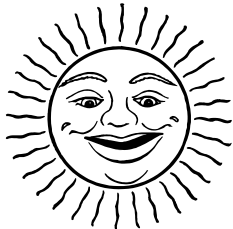


Colorado Springs Dressage Association



September 2004



Special points of interest:

- Trainer's' Conference
- Dolly Hannon Clinic
- RMDS Art Show

Upcoming events...

Sept 16th - CSDA General Meeting - 6pm - Penrose

September 23rd - Symposium with Marilyn Heath

September 23-26th - RMDS Championships

October 21st - CSDA General Meeting - 6pm

October 30th - Schooling show at Penrose

November 13th - RMDS Awards in Colorado Springs

Check the website for more upcoming events!!!!

USDF National-Level Trainers' Conference To Feature Kathy Connelly in Colorado

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that the 2004 National-Level Trainers' Conference on October 23-24 at Cañon Ridge Farms in Castle Rock, CO, will feature internationally recognized dressage competitor, trainer, coach, and author Kathy Connelly. Connelly will present two full days of live demonstration and an evening lecture on the "Fundamentals of Training Combining Theory and Technique - Integrating the Riders' and Horses' Points of View."



New attendance criteria will allow trainers and riders of all levels to take advantage of this unique opportunity. One notable addition allows professional trainers to bring their students, for an unmatched educational experience.

Connelly has won national titles at the FEI level and has trained horses and riders to the same level. Among others, she has trained and coached the 1995 North American Young Riders (NAYR) Champion, the individual silver medallist at the 1999 Pan American Games, the 2003 Canadian World Cup Champion, and the silver medal team at the 2003 Young Rider team competition in Australia. Connelly herself represented the United States at the Dressage World Cup Final in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Connelly is also an advocate for excellence in the sport of dressage in the United States, contributing her time and knowledge as a member of the U.S. Equestrian Dressage Committee and as chair of the U.S. Equestrian subcommittee for test writing. She also serves as a member of the U.S. Equestrian Licensed Officials Committee and the USDF Planning Committee. She served as co-chair on the USDF Evaluation of the Certified Instruction Program, is now a member of the USDF Certified Instruction Steering Committee, and is a USDF Certification Examiner.

Debbie Cranston has generously donated the use of her Cañon Ridge Farms, in Castle Rock, CO, for the live demonstration portions of the conference. The evening lecture on Saturday night will be held at the Douglas County Events Center.

Complete registration and travel information is available on the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org/CalendarEvents/TrainersConference/index.asp. For more information, contact Heather Henley at (859) 271-7875 or hhenley@usdf.org.

CSDA Clinic with Dolly Hannon

CSDA is pleased to announce that Dolly Hannon will be holding a clinic Saturday, October 16 Sunday, October 17, 2004. The clinic will be held at Simone Ahearn's Sun Prairie Stables. The clinic cost is \$65 for a 45 minute lesson plus \$15 trailer in fee. Only 10 sessions each day are available, so sign up ASAP.

Please contact Janet Alexander for clinic registration, 531-5182 or email jalexander_msclaims@att.net. Please include day and whether AM/PM session is preferred.

Classified Ads



Purebred Arabians for sale - 12 year old bay Mare full Arab and 12 year old Grey Gelding Full Arab - Call Ron at 495-4976 for more information.

Camper and Saddle For Sale - Hallmark Costume built 8' pickup camper for sale, excellent condition used only about 12 times.; Keiffer black english saddle. Call Ron at 495-4976 for more information.

What is "The Equine Touch"?

Equine Touch is gentle, non-invasive bodywork. It is not massage therapy. It's a discipline that unifies Western and Eastern philosophy in approaching and helping the horse release compensation patterns and the "pain spiral". This modality is complimentary to other forms of equine care and maintenance, but is unique in that the practitioner uses specific and trained touch to "coach" or direct the horse toward balance. Equine Touch is the only bodywork modality used on the Lipizzaners at the Spanish School of Riding.

