PVDA’s New Show Season Opens at Schooley Mill Park

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Emily Long and Amanda Rae competing First Level Test 2 (placing second) at the April 10 PVDA Schooley Mill Park show. Photo by Vickie Kirkpatrick.
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would like to sincerely thank and recognize all the PVDA Ride For Life judges, sponsors, staff and volunteers for their continued dedication and hard work in making the PVDA Ride For Life such a successful, wonderful and positive show experience for our horses, trainers, riders and grooms.

We thank PVDA Ride For Life for supporting such an admirable, worthy cause and we wish all the Riders and their Equine best friends the best of luck for a safe and wonderful show!

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Let Us Know If You Would Like to Be Interviewed for Meet A Member Article

In the April issue we published an interview of Beth Collier, one of our members who also is a writer and contributes regularly to the newsletter. If you would like to be interviewed for a future Meet A Member article please let us know. You can write news@pvda.org.

Start Planning for Devon Now

It’s a spring ritual! As the pink and white blossoms dapple the trees across the Delaware Valley, preparations move into high speed for the annual International Dressage at Devon Horse Show (www.dressageatdevon.org), the premier North American equestrian event, hosting top Olympic equestrians, more than 700 horses and 35,000 spectators annually.

The International Dressage at Devon Horse Show combines a world-class dressage competition and the world’s largest open breed show outside of Europe with international Fall Festival shops, crafts, food and fun for the entire family. The show is September 27 through October 2, 2011, at the Devon Horse Show Grounds, located on U.S. Route 30, in Devon, Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions about the show, please contact Carolyn Frith at www.carolynfrith.com.

After our crummy winter, spring has finally shown some promise. The first cutting of hay will be baled pretty soon and the bugs will be out to torture our pasture horses. But it’s show season for sure! Our May Spring Show will be history by the time this is printed, and as I write, I hope it went well. These shows are plenty of work for our many volunteers, involve lots of preparation, and this particular show is important to PVDA for our budget for the year. It looks like the entry is about the same size as last year, which is good in this economy. We have plenty of shows and activities in this area so if the pool of riders who want to show or participate in clinics is any smaller all regional organizations will

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The Shore Chapter Hosts Mother’s Day Dressage Clinic with Kathy Rowse

Our Mother’s Day Clinic with Kathy Rowse was small, but beneficial to the participants! Each rider received a Mother’s Day gift from Sunset Bay Farm including goodies for horses and humans. The first rider was Cony Needels on her 22-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Buddy. Cony plans to show him First Level at our first schooling show, so Kathy had her work on some of the movements in the test such as leg yields from center line to the wall as well as from the wall to the center line. Buddy’s tendency is to over bend at the base of the neck and let the haunches trail. Kathy reminded Cony that to get good scores the horse must be straight and parallel. Buddy also tends to get very heavy, so Kathy had Cony work with a lot of Uberstreichan, which did get him lighter. In the canter they worked on 15 meter circles without letting Buddy break. Eventually Buddy caught on and everything else improved tremendously!

Maureen came with her impressive 18 hand Dutch horse Massaro. She told Kathy that she had been working on the 2s and that she’d been riding him mostly in a snaffle during the winter; although today she used her double bridle. After some brief warm up work in the trot, Kathy had Maureen work on collected to medium canter on the 20 meter circle with an emphasis on keeping the jump in the canter when she asked for the collection. This was very helpful when she did the tempis on the diagonal. They worked on 2s and 3s by keeping Massaro straight and accepting a light aid when asking for the change. They also did a lot of half pass work starting with a canter half pass to a walk half pass. Then a walk half pass to a trot half pass to a canter half pass ending in the corner and staying in counter canter through the short end and then a short diagonal and returning to a canter half pass to a trot half pass to a walk half pass. That exercise really gave Massaro something to think about!

Karen was riding her cute half Arab, Dusti, who can be a bit lazy. Kathy had Karen ride with her whip up in the air and asked her to flap it whenever Dusti wanted to go in the slow mode. That certainly got Dusti’s attention, but she still needed a little more encouragement, so Kathy had Karen wear small spurs. Dusti’s impulsion scores will certainly go up at the March Show. Kathy had Karen work on accuracy of the 20 meter circle and keeping it a continual curved line without any straightness. To do that Kathy had Karen ride diamonds from E to I to B to L and back to E and then change the straight lines to curved lines. Karen

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and Dusti should get high scores for accuracy at our March dressage show.

Last to go was B.J. and her darling Paint, Annie, whom she plans to show at the Intro Level in March. Kathy worked on position and had B.J. sit taller with her shoulders back more and to really sit down on her seat bones. They worked on 10 meter circles to 20 meter circles at the walk and then did a lot of work in rising trot. Kathy had B.J. slow down the trot by slowing down the rising trot and letting the horse thrust her up out of the saddle. Since Annie tends to want to lean on the bit she had B.J. give of the reins and encourage Annie to go more in self carriage. Annie is green for her age so Kathy only asked for a small amount of canter, but she wanted B.J. to give a clear aid with her seat. Annie still wanted to be in the trot mode, so Kathy gave B.J. a whip to use, for which Annie had a lot of respect. They ended by riding through the Intro A test which was a very nice accurate ride.

Our next clinic is June 20. We are looking forward to our first Schooling Show on May 22 at Sunset Bay Training Centre. New this year will be an Eventing Test of Choice class.

