

# EQUESTER

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## President's Message

### Pam Doolittle

Our business member and board member, Heather McManamy, featured "Water" as a July photography mini-session theme, and I have to say, the fun pictures she posted on Facebook of horses splashing around in the water has been quite a tease given the dry and HOT weather. Wisconsin Equine Clinic posted a [fun video](#) of one little filly taking advantage of her freshly filled water trough. I hope you have found ways to enjoy this summer scorcher both in and out of the saddle.

I've been delighted to field some questions about some of our up-and-coming state-sponsored events. I wanted to share answers to those questions with the rest of you.

WDCTA debuts two USDF-recognized events in November! Coming Nov. 10-11 is the first session in the Instructor Certification Program. Stephanie reports she has received several instructor applicants, and that she still has instructor spots available. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is currently working in the industry as an instructor to refresh and add to your teacher toolbox. If you are considering a future in dressage training and instruction, here is your chance to build your resume. Registration materials are posted on the [forms page](#) on our website. It gives me great pleasure to report that Stephanie Severn wrote a successful grant request to The Dressage Foundation's Dressage Instructors Fund. This grant is made possible thanks to a generous donation to the Foundation from Maryal Barnett, herself committed to the development of excellence in instruction in our sport. The funding will be used by WDCTA to help subsidize the program costs, making the entire program more affordable for instructors. The Dressage Foundation also provides financial support to instructors wanting to attend the program as well. Check out its [website](#) to learn more about

funding opportunities. The next grant cycle ends February 2012.

This event is also open to auditors and is a great way to listen in on how dressage instructors THINK about teaching and training—dressage pedagogy, as it were! I hope you consider adding this event to your 2012 and 2013 calendars.

Also coming Nov. 17-18 is the Jeremy Steinberg Junior/Young Rider clinic. I wrote about Steinberg in the annual meeting report in the last newsletter. He is a fantastic teacher, beautiful and effective rider, and overall dynamic individual who will surely inspire our participating youth and auditors of ALL ages. Our Junior/Young Rider members interested in applying should do so through the USDF using the instructions at this [link](#). You don't need to be competing in FEI classes to apply. Riders and horses working at about third level are welcomed to apply. And it is not uncommon for horses to be Quarter Horses, Arabs or Thoroughbreds. Don't be discouraged if your horse isn't a warmblood! The Dressage Foundation offers scholarship opportunities for our junior/young riders, too. Check out the [website](#) for more information.

WDCTA also has scholarship money to assist our members in their development as riders, teachers and trainers: professionals, junior/young riders and adult amateurs too. The state board manages one of these funding opportunities; the Southwest Chapter board manages the other. Check out the forms page on our website for more details.

As I wrap up this message, I also find myself gearing up for my first horse show of the season. I am really lucky to enjoy the company of a great group of friends who



are fun-loving, full of positive energy and—let me add—much more organized than I am about packing! One of my friends shared with me last year a list that she put together for show packing, which I have found to be really helpful. So to close my August message, I am glad to share it with the rest of you. (See the next page.)

Happy packing! And best wishes for success as you enter at A.

## Rider Packing List

Helmet – schooling and velvet  
Show shirt  
Stock tie/pin  
Show jacket  
White breeches  
Schooling breeches  
Boot pulls  
Boot jack  
Tall boots  
Rain gear  
Elastic hair bands/hair net/  
bobby pins  
Show leather riding gloves and  
regular riding gloves  
Garment bags and boot bags  
Spurs  
Whip  
Pants/skirt for over breeches

## Misc. Packing List

Show papers – USDF and USEF  
numbers, Coggins, test copies  
Water  
Bug spray  
Sunscreen  
Cooler – FOOD  
Sunglasses  
Phone charger  
Ball cap

## Tack Packing List

Grooming brushes  
Braiding supplies  
Saddle  
Girth  
Bridle and reins  
2 pads  
Halter and lead line plus extra  
Bell boots  
Splint boots  
Hoof pick  
Tack cleaning supplies – sponge,  
soap and oil  
Towels  
Trailer Packing

## Trailer Packing List

Feed for each day (electrolytes)  
Hay  
2 buckets and bucket holders  
Fly spray  
Carrots and apples  
Saddle and bridle racks  
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# On The Bit

Caryn Vesperman  
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## Sizzlin' Summer, Cram-Packed with Activities

### Sizzlin' in More Ways Than One

Wisconsin and about half of the 48 contiguous states are experiencing drought conditions. I feel sorry for the farmers, as well as the stable owners (both private and business) and breeders who may be struggling to find hay and perhaps end up paying outrageous prices.

While I'm glad to have two-thirds of my barn filled with hay, currently I am going through more hay than usual this summer because, like many of you, my pastures look more like the Arizona desert. I will need to buy hay, and I'm hoping I don't need to take out a second mortgage to pay for it!

Here's hoping all of us, and especially our farmers, see an end to these unusually dry conditions and are able to obtain an ample supply of reasonably priced hay.

