



Southern Maine Dressage Association Newsletter - December 2008

Happy Holidays!

SMDA Year-End Banquet

Please join us for our annual Banquet, on Friday evening January 16 at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach. A sign-up form is attached. Please join us for a fun time as we present SMDA Year End awards, including our new category of ***Volunteer of the Year!!*** We are looking forward to catching up with old and new friends - hope to see you there!

DeBree Portrait Raffle

As a fundraiser, we are selling raffle tickets for a custom portrait from DeBree Portraits. Win a complete, on location photo session and 16 x 20 wall portrait of your horse (\$400 value)! ***Raffle tickets will be on sale at the SMDA Banquet***, where we will be holding our GRAND PRIZE drawing. For more information, contact Beth Pauls at 878-5794 or 651-6139. Tickets are 1 for \$5; or 3 for \$10.

Membership

If you have not already done so, please send in your ***2009 membership*** (the membership form is on our website). Send the completed form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form) as soon as possible. This will ensure that we get our club membership information in to MDS and USDF . . . and that you continue to get The Horse's Maine and USDF Connections magazine subscriptions and the Omnibus on time!

2009 Symposium with Linda Zang

We are very excited to announce to be hosting a ***Symposium with Linda Zang on May 2 and 3, 2008***. Linda Zang of Idlewilde Farm in Davidsonville, Maryland, is one of four "O" FEI Judges in the United States- the highest rating a

judge can obtain. She has been an FEI Judge since 1985 and judged the Dressage event at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, World Equestrian Games in Rome and Aachen, and 5 World Cup Finals. She is an incredible clinician with a strong emphasis on correct position and effective aids.

The Symposium format will provide a tremendous opportunity for auditors to watch and learn. The Symposium will be held at the beautiful Spring Creek Farm facility in Lyman, Maine. Conveniently located (10 min from the turnpike), Spring Creek has a brand new indoor arena, heated viewing area, and comfortable facilities for auditors.

If you are interested in riding or would like more information, please contact Jane Tremlett at For more information, contact Jane via email at calamity101@roadrunner.com or 499-2260 or Wendy via email at wnbrunson@aol.com or 839-2114. We'll be posting more information (including rider and auditor registration forms) on our website sometime in January.

Show Policies

Attached is a copy of SMDA's Show Policies. We are very fortunate that our shows have been successful and we continue to provide the opportunity for riders new to dressage to enter the world of showing. We've developed the Show Policies to help clarify how we handle show entries, and to ensure that all riders are treated fairly!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of our Board members - and check out our website

www.southernmainedressage.com