

Dear WDAMI Member,

January 2026

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and now that snow and ice are part of our lives some of us are planning for the coming spring and summer events. As you make your plans, I have a few things you may want to add to your list!

The annual WDAMI Year End Banquet is February 8, 2026, beginning at 11 am at the Double Tree Bay City Riverfront, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan. We ask that you please RSVP so that we can make sure we have adequate food and seating. If you have any questions, call Carol Baldwin at 231-290-0061. The deadline for reservations is the 16th of January. The 2026 Michigan Horse Expo will take place on March 6-8. WDAMI will once again have a booth and we hope to see you there.

WDAMI will present our online Winter 2026 Educational Zoom Meetings starting in January. Join us Via Zoom on the following dates at 7 PM:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2026: featuring Ida Norris on Suppleness and Relaxation
- Tuesday February 17, 2026, featuring Joanne Coy on Collective Marks
- Tuesday March 10, 2026, featuring Cindy Butler on Rail and Pattern Classes and the USEF Medal Combination Equitation classes.
- Tuesday April 14, 2026, with Ida Norris and Joann Coy discussing “What Do the Basics Mean?” and “How western dressage Improves other Disciplines.”

Our WDAMI Online show Series begins in April with Dressage at Waters Edge (April 17 – May 10, 2026, with videos due by May 31, 2026). Next is the Sunflower Horse Show (June 6 – June 28, 2026, with videos due by July 10, 2026). And, finally, the Battle of the Saddles (September 1– September 27, 2026, with videos due by October 18,2026). We are offering three division high score ribbons, one each for Amateur, Open, and Junior riders. We still have our versatility award and door prizes. Enter all three shows and have a chance to win the Grand Prize.

Our Quote of the Month is from Reiner Klimke – “Necks that are pulled in stop the muscles of the back developing and interfere with the natural paces.”

WDAMI is looking for sponsors for our year-end awards and educational events. If you would be willing 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 services we need, please contact us. We can always use the help. Please don't forget to renew your membership.

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

Safe Riding,
Suzanne Morisse
WDAMI President