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New Test Seminar with Olympic Judge Linda Zang

By Jocelyn Pearson

On April 23 VADA/Nova held a New Test Seminar with Linda Zang at Morven Park in Leesburg. The audience was a combination of interested auditors, as well as local and national dressage judges. Our own Elizabeth Madlener attended, adding thoughtful comments based on her years of experience. Two demo riders were used for each level. The clinic covered Intro through Fourth Level. Here are some interesting things we learned that day.

• Linda wrote an FEI manual for dressage judges. She worked on it with five other judges. It took three years to complete and is now used all over the world.

• Currently she is rewriting the eventing dressage guidelines. As a member of the panel in events, the dressage judges are just as liable as the other officials on the grounds.

• The purpose of dressage is the training of the horse.

• The new tests are made to help educate riders up to Prix St. Georges. If they follow them all the way up they will have the correct standard.

• A judge must have a picture in his/her mind of the directives of each test. A score of 7 means “it could be better,” 6 means “it should be better,” and 5 means “it must be better.” Some examples of scores are “steps up to the front foot print” is a 7; “Uphill” is a 7; “Not stepping up” is a 6; “Not uphill” is a 6; “On the forehand” is a 6; “Two mistakes in the movement” is a 5; “Breaking gaits” is a 4; “Kicking at the rider’s legs” is a 3; “Rearing” is a 1.

• The judge must have the same vision, love, attention for the first horse as the last horse. They are the guardians of the sport, from the lowest level to the highest level. They must be able to explain clearly the criteria at every level. If the riders are riding each movement correctly, they are going in the right direction.

• The term “relaxation” is used in the U.S., instead of the term “supple.”

• We don’t have any riders at the top of the game.

• People don’t read the rules.

• Intro Level is to help the rider get into the sport. We want them to stay. They might be the next Olympic rider, you don’t know who you are judging.

• At Second Level most people just slow down and say it’s “collection.” They are lost, they just ride the head, slow down and pull. The judge should ask “Is it Second Level? Is he tracking up? Is it uphill?”

• The Shoulder In is the only lateral movement on three tracks. All others are on four tracks.

• Half pass is travers on a diagonal line. It is the most misunderstood dressage movement in America. It’s a forward movement not a sideways movement. Do not use the inside rein, everything is done on the outside rein. In half pass at the trot the hind legs cross. In half pass at the canter the hind legs do not cross. Ride on the diagonal, then ride the travers. The minute that you go sideways you are in trouble.

• The best dressage horse appears to be doing the same tempo throughout the ride no matter what movement they are doing.

• The straighter the horse, the more collectability there is.
The “Key Reference of Training Scale” was compiled by Linda Zang during her work on FEI Handbook 2008. Linda Zang gives this information to judges as a tool to help them determine their marks. This was reprinted courtesy of Linda Zang.

Rhythm
8 & Above: Absolutely regular steps from beginning to end/clear moment of suspension.
7: Regular steps/strides, with some loss of rhythm in transitions.
6: Regular but slight interruption of rhythm for a moment in transitions or gait needs to show more freedom or moment of suspension could be more defined.
5: Not always regular, some steps uneven in corner or figures (some loss of rhythm, very fast/very slow).
4: Not sufficiently regular, uneven steps behind or in front (losing regularity).
3: Always uneven in front or behind (very irregular).
2: Completely uneven.

Suppleness
8 & Above: Well swinging back and good elasticity.
7: Fairly good elasticity, a bit tense at beginning or end of movement.
6: Satisfactory suppleness, some tension in parts of movement.
5: Lacks elasticity (tense back, hollow back) or moment of tension in transition or gait.
4: Lacks suppleness/elasticity (completely hollow back).
3: No suppleness shown, high degree of tension (completely tense in back).
2: Extreme tension (too much tension and resistance).

Contact
10: Light, steady, line of nose in front of vertical, excellent self-carriage, poll highest point.
9: Light, steady, line of nose in front of vertical, very good self-carriage, poll highest point.
8: Light, steady, line of nose in front of vertical, good self-carriage, poll highest point.
7: Light with contact, head carriage not always quiet, a bit tight in neck.
6: A little strong in hand/right in neck, self-carriage is limited/tilting. Head carriage not steady.
5: Very strong in hand/behind the vertical/not steady in head carriage/self-carriage is very limited. Tilted most of the time.
4: Much too strong/far behind vertical/very unsteady head carriage/lacking self-carriage.
3: Not accepting the bit/extremely strong in the hand.
2: Not on the bit.

Impulsion
10: Completely/fully energetic and expressive strides/steps.
9: Very good energetic activity, well engaged hand legs.
8: Energetic, active, well engaged hind legs.
7: Fairly good energy, activity, engagement.
6: Should show more energy, activity and increased engagement.
5: Lacking energy and engagement.
4: Lacking energy and engagement, lacking desire to move forwards.
3 and below: Without energy or desire to move forwards.

Straightness
8 & Above: Completely straight lines and correctly bent in corners/figures/turns.
7: Straight on straight lines but bend in corners/figures/turns more marked on one rein.
6: Not consistently straight on straight lines/lacking bend in corners/figures/turns.
5: Often crooked/lacks bend.
4 & 3: Always very crooked, at times bent to outside in corner/figures/turns.
2: Always very crooked, always bent to outside in corner/figures/turns.

Collection
8 & Above: Active hind legs stepping clearly under body and carrying weight/lowering haunches/freedom in shoulders/lightness of forehand with raised and arch neck.
7: Hind legs need to step a bit further under body/carry even more weight.

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6: Hind legs need more step under body and into prints of forefeet/relative elevation limited, appears flat.
5: Hind feet too far behind front feet imprint/bending of hocks limited/appears tired/flat/on forehand.
4: Hind feet out behind the body, lacking bend in the hocks/horse falling apart.
3: No collection shown, very slow.
2: No collection shown, completely falling apart.

