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EIDEA is a Charter Group Member Organization of the United States Dressage Federation. Our members are automatically USDF Group Members.

THE 2005 AWARDS BANQUET



The **2nd Annual EIDEA Awards Banquet** was great fun. The potluck organized by Food Goddess, Deb Levine was a feast of feasts!

Awards were given to the Goal Sheet participants who were present which included a tote bag with our logo.

Other award categories like the Oops Award were drawn and winners announced. Each recipient had to tell a story of why they deserved this award.

Winners included James Sturgeon for Volunteer of the Year, Barb Putnam for Good Horse, Jasmine Hobart for Great Groom, Sue Bennett for Out of the Box and Nicholas Loughren for First Time.

This year we introduced The President's Choice Award for a member efforts on a national level. This year the recipient was Rita Kells Pitlik for organizing the GMO basket and being the Region 4 canvassing committee.

Congratulations to All!

Thanks to Barb Hall for all the photos!



EMAIL TO THE EDITOR

OH MY GOSH - I TOTALLY forgot to tell you how much we enjoyed the awards banquet!! You guys did such an incredible job with the whole thing - it was so nicely organized, the table cards were so classy, the awards were creative, the BAGS for the awards that you handed out were LOVELY - who decorated them?

Susan is such a hoot with the MC'ing, and I just could go on and on with what a nicely put together meeting it was! It was fun to hear all the stories and the memories from the past year, and very inspiring to hear about those darn goals again! Yes, I'm working on mine!!

You guys did such a nice job - can you please let me know who else was on the committee so that I can rave at them too?

Thanks, Barbara Hall



The Awards Committee is: Nan Barta, Sue Bennett, Megan Green, Deb Levine and Megan Ward

Deb made the gift bags. Megan G made the center pieces. Megan W. printed name cards, Sue was the Master of Ceremonies and Nan as chairperson organized everything.

And a special thanks to Rita Kells Pitlik who was responsible for many of the gifts. She gathered so much for the GMO basket that she decided it was best to send some on to the Awards Committee.

EVENTERS IN 2005

Nancy Coon and *Sport's Field Teddy* won the Novice division at the September 23-25 Heritage Park Horse Trials. She finished the season tied for 7th in the USEA Region 4 Adult Riders Program at Novice Level.

Sarah Hauschild had an outstanding 2005 season on her brand new horse, *Good n' Plenty*. Sara won the Trott Brook Farms Horse Trials on September 3rd at Training Level. She finished the season tied for 3rd in the USEA Region 4 Adult Riders Program at Training Level.

Jasmine Hobart, a Junior Eventer rode **Barbara Hall's** horse, *Promise Moon* to victory at

She took her dressage horse, *Grand Salute*, to a few horse trials to expand his horizons and competing in her first season at USDF shows

She also received a Youth Scholarship from the USDF Region 4 to attend the Lois Heyerdahl Clinic in April of 2006.

Lyse Strnad had a great season on her new horse, *Megan*, taking First Place at Hidden Hollow Horse Trials in the Novice Division.

Congratulations to all of you!

USDF Convention Scholarships for Youth Members

The USDF Youth Executive Board is pleased to announce four youth member scholarships up to \$1,000 each to help defray their costs of attending the convention. The 2006 USDF National Convention and Symposium will be held November 29 – December 3, 2006, in Kansas City, MO. Packed with educational programs it is an invaluable event for anyone interested in dressage.

Funds for the scholarships have been raised by a silent auction held each year at the convention. You can help by donating new or gently used items for this year's silent auction.

To apply for the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship or to donate items for the silent auction, please contact USDF Director of Programs Sheila Forbes at (859) 271-7879 or at sforbes@usdf.org. The scholarship application is also available at www.usdf.org.

YEAR END AWARDS

Pip owned by **Barrie Anderson** won the USDF Musical Freestyle Challenge for Third Level. *Pip* had the highest average score in the nation for Third Level tests and Freestyle rides. **Amanda Johnson** was instrumental in this achievement. She has been *Pip's* trainer and rider for the last few years. She edited the Freestyle music and did the choreography herself.

