

Education Committee Report

The committee starts well ahead of the convention each year, almost right after one wraps up, brainstorming of ideas for sessions for educational events. If anyone has anything they think would be a suitable topic please let me know. This year our convention is in Savannah, Ga. All are hoping for a high turn out with it being held in such a lovely area. We are in the process of locating an instructor to bring back our early morning exercise class, and there will also be an hour of Education Video Viewing each day. Videos will be pulled from what USDF has on file (Trainers Conference, Sport Horse Seminars, etc.). We do not have videos confirmed for this yet. Other events include:

- **Musical Freestyles- Nuts and Bolts of Designing a Freestyle with Terry Ciotti Gallo and Joan Darnell-** An Overview of freestyle design for the do-it-yourselfer.
- **GMO education-**finances
- **Joint Health with Dr. Cindy Hatfield, BSc, DVM, MSc**
This presentation discusses the pathogenesis of degenerative joint disease (DJD), diagnostic modalities, and treatment options for the equine athlete. In addition, the differences between FDA drugs, generics, compounded drugs, and medical devices will be covered.
- **The Connection Between the Horses Body and Mind; *Successful training techniques and show arena strategies* with Lilo Fore and Kathy Connelly**
Lilo and Kathy will be drawing from their combined years of experience to discuss the relationship between horse and rider that creates a confident and successful partnership with the horse at home and techniques to carry that over to the show arena. Among the topics covered, will be character and personality traits of the horse and how to create a total trust relationship through mind/body exercises, using specific examples of what each have experienced, nationally and internationally.
- **Bits and Their Effect on Horses with Dr. Hilary Clayton, BVMS, PhD, Dipl ACVSMR, MRCVS**
A discussion on Dr. Clayton's latest research on bits and their effect on horses.
- **What's Traditional, What's Trendy or too Far, What's Fun, Fashionable and What's not Wise-** an event still in planning stages, we hope to include some live models, clothing and tack.

GMO Education Initiative – We see 15-18 thru 2019 currently listed. The committee has made a map to look at the locations so can encourage clubs in remote areas to apply and also smaller GMO's. I have attached a sheet of suggestions for GMO events. We are looking to write an article that would explore the development and progress of the GMO Education Initiative for USDF Connection. I believe CTDS, Arkansas, and Oklahoma have held events and Tri State has an upcoming event coming up. Any others planning an event?

There is a calendar on the USDF website that lists educational events and programs all over the country located at-

<https://www.usdf.org/calendar/education-map.asp> -I found these upcoming programs- **Any others planning an event?**

09/07/2019- USDF L Education Program, CTDS, L Program, Final Exam

9/29/2019, Tri State has Rider Biomechanics Clinic with Mary Mahler

11/02/2019, Upgrade Your Judging Eye I, CE Judges/L Graduates, Alamo Dressage

Other educational opportunities -

<https://yourdressage.org/> A link off the USDF.org website that is dressage news and education

<https://www.usdf.org/education/university/kb/> - search the education library at USDF!

<https://www.usdf.org/education/university/> - USDF University offers online courses, a searchable library of resources, accreditation for educational events and provides recognition for USDF members who strive to continue their education through their participation in accredited educational opportunities. Use the drop down menu to access USDF University information, forms and features

<https://www.usdf.org/education/university/kb/courses.asp> - USDF Online Education provides members with the opportunity to expand their knowledge beyond the ring. USDF offers three categories of courses: USDF Online Courses, USDF Short Courses by Topic, and Online Courses from Other Providers. Some courses complete USDF program prerequisites and continuing education requirements. These online courses complement our [Education Library](#) for members to further their knowledge of dressage.

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