Submission
10 & 9: Absolute willingness to perform in harmony with rider.
8: No resistance.
7: No resistance worth mentioning.
6 & 5: Some resistance in transition or gait.
4: Several moments of resistance.
3: A lot of resistance.
2: Very disobedient.
1: Extremely disobedient.

Precision
9 & Above: Prompt, smooth transitions without slight resistance, accurate from point to point, exact lines, clear definition.
8: Prompt, smooth transitions without slight resistance, but accuracy point to point and line could be better.
7: Transitions could be more defined, accuracy and lines could be better executed, definition could be improved.
6: Both transitions should be more defined, accuracy and lines should be executed, definition should be improved.
5: Transition very late/very early, lacks accuracy, nearly no definition.
4: Transitions too late/too early, very inaccurate, off the track, loss of gait few steps.
3: Transitions much too late/much too early with strong resistance, very inaccurate, loss of gait several steps.
2: Transitions much too late/much too early with strong resistance, very off line, loss of gait many steps.
1: Extremely disobedient.

The 2011 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule*

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**Calendar of Events**

**June 2011**

1. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@ Hughes.net

2. VADA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org


4. Fun Show (Equitation, Jumping & Games) at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Ann Newton. Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849.

5. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Shari Packard, 301-498-4972 for information.

6. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@hughes.net

7. CDCTA Evening Series, Dressage Schooling Shows, 4 p.m. onward, Warrenton Show Grounds. See www.cdcta.com

8. Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendants@juno.com

9. 11-12. "Equine Positional Release II—Fusion for Horse and Rider" with Zarna Carter, Moon Rising Farm, Boysd, Md. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com

10. 11-12. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174

11. 12. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Aviva Nebesky. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com

12. 12. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@hughes.net

13. 11-12. "Equine Positional Release III—Fusion for Horse and Rider" with Zarna Carter, Clifton, Va. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com

14. 19. Open Dressage Schooling Show at Ship's Quarter Farm, Westminster, Md. Contact Donna Ruth, 410-751-9953 or shipsquartersfarm@msn.com

15. 22-24. Shannon Dueck Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Shari Glickman at 301-351-5530 or e-mail shari.glickman@comcast.net

16. 24. Clinic with Kim and Yvonne Barateau at Dominion Dressage in Dickerson, Md. Contact Marla Stoner at marlas3@verizon.net

17. 25-26. PVDA Ride for Life at Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. Information on volunteering, contact volunteers@pvda.org. www.pvdarideforlife.org

18. 25. VADA Schooling Show at Compass Rose, Haymarket, Va. See www.vadanova.org

19. 26. Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deri@piaffe@aol.com

20. 29. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@hughes.net


22. 10. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Hilary Moore. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com

23. 11. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call David Geyer, 443-745-6766 for information.

24. 10. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@hughes.net

25. 22. ERAHC Region 6 USDIF Open Dressage Show, USDIF/USEF "A" rated, open to all breeds. Contact Linda Denniston, 301-447-6240 or www.erahc.org.


27. 23-24. ERAHC Classic Open Dressage Show. USDIF/USEF "A" rated, open to all breeds. Contact Linda Sper, 410-531-6641, wspsper@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore at info@mooredressage.com

28. 24. Silva Martin Clinic, Earleville, Md. Contact Barbara Weinbrecht at dressagequeen@hughes.net

29. 30-31. VADA/Nova Breed Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org

30. 30-31. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174

31. August 13. Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com

32. 13-14. Training with Steffen Peters hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com or www.hasslerdressage.com

33. 14. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Jocelyn Pearson. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com


35. 19-21. Rider Biomechanics Clinic, dressage judge Colleen Kelly from Australia, Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, Md. See www.breezyrunfarm.com or contact Vicky Meyer at 410-849-5436

36. 28. Open Dressage Schooling Show at Ship's Quarters Farm, Westminster, Md. Contact Donna Ruth, 410-751-9953, shipsquartersfarm@msn.com


39. 3. Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com

40. 3-4. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174

41. 7-11. Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For info contact: www.EquilibriumHorse.com/clinics.html

42. 17. PVDA Licensed Show at Loch Moy, Adamstown, Md. www.pvda.org

43. 18. PVDA Licensed Show at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. www.pvda.org

44. 18. Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact echorse@aol.com

45. 19-20. Catherine Haddad Clinic at Mt. Olive Farm, Valley Lee, Md. Contact Donna O'Connor at doconnor421@verizon.net or 301-994-2423

46. 24-25. USDIF Region 1 Adult Team Competition hosted by ESCDTA, Horse Park of New Jersey. Contact aingy@cheerful.com by 7/15.

47. 27-0ct. 2. Dressage at Devon. See www.dressageatdevon.org
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Awards: Sunday June 26th at 3:30pm, presented by Dover Saddlery
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Visit www.PVDARideForLife.org for
more information, entry forms and
additional Ride for Life Programs

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✦ 95 GMC SLT; 3500 HD 4x4 dually; ext. cab, long bed. Leather; pwr windows, A/C, CD player, tow pkg., bed liner, deluxe chrome wheel covers. 62K mi, in exc. cond., garage kept, no rust! $9,000, Liz Erwin, 301-924-5970 or email: LErwin9858@aol.com
✦ 1) Triple Crown Wool Horse Size Quarter Sheet. In great cond. w/some unraveling of braided tail cord. Navy/Tan Plaid w/red, $30 2) Sz. 69 (fits like a 72) Black KN Symphonie Saddle, wide fitting, in very good cond. Only selling because it doesn’t fit my wide backed/very good cond. (fits like a 78) Horseware net cooler in hunter green, like new, $25 3) 17.5” German-made Courbette Futura dressage saddle, 32 cm tree, like new, $250 4) 17.5” Passier Lenox dressage saddle in exc. cond., med. tree, $1,050, Lindsay Moore, 410-430-0681 or email: Linzy1426@hotmail.com

