

Spring 2016 Newsletter

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From the President:

Hello to all!

Longer days and warmer temps surely mean that spring is around the corner! As I write this letter on Feb 29th it is currently 45 degrees and there is barely any snow left to be seen.

Who is ready for show season? It's hard to believe that the first schooling show on the MDS calendar is just a month away!

The year-end banquet was a great success and very well attended at the end of January. Thank you to Beth Brainerd for coordinating the awards and the banquet. Thank you to Pat Martin for coordinating the silent auction and also to Painted Pony Sporthorses for donating Horse of the Year coolers to the HOY winners.

The 2016 omnibus has been printed and mailing has begun. Thank you to Cassi Martin for her hard work putting together the omnibus for this year!

TMDS has a new and improved website! Please check it out at www.mainedressagesociety.org. On the website you can find a show calendar, links to tests, entry forms, membership forms, and horse registration forms. There is also a new e-mail for any questions regarding TMDS or the website: info@mainedressagesociety.org.

I am excited to start off the 2016 season as your new TMDS president and hope to bring lots of news and activities to the membership this year! Having been a dedicated board member of TMDS for the past ten years,

I am looking forward to focusing on some educational events for the membership in the years to come. I'd love to hear feedback on any TMDS events as well as ideas for clinics or activities.

I wish you all a warm spring with shedding ponies and straight centerlines!

Your TMDS president,

Rebecca Reed

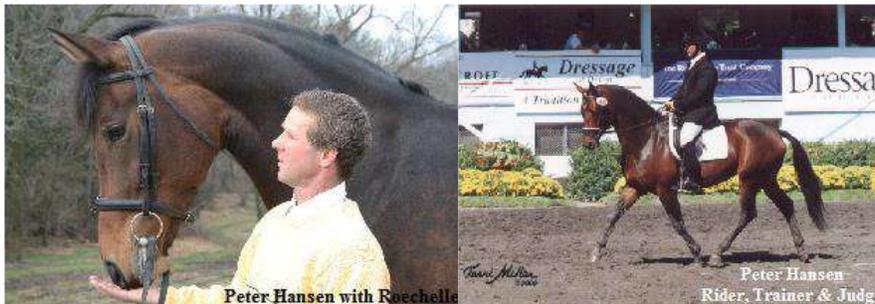


The Maine Dressage Society presents a clinic with Peter Hansen

Saturday April 16th at Oakwood Equestrian Center, Auburn, ME
Sunday April 17th at Puckerbrush Farm, Newburgh, ME

Peter Hansen is a very successful breeder, trainer, rider and competitor both in the United States and Germany and Denmark. In 2006, Peter was the breeder, trainer & rider of the highest scoring studbook inspection Hanoverian mare in the United States and winner of the American Hanoverian Society's Bari Von Bueudinggen Memorial Trophy. Peter also was the Trainer & Rider of a USDF Intermediare Horse of the Year, and a high placing competitor in the 5 Year Old Young Horse Championships as well as the North American Breeders Futurity for 5 Year Old Sport Horses. Peter has also successfully trained and presented stallions for their stallion licensing which included not only dressage training but cross country and stadium jumping as well.

Peter's training methods and utmost patience and fairness to the horse and rider has been formed through many years of training various different types of horses for dressage and jumping from initial backing of the horse through Intermediare Level. Peter has trained under Carsten Petersen, a well regarded dressage trainer, manager of the Dansk Rideforbund 100 day testing program and manager of Blue Horse, the premier Danish stallion station; George Otto Heyser, Swedish and Italian Olympic Coach and international dressage rider/trainer; Wichert de Boer, a renowned Dutch trainer; Dierk Groth, a well known Reitleher in Schleswig Holstein; and Walter Christensen, trainer of Louise Nathorst and Walk on Top. This list names but a few of the many accomplished riders and trainers that Peter has ridden and trained under.