### Free Weekend? A Rarity!

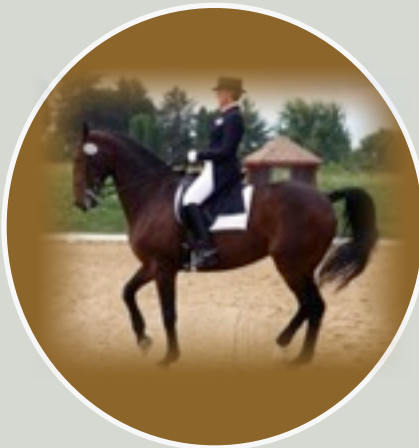
Between clinics and shows (oh, yes, and a full-time job and putting this newsletter together, and...and...and...), I'm finding it's rare to have a free weekend this summer. When I find I have nothing scheduled, I'm almost relieved that I will have the entire weekend available to work my six horses and still be free to do something non-equine related! (Spending time with my husband and relaxing in my hammock in the shade with a good book and a cold, micro-brew beer are at the top of my list!)

Besides competing at shows, I've judged two schooling shows in Illinois and have three more on my schedule: two in Wisconsin and one in Iowa. I'm enjoying the "hot box" (and I even mean that *literally*, this summer!).

Two rides stand out in my mind at each of my first two shows...

### Determination is Key

At the first show, a young girl had signed up for an introductory eventing dressage test. At this schooling show, two rings were going, and I was assigned to the indoor arena. Because the arena was too small to allow riders to warm up around the outside of the ring, they were allowed to come into the ring and get their horse or pony accustomed to the surroundings.



This young girl's pony wanted nothing to do with getting "accustomed" to the ring.... except for the exit at A.

I was worried for the girl, not for her safety, as the naughty pony wasn't doing anything except turning around and heading for A...quickly. Rather, I was more concerned she would get discouraged with dressage.

I shouldn't have worried.

Turns out, she was more determined than her pony, and between the entry and final salutes, she pulled off a very respectable test, ending up second in the class. When she finished, I got out of my "booth" and said to her, "If this was a recognized show, I couldn't talk to you like this. But, I want to say, you're a good rider, and if you keep working as hard at this sport as you seem to be, you're going to be a great rider."

The second example was at a schooling show organized by a friend of mine who went through WDCTA's "L" program, and we became friends through our experience. When I arrived at her show, I told Amy that I wanted her honest feedback on anything she observed or heard about my judging.

After the show, I asked her for the feedback. Amy said, "You made a rider cry."

I was momentarily stunned, as I thought back to the tests. I hadn't seen anything abusive to the horses, which I absolutely would have come down hard on. Overall, I try not to dash dreams, but instead give realistic scores and helpful comments. Amy quickly clarified, "They were HAPPY tears." (Whew.)

### Happy Tears (Or Your Equivalent) to You

May the remainder of your summer be filled with happy "tears" or, at least, happy moments! And to make this editor happy, please send in your articles like Thereasa and Brittany did for this issue. (You know I had to get that plea in here some how!)

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# My Mustang Adventure: Competing in the Extreme Mustang Makeover

By Thereasa Marcum-Hribar

My adventure with my mustang began in January of this year. Participating in the Extreme Mustang Makeover (EMM), also known as the Mustang Challenge, has been a desire of mine since it began in 2007. In my opinion, it is the ultimate test to see what kind of horse trainer you are and separates the real trainers from the self-proclaimed trainers.

## How the Challenge Began

Here's a brief summary of how the EMM began and what is required by the trainers.

Federal Law defines wild horses and/or burros as unbranded, unclaimed, free-roaming horses or burros found on public lands in the United States. The American Mustang is more accurately termed as a "feral horse." These wild horses and burros are descendants of animals that were released by or escaped from Spanish explorers, ranchers, miners, the U.S. Cavalry and Native Americans. It is estimated that by the 1800s, there were two to five million head of feral horses in the United States, mostly in the Southwest.

There is no specific breed associated with the wild horses, but some wild horses exhibit characteristics associated with certain breeds, such as Andalusians, Saddlebreds, Quarter Horses, Arabians, Thoroughbreds and Spanish Barbs. Throughout the history of the feral horse, the government devised ways to reduce the numbers of free-roaming horses to appease the cattle-ranchers vying for the grazing land, and keep the herds from over-populating, thus starving to death due to lack of grazing land. As recently as 1952, a group of concerned citizens protested in court against roundups of the wild horses to be sent for slaughter by the use of airplanes. In 1971, courtesy of "Wild Horse Annie's" lobbying, the Wild Free-roaming Horse and Burro Act was passed by Congress which requires the protection, management and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands. The responsible agencies to ensure this are the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

Federal protection and a lack of natural predators have resulted in thriving wild horses and burro populations that increase each year. The BLM monitors rangelands and wild horse and burro herds to determine the number of animals, including livestock and wildlife, the land can support. Each year, the BLM gathers the excess wild horses and burros from areas where vegetation and water could become scarce if too many animals use the area.

The excess animals are offered for adoption to qualified applicants through the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program. As of 2008, the BLM estimates about 29,500 wild horses are roaming on BLM-managed rangelands in 10 Western states. Without natural predators, wild horse and burro herd sizes can double about every four years. As a result, the agency must remove thousands of animals from the range each year to control herd size. Off the range, there are more than 30,000 other wild horses and burros that are fed and cared for at short- and long-term holding facilities. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 217,000 horses and burros into private care through adoption.