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✦ Full or half lease of 16H TB geld. at Wyndham

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Equipment for Sale
✦ 17.5” Amerigo blk. dressage saddle; normal flap length; long billets; original width plus 1.5 (med/wide); used on only one horse; in very good cond. asking $1,399 2) 17.5” Amerigo blk. dressage saddle; normal flap length; long billets; original width med.; in very good cond.; has one small seam separation in seat; used on only one horse; asking $1,299, Barbara Weinbrecht, 410-275-8478 or email: dressagequeen@hughes.net (Earleville, MD)
✦ 1) 18” Stübben Siegfried 30.5 cm tree in good cond, asking $350 2) 18” Stübben Parcival, 30.5 cm tree, in good cond., asking $350, Terri Minford, 410-489-7904 or email: ponymom@yahoo.com
✦ 1) 17.5” Courbette Luxor blk. dressage saddle, 31/32 cm tree, v-billets, water repellent, pre-shrunk leather, narrow twist, low pommel & recessed safety stirrup bars on spring tree w/wool flocking. Long billets rec. replaced, asking $625. Low price does not reflect the quality—this is a VERY nice saddle! Just does not fit my wide backed/
broad shouldered horse. Willing to entertain fair offers and can take Paypal, Karen Jacob, 410-489-6083
✦ 18” Original Rooshi Pilatus dk. bm dressage saddle, med/wide tree, long flaps, gussets, good billets, nice even flocking w/room to adjust up or down. In wond. cond. and well balanced saddle, $850, Cheryl Sherman, 301-651-3404
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✦ Location, location, location! Board in SE Mont. Co. nr. the intersection of 198, NH Ave. and 28. Periwinkle Farm LLC. Full care board, all the amenities – ind. arena w/mirrors and sprinkler system, HUGE outdoor arena w/judge's stand. Trails, jumps, pvt. t/o incl. in board price of $685 per mo. or small group t/o - your choice. We have a beautiful, peaceful farm and specialize in indiv. care. See www.periwicklefarmllc.com for more info. LuAnne Levens, 301-421-1252 or email: LKLevens@mac.com
✦ Day Break Fields is expanding its boarding/training operations as of June 1. We have 4 stalls avail. in our lower Red Barn. We are looking for boarders that are interested in training w/Meghan Truppner. Will consider 1 boarder exch. board for the lower barn chores (no mucking). See www.daybreakfields.com. Paula Brown, 301-706-7999

Farm for Sale
✦ Westminster, MD Charming 4 BR/ 2 BA home. Turn of the century features incl. hardwood floors, tall ceilings and brick fireplace. Outside is a beautiful riding ring, 8+ stall bank barn, several paddocks, run-in and round pen. Ready for you to take the reins. $379,950 Janie Rentz, 540-326-2271

Wanted
✦ PT barn help/groom wanted for sm. pvt. dressage barn. Opportunities in Purcellville/Middleburg area. Must have exp., be reliable and enjoy working w/horses. Duties incl: grooming horses, mucking, cleaning tack, blanketing, t/o, preparing for shows, grooms at shows to incl. braiding. 20 hours/wk, Lindsay Barlow, 540-338-1421 or email: MelissaPalmer301@gmail.com
✦ Wanted working student in exch. for care of 5-8 horses, FREE 2 BR apt; FREE board; FREE lessons w/USDF Assoc. Instructor (Sally Swift, BHSAI, etc), USDIF/USEF Dressage Judge on 75 ac. waterfront horse farm. Pleasant, positive atmosph. and exc. oppty to learn and progress w/your horse! Deri Jeffers, 757-302-0224 or email: deri@gmail.com
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have to tighten their belt. The main thing is that everyone rides well, stays safe, and has fun.

On to the next big celebration, the Ride for Life at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center June 25 and 26. Talk about preparation! This show has a year around planning cycle. This is not only a horse show, but also an evening of entertainment (Saturday night) not to mention the extensive silent auction, the Gala dinner, and new this year are activities for children. There is something for everyone and we hope to be able to hand over another handsome check to our friends at the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Go to our Web site pvdarideforlife.org to get all the details, and for heaven’s sake, come join us!

Our membership has reached the magic number of 1000 which triggers the printing of our Membership Directory. As with all projects, many hands get busy to make this booklet appear in your mailbox. For many years, Mardee Rochelle has lent her expertise to get the names formatted in place and will do so again. Shari Glickman who organizes the classified ads in our newsletter month after month has the names for the Service Directory that will be included. Shari Packard transfers the file of current members to get the whole project going. And Dave Ridgway, our printer, gets it in the mail with the help of our cover girl last month, his daughter Victoria.

There was a sad note in the news recently, that 150 horses were rescued from a breeding farm on the Eastern Shore when the owner/breeder fell on hard times and could no longer care for them. Our friends at Days End Farm in Lisbon, Md., are stepping forward once again to organize the care for these horses. As we did last year, PVDA has designated the profits from one schooling show, By Chance Farm on September 25, to be donated to Days End Farm. They appreciate all the help they can get and will have a booth at By Chance to meet PVDA members at that show.

So on to the shows! I hope to see many of our members at the May Spring Show and the Ride For Life.