Vist www.mainedressagesociety.org for a clinic application form
Private lessons \$135, Semi-Private \$80, Audit \$10
Opening date for applications 3/15/2016, Closing date 4/5/2016
Questions? E-mail info@mainedressagesociety.org



Central Maine Dressage Association Club News:

CENTRAL MAINE DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION 2015 YEAR END AWARDS

On January 9th the Central Maine Dressage Association held their Annual Meeting and Year End Awards Banquet. Members enjoyed sharing their favorite dishes at the pot luck luncheon with family and friends and listening to the fabulous speaker Sam Morrison who spoke about Centered Riding. There was also a silent auction where some great bargains could be found. Congratulations to our winners!

Intro	Jr.	1st.	72.65	Mya Stufflick	CJ
		2nd.	69.684	Bella Novaria	Joey
		3rd.	65.0	Marny Stivers	Tuff Colonel Fritz
		4th.	62.345	April Asselyn	Artful Dodger
Intro	Sr.	1st.	67.188	Jennifer Poulin-Novaria	Kennebec Riverstar
Training	Jr.	1st.	72.55	Brianna Newton	Justified
		2nd.	66.14	Hanna Novaria	Noble
		3rd.	63.17	Hanna Novaria	Noble Nan
Training	Sr.	1st.	73.175	Lisa Hopkins	Miss Alexandra
		2nd.	72.65	Wadean Chadwick	Cracker Jax
		3rd.	66.735	Jennifer Chipman	MCG Secret Agent Man
		4th.	66.205	Selma Powers	Watch Me Go
		5th.	66.19	Mary-Jo Foley	Arturo
1st Level	Sr.	1st.	68.675	Jana Christman	Imperial Diamond Twist
		2nd.	61.299	Margaret Bailey Miller	Kennebec Jester
3rd Level	Sr.	1st.	64.697	Rebecca Morse	Crystal Ace
Western	Jr.	1st.	71.451	Hannah Novaria	Noble
		2nd.	68.571	Bella Novaria	Joey
Western	Sr.	1st.	70.135	Heather Webster	Almighty Good Guy
		2nd.	68.200	Eric Hopkins	Sky's The Limit
		3rd.	67.708	Jennifer Poulin-Novaria	Kennebec Riverstar

Freestyle Sr.	1st.	65.900	Margaret Bailey Miller	Kennebec Ladyhawke
	2nd.	63.500	Rebecca Morse	Crystal Ace

Grand Champion Jr.	72.550	Brianna Newton	Justified
Reserve	66.140	Hannah Novaria	Noble

Grand Champion Sr.	73.175	Lisa Hopkins	Miss Alexandra
Reserve	72.650	Wadean Chadwick	Cracker Jax

CMDA Shows High Point Award Winners:

Safe Haven Show: 71.75 Mya Stufflick & Sasha showing Intro
Pittston Show: 69.38 Cheryl Peaslee & Noah's 2 Flashy showing Intro
Kur Show: 69.25 Margaret Bailey Miller & Kennebec Jester showing 1st level

Volunteer of the Year: Heather Webster!



Jennifer Poulin-Novaria



Margaret Bailey-Miller



Rebecca Morse



EMDA news – Spring 2016

Happy Spring! By now your horses are telling you that mud season is here! It's that time of year when mane and tails get trimmed up and a hint of a summer coat is starting to show through that woolly layer.

Lots of EMDA news to share! First, we welcome Katie Trickey as our newly appointed 'acting secretary' to replace Jessie Darkis who is stepping down to begin a new graduate program at Syracuse University! Last spring, Jessie stepped in to serve on the board and was ultimately elected secretary during last November's general elections. We will miss her, and we wish her all the best as she pursues her career goals in counseling! This is a reminder, however, that our annual elections for board members are held each November. If you are interested in serving on the board and need information about it, contact me (Becky Holberton: Rebecca.holberton@maine.edu) or any of the EMDA board members.