The Mustang Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2001, dedicated to facilitating successful adoptions for the excess mustangs and burros. Its mission is to help promote the BLM's National Wild Horse and Burro Program and increase the number of successful adoptions. The Mustang Heritage Foundation created three programs to help this mission: The Extreme Mustang Makeover (EMM), Trainer Incentive Fund (TIP), and the Mustang Makeover – Yearling Edition.



The "raw material" Thereasa received for the Extreme Mustang Challenge. She was assigned a horse, which was sweet-natured, but didn't canter.

## Extreme Mustang Makeover Showcases the Mustang's Value and Traits

The Extreme Mustang Makeover is an event that recognizes and highlights the value of mustangs through a national training competition. The EMM events give the public a unique opportunity to see the results of wild horses becoming trained mounts. The purpose of the EMM is to showcase the beauty, versatility and trainability of the rugged horse that are kept at the BLM-holding facilities. In 2012, there were nine EMM events throughout the United States.

Each EMM event has its own requirements for trainers and its own time limit. The Fort Collins, CO EMM event required the trainers to gentle and train their mustangs in 90 days. The event was broken down into a five-part competition over two days, with an adoption on the third day. On the first day, the mustangs are first put into a small pen, are unhaltered, free lunged by the trainer, and then re-haltered. They are judged on the trainer/horse demeanor in the pen; trainer/horse responsiveness, communication, relationship during the re-haltering process; appropriate weight and muscling; and overall appearance.

Afterwards, the trainers and mustangs have to do a ridden pattern class which has maneuvers that may include, but not limited to, walk, trot, lope/canter, change of direction on the rail, stop, back, pivots/

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turns to the right and left, and lead changes.

The second day involves a combined leading and riding trail class. The leading elements include, but not limited to, walk, trot, stop, and back, walk over logs/poles, walk/trot between cones/obstacles, maneuver forward and/or reverse through a simple chute, pick up all four feet, brush horse once on each side, and load and unload from a stock trailer.

The riding trail class elements include, but not limited to, walk, trot, canter/lope, stop, and back, turns and circles to the left and right, walk over logs/poles, lead change, walk over bridge, maneuver forward and/or reverse through a simple chute, pick up object and carry from barrel to barrel, dragging items specified length, and a 90 seconds of "At Best" where the trainer shows his/her mustang with no restrictions or requirements.

The third day is "Finals" and the 10 highest scoring competitors come in with a "clean slate." Finals are divided into two parts: The compulsory maneuvers and a freestyle performance. The trainers have 90 seconds to complete the following maneuvers in any order: Walk a minimum of six steps, trot a minimum of six steps, lope/canter a minimum of six strides, stop, back a minimum of six steps, lope/canter one full circle to the right, lope/canter one full circle to the left, lead change, pivot/spin 360 degrees to the right, and pivot/spin 360 degrees to the left. The freestyle component is three-and-a-half minutes and encourages trainers to choose music, costumes and props which permit them to show the athletic abilities of their horse in a crowd-appealing way. More points are awarded to maneuvers greater in difficulty such as sidepass, jumping, serpentine, two tracking and rollbacks. After the competition, all the mustangs that took part of the EMM go up for adoption to the general public. The trainers do have the option of bidding on and adopting the mustang they trained.

### My Mustang Adventure

As I said in the beginning, I had wanted to do the EMM since it began in 2007. I don't like talking about it, but I am a child-abuse survivor. Because of the abuse I received



**Don Juan working on the lunge line. Still no inclination to canter even more than 60 days later — not even in the pasture.**

as a child, I have low self-esteem. Training animals, specifically horses, is my self-esteem builder. For eight years, I trained and showed western pleasure horses. But, I never placed because I did not train the horses according to the latest western pleasure fad of a peanut-rolling headset and a four-beat canter. In short, my self-esteem was still low.

Initially I wanted to do the EMM event in Madison, but had missed the application deadline. The Fort Collins event was the next closest event, and the only other location I was familiar with. Although the EMM was a dream of mine, I had prepared myself for receiving a rejection letter, partly because I was/am a no-name trainer and partly because of my self-esteem. The day I received my acceptance letter was one of the best days of my life! You would have thought I won the lottery by the way I was jumping up and down and screaming in my house.

After the shock and excitement wore off, fear and reality set in. I was scared because all of the horror stories people have told about mustangs and worst-case scenarios ran through my head. What made it worse was knowing the mustangs were assigned to all the trainers—we would not be given any detail about our mustang until we arrived at our assigned pick-up location on our assigned date—and knowing we were getting mustangs that were not only *not* halter broke, but would not have a halter on them unless we provided one, and the BLM wranglers would do the haltering.

The reality of the situation was I now had to figure out how I was going to get my mustang from Cannon City, CO to Wind Lake, WI because my parent's four-horse trailer did not meet the BLM's trailer requirements due to the ramp. I also had to pick up the mustang in February and take it to a boarding facility that didn't have an indoor arena. Some of the boarders had the mentality of they could approach, pet and feed treats to any horse on the property. I decided I would have the same mentality with the mustang that I do with zebras; it may look like a horse, but it's as dangerous as a lion.

