized by Barbara Gardner. He retired due to advanced navicular disease at the age of 20 and came to my house to live out his days.

In my back yard was a horse I had admired since I moved here to Colorado. He out-lived most of my own horses. He took care and guided many of the other horses in the pasture. He didn't dominate, but he didn't take crap from others either.

I saw him standing with his shaggy coat nearby the fence and thought I'd take the opportunity to see if he would let go of some of that hair. It was May, after all. He began to wag his head at me and nicker as he saw me approach. As I was scraping away, his buddies began to drift off to the greener grass. I was surprised he was staying with me. Then I saw a scrape on the inside of his thigh and a golf ball sized lump. As I touched it, I could tell it hurt. That's why he was staying with me rather than his buddies.

I called the vet, he came, gave him meds; but didn't think anything was broken. Somehow, we both kind of knew this was nearing the end. The wound seemed to be healing and in a couple of days he went back out. He could move around the pasture with a limp, but the green grass was always a motivator for Grando. About a week later, the feeder said she couldn't get him



to come into the shelter for dinner. Of course, I was on my way home, but not near. Dee Packard, the farm manager, called to say she brought food and water out to him, and he was eating, but would not move. Again, he wagged his head and nickered to her as she brought him dinner. She had given him some Bute, but didn't know if it would help.

When my husband and I got home, it was dark and raining. I loaded a syringe with banamine while Roger got a flashlight. With a little prompting on the rump, he limped his way up the hill to the shelter, letting me push his rump with my fingers. He was non-weight bearing. I figured the next day would be his last, but needed to speak with Marti and see how he was in the morning. For now, he got a large dinner and plenty of hay, which he consumed with pleasure. In the morning, I called Steve Long, the vet who had treated Grando since he was 3 years old. He was on his way.

I opened the gate from his shelter to my yard and he gladly, although slowly, limped out to the green grass. I stayed with him to keep him from getting too close to the fence line, in case he laid down to rest. He didn't need to be caught

up in fencing if he happened to go down and try to get up. As I stood there crying next to him, he looked at me, touched me with his nose as if he wondered what was wrong with me. He noticed the feeder coming, noticed his friends in the pasture, and enjoyed the grass at his feet. He looked at the vet as he approached, and went quickly with the injection.

I kept trying to figure out why this horse's passing has affected me so much. He didn't even belong to me. Then I realized that what Grando represented was a portion of my life-line. He was a statement of early Dressage in Colorado. All of us "old pros" knew him, watched him grow up (and many other horses of those times), develop, grow old, and pass on. They will forever leave a mark on our souls that we carry with silent pride.

So here's a toast to Grando and others like him: Revelation ridden by Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez; Moselle ridden by Gwen Ka'awaloa; Halloh, owned by Janet Foy; Lago, ridden by Sue Traylor; September, ridden by Loma Fowler; and many, many more. May they Rest in Peace, and many thanks for the memories.



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## Why Do People Volunteer? *By Lori Mitchell, RMDS President*

In the past, it was thought that individuals volunteered strictly for altruistic reasons: the good Samaritan that goes out of their way to aid a stranger. It was the noble thing for someone to lend a hand for the greater good of mankind. However, recent studies have indicated that there may be other reasons.

- Some people volunteer to gain experience, develop skills, or learn new ones.
- Some people volunteer to build self-esteem, or make themselves feel better. They feel needed, and feel they have a place in this world. They want to truly feel like they are making a contribution to society.
- Some people volunteer for the social aspect.

- Some people volunteer as a result of the instilled set of values they have.
- And some people do it because they want a better understanding about different people or the organization they serve, "bridging the gap," so to speak, in order to better understand their community, organization and themselves.

However, I volunteer to give back to RMDS and the sport of dressage. I am grateful for the help I've received from others. When I was new to the sport and was just learning, I was able to acquire skills and opportunities that have helped me become the horseperson I am today. So I give back to enable others to have the same opportunity to learn more about dressage and RMDS.

My desire to give back to the dressage community is fueled by the idea that I may make a difference in the sport and RMDS.

I feel that no one should volunteer for praise or to boost their resume. We should do it simply because it must be done.

So I implore everyone to find some time to volunteer. Because not only will we be helping others, we will be helping ourselves as well.



## Press Release: Janet Foy's Book Is Released!

Janet Foy has written a new book, published by Trafalgar Press, titled "Training the Not so Perfect Horse." The book is available on Amazon.com, or through Trafalgar press. If you would like an autographed copy from Janet Foy contact her for your copy at [dressagejanet@att.net](mailto:dressagejanet@att.net).

The book covers the basics from the warm-up to the Grand Prix movements. There are many stories throughout the book with photos that discuss how each breed and type of horse may differ in their training.