A huge thank you to those attendees at December's Members' Banquet who responded to the recent online survey about the banquet experience. A total of 36 people attended the banquet, including members' family and friends. Thirty of these people were members and were asked to fill out the survey. Eighteen (60%!) responded to the survey! Thank you! The responses were overall very positive, with helpful comments for improving the buffet options and keeping the price down. The results of the survey will be sent out in a separate email and Facebook posting soon.

EMDA is holding a 'design a logo' contest! EMDA by-laws do not stipulate a specific logo design but the logo will have information about EMDA and its link to TMDS. Katie Trickey has been heading up this activity and the solicitation for logo designs was sent out to EMDA members via general email and posted on Facebook this month. The information is also included with this newsletter (see below). Voting will be done by EMDA members via an online survey poll. This logo will be used in all promotion and fund-raising activities to help support EMDA. So put your creative juices to work and send us your logo designs! Please contact Katie at ktrickey.emda@gmail.com and check out the solicitation below for more information.

The EMDA High Point Awards presented in the three main rider categories (Adult Amateur, Open, Jr/Young Rider) last year at TMDS/EMDA schooling shows were popular and will continue this year. These awards will be given out at all TMDS/EMDA pointed shows, including the schooling shows held at Puckerbrush Farm and Infinity Farm, as well as the three days of the USDF/USEF shows at Puckerbrush Farm.

The Promotion/Fund-raising Committee has been busy! This year, you will see an EMDA booth or display at the schooling shows as well as EMDA flyers distributed at area businesses. The booth will have information about EMDA, its members, and its activities, as well as membership forms and information about TMDS Scholarship opportunities. We are soliciting members for short bios that we can include on the flyers and posters. (Contact me for more information!) The Activities Committee is putting together some fun activities (receptions, games, auctions, learning activities, etc.) for this year (details coming later). The Banquet/Year-end Awards Committee is also busy reviewing awards criteria and the submission processes, and exploring new categories of recognition (Two new year-end awards were added to recognize achievement in Musical Freestyle and Western Dressage!) for the 2016 Year-end Members' Banquet. Please consider joining these committees to help EMDA support good horsemanship and build a community of riders committed to the principles of dressage. We are especially working to build a stronger presence of western dressage in the area. We have also initiated a 'young riders' group, currently headed up by Becky Reed, within EMDA to encourage young rider delegates to work with the board in planning educational and fun activities. If you need more information about these committees and would like to participate, contact any of the board members!

The EMDA webpage is scheduled to go online soon! The number of followers on our EMDA Facebook page continues to grow – we have almost 200 'likes'! Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook, where you can keep up-to-date on EMDA activities, USDF and USEF news, and get links to informative articles about dressage and horsemanship. The EMDA webpage will enable us to reach more people and supply more information.

Last July, EMDA raised \$300 from the proceeds of its Silent Auction during the USDF/USEF show (Thank you donors and bidders!). We will be looking for more donated items for another benefit auction in 2016, so set aside those 'gently used' or 'new' items – horse-related or not - and donate them to our fund-raiser! These funds help support EMDA activities! Contact Missy Kendall (mjgarcelon@yahoo.com) or me if you have an item to donate!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the new *EMDA-sponsored schooling show at Peppergrass Farm!* This show, which is listed in the 2016 TMDS Omnibus, will be held at Peppergrass Farm in Newburgh on August 7th, with Carol Poulin-Taylor sitting at 'C'. The show is open to MECTA riders and will include combined training dressage classes in addition to the usual roster. We now have several generous sponsors who are donating funds to support classes at this show! If you would like to volunteer to help out or sponsor a class (pay for a set of ribbons for a class) for this show, contact me or Becky Reed (b_girl52@hotmail.com) or any EMDA board member.