### Stress Magnified

Next came the stress. Over the next three weeks, I went through three haulers. I had first called and booked my former employer to haul the mustang. I figured since they were zoo people, they would be the best candidate for hauling a wild animal. The trailer I needed ended up on a camel job in Florida. I then called a local hauler, but they said yes before checking their books, and didn't realize they had double-booked for the same weekend as my assigned pick-up time. I then called a highly recommended professional hauler. Things were finally looking great. The hauling contract was signed, and the payment and halter were received, and then the haulers read the fine print. "Unbroke wild horse, cannot be tied in the trailer." Forty-eight hours before my assigned pick-up day, I get a phone call from the hauler saying they can't haul the mustang for me for safety reasons. To say I was mad would be an understatement. I called the BLM's Cannon City office and explained the situation to them. They put me in contact with a retired BLM agent who dropped everything he was doing to haul my mustang out to me with his personal truck and trailer.

The hauler must have thought I was nuts because I called him every couple hours during the 18-hour drive to get information on my mustang and to check up on both the mustang and driver. Based on our phone calls (later verified by his papers), I was assigned a four-year-old, flea bitten grey gelding who was originally from the Adobe Town Horse Management Area near Rock Springs, WY. He was captured in October 2010 and gelded last February. Until his arrival at my barn on Feb. 25, he

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had spent the last 16 months at a BLM-holding facility.

We were both surprised that he walked unaided onto the trailer in Colorado and walked unaided off the trailer and into a stall here in Wind Lake. That alone was remarkable, considering it was his second time in a trailer, and he, like all the other mustangs, had never been in a stall — much less a barn — a day in their life. I spent all day at the barn on his first day, mostly in his stall, and most of the day at the barn on the second day as well. During that first 48 hours, his disposition earned him his name of Don Juan. He enjoyed all of the one-on-one attention and free choice hay he was getting, and showed it with being very affectionate with nuzzling and “hugs.”

When he arrived, he had a five-inch woolly winter coat, dreadlocks in his tail and shoulder-length mane, and whiskers almost a foot long. To my surprise, he allowed me to brush him nose to tail, ears to hoof that first day, as well as brush out the dreadlocks, braid his mane and tail, cut his bridle path (with a scissors), and run my hands down his legs.

On day two, I was able to put a saddle pad on his back, cinch up a surcingle, and loosely cinch up my dressage saddle on him without any spooking. At that point, I was thinking I had actually received a rancher's horse that had gotten loose, which isn't unheard of out west. When I tried bridling Don Juan, he proved that wasn't the case, which was also the first time he showed any spookiness and resistance.

The next two weeks were spent getting him halter broke and use to a barn, a stall, brushing, the daily routine of a boarding barn, and introducing him to grain, treats, and eventually his paddock. After that was two weeks of round-pen training.

While lunging him I began to notice that he did not canter. It didn't matter if he was being free-lunged, lunged in a saddle, or lunged with side reins, he would not go any faster than a pacey trot. Although I noticed it, I ignored the issue and pressed on.

By day 30, I was able to get on his back. I was very excited because most of the other trainers were still having trust issues with their mustangs, and hadn't even



**The wild mustang calmly working in a dressage saddle, approximately six weeks after arriving in Wisconsin.**

saddled them yet. Over the next 30 or so days, my mind battled with itself over training Don Juan with either the classical dressage training techniques I've learned over the past four years, or the 90-day-broke western horse techniques I was raised with. Don Juan's stubbornness and mental shut-downs with the rushed western techniques made the dressage techniques the overall winner.

Although I was very pleased with what we had accomplished, I was beginning to once again doubt my training abilities as well as begin to feel the pressure knowing I only had 30 or so days left before the competition. A chat group was created on Facebook for all the trainers who were attending the Mustang Makeover in Fort Collins. Other trainers were posting photos and videos of their mustangs on trail rides, dragging objects, working cattle, standing on platforms and other maneuvers to impress the judges. While viewing all of this, the thought, “Wow they're already doing all of that after 60 days, and I'm still working on walk-trot transitions and I still can't get him to canter,” kept running through my mind. Knowing the only “obstacle” maneuver I had worked on was the trotting poles didn't help matters either.

Thankfully by now it was time for Midwest Horse Fair. I went to the first two days with a mission. I was going to watch the

Mustang Makeover to find out firsthand what I had gotten myself into, and to learn from those trainer's mistakes, if there were any.

The first day's competition was held in the Hutchison HW Brand Arena. Because it was a windy day, and the arena is basically a tarp building, almost every horse spooked when the tarp rattled in the wind. Lesson point one: Work with and around a tarp.

Afterwards I talked to the BLM officers who were at Midwest. I voiced my concerns and worries with them, and they promptly introduced me to Patti Gruber and Padré. After talking with the BLM officers and Patti, my confidence came back. The BLM officers told me they wished more mustang adoptive owners did dressage with the mustangs because of their natural talent. Patti advised me to “go-all-out” dressage at the Mustang Makeover. She advised me to groom and dress the part of a Grand Prix duo to catch both the audience's and judge's attentions. It wouldn't matter that Don Juan was

an Introductory Level horse. The beauty of a well-trained dressage horse, regardless of training level, in full dressage turnout is, and would be, an impressive sight, especially up against a bunch of ranch horses.

