

Dear WDAMI Members,

April/May President Letter

Summer is just around the corner as Spring shows off her beautiful colors and sound. Don't forget about WDAMI's first virtual Spring show of the year, ***Dressage at Waters Edge***. Lots of great prizes. Entries are open from April 23 through May 7, 2021, with video submission due by May 21. For more information, please check out <https://www.spotlighthorsheshows.com>.

Don't forget Michigan's first ***Western Dressage USEF/Lite WDAA Show*** at Wyn Farm in Williamston, Michigan on May 22 and 23. Wyn Farm will be hosting 6 more Western Dressage WDAA Rated/USEF Lite Western Dressage shows this summer. Show dates are June 12 and 13, July 10 and 11, and August 28 and 29. These shows are MQHA approved,

WDAMI NEWS: The WDAMI Board is working hard on a few educational events. I will have more information on these events by next month. Do not forget our online ***Sunflower Horse Show*** in June and ***Battle of the Saddle Showdown*** in August, where you can win lots of great prizes just for being a participant in the show. You can check these shows out at <https://www.sportlighthorsheshows.com>.

WDAA News: New tests will be coming out in 2022, including a newly added Level 5. There will also be a new version of ***Material for the Learning Management System***, a members-only video education portal with over 200 videos including judge's comments. The ***Horse Lifetime Points and Awards Program*** will be expanded to include the new Level 5. And WDAA will be offering two shows this year: the ***2021 Western Dressage Championship Show*** from September 29 to Oct 3 and the ***WDAA Western Dressage International Challenge Online Show*** from May 24 2021 to June 18.

Our quote of the month comes from Dr. Thomas Ritter: "Without straightness there is no balance. Without balance there is no suppleness. There is no suppleness without straightness."

WDAMI is looking for sponsors for our year-end awards and educational events. If you would like to help by sponsoring or by helping us to find sponsors, please contact us by email at infowdami@gmail.com. If you would like to volunteer or offer other service's we need, please contact us. We can always use the help. Please don't forget to renew your 2021 membership.

Thank you for your support. Be safe, have fun, enjoy your equine partner and exercise the act of kindness to all. Until next time.

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President of WDAMI