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

Three Day Clinic with Shannon Dueck

June 22–24, 2011
GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy, Maryland

Shannon has competed around the world including the 1999 Pan American Games; 2002 World Equestrian Games; 2003 World Cup Final; and 2003 Open European Dressage Championships. Shannon is aiming for a spot in the 2012 London Olympic Games with her mare, Ayscha, whom she will be riding at PVDA’s Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge. Lessons with Shannon will be $140 and there are a total of 15 spots available over the three clinic days. Learn more about Shannon at http://www.dueckdressage.com.

Rides: $140 Auditing: $20

For information: Shari Glickman at 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net • www.goodnessridge.com
PVDA Schooling Show
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • April 10, 2011

We were supposed to have a nice 70 degree day for our first schooling show of the year at Schooley Mill Park. After a huge rain storm on Friday, the ring was underwater and the Junior show on Saturday had to be canceled. I had to scramble volunteers to set up the ring Saturday night as the waters receded just enough to make it possible to have the show on Sunday.

Judge Aviva Nebesky generously offered to start early and end late to help squeeze in a couple of riders. We had 60 scheduled rides and very few scratches. By the time the sun finally came out, just in time for our last rider to enter the ring, we were all pretty cold!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers: Linda Leshear, Julie Grovner, Andrea Jacob, Becky Dahlgren, Jodi Scarlata and Lauri and Alexis Rossetti. Without you all, we never would have had such a super day! Carolyn Del Grosso, Show Manager

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion: Emma Van Hasselt
Introductory Level Reserve Champion: Glenda Player
Training Level Champion: Abraham Pugh
Training Level Reserve Champion: Samantha Smith
First Level and Above Champion: J.M.Littleton
First Level and Above Reserve Champion: Candace Snell

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Abby Roads/Emma Van Hasselt/70.625%
2. Darby/Glenda Player/70.625%
3. Traumerle/Karen Jacob/63.750%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Darby/Glenda Player/68.125%
2. Abby Roads/Emma Van Hasselt/66.875%
3. Traumerle/Karen Jacob/62.500%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Forrest Elf/Abraham Pugh/68.750%
2. Holly/Whitney May/63.750%
3. WS Montanna/Sue Doll/61.250%
4. Holly/Sheena Patel/57.500%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Grover/Samantha Smith/70.000%
2. Holly/Whitney May/66.071%
3. Some Like it Hot/Julie Granfors/62.500%
4. Thomas the Cat/Patty Blanchard/61.780%
5. WS Montanna/Sue Doll/58.928%
6. Holly/Sheena Patel/58.571%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Cantata/Abraham Pugh/70.800%
2. Grover/Samantha Smith/63.800%
3. Thomas the Cat/Patty Blanchard/64.400%
4. Buster/Candace Snell/64.400%
5. PL Lucky Tammy/Glenda Player/62.800%
6. Some Like it Hot/Julie Granfors/61.600%

USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Buster/Candace Snell/68.621%
2. Verona/J.M. Littleton/66.552%
3. PL Lucky Tammy/Glenda Player/63.793%
4. Cute as a Button/Kathy Smith/62.759%
5. Barney/Nikki Witte/62.414%
6. Montego/Lisa Freund/58.966%

USEF First Level, Test 2
1. Verona/J.M. Littleton/71.622%
2. Amanda Rae/Emily Long/68.108%
3. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/64.865%
4. Watteau/Kristin Hoffman/64.595%
5. Barney/Nikki Witte/64.595%
6. Dutchess/Felicia Balzano/61.892%

USEF First Level, Test 3
1. Amanda Rae/Emily Long/68.387%
2. Dutchess/Felicia Balzano/67.419%
3. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/65.161%
4. Rial Verde/Sharon Lofgren/63.226%
5. Watteau/Kristin Hoffman/62.258%
6. Dare Me To/Catherine Cohen/60.968%

USEF Third Level, Tests 1 & 2
1. Zachary (3-2)/Samantha Sandler/62.195%
2. Zachary (3-1)/Samantha Sandler/61.053%

Nancy Moseley and Wyndsong compete First Level Test 3 and place third.

Top: Kristin Hoffman with Watteau ride First Level Test 2 and place fourth.
Bottom: First Level and Above Reserve Champion Candace Snell and Buster.
PVDA Schooling Show

Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. • May 1, 2011

The weather was forecast to be in the high 70s and sunny. Instead, it was overcast and barely got to 65 but the rain held off until the end of the last ride and we certainly didn’t have to worry about flies.

Many thanks to our wonderful judge, Jessica McTaggart, who is so enthusiastic and positive and offered many valuable suggestions to all of our riders. We started with 44 scheduled rides and after scratches had 39 on the day of the show. Three of our rides were HC. Our videographer, Carol Havelka, provided a number of riders with DVDs of their rides right at the show.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers: Dorothy and Gary Anderson, Judy Whyte and Mac Palmer for ring set up and take down; Betsy Hunter for scribing; Jan Denno, Alice Allen and Dorothy Anderson for scoring; Marilyn Jackson and Judy Whyte for running. Without them, the show would not have been possible!