Patti also gave me a few training tips, which I did follow. The second day of the competition was held in the Nutrena Arena. While watching the horses, I noticed the audiences cheering, clapping and walking along the rail spooked the horses. Lesson point two: Work with a lot of distractions and noises. Or at least invest in earplugs.

Shortly after the Midwest Horse Fair, my barn owner announced she was closing her barn doors. It wasn't easy finding a new barn that would accept a “wild” mustang, much less meet the BLM's requirements. At the new barn, Don Juan shares a large pasture with my Saddlebred and another boarder's Arabian. I gave him a week off to acclimate to the new facility, and give myself time to set up an outdoor arena and revamp his training program.

During this week, I noticed that even though he had more than enough room to run, he still did not go faster than a pacey trot. I was starting to wonder if he had forgotten how to canter and/or run after

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living in a crowded holding pen for 16-months. I was starting to settle on the thought of just doing walk-trot throughout the competition. There was no need in forcing him to canter with such little time left before the competition.

Two weeks before I was to leave, Don Juan learned how to canter! All it took was him breaking the lead line after spooking while I tried to give him a bath, and then encouraged to run by my Saddlebred. I wanted to be mad about the broken lead and him breaking free, but couldn't because watching the two of them make three hot laps around the pasture was actually beautiful to watch.

Two days later I had a trainer friend of mine get on him and just run him down the trail. I was apprehensive about doing it, but it was the one western training technique that worked on him.

By the start of June, my confidence was soaring high. I had a "wild" mustang that was as gentle as my Saddlebred is with kids, he could do all three gaits, stop, back, and responded to leg yields. I didn't know if I would make the top ten, but I had a good fighting chance. I even had a truck and trailer to use after yet another hauler canceled on me.

Then came the crushing blow.

My financial supporter decided the economy was still too poor to support one person to attend a "horse show." It didn't matter that the "horse show" was for a good cause or not, they were pulling their funding. During the last five days before I was to leave, I contacted every bank, credit union and loan representative I could in order to get a loan to cover the expenses of going to Colorado and back, and they all turned me down. I was now forced to withdraw from the competition 24-hours before I was to leave for Colorado.

Words cannot describe how devastated I was. All my hard work was for nothing, and I still had a BLM-owned horse that needed to find its way back to the BLM.



**From a BLM holding pen in Colorado to a trainer who believed in him, Don Juan is now all dressed up with plenty of places to go.**

As disappointed as I was, I was more worried about what would happen to Don Juan. He had made such progress and was now a wonderful dressage prospect. I didn't want to see him adopted by someone who wouldn't appreciate the horse he had become, and still can become, or worse yet end up back at a BLM-holding facility.

When I had called the Mustang Heritage Foundation to let them know I had to pull out of the competition, I asked what the options for Don Juan would be. I was informed it depended on how his training had progressed during my 90 days with him. If the training had been poor, he would be placed in the Trainers Incentive Program, where another trainer would finish his training and find an adoptive owner. I told them that his training progress had been wonderful, that I was hoping to make it into the finals freestyle, and was going to bid on him during the auction. When they heard that, they told me I could adopt him myself, but I would have to forfeit the trainer's reimbursement money.

At this point, I didn't care about the money and went to the BLM's Milwaukee field office that day with the adoption fee in hand and adopted Don Juan. Now I am waiting

to receive his Wild Horse and Burro Association, USEF and USDF papers, so I can start his dressage career with what is left of this year's show schedule. His adoptive and show name is DJ's Born Free.

### The Next Chapter

Am I disappointed I wasn't able to compete in the Extreme Mustang Makeover, and lost the title of Extreme Mustang Makeover Trainer? Yes. Would I trade a chance to compete in the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition for ownership of Don Juan? Not in a million years!

Don't get me wrong, the competition serves a wonderful purpose. But any dressage trainer, or any trainer with half a brain, will tell you that training shouldn't be rushed. And 90 days is not enough time to gentle, condition and train a horse. However, if you simply adopt and train a

mustang without the stress of the competition, it is an experience like no other! I have trained and worked with a variety of breeds in multiple disciplines. I have never met a breed that was so willing to learn, eager to please, naturally talented *and* sure-footed all at once, until I got Don Juan.

On top of all that, mustangs don't have any learned and/or trained bad habits caused from prior handling. I know I can't say all wild mustangs are this way, but look at JB Andrews, Padré, And the Crowd Goes Wild!, Good Kemistry, Jessie James the American Outlaw, Leviticus, Mustang Legend, Sage, Trinity's Gypsy Moon, and Viva. All are former wild mustangs who are doing well, or had done well, on the dressage circuit.

As biased as my opinion may be, I strongly encourage any trainer, or any experienced horse lover, to adopt a mustang. It doesn't matter if they are trained or wild when you get them, once they create the trust bond with you, they will do anything you ask of them, and impress you in ways no other domesticated horse can.

# Stoney Acres Hosts Cross Country Clinic



## Stoney Acres

A successful cross country clinic was held June 10 at Stoney Acres in Portage. This was the facility's first eventing clinic.

Owner Brittany Remhof said, "The course was a hit! While the turnout was small, the amount learned was huge. Nicki Butler, our clinician, made sure every-one walked away a smarter rider...and we all did!"

The cross-country course consisted of 11 jumps spread over 1,800 meters. While some horses were a bit hesitant to go over some of the jumps, especially the large flower log, Nicki got everyone over calmly and safely.