Long time RMDS members will recognize many members and horses from past and present.

Each chapter deals with imperfections or evasions of the horse. There are exercises given to



help correct each evasion as well as judge's tips for each exercise.

Perhaps one of the most helpful parts of the book is the index. Here you will find each movement and the evasion with a page number telling you exactly where to find the answers!

Janet says, "Well, I have often thought all books were written for perfect horses. If the riders do A, the horse will do B. However, most horses aren't perfect, and neither are the riders. I thought a book talking about real life horse training would be helpful. I have also helped take most breeds up to Grand Prix and know the challenges each of them presents."

Janet is an FEI 4\* Judge, an FEI TD, and USEF S judge as well as a USEF R Sporthorse Breeding Judge. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist and her students have won over 100 USDF Bronze-Gold Medals.



# Glory Falls Clinic with Patrice Edwards

*By Kim and Walt Martin, Glory Falls Ranch*

Welcome to Glory Falls Ranch indoor arena on the east side of the Black Forest where Kim and Walt Martin have partnered in ministry with Woodmen Valley Chapel to provide horse relationships that bring healing and learning for people. As part of the ministry, Glory Falls Ranch has hosted specialized training clinics. In May, Glory Falls featured instructor/trainer Patrice Edwards for a four day clinic. At the clinic we enjoyed an incredible atmosphere of learning and interaction between instructor, riders, horses, auditors, and staff volunteers.

At Glory Falls Ranch, learning from, and training horses is important to us. We pray for the right mix of people and horses to come to our ranch. Patrice has been an answer to our prayers as she has been coming to Glory Falls Ranch for quarterly clinics over the last year.

She is one of a very small number of modern clinicians who's made profound changes in the way a rider rides and a horse performs. Her lessons have transformed the rider's seat, the horse's balance, way of going, and the partnership between rider and horse. The goals in her lessons are to impart balance, harmony, understanding and partnership between rider and horse.

Peeking into Patrice's background, we found she is an early and current life member of Britain's TTT—Training the Teachers of Tomorrow Trust. She has been fortunate enough to have studied in depth with such masters as Charles De Kunffy, Arthur Kottas, Captain Mark Phillips, Molly Sivewright, and Col. M. Gutowski. She has trained horses from Training Level through Grand Prix, and has assisted many others in training their horses from various levels to Grand Prix also. Her young equestrian life was a multitude of equine activities too long to list! It did include competing to the highest levels of Eventing and Dressage.

After an accident which ended her competitive career, she devoted herself to teaching and training, sharing her broad and deep knowledge with an ever-widening circle of riders and horses.

Here are some case histories from the Glory Falls May clinic with Patrice Edwards:

"Sonny and I have been working directly with Patrice for five years now," says Michelle Wright. "Sonny's physical strength and complete soundness are a testimony to the consistent application of the classical training principles that the old masters of dressage discovered and passed down to us over the past 400 years. Currently, with Patrice's help, I am learning to train the high

school exercises, and since it is the first time for both Sonny and I, it is taking longer, but is everything I hoped it would be in terms of enriching to all of life, and literally a dream come true."

From the auditors' view at Glory Falls Ranch, participants were able to sit next to the arena to observe and listen first hand to Patrice's interaction with each rider and horse. Auditors also had the option to enjoy viewing from the comfort of the Glory Room which has large observation windows overlooking the arena. New auditors were excited to ask Patrice questions between rides and at the end of each clinic day. Interested auditors were able to add to their understanding by experiencing a lesson with Patrice.

Kim Martin has been training with Patrice for more than 3 years and has learned equal balance to the ground through her core to her seat on her wiggly Clydesdale/Thoroughbred cross. Through Patrice's guidance and translation she has improved understanding of what the horse is displaying from the rider's seat and hands. Patrice has taught her through the use of exercise patterns to go from places of compression, to decompression, and from decompression to supple freedom in the motion

with her horse and herself. Kim has found the methods Patrice employs freeing, allowing the goal to turn up instead of focusing on riding the goal. She says of Patrice, "The means are a very different way to perceive riding in our goal oriented culture. After working through the means—then it happens, the goal turns up. It is so exciting!"



Kim Martin on her wonderful Clydesdale/Thoroughbred mare is in motion under Patrice's guidance.

As a novice rider in the clinic, Walt Martin is a western rider, but appreciates the Dressage techniques he has learned from Patrice and the new tools he's acquired allowing him to ride with confidence on the trail or in the show ring. He chooses a good relationship with his Belgian Draft/Quarter horse cross "Dolly" and Patrice has given him the means to know what that relationship with his horse looks like. He says "She has taught me new things such as equal balance in my seat that I can see makes a difference in my horse, and provides me with new tools every time I take a lesson."