Suzanne Palmer, Show Manager

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion: Katie Herman
Introductory Level Reserve Champion: Ilkim Boyle
Training Level Champion: Kelly Rose
Training Level Reserve Champion: Alexis Rossetti
First Level and Above Champion: Sarah Nather
First Level and Above Reserve Champion: Heather Stiffel

USDF Introductory Level, Tests A, B, & C
1. Rusty's Fudgecicle (Intro A)/Katie Herman/65.100%
2. Luna (Intro C)/Ilkim Boyle/64.000%
3. Rusty's Fudgecicle (Intro B)/Katie Herman/61.875%
4. Starofperfection (Intro C)/Rebecca Oates/60.500%
5. Rusty's Fudgecicle (Intro C)/Katie Herman/54.500%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Charlie Dare/Alexis Rossetti/72.083%
2. It's All Love/Heather Stiffel/68.750%
3. Donovan/Alice Allen/67.083%
4. Impressive by Sonny/Hannah Balderson/63.750%
5. Luna/Ilkim Boyle/63.333%
6. DBA Sailiat/Maureen Baughman/61.250%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Arabella/Kelly Rose/72.860%
2. Charlie Dare/Alexis Rossetti/66.786%
3. Rayna/Judy Whyte/66.700%
4. Bally Duff/Gina Guffey/65.000%
5. Impressive by Sonny/Hannah Balderson/62.857%
6. Bob Marley/ Claire Hill/61.071%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Rayna/Judy Whyte/69.600%
2. Arabella/Kelly Rose/66.000%
3. Aren't I Regal/Charli Plumbtree/64.000%
4. Bob Marley/Claire Hill/54.800%

USEF First Level, Tests 1, 2, & 3
1. Rainer (1-3)/Sarah Nather/67.097%
2. It's All Love (1-1)/Heather Stiffel/65.517%
3. Rainer (1-1)/Sarah Nather/64.828%
4. Dancing Surb (1-2)/Darryl Cherry/64.324%
5. Aren't I Regal (1-1)/Charli Plumbtree/63.448%
6. Cruz Bay (1-2)/Hilary Walker/61.351%

USEF Third Level, Test 1
1. Apollo/Jennifer Seidel/62.105%

FEI Grand Prix
1. Casac/Marcia Mia/61.915%

USDF Musical Freestyle, First Level
1. Dancing Surb/Darryl Cherry/69.267%

Photo Gallery

J.M. Littleton Has High Score at April 10 Schooley Mill Show

The Littleton Team opened their season with a successful day at the Schooley Mill Park show. Emma Van Hasselt, a young rider student of J.M. Littleton’s, competed her mare Abby Roads and won Intro A with a 70.63% and placed 2nd in Intro B with a 66%. She was Champion of the Intro Division. J.M. Littleton competed her KWPN mare Verona and was 2nd in First Level 1 with 66.55% and won First Level 2 with 71.4%. They were Champions of First Level and had High Score at the show. Emma, Abby and J.M. Littleton (left). J.M. Littleton and Verona demonstrate stretchy circle (right).
The PVDA Ride for Life Filled with Fun Activities

Day by Day Schedule: June 24-26, 2011

Friday, June 24

• Rider Barbecue: If you are competing, consider coming to the Rider Barbecue from 5 to 7 p.m. You can meet some of the Dancing Horse Challenge (DHC) riders hanging out between rehearsal times and Debbie McDonald will be there from 6 to 7 p.m. to speak about adversity, how to overcome it and be successful. Tickets are $25 per person; don’t forget to send in your payments!

• Silent Auction: The Silent Auction will be set up and open for viewing. Stop by and see all the fabulous items that you can bid on and win. All proceeds benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Check out the Ride for Life Web site for previews of some of these great items!

Saturday, June 25

• Daytime Children’s Activities: From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., bring your children to enjoy horsey arts and crafts, face painting, stick horse racing, pony rides and a magic show at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Enjoy watching the horse show and the lunch time demonstrations. All activities are free!

• Lunch Demos: At noon in Ring 2 enjoy a “preview” of the evening’s performance courtesy of KYB Dressage and Kim Barteau. At 12:15 p.m., enjoy an introduction to polocrosse conducted by the Bay Area Polocrosse Association in honor of Prissy Rummel who is currently fighting breast cancer. For a primer on polocrosse, visit the Ride for Life Web site.

• Autograph Signing: Throughout the day on the concourse stop by and have the DHC riders sign your favorite piece of memorabilia or purchase exclusive PVDA Ride for Life merchandise just for this purpose. Meet Debbie McDonald, Shannon Dueck, Courtney King-Dye and more! Autograph schedules will be posted on the Web site and at the secretary’s booth.

• Dancing Horse Challenge: Don’t miss the fabulous performances of our DHC riders from 6 to 8:30 p.m. including KYB Dressage’s Liberty Horse demonstration. Vitor Silva and his Sons of the Wind will delight with Haute Ecole demos and a beautifully choreographed quadrille. Bent Jensen, Michael Barisone, Julio Mendoza, Shannon Dueck, Jane Hannigan and Silva Martin will perform with dramatic and entertaining dressage freestyles. New this year, the DHC will bring Dutch Chapman and Martin Audet to demonstrate western dressage in the form of awe-inspiring reining freestyles. This year’s DHC has something for everyone! Tickets are a $20 donation to the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center and children under 10 are free!

• Dancing in the Dirt: If you didn’t have enough fun watching the DHC, come down in the dirt and dance in the arena after the show. Live music from the Unruly Blues will get your feet moving, so dance where the horses danced from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. DHC participants will mosey on down at different times so have your chance to meet them if you missed the autograph sessions.

Dancing in the Dirt is free with DHC admission.

• DHC Gala, “Dancing with the Stars”: If you prefer to watch the DHC from prime seating and enjoy some cocktails and fabulous food, you may prefer the black tie optional Gala. Doors open at 5 p.m. with Bill Gross’ strolling magic followed by premium seating for the DHC.

