

2019 Summer FWDC Report

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Awards Char and Region 9 Liaison - Leslee Covington!

Member at large - Dyanna Lawson

Membership -:

FWDC currently has 76 members

We are financially sound.

Volunteer opportunities:

Low cost clinic - FWDC puts on a low cost clinic for its members each year. This is a chance for members who do not always get to ride with a professional due to cost to get that chance. This year our clinician was L graduate and r judge Julie Madriguera. Julie donated a full day to FWDC and was very well received. A big thank you to members David and Tricia Scott for donating their lovely Four Friends Farm for this benefit. They also offered free stalls and valet parking! It was a great opportunity for riders and auditors to learn from a professional and we had many levels of horses and riders.

Adult Camp - FWDC offers members who volunteer a chance to ride at a much reduced cost a camp - funded by The Dressage Foundation - three days of riding and our clinician for 2019 will be our own Sherry Guess -and members Charles Scott donates his beautiful facility Noble Champions to FWDC. Noble Champions has an enclosed dressage ring, sound system and a viewing room. We always have waiting list and price includes two private lessons, a group lesson, breakfasts and lunches and a pizza discussion night.

Shows:

FWDC puts on one Recognized show a year (actually two over one weekend) in March. We were full with a waiting list, and ended up pulling in a r judge to help get every in. Saturday was Wear Red for Wings of Hope and we donated

a check to WOH. Riders who wore red were entered in a drawing and received prizes. We had a Friday night reception and received many compliments from exhibitors - and had wonderful volunteers who put in many long hours to make our show a success.

Schooling show - FWDC held its schooling show in June and had 56 rides - We also offered gaited and Western dressage classes.

Education:

Our Education Day this year included a trailering expert on how to keep your trailer safe, a Nutrena feed specialist, an advanced craniosacral practitioner and a display of how to build an equine first aid kit. Always educational and a great pot luck dinner.

This year a members is hosting a wine and cheese party and watching the new On the Level video's.

End of Year Awards:

FWDC hosted its annual banquet, awards ceremony and silent auction that benefits our scholarship program. We have outgrown every place we have been as our membership grows -this year was at the beautiful Botanical Gardens restaurant. Lots of earned awards and special awards given out, and we raised an exceptional amount of funds for our scholarship program. We also gave out a volunteer of the year trophy.

Scholarship Program:

FWDC offers members who volunteer funds to further their dressage education. This has been an excellent way to encourage volunteering and give something back to our members.

Other FWDC activities:

We write a monthly column for Southwest Horsetrader - an area local magazine - about FWDC activities and features pictures of our members and activities.

We hold monthly meetings that sometimes have speakers - always well attended!

Pool party - one of our members hosts an annual pool party in August with games,, FWDC proves main course, and members bring side dishes - and prizes for best side dish!

Our website is www.fortworthdressageclub.com