### For All Riders, Competitive or Pleasure

Stoney Acres is a new eventing facility near Portage, just north of Madison. Located off of Country Rd EE, Stoney Acres has much to offer both leisure and competitive riders. The facility has a 100 x 220-foot outdoor riding arena. With premium footing, once used for rodeos, the footing is great for dressage and show jumping. Stoney Acres recently added a green-as-grass to novice-level cross-country course. The course includes a variety of jumps from welcoming logs to a more complex Trakehner. It will take riders through small hills, fields and a pond that is home to cranes and other wildlife.

### Future Clinics on the Calendar

Stoney Acres will host clinics and shows with Nicki Butler. Nicki is glad

to work with horse and rider to make riders the best they

can be. She helps horses and riders in everything from hunters to dressage to cross-country. On August 25, Stoney Acres is hosting a cross-country clinic and mini-event and on Sept. 16, a schooling hunter/jumper show.

You can find more information about Stoney Acres on Facebook.



## Hilda Gurney is Clinician for 2013 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series

Two-time Olympian and USDF Hall of Fame inductee, Hilda Gurney, has been signed as the clinician for the 2013-2014 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series.

The series will begin in the spring of 2013 and run through the end of 2014, with a clinic in each of USDF's nine regions.

Hilda is an FEI "I" judge and "R" dressage sporthorse breeding judge and a decorated competitor. She has had an enormous impact on dressage in the United States for several decades.

Her competition record is unsurpassed: an Olympic bronze medal in 1976, an individual gold and silver, and three team gold medals at the Pan Am Games, six USET national Grand Prix championship

and was honored as the AHSA (now USEF) Horsewoman of the Year.

Hilda continues to actively train and compete several horses at the FEI level. In addition, she is a dedicated teacher, instructing a generation of students from the grass roots to international levels.

The names of her students could fill a book, including Debbie McDonald, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, Kathleen Raine and David Wrightman.

Hilda also has been very involved in the USDF over the years. She was a speaker at the annual convention and symposium in 1996 and 2002, served as the chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee from 1997 to 2002, and served as a member of the Judges Committee and Test Writing

Subcommittee. She is a current member of the USEF Dressage Committee, having served on this committee for many years.

"Hilda has given so much to the dressage community on a local, national and international level. We are honored to have her as the next clinician for the Adult Clinic Series," says Kathie Robertson, USDF Senior Education Programs Coordinator.

The specific dates and locations for the clinic series will be available in January 2013.

For more information about the Nutrena/USF Adult Clinic Series, visit the [USDF website](#) or contact the USDF at (859) 971-2277.

Coming to Wisconsin....

## A Great Educational Opportunity for Instructors and Auditors



The hugely popular USDF Instructor Program has arrived! Workshops and testing programs are being held all over the U.S. as many of our nation's top dressage trainers are seeking national certification through this program.

Mark the following dates on your calendar. All the sessions will be held at , Bristol, WI, convenient to Milwaukee and Chicago airports. The curriculum will cover Training – First Levels:

- \* **Nov. 10-11, 2012: Lungeing the Horse and Rider - Sarah Geikie, faculty**
- \* **Mar. 23-24, 2013, Riding/Training Workshop- Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, faculty**
- \* **April 27-28, 2013 , Teaching Workshop - Cindy Sydnor, faculty**

WDCTA invites all dressage instructors and trainers to participate in these workshops. Auditors welcome too. It's a great opportunity to develop your eye and understanding.

NOTE: There are only eight instructor slots available, so please submit your application soon! The application and additional information, including fees and deadlines, can be found on the WDCTA website at [www.wdcta.org](http://www.wdcta.org).

For instructors looking for financial assistance to attend, several grants and scholarships are available:

The Dressage Foundation has two grants available:

- \* "Help for Dressage Instructors" – Deadline is July 1
- \* "The Trip Harting Fund" – Deadline is March 25, 2013

WDCTA also has scholarships available:

- \* WDCA State Scholarship
- \* WDCTA Chapter Scholarship (where available)

### **Workshop Contact:**

Stephanie Severn  
213-8925 or [hopefulfarm@gmail.com](mailto:hopefulfarm@gmail.com)

### **For more information:**

Visit [wdcta.org](http://wdcta.org) or [usdf.org](http://usdf.org)

*Thank you to The Dressage Foundation for its generous grant, provided through the Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund, set up by Maryal Barnett.*

# Heart-felt Congratulations to WDCTA Members Earning USDF Year-end Awards

Submitted by Pam Doolittle

*If I missed your or your horse's name, let me know so I can share your achievements with our membership! Send me an [email](#).*

