



***"Promoting education in the Dressage community
while encouraging advancement towards goals
through a mutual support among friends."***

Post report :

**Austin Dressage Unlimited (ADU) & Region 9 Judging Seminar,
"Improving Your Judging Eye & Showing Skills," presented by
Maryal Barnett**

on Feb 19-20, 2011 in Georgetown, Tx was another resounding success!

We want to say a big **THANK YOU! to every one of you** for coming and helping to make this program such an overwhelming success. We had 70 people attend, 21 Judges & L Graduates, plus 49 Auditors. This is also the number that attended last year's program. We were told then by USDF that 70 is the record for attendance at a Seminar of this type anywhere in the United States (I believe the previous record was 55). And we've done it twice now. Both year's speakers commented about the great interaction and discussions that took place with the crowd.

We hope to host one every year, so feedback is important to us to keep this going as such a successful major Dressage educational program. Please let us know of topics and speakers you might like to hear in the future.

Many thanks to our supporters: The Dressage Foundation (Edgar Hotz Fund), Region 9 Adult Ed Fund, Alamo Dressage Association, Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Houston Dressage Society & Aaron's Rentals.

Thanks Cean for the digital photographs.

Want to see more **photos** from the weekend at the Judging Seminar? Follow this link and visit the photographs taken by **Laurie Virkstis Photography** (it may take a couple days before they are ready for public viewing) http://www.smugmug.com/gallery/15937948_ySDzb#1195466139_EnGfn

A Note From Maryal Barnett:

Hello All,

The enthusiasm of the organizers and participants of Austin Dressage Unlimited and Region 9 Continuing Education program at the Georgetown, Texas Public Library was like none that I have had the fortune to experience. Austin Dressage Unlimited is a fairly young GMO whose focus is education. The members are organized, friendly and a pleasure to work with. They realize the importance of education. Because of that understanding, they provide their area with outstanding programs that enhance the knowledge base of the attendees so that Dressage will improve in quality and quantity.

All of my needs were anticipated and met beyond my wildest expectations. We had a large classroom with a microphone and sound system so that all could hear. A local rental company donated a huge home entertainment TV so that all could see. All things technical worked without a glitch because several of the members had the skills to anticipate any possible problems and could fix any unexpected situations.

This group can be an inspiration for all GMOs. Their attitude and organizational skills can give other groups a model to follow to put on future successful educational events.

Thank you so much for all of your kindness and thoughtfulness. You made my weekend a wonderful experience.

Maryal Barnett, Presenter