Want to learn more? Your horse does! Contact Corrine Fierkens; this area's practitioner of Equine Touch. Available to schedule FREE CONSULTATIONS. 719-683-5258 or 491-5258 SheTouchesHorses@earthlink.net

Classified ads are free to CSDA members. Send them to the editor by the 1st of the month to be included!

For Sale: 11 yr. old 16 h. Hanoverian Gelding. Only needs to solidify flying changes to be ready for third level competition next year. Needs a strong rider as he has loads of personality and opinions! Very fun! Excellent form over fences. Ideal for junior young rider. \$20,000.00. Please call Judy at (719) 685-4134.

AQHA bay mare, 11 years, 15.3h, Quiet, willing and versatile. Trained to 4th level, also does reining, trails & Parelli NHS mid Level 2. Wonderful manners, no vices, and sound. \$12,500 Call Dev 719-481-6202 or email jrdgcook@adelphia.net

Beautiful equestrian ranch on 70 hilltop acres in Penrose. 80 x 170 indoor arena, track around property. Custom contemporary apartment, electronic gate, views to die for! See on www.coloradodreamproperty.com or call 719 275-0118 or 719 369-2421.



The Third Annual RMDS Member's Art Show

A Juried Exhibit of artwork by RMDS members to be displayed at the 2004 RMDS Awards Banquet in Colorado Springs on November 13, 2004

Eligibility: Open to all RMDS members and juried by Divisions as defined in Show Rules.

- Adult Amateurs, Juniors, Professionals

*If less than six entries per category, divisions will be combined

Categories of Exhibit:

- I. Fine Art: Any original artwork on paper or board. Oils, pastels, watercolors, charcoals or other original two-dimensional art work framed and ready for display.
- II. Photography: Color or Black and White photographs or other original prints framed and ready for display.
- III. Mixed Media/Sculpture: Three-dimensional original artworks limited to overall size of 36"x36"x36" display ready; sculptures please include pedestals. Sorry, no jewelry.

Entries: Submit Entry on attached form by November 9, 2004. All entries must be delivered to the Park Plaza in Colorado Springs on November 13 between 9am and 12pm. All entries must be display ready as noted above. All entries must be picked up on November 13 between 8 and 10pm. Entries are limited to three entries per member. Any work for sale must be listed on entry form as we will create display tags and include this information. No commission to RMDS. Sale to be handled exclusively by Artist. Must be an RMDS member.

Fees: \$10.00 per entry. Send entry form to:

Janet Alexander, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Coordinator: Janet Alexander. Please contact her for any additional information at (719) 531-5182.

Rider Refinement with Soraya van Asten Emphasizing Position and Expanding Partnership

Soraya is a Certified Horsemaster, has earned the US Dressage Federation Bronze medal (and half way to the Silver medal) and is a Level 2 PNH rider (and well into Level 3).

She teaches in Colorado and Wyoming, is currently showing fourth level dressage, and continues her education regularly with top instructors in dressage and natural horsemanship.

Her teaching focuses on rider position, partnership, and having fun with your horse. Soraya enjoys working with Adult Amateurs, Juniors, and pleasure riders of all disciplines and levels.

Here are some comments from students:

- She helps bring harmony, relaxation, cooperation, trust, and play back into my riding.
- Soraya's individual brilliance is her ability to take each and every part of her diverse and extensive upper level education and break it down into fun, understandable, steps.
- She is the first instructor who has ever been able to get beyond "talking" about theories and concepts and leads my horse and I to grasp the "feel" of correct riding.
- Her teaching approach is flexible and feed back in the learning process is always positive and supportive.

Soraya travels Colorado and Wyoming giving lessons and clinics

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Quote of the Month...

To be loved by a horse or any animal, should fill us with awe-for we have not deserved it.

~Marion C Garrett

Next Meeting
September 16th - 6:00PM
Penrose Equestrian Center

Agenda includes -
General Business