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from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8:30 p.m. with music from the Unruly Blues. Debbie McDonald will talk about her experiences with breast cancer and Courtney King-Dye will give a short talk about her accident, recovery and overcoming adversity. Lillie Shockney from the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center also will be in attendance sharing her stories of survival and the latest research. The music, food and dancing will run until 11:30 p.m. This fantastic night is only $100 per person with 50% a donation to the Breast Center. Don’t miss it!

• Silent Auction: Throughout the day you can stop by and place your bids. The auction closes just after the DHC at 9 p.m. Don’t miss getting in those last bids to make sure that you win! Bidding starts on Friday evening after set up and ends promptly at 9 p.m. on Saturday night.

Sunday, June 26

• Rider Raffle: Stop by the benefit table on the concourse and collect your winnings from the Rider Raffle. All sorts of fun things are donated to our riders who raise donations for the Breast Center. You can win a lesson, art, apparel and horse supplies.

• GMO Challenge Awards: Team awards are presented Sunday at noon for the GMO Team Challenge and Musical Freestyle Challenge. GMO Challenge awards for overall donations and per capita donations will be announced if available, otherwise the winning GMOs will be contacted shortly after the show. For more information on the GMO Challenge visit the Ride for Life Web site. Also see the ad on page 19 of this newsletter.

• Dover Ride for Life Class: The winner of the Dover Ride for Life class will be presented with a new Warendorf dressage saddle and bridle at 3:30 p.m. Janet Nittmann of Dover Saddlery will make the presentation. For more information about the Dover Ride for Life Class, visit the Ride for Life website. See ad on page 10 of this newsletter.

• Lunch Demos: Stop by Ring 2 at noon to watch Quarter horses demonstrate their versatility and heart. Members of the Maryland Quarter Horse Association will show us how quiet, obedient, flexible and forward Quarter horses are by riding them over various trail obstacles and performing different movements.

• Daytime Children’s Activities: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., enjoy horsey arts and crafts, stick horse racing and face painting. Stop by and watch the lunch demo and enjoy the horse show. All daytime activities are free!

Attention Junior/Young Riders

PVDA Wants You for the Region 1 Team Championship, JULY 23-24!

PVDA will send teams again this year to the USDF Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Team Championship on July 23-24, 2011, at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va. We will send a team in every division, starting with USDF Introductory Level.

PVDA will pay for all team tests and stabling.

Requirements:
1. Must be a PVDA member.
2. Send three tests judged by two different judges from any rated shows, or any PVDA schooling shows, at the level you would like to show (see application).
3. Volunteer for one day at any PVDA event.
4. Deadline for application is June 14, 2011.

Candidate Application

If you would like to be considered for the Team Championship, fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 14, 2011, to: Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Road, Clarksville, MD 21029 OR Hilary Moore, 15612 Marathon Circle, #402, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. This is NOT an entry!

Name_________________________Age________
Address_________________________
Phone_________________________
Level you intend to compete at this season_________________________
Horse’s name and age_________________________

For more info contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, wlspeer@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108, info@mooredressage.com.
Win a Clinic with Dr. Cesar Parra or Betsy Steiner

USDF GMOs from all over the United States are invited to compete for the high pledge award clinics by raising donations for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Now you can participate in the PVDA Ride for Life even if you can’t be there!

Awards:
- **GMO High Pledge** – One-day clinic with Former Olympian and FEI Trainer Dr. Cesar Parra
- **GMO per Capita High Pledge** – One-day clinic with Renowned Clinician and Author Betsy Steiner

Other ways to participate and help your GMO:
- **Form a GMO Phantom Team** – For horseless riders and survivors or teams just too far to travel.
- **Form a GMO Riding Team** – Come to the Ride for Life and ride to music or just a test, raise donations and improve your team score.

Win great prizes donated by our sponsors while making a difference in someone’s life.

Additional Ride for Life activities:
- **Competitor BBQ**, Friday June 24th, 5-7p.m., meet some of our special guests
- **Meet and Greets** with Debbie McDonald and Courtney King-Dye, Saturday June 25th, Times TBD
- **Dancing Horse Challenge**, Saturday June 25th, 6-8:30p.m.
- **Dancing in the Dirt**, Saturday June 25th, 8:30-11:30p.m.
- **Ride for Life Black Tie Gala**, Saturday June 25th, 5-11:30p.m.
- **Silent Auction**, closes Saturday June 25th, 9p.m.
- **Rider Raffle (open to riders and phantom entrants)** throughout the weekend
- **Children’s Activities**, Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th
- **GMO Challenge Awards**, Sunday June 26th, Noon

Visit our website at [www.PVDARideforLife.org](http://www.PVDARideforLife.org) for current news, more information, other ways to participate and to sign up for the GMO Challenge.

About the Ride for Life:
What started off as a one-day licensed show has become a two-day licensed competition with over 200 riders participating in both the competition and fund-raising, having raised over $320,000 for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. 2011 will be the 8th year for the competition which now includes a Saturday evening performance including upper level riders performing freestyles, additional entertainment, a Silent Auction and Gala Dinner. The Ride for Life is an opportunity for all to enjoy horses, participate in a licensed competition and raise money for a cause that is near and dear to many of us through family, friends and even our own life experiences.
Notes from the Junior/Young Rider Clinic with Jaclyn Scoli

The PVDA Newsletter published an article in the May issue about the February and March Junior/Young Rider Clinics with Jaclyn Scoli. We were not able to print all of the impressions and photos that we received last issue due to space limitations so here are a few additional notes from participants at the clinic and more photos of the riders.