Patrice Edwards instructs Walt Martin, owner and clinic manager on Dolly. Dolly is a 10 year old, 16-3 hand Belgian Draft/Quarter horse cross mare and is perfect for the complete novice. "I learned to ride Western when I was a kid, but did not ride regularly until I moved to Colorado in 2007."



When asked about Patrice, Suzie Tiller responded, "Dynamite comes in small packages! I believe the greatest tool I have learned from Patrice is the action of balance. Balance is not only physical, it is mental. Our mind can often fool us into believing one thing when our bodies are giving the horse totally different information. I ride Paso Finos and the tools Patrice has given me have made a huge difference in the calmness of my horses. If you haven't been to a Patrice Edwards Clinic and are serious about becoming a better rider, you are missing out."

Leesa Jones, one of the volunteers at Glory Falls Ranch commented, "I loved the professionalism Patrice displayed and her obvious competency, grace, and humor as she helped you navigate your ride and experience."

We all look forward to having Patrice Edwards return to the Front Range very soon!



"Patrice has this uncanny ability to see what's going on and gives you solutions to make the ride more successful," says Deborah Odell. "I have a young Trakehner mare that others had helped me with, but Patrice has been the one who was able to give me the keys to unlocking my dilemmas with her. It's been incredibly helpful. I'm definitely a better rider. And Kaerisma's become a much happier horse..." Deborah has been riding with Patrice for two years, now. "Patrice gave me a key I keep posted in my tack room: "If you ask correctly, if she understands, if she is able, she will comply."



Deborah Odell on her Trakehner mare "Izzy" reviewing her lesson with Patrice Edwards



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# Two Arkansas Valley Clinics

*By Brenda Haley*

Arkansas Valley Dressage sprung into spring with two educational and fun clinics! The first one, held on May 19th was a ride a test with judge and instructor Ellene Kloepfer. The format was simple and inexpensive: pay \$50 and ride two tests with 20 minute lessons after each ride. We had a full day with 22 tests ridden by riders from age 16 to 89, on horses of all varieties. Ellene, a USDF certified instructor through 2nd Level was a joy to watch in her sessions. All horses were greatly improved, mainly by corrections to the rider. Ellene is very knowledgeable, with a great eye seeing just what to work on. She is full of contagious enthusiasm and you can clearly see that she loves teaching! Both riders and visitors expressed their appreciation with smiles and promises to return when we have an encore in October with Jenny Baldwin as judge and instructor.

Our 2nd event, held on June 2nd and 3rd was our "Dancing with your Horse" clinic with Simone Windeler. This was two days of riding to an extensive array of Simone's music collection, and she was able to fit every participant with 3 to 4 tunes for their horse's walk, trot, and canter. Each rider will receive a CD with their personally selected music to ride to at home!

The first day Simone taught the group how to proceed in the task of planning to ride a freestyle

at a show, the requirements, what is forbidden and allowed, scoring, artistic elements, BPM (beats per minute), choosing music to fit the horse, and "typical tempos." For instance, most walks are between 100-110 BPM, trot 145-160 BPM, and canter is 90-100 BPM.

The 2nd day each rider received a lesson, followed by quadrille. They walked the pattern without their horses first and it paid off because when they were mounted they performed beautifully.

All clubs should consider doing a clinic such as this one. Many dream of doing a musical freestyle but feel that it's so far in the future and they may not ever be proficient enough in their riding to accomplish that. But did you know that USDF is considering allowing freestyles for training level? There you go—you may be closer than you think!

Both clinics were held at Marcy Wadlington's "Palomino Gaits" in Canon City. Marcy has provided us with her lovely place, putting in a warm-up arena, providing tents and tables and a lovely arena with great footing and even flower pots! Thank you Marcy—from all of us in AVDA.



Ginny Wegener on the Norwegian Fjord, 89 this year and still looking great!



Margie McNew on her grey Thoroughbred.



Quadrille participants Ginny Wegener, Mary Rae, Sis Harmon, Sandy Vernon, Rosi Blaesius, and Marion Patterson.



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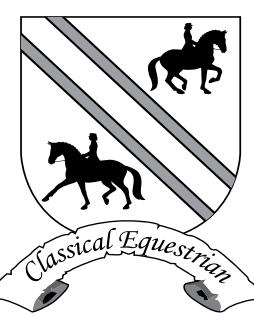
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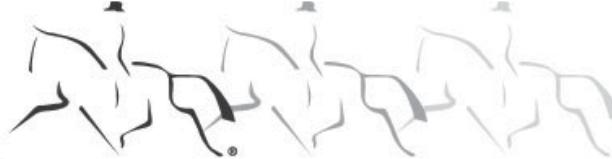
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