Pip also placed 2nd at Third Level Musical Freestyle, 4th at Third Level and 3rd at Fourth Level for USDF All Breed Awards from the American Hanoverian Society.

Faeden owned by **Barbara Putnam** and ridden by **Amanda Johnson** placed 3rd at both Training and First Level in the USDF All Breed Awards from the Westfalen Horse Association.

Freedom, owned by **Rita Kells-Pitlik** and ridden by **Amanda Johnson** place 10th for USDF Horse of the Year at First Level. He also placed 2nd at First Level and 1st at Second Level in the USDF All Breed Awards from the Westfalen Horse Association.

Freedom also won this years Region 4 CSDCTA First Level Perpetual Trophy for the highest championship ride at First Level across all divisions.

Sharon Neff riding *Pollyanna* placed sixth for the Dover National Merit Winners, an award for Adult Amateurs riding Second Level.

USDF RIDER AWARDS

USDF Rider Awards are based on scores from recognized dressage shows and need not be from a single year.

USDF Rider Awards List (Qualified Rider) 1979 - 2003

For performance at Training Level
Ambrose, Rose M 2003
Johnson, Amanda L 1995
Kostenbader, Kathryn 1999
Putnam, Barbara 1993
Wattson, Diane 2003

USDF Rider Performance Award - Training Level

Neff, Sharon A. 2004
Ward, Megan 2005

USDF Rider Performance Award - First Level

Johnson, Michelle 2005
Neff, Sharon A. 2004

USDF Rider Performance Award - Second Level

Johnson, Michelle 2005
Neff, Sharon A. 2004

Bronze Medal

For performance at First, Second & Third Level

Hayford, Alison V 2005
Johnson, Amanda L 1997
Kells-Pitlik, Rita 2002
Kostenbader, Kathryn 1999
Putnam, Barbara 1995
Strnad, Lyse 2005

Silver Medal

For performance at Fourth Level and Prix Saint Georges

Johnson, Amanda L 1998
Johnson, Michelle 2005
Putnam, Barbara 2003

Gold Medal

For performance at Intermediare I, II and Grand Prix. The USDF has only awarded 506 gold medals.

Coester, William 2001
Johnson, Amanda L 2002

Congratulations to all of you!

First High School Letter Recipient

USDF is pleased to announce that Kenny Piguee, 15, a sophomore at Whittier Christian School in Brea, California, has been recognized as the first student to receive an athletic letter from his high school through the USDF High School Dressage Club Program.

The USDF High School Dressage Club Program allows students to receive recognition for their athletic endeavors in dressage similar to the traditional high school sports such as football and basketball. Students may either form a dressage club within their school or may obtain permission from their high school to earn recognition as an individual. Because Kenny is the only student in his school that competes in dressage, his school established certain criteria he needed to meet as an individual in order to earn his athletic achievement letter.

For more information on this program, contact Sheila Forbes, USDF Director of Programs, at 859-271-7879 or sforbes@usdf.org.

Many thanks to the members who put together our first ever GMO Basket for the national convention.

Rita Kells-Pitlik coordinated this project and solicited donations from Weaver Leather, Inc. a vase created just for the 2005 convention from artist **Sharon Neff** of Fireworks Pottery, a hand painted box by artist **Barbara Hall**, note cards from Ann Royer and Alice O'Brien.

The GMO baskets are given away during the Board of Governors meeting. It is a great way for GMO's to thank the participants and promote dressage in their area. Thanks again to all those who helped!

EIDEA TREASURER REPORT

Submitted January 2006 by Jan Vlasak

Balance on 12/31/2005	\$2,626.34
Total Inflows	\$ 577.25
Total Outflows	\$ 531.93
Balance on 01/31/2006	\$2671.66

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Photos by Barb Hall from the Jeff Griffith 2006 Colt Class.
Above - Barb Putnam and Ramzee.
Right - Nan Barta and Worthy.