Alexis Rossetti

“On March 27, my horse Charlie and I attended a clinic with Jaclyn Scoli hosted by Linda Speer. The schedule was well kept, but Jaclyn made sure she gave each person and their horse her full attention and expertise. The facility, Stonebrook Farm, was pristine, beautiful and welcoming. The lunch provided was delicious and everyone was very friendly and supportive. The advice I received from Jaclyn is sure to help my horse and I reach our goals during this competition season. Thank you to Linda and Jaclyn for this wonderful opportunity.”

Meghan Roche

“I would like to thank Ms. Speer for having me in the clinic on the 27th. It was very instructive and supportive because everyone had something helpful to say. It was nice to have a second opinion from someone with experience like Jaclyn. The people from PVDA made my first outing with Ducky ‘Seduxion’ pleasant and informative. As a young rider with a young horse, I realized that it is important to get as much information from knowledgeable sources, like PVDA, as possible. I had a lot of fun on Sunday and I thank everyone for their help.”

Meghan Roche with Clinician Jaclyn Scoli at the Junior/Young Rider Clinic at Stonebrook Farm.
Scholarship Report

Clinicians Poulin and Hess
Lead Young Horse Symposium

By Jaclyn Sicoli

On April 8, 2011, weather.com forecasted temperatures of 70 degrees and sunny so I packed light and headed north to Rhode Island for the 2011 Young Horse Forum hosted by NEDA and Jennifer Dillon’s Collaborative Connections. The chilly weather and my suitcase of summer clothing were the only disappointments of the weekend.

The clinicians, Michael Poulin and Christoph Hess (pictured above), allowed their combined 80 years of experience training, judging, and instructing, to flow as readily as a babbling brook throughout the two day event. Both clinicians peppered their instruction with quotes from the classical texts of our sport as they guided the audience through lessons/foundations of young horse training.

Organized as a symposium, with the viewing audience in mind, the forum presented a diversity of horses each day. The different ages, levels, and talents of the many horses presented an excellent visual aid for the philosophies our clinicians shared with us. A common thread tied one session to another and demonstrated the need to adhere to the training scale and preserve purity of gaits. The demonstration horses spanned the training scale from recently started undersaddle to schooling upper level movements. Over two days the lectures explained the basic components of progressive training and development of a sport horse. Both Michael and Christoph helped each rider to maintain rhythm, regularity, and relaxation, while developing contact and impulsion. There was a striking improvement in the balance, carriage, scope and expression of each horse when the riders implemented the corrections and adjustments. It was inspiring to see immediate benefit from these fundamentals. Several horses that came into the area demonstrating work equivalent to a judge’s 6 showed higher quality basics and movements worthy of scoring 8s by the end of their session. Here are some of the take home highlights from the weekend.

Young Horse Forum 2011 Quotes:
• “Only the trot and canter have swing because there is a moment of suspension.”

- “Wide hands can cause the horse to turn like a ship. The inside rein can open to the side but only temporarily as a correction.”
- “The best way to ensure the safety of the horse and rider is to keep the horse in front of the forward driving aids.”
- “The four year old test—rhythm, bend, contact, transitions and movements—can be judged mildly.”
- “The rider should be a guest on the young horse.”
- “The rider should always have the feeling of swinging her body towards her hands instead of pulling her hands towards her body.”
- “In preparation for the medium and extended paces, the rider should make sure the horse is straight and in uphill balance before lengthening the strides.”

I appreciate having the opportunity to attend events that offer this breadth of knowledge and experience. Observing the masters of our sport has an amazing impact on my daily work, bringing an attention to detail and energy for correctness we should all strive for. Thank you to Jocelyn Pearson, awards chairperson, and PVDA for granting me a scholarship which helped to defray the costs of this trip and allowed me to share my experience with you.
Publication Deadlines

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I have previously been a member [ ] yes [ ] no

Name

Family PVDA Members

Street

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Primary GMO

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Please complete the membership application and mail with your check payable to PVDA. Regular first class mail only. No certified mail will be accepted.

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MAY PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: May 2, 2011; Meeting #503
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, Carolyn Del Grosso, Hilary Moore, Linda Speer, Tim Lewthwaite, Jocelyn Pearson, Camilla Cornwell, Michele Wellman, Kathryn Tedford, Ninja Nissen
Members Absent: David Geyer, Jen Funk, Jackie Sicoli, Kate Burgy
Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry, Mary Sue McCarthy, Wendy Emblin, Jen Schaeffer

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $4,018.09
General Fund: $33,107.24
Schooling Shows: $1,445.77
Money Market: $1,860.01
CDs: $18,288.79
Total: $58,720.16

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Equipment: Linda Speer reported the purchase of a new triangularator.
Mailings: Camilla Cornwell is pursuing the feasibility of offering another PVDA Stallion calendar. Betty and Jocelyn are assisting in this endeavor.
Michele Wellman reported some response related to the eBlast to previous members who had not renewed for the current year. There also will be a roster update to USDF soon.
National Liaison: Jocelyn Pearson reported news from Sam Barish consisting of a proposal for the national championships going before the USDF board. Also, David O’Conner is stepping down from USEF in 2012.
Newsletter: The August newsletter reporting the Ride For Life competition and fundraising events will have some pages in color for the first time in newsletter history. There will be an appropriate advertising rate for the color ads
Shows Recognized: Entries are already coming in for the R4L competition. Many new activities are planned for the 2011 show including children’s pony rides and face painting, Friday afternoon BBQ, and some celebrity discussions.
Shows Schooling: The April By Chance schooling show was rescheduled for June 12 with Ingrid Gentry as the judge.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.