

Happy New Year !!! Hope it will be the best ever !!!

**Ride a Test Clinic- Intro-4th Level and Eventing Dressage tests**

Sponsored by Alamo Dressage Association

**January 9th at Retama Equestrian Center**

Alamo Dressage Association will be sponsoring a "Ride a Test" clinic with "R" rated Judge Bobbie Paulk at Retama Equestrian Center on January 9th. Sack lunches will be available for purchase to benefit the Young Riders program. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get some insight and test riding tips from an experienced judge. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis so get your entries in early!!

All entries must be received by January 1st.

To reserve your spot:

Liz Moser

842 Estes Ave

San Antonio, TX 78209

For any additional questions please contact Liz Moser (210) 279-6909 or [ebmsr@yahoo.com](mailto:ebmsr@yahoo.com)

*Young Horse Competitions - Workshop*

*presented by Joan Darnell, USEF "S" Dressage Judge*

*Sunday January 17, 2010 2 - 5 pm*

*Infinity Farm, home of Darnell Dressage, Georgetown, TX*

*Start the New Year, the new decade, and your young horses off right! The Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program encourages the properly structured development of young dressage prospects through the dressage training scale. Don't think that this workshop is only for young horses tho. The knowledge learned will benefit horses of all ages and stages of dressage training. The program is aimed at breeders, riders, and trainers of dressage horses.*

*Infinity Farm has competed at least one of their horses at the Young Horse Championships from 2005-2008, and qualified again in 2009. So come learn from someone who has been there, done that successfully. See flyer attached.*

*Please RSVP by January 10 to:*

*joan@dressage.us 512-868-1814*

## **Dressage Symposium - With Sonja Vracko**

**30<sup>TH</sup> & 31st January 2010; Royal Equus Farm, Taylor, TX**

Opening entry date: (1 January 2010)

Closing entry date: (25 January 2010)

CTDS Sponsored

Featuring a Lecture on "What the Judge wants to see", followed by a discussion on the "Importance of Arena Figures"

Competitive Riders bring all your tests and let Sonja help you improve your scores for the upcoming Show Season!

Riders may ride a test Sunday and Sonja will discuss marks on certain movements with Q&A from the Audience.

For more information: contact Helga Venus [venush845@embarqmail.com](mailto:venush845@embarqmail.com) or 254-947-8283

## **Judges Seminar with Gary Rockwell -**

**Feb 20-21 - Austin, Tx.**

"Improving Your Judging Eye & Showing Skills ~ What Judges Are Looking For", a USDF approved continuing education program organized by Austin Dressage Unlimited, with additional funding from HDS, ADA, and The Dressage Foundation's Edgar Hotz Judges Endowment Fund. Presented by Olympic judge, Gary Rockwell. To be held at the Georgetown Library, Georgetown, TX Contact Carol Riazzi [criaz@aol.com](mailto:criaz@aol.com) or 512-680-7999. **See flyer attached.**

## **Region 9 Business Meeting:**

**Feb 20 -- Austin, Tx.**

After the above judges seminar - on Saturday afternoon - at the Georgetown Library.

Contact: Bess Reineman - [reinemanb@gmail.com](mailto:reinemanb@gmail.com)

## **2010 Omnibus**

The pdf is on Region 9 Website:: [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org)

For orders already placed... the hard copy is being mailed around Jan 7th.

Sorry about the delay in mailing... getting permission to print the FEI Test was difficult, and we had some editing issues.

Thanks again to all who advertise and help support the programs and GMO's in Region 9 !!!

And thanks to our volunteers – Tess and Liz – for an arduous task.

**2010 Omnibus Order Form: \$15,00 - hard copy, CD, or Flash Drive.**

**Order today !!!**

[Download Form \(.pdf\)](#)

**Regconized Show Calendar** - posted on the Region 9 Website:

<http://www.usdfregion9.org/Competitions/ShowCalendar.html>

**March 20-21, 2010**

**USDF Adult Clinics with Charlotte Bredahl- Baker** ([get application](#))

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## **Region 9 Educational Grants**

The following GMOs were awarded Region 9 Educational Grants for 2009:  
BACH - Jane Savoie Seminar: \$300.

Any **GMO** that would like to apply for **Region 9 Educational Grant funds**, [click here for an application \(pdf\)](#).

Applications must be received by the regional director, at least 30 days prior to event.  
Email to Bess Reineman ([email](#)).

Seminars, Symposiums, Dressage camps, and related educational events will be considered.  
Clinics must be auditor & participator orientated, with lecture, or discussion sessions, with multi-educational opportunities.

### **Very sad news !!!!!**

**Lynda Miller has passed away.** If you would like to send a card... below is Wendy - her daughter's address:

Wendy Miller Trich  
323 Lagneaux  
Duson, LA 70529  
Her phone number is 337-739-7519

## **Teaching Excellence Award Thank you**

I was very honored and excited to receive the first USDF Region Nine Teaching Excellence Award this fall.

I am so grateful to Meg Flemming who conceived this immense project and brought it to life through much hard work over the past three years (at least!)

I am also grateful to Bess Reineman and the Dressage Foundation for their efforts.

This is a unique award. Not only is it the first of its kind to recognize good teaching but also in its unprecedented scope.

I don't mind telling you that the application process was daunting. Here's the short version: after being nominated, I made five copies of a very complex and thoughtful application. It

included dvd's of at least four lessons at different levels, many letters of recommendation for both teaching and community service, a biography, several pages discussing my teaching and training philosophy and a business plan detailing what I intended to do with the money.

It turned out to be a wonderful process though. As the letters of recommendation came in, I found myself in tears reading them. I was very touched by the sentiments expressed in those pages. As I put together "My Philosophies" it clarified my thinking and made me aware of just how far I've come in this journey as and teacher and trainer.

So I get to thank you all twice: once for this fantastic award and once for the opportunity to participate in the process.

Namaste

Marie Morgan

## **THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF THE CAROL LAVELL GIFTED SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Gifted Fund was originally seeded with Donations from Carol Lavell, which she received in special remembrance of her great Dressage horse, "Gifted." Friends of The Dressage Foundation and Carol Lavell have added donations, and the Scholarship Fund has grown steadily over the years. These scholarships enable Adult Amateurs to set aside quality time in concentrated training with a horse they own, with a trainer of choice, away from the daily pressures of job and family.

The following adult amateurs have been chosen as recipients from their respective USDF Regions to receive grants of \$900 for training in the 2010 calendar year.

USDF Region 9 – Cyndi Craig (TX) and her horse Flying Colorz plan to train with Marta Renilla. Cyndi is a member of Houston Dressage Society.