

Dear WDAMI Member,

April 2022

It's been a long winter and spring is finally here. Hooray! It may just be a little easier during your daily activities out in the barn without those winter gloves and all those extra clothes you needed to stay warm. It's time to start preparing and planning for summer Adventures with our equine partners.

As the World and Ukraine faces new challenges of uncertainty the USEF has established the USEF Ukraine Relief Fund to support Ukraine horses and equestrians. More information can be found on the US Equestrian Federation web site under USEF Ukraine Relief Fund. All donations are tax deductible.

Sunrise Equestrian Sports WDAMI Benefit Clinic was a success. The Benefit made \$900 donate to WDAMI Awards program. Everyone had a great time learning about the new tests and what judges are looking for. There will be a Western Dressage Clinic with Joanne Williams, in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan May 21 and 22 at the Lazy S Ranch in Dafter, Michigan. For more information please contact Suzanne Morisse at [eaglehorse1@hotmail.com](mailto:eaglehorse1@hotmail.com) or call or text 906-440-0215.

WDAA 2022 Online International Challenge prize list is now posted on [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com). Show opens May 23 and ends July 6. Entries are accepted May 23 to June 6, 2022. Videos are due by June 17. Check it out as there are lots of great prizes plus classes for Challenged and Therapeutic riders .

Our WDAMI 2022 show series is all set to go. All shows will be WDAA recognized. Our first show is Dressage at Waters Edge (April 22 – May 13, with videos due by June 10). This will be followed by the Sunflower Horse Show (June 10 – July 1, with videos due by July 15) and the Battle of the Saddles (July 15-August 12, with videos due by August 26). We have added driving classes this year at each of these shows and an In-Hand Sport horse class as well. There will be both harmony awards and versatility awards for each show. All three shows will offer

door prizes as well as a grand prize drawing for those who participate in all 3 shows.

Our quote of the month is by John Lyons “When your horse follows you, without being asked, when he rubs his head on yours, when you look at him and feel a tingle down your spine you know you are loved.”

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](mailto: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 2022 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.

Suzanne Morisse

WDAMI President