## **Bronze Medal**

Tamara Ellickson  
Jessica Kaczmarek  
Jennifer Strauss

## **Silver Medal**

Paula Pratt

## **Freestyle Bronze Bar**

Megan McIsaac  
Joann Williams

## **Freestyle Silver Bar**

Megan McIsaac  
Joann Williams

## **Freestyle Gold Bar**

Megan McIsaac

## **Master's Challenge – Fourth Level**

Paula Pratt

## **Master's Challenge – FEI**

Paula Pratt

## **USDF Junior/Young Rider –**

### **Prix St. Georges**

Katie Foster

## **USDF ALL BREED AWARDS:**

### **American Hanoverian Society – Grand Prix Open**

WELTAENSER; Sheri and Shelly Reichart, owners, Shelly Reichart, rider

### **Belgian Warmblood Breeding Association – Three-year-old Fillies**

I'M FULL OF STUFF; Jennifer Strauss, owner

### **Belgian Warmblood Breeding Association – Three-year-old Fillies Materiale**

I'M FULL OF STUFF; Jennifer Strauss, owner and rider

### **Friesian Sport Horse Registry – Four- and Five-year-old Materiale**

IZABELLA; Deann Hertrich, owner and rider

### **International Sporthorse Registry/ Oldenburg NA – First Level Jr/YR**

Katie Foster riding Rehlein, owned by Stonegate Equestrian Center LLC

### **International Sporthorse Registry/ Oldenburg NA – Second Level**

#### **Vintage Cup**

Kathleen Kopp riding Owen, owned by Dorothy Skye

### **International Sporthorse Registry/ Oldenburg NA – Third Level**

#### **Vintage Cup**

Kathleen Kopp riding Owen, owned by Dorothy Skye

### **KWPN of North America – Prix St. Georges Jr/YR**

Katie Foster riding Sacramento, owned by Stonegate Equestrian Center LLC

### **North American Thoroughbred Society – Training Level Jr/YR**

Vanessa Blake riding Logan Motion, owned by Vanessa Blake

### **North American SportPony Registry – Fourth Level Open**

DOLOMIT, owned and ridden by Kathryn Barry

### **Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America Inc. – First Level Open**

GALLOD FFANTASTIC; Joann Williams, rider and owner

### **Westfalen Horse Association – Second Level Adult Amateur**

Cari Saloch riding Poukha, Cari Saloch, owner

### **Westfalen Horse Association – Third Level Adult Amateur**

Cari Saloch riding Poukha, Cari Saloch, owner



Photo by Caryn Vesperman

# “Easy Keepers”

Photo taken in Tortilla Flats, Arizona

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## WDCTA State & Chapter Meetings

### **Tuesday, Aug. 14**

Southwest Chapter Meeting  
7 p.m., Hopeful Farm Sport Horses  
Potluck and Farm Tour  
4595 Mahoney Road, McFarland (Town of Dunn)  
(RAIN DATE: Aug. 16)

### **Tuesday, Sept. 11**

Southwest Chapter Meeting - Business Meeting Only  
7 p.m., Location TBD

### **Tuesday, Oct. 9**

Southwest Chapter Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Body Clipping Demo by Mary Hanneman at  
Megan McIsaac's farm, Lindinhof Equine Sports  
Zentrum, Oregon.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 6**

Southwest Chapter Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Business meeting only: 2013 chapter officers  
election and 2013 program planning.  
Location TBD

### **Saturday, Dec. 8**

Southwest Chapter  
1 p.m., "Death by Chocolate" Holiday Party  
Location - Andrea Mitchell's home, Madison

### **Saturday, March 2, 2013**

WDCTA Annual conference and Awards Banquet  
Location - TBA

## WDCTA Clinics & Events

### **Aug. 10-12**

Janet Foy Clinic  
Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI  
Contact: Mary Hanneman \* No auditing charge for  
(608) 455-1037 SW Chapter members  
[mahanneman@gmail.com](mailto:mahanneman@gmail.com)

### **Sept. 7-9**

Janet Foy Clinic  
Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI  
Contact: Mary Hanneman \* No auditing charge for  
(608) 455-1037 SW Chapter members  
[mahanneman@gmail.com](mailto:mahanneman@gmail.com)

### **Oct. 20-21**

Maryl Barnett Clinic  
Hidden Pond Farm, Mazomanie, WI  
Contact: Pam Doolittle \* No auditing charge for  
(608) 712-1400 SW Chapter members  
[psdoolittle@yahoo.com](mailto:psdoolittle@yahoo.com)

### **Nov. 10 - 11**

USDF Instructor Certification: Lungeing Workshop  
Faculty Instructor: Sarah Geikie, USEF "S" judge and  
certified examiner.  
Taking instructors and open to auditors.  
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Contact: Nicki Butler  
(608) 358-2589 or [findawayfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:findawayfarm@yahoo.com)

### **Nov. 17-18**

Platinum Performance/USDF Region 2 Jr/YR Clinic  
Instructor: Jeremy Steinberg  
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### **March 23-24, 2013**

USDF Instructor Certification: Riding Workshop  
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examiner.  
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### **April 27-28, 2013**

USDF Instructor Certification: Teaching Workshop  
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## Shows

*Remember, only USDF/USEF recognized shows or schooling  
shows designated as WDCTA-recognized are eligible for  
WDCTA year-end awards.*

### **Aug. 2-3 and 4 (two shows, one weekend)**

Sorensen Park Dressage & Sport Horse Shows  
Juges; Lilo Fore "I" and Sandy Chohany "S"  
East Troy, WI  
Reid Sorensen, (262) 642-4111  
[www.sorensenpark.com](http://www.sorensenpark.com)

### **Aug. 4-5**

Silverwood Dressage Horse Trials  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
Lisa Cannata  
[eventing@silverwoodfarm.net](mailto:eventing@silverwoodfarm.net)  
(847) 235-6410