REGION 4 MEETING

The Regional Meeting is in Kansas City on 4/1/2006 - Everyone is welcome. One representative from each GMO will have reduced expenses.

Details on WWW.USDFREGION4.ORG and WWW.LANDERSFARM.COM

March 10th is the deadline for reduced room rates. We need your input on many regional programs and updates on our upcoming convention in Kansas City, November 29 - December 3, 2006.

At press time our GMO does not have a representative. Anyone interested in attending please contact an EIDEA officer!

ADVANCED YOUNG RIDER CLINIC

The Advanced Young Rider Clinic in Kansas City with George Williams will be held on May 27 and 28, 2006 at Freedom Hill in Olathe, Kansas.

All details on WWW.USDF.ORG. Auditors welcome.

2006 USDF CONVENTION

In 2006 the USDF convention and symposium will be held in **Kansas City, Kansas**. Region 4 will be the host. The convention starts on Tuesday, November 28th and ends on Friday. The Symposium will start Friday evening on December 1st with a lecture. Saturday and Sunday the symposium will be riding and training demonstrations.

SCHOOLING SHOWS

Schooling Trials, **Saturday, April 29, 2006**
Hosted by DC Silver Bits Pony Club contact Bridget Bryson at britrider@peoplepc.com.

Winds Reach Horse Trials & Dressage Schooling Show **Sunday, May 28, 2006**. Contact Nan Barta at saddlesh@inav.net or (319) 362-2846 for more information.

Horse Trials **August 11-12, 2006** hosted by Susan Brigham. Contact her for more information at susan-brigham@uiowa.edu

THE GIFTED FUND

The 2006 Gifted Fund is a grant in the amount of \$750 available to ADULT AMATEURS, to be selected from the nine USDF regions.

Information and application can be found at www.dressagefoundation.org. The Dressage Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage.

2006 USEF RULE

Rule changes resulting from actions of the USEF Board of Directors January 15, 2006, and having an effective date within the 2006 Competition Year, are now available in PDF format on the USEF web site www.usef.org/documents/rules/ruleChanges/2006/BODof1-16-06.pdf If you would prefer a hard copy, please email Kelly Gage at kgage@usef.org and a copy will be mailed to you.



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We've been here
all along!

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UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday March 7, 2006

Embryo Transfer

7:00 PM at the Midwest Stallion Station
2550 Hindman Road, Marion, Iowa 52302

Join us as the experts from the Midwest Stallion Station explain what embryo transfer is and see some of the actual procedures involved.

Directions from the North: Take I-380 to Highway 100 / Collins Road. Turn left onto First Ave. Go through Marion where road becomes Highway 151. Turn LEFT onto HINDMAN RD (Portions unpaved).

Directions from the South: Take I-380 to Highway 151 & 30 EXIT 16A toward MT VERNON. Go 6.8 miles. Take Highway 151 & 13 EXIT 259 toward MARION. Go 8.0 miles Turn RIGHT onto Highway 151 go 1.5 miles. Turn LEFT onto HINDMAN RD

Tuesday April 4 2006
Conformation Clinic
7 PM location to be announced

Tuesday May 2, 2006
Dressage Demonstration:
The young dressage horse
by Amanda Johnson
at Barb Putnam's Farm. 7 PM

WELCOME NEW EIDEA MEMBERS

Jessica Deaderick of Iowa City
Diedra Diesch of Marion
Rachel Elvers of Coralville
Mary Hansen of Cedar Rapids
Jill Henningsen of Cedar Rapids
Beverly Koelz of Orion, Illinois
Tammy Lisi of Anamosa
Nicholas Loughren of Winthrop
Mary Spinsby of Mt. Vernon
Katie Stack of Cedar Rapids

Welcome back to returning member
Carol Strank of Solon