During the USDF/USEF shows at Puckerbrush Farm in July, EMDA will be sponsoring a reception/lunch break. I've heard that lobster rolls will be on the menu... Stop by, put your feet up and cool off by the EMDA booth! Missy Kendall is running a raffle throughout the show season for an opportunity to have your horse's portrait done. Look for the display for this raffle at our shows this season!

Don't forget to renew your 2016 TMDS/EMDA membership (and register your horse with TMDS)! Last year, we doubled the number of EMDA members! We also saw an increase in scores submitted for year-end awards and in banquet attendance. We need to keep growing!! We will be initiating more recruitment activities, so be on the look-out for how you can get discounts on EMDA events by bringing in new members! We need volunteers to help with events! Finally, in addition to regular board meetings, we need to hold 3-4 open business meetings for the general membership each year. We are exploring how we can do this effectively to include all members. If you

have a suggestion, we'd love to hear it! EMDA is working for you! Get involved and join in the fun! Volunteer, join a committee, suggest a clinician or an event! On behalf of the EMDA board, I wish you all a wonderful show season ahead! Round circles and square halts to all in 2016!

Becky Holberton, President

Missy Kendall, Vice-President

Kitty Mitchell, Treasurer

Katie Trickey, Secretary

TMDS Representatives to the Board:

Bryn Walsh, Becky Reed, and Michele Marden



Design a Logo Contest!

WHAT:

Do you want to show off your **creative** flare?? Here is your chance because EMDA is looking for a new logo design!

The winning artist can choose between:

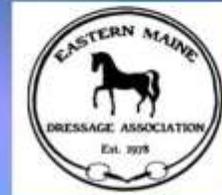
- TWO class entry fees to the EMDA-hosted schooling show at Peppergrass Farm on August 7th
- OR**
- A Gift Certificate of equal value to Maine Horse and Rider!

WHEN: Designs can be submitted by mail or email (JPEG or PDF format please). Submissions must be received **no** later than **Friday, March 18th** to Katie Trickey, 54 Cross Road, Troy, ME 04987 or ktrickey.emda@gmail.com

DESIGN MUST INCLUDE...

- ❖ Eastern Maine Dressage Association
- ❖ Est. 1978
- ❖ Snaffle bit
- ❖ being legible in a small and large size

CURRENT DESIGN:



WHO: Open to all EMDA members!

Happy Drawing!

Only submissions containing ALL of the requirements listed above will be entered into the contest.



Thank you to Adam Cropper and Breezy Meadows for a fun and educational clinic.

Upcoming Clinics:

Jeffrey Lord USDF Silver Medalist will be in Dresden, Maine on May 14 and 15. Clinic spots are \$100 for an hour. Contact Susan Oakland via Facebook to register

Upcoming WMDA Affiliated Shows:

MHCC Schooling Show Sunday, April 24, 2016, contact Becky Totten at [207.522.9668](tel:207.522.9668)

Hidden Brook Farm Dressage Schooling Show, Sunday, May 1, 2016, contact Beth Brainerd at [207.461.4118](tel:207.461.4118)

Esprit Equestrian Center Schooling Two Phase event, Sunday May 22, 2016, Contact Elizabeth Owens, [207.504.1232](tel:207.504.1232)

Breezy Meadows Schooling Show, Sunday May 29, 2016, Contact Pat Martin [207.890.3112](tel:207.890.3112)

Safe Haven Schooling Show, Jun 11, 2016, Contact Jennifer Poulin-Novaria [207.576.4083](tel:207.576.4083)

Hidden Brook Farm Dressage Schooling Show, Sunday, June 12, 2016, contact Beth Brainerd at [207.461.4118](tel:207.461.4118)

Ridge wood Farm Schooling Show, Sunday, June 19, 2016, contact Ali Perkins, alexa.perkins@maine.edu



Blanket washing and repair by Pat Martin. Call [207.890.3112](tel:207.890.3112) for more information on pricing and pickups.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**If you have news to share about your MDS club or members activities,
send them to your club representative and we will put it in the
newsletter!**

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