

# THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY

## FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

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April 14, 2014 6:30 p.m. Tuscany Tavern, 32214 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen,  
CO 80439 (303) 674-3739

Members Present: Laura Quakenbush, Kristie Cotton, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Cotton,  
Ellen Storeim, Heather Fitzgerald, Cecilia Ross, Lori Mitchell, Linda Gaber

Guests: Juliana Lehman, Founder/President, Colorado HorseCare Food Bank

Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m. approx

Meeting End Time: 8:40 p.m.

### Proposed Agenda

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, M-CC Ross, S-Laura Quakenbush,  
approved.

#### **1. Colorado HorseCare Food Bank presentation, Q&A**

Foodbank Founder and President Juliana Lehman brought two Mother's Day watering can planters to the meeting, explaining that they are among the numerous fund-raising projects her nonprofit uses to raise money to buy hay, provide hay transportation and supply other items to assist horse owners in a financial or other crisis. The flower planters are available in numerous colors and flower varieties, all greenhouse grown in Colorado. Cost is \$30. Other items for sale are vegetable plants, and flowering planters and baskets. The nonprofit also sells handbags, iPad and laptop carriers, offers a Colorado cattle drive May 16-18 and presents the 6th annual Hay Bales & Horse Tales™ social Oct. 3 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Foothills member Ellen Storeim manages the group's online sales.

The Foodbank helps horse owners by donating hay to keep horses and owners together during regional emergencies such as fires and floods, as well as with personal financial setbacks, such as job loss, divorce or illness. For example, the group provided eight semi-trailer loads of hay to care for horses of victims of the Ft. Collins fires.

To order plants and for more information, call Juliana at 303-670-1474 or email her at [juliana@horsefoodbank.org](mailto:juliana@horsefoodbank.org). Visit the website at [www.horsefoodbank.org](http://www.horsefoodbank.org)

for more details.

## **2. Scholarship Committee – Announcement of 2014 winners**

Three Junior riders were selected and one AA also will receive a \$100 check to further their riding in 2014. Winners are Juniors Lizzie Cotton, Lexy Donaldson and Sarah Bielefeld. They plan to use their scholarship to fund dressage show fees. AA Tracy Egolf will use her award for the Dominique Barbier Clinic in May-June.

**3. News from March 13 RMDS Board meeting** included updates on Championship show contract discussions, pending openings for RMDS Board committees in November and new artwork and T-shirts for volunteers at Championships based on Chinese Year of the Horse.

**4. Last Chance Show Update** – Jan Danis was not in attendance, but members want to move show equipment from two locations to her care and hold another Foothills Flea at show.

**5. Education Committee** – Kristie Cotton has arranged for Dolly Hannon, USDF Freestyle Committee Chair and Foothills President Emeritus, to present a clinic on preparing a freestyle program (date is July 19). More details to come, with early plans for eight to 10 riders, plus auditors. M-Laura Quakenbush, S-Heather Fitzgerald

**6. Treasurer's Report on Finances** – Approximately \$5,000 in bank account.

**7. FH Promotional Flyer** – To be continued

**8. New Business** – May discuss additional scholarship options before 2015. Election of new officers before 2015, so members will want to consider volunteering for positions.

**Adjourn** – M-Laura Quakenbush, S-Kristie Cotton

## **UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS**

All meetings at 6:30 p.m. Menu meals and beverages available.

Monday, Aug. 11 – Bridgewater Grille, Golden  
The Golden Hotel, 800 11th St., Golden, CO 80401 (303) 279-0100

Monday, Oct. 20 – Tuscany Tavern, Evergreen  
32214 Ellingwood Trail, Evergreen, CO 80439 (303) 674-3739

– Prepared by FH Secretary Linda Gaber