### **Aug. 5**

Fields and Fences Dressagefest  
Judge: Thomas Poulin "S" and others TBD  
Gurnee, IL  
Deborah Garris  
[DGarris@HorseShowSolutions.com](mailto:DGarris@HorseShowSolutions.com)

### **Aug. 9-11**

Sorensen Park Dressage Youth Team Camp Schooling  
Show  
Judge: Tricia Joaquin "L" graduate  
East Troy, WI  
Reid Sorensen  
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(262) 642-4111

### **Aug. 10-12**

NIHJA Show  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
Donna Battaglia  
[showsecretarydonna@yahoo.com](mailto:showsecretarydonna@yahoo.com)

### **Aug. 11-12**

Silverwood Dressage Show  
Judge: Sandy Chohany "S"  
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## Calendar of Events continued

### Aug. 17 and 18-19 (two shows, one weekend)

Silverwood Dressage Shows  
Judges: Bev Rogers "S", Jeanne MacDonald "I" and others TBD  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
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### Aug. 18

Sorensen Schooling Show  
Judge: Caryn Vesperman "L" graduate  
Sorensen Park, East Troy, WI  
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### Aug. 19

Hooper Riding Club Dressage & CT Schooling Show  
Judge: Caryn Vesperman, "L" graduate  
Hooper Equestrian Center, Belleville, WI  
Jamie Stone, [jalapin@gmail.com](mailto:jalapin@gmail.com)

### Aug. 24-27

Summers End Hunter-Jumper - "A" rated  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
Kate Gerdali, (847) 224-3854

### Aug. 25

WDCTA Kettle Moraine Schooling Show  
Offering traditional, gaited and western dressage  
Judge: Tracey Dikkers, "L" graduate  
Sorensen Equestrian Park, East Troy, WI  
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### Sept. 1-2

Silverwood Dressage Show  
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### Sept. 15

Sorensen Park Dressage Schooling Show  
Judge: Nicole Trapp "L" graduate  
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### Sept. 15-16

Silverwood Dressage Show  
Judge: Sandy Hotz "S"  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
Lisa Cannata, (847) 235-6410  
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### Sept. 23

IDCTA Mini-Event and Championship  
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### Sept. 29-30

Silverwood Dressage Show  
Judge: Sara Schmitt "S"  
Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI  
Lisa Cannata, (847) 235-6410  
[eventing@silverwoodfarm.net](mailto:eventing@silverwoodfarm.net)

### Oct. 5-6

Sorensen Park Dressage Show  
Judge: Ulrich Schmitz "S"  
East Troy, WI  
Reid Sorensen, (262) 642-4111  
[www.sorensenpark.com](http://www.sorensenpark.com)

### Oct. 13

Sorensen Park Dressage Schooling Show  
Judge: Michele Sieracki "L" graduate  
East Troy, WI  
Reid Sorensen, (262) 642-4111  
[www.sorensenpark.com](http://www.sorensenpark.com)  
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### Oct. 27

Iowa DCTA Schooling Show & Series Championship  
Judge: Caryn Vesperman, L graduate  
Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Rachel Wehrheim  
[medicineriverfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:medicineriverfarms@yahoo.com)  
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## Non-WDCTA Event

### Aug. 18

Tempel Farm Lipizzan  
Evening Toast and Performance - 6-8 p.m.  
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[tempellipizzans@gmail.com](mailto:tempellipizzans@gmail.com)  
(847) 623-7272

### Aug. 25

Stoney Acres Cross-Country Clinic and Mini-Event  
Portage, WI  
Vicki Hodel  
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### Aug. 26

Tempel Farm Lipizzan  
Matinee Performance - 1-3 p.m.  
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(847) 623-7272

### Sept. 8

Tempel Farm Lipizzan  
Evening Toast and Performance - 6-8 p.m.  
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(847) 623-7272

### Sept. 16

Stoney Acres Schooling Hunter/Jumper Show  
Portage, WI  
Vicki Hodel  
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### Sept. 23

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### Oct. 20-21

Jan Brink Clinic, sponsored by IDCTA  
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Gurnee, IL  
Contact: Debbie Garris  
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### Nov. 2-4

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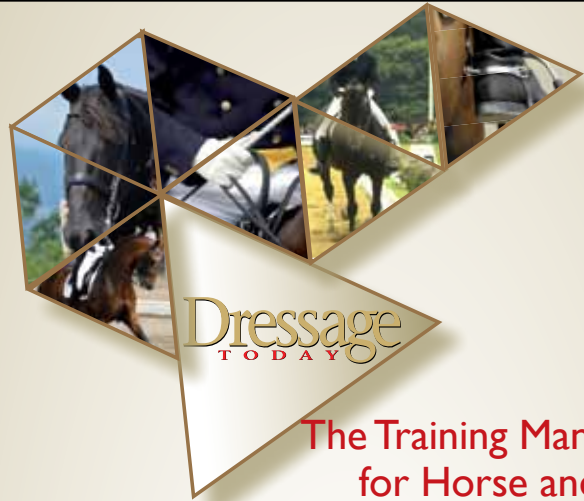
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ WDCTA Volunteer:  Yes (Mark if applies)

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