# Pandora's Post

The Parkland Area Alberta Dressage Association Newsletter - Edition #9

### **March 2023**

# **Christoph Hess Clinic May 2023**

#### SAVE THE DATE!

The Alberta Dressage Association is very excited to announce that German international judge, young horse development expert, coach, and clinician **Christoph Hess is coming to Horse In Hand Ranch, Blackfalds for a two day symposium May 6 & 7, 2023.** 

We hope to feature riders who have declared for major games, along with juniors, amateurs and professionals working their way through the levels.

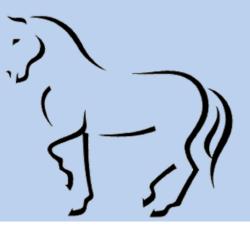
A showcase presenting young horses from some of Alberta's best dressage horse breeders will be part of the daily program. Mobile tack vendors will be on site and there will also be a silent auction. Sale of auditor tickets, which will include lunch both days, will start soon.

Stay tuned to the ADA and PAADA Facebook pages for details and announcements over the next few months. It is going to be a fabulous weekend of learning so please put the dates in your calendar and plan to join us!!

Written by Jean Duckering

For general inquiries, please email: <u>PAADAinbox@gmail.com</u>

For more info, please see our website: http://www.albertadressage.com/parkland



## The PA/ADA Education Subsidy is BACK!

PA/ADA is excited to announce that the Education Subsidy will be offered again in 2023. Members in good standing who have volunteered a minimum of 4 hours at a PA/ADA event may apply for up to \$250 subsidy to reimburse dressage lesson and/or clinic expenses, as per the PA/ADA Education Subsidy Guidelines

Please refer to the Parkland Area Forms page on the ADA website for more info.

http://www.albertadressage.com/ parkland/parkland-forms

Also check out the PAADA Facebook, Instagram and <u>www.albertadressage.com</u>. for more information on upcoming PAADA events and activities.

## See Page 3 for your 2023 PA/ADA Board Members

## 2023 Flower Sales

#### Please support PA/ADA's Biggest Fundraiser!

Order Deadline: April 21

**Delivery: May 9** 

Call Lynne Wassick for

info: 403-304-6749

#### Get to know your friendly PAADA Member: Tamara Taylor



#### Western Dressage Association of Southern Alberta- AGM Update

WDASA recently held a successful AGM at the ABC Restaurant, Red Deer which began with good food, good conversation and great storytelling as members gathered. Later, after a full slate of officers was voted in, an animated discussion on online shows was held. After adjournment, the much-anticipated 2022 awards were presented.

Several changes are in line this year as WDASA expands their awards program. One change creating excitement is the introduction of the 2023 Team Challenge program.

If you, or anyone you know that rides western and might have an interest or questions about western dressage, you are invited to check out the Western Dressage Association of Southern Alberta Facebook page and/or their website www.WDASA.ca

Written by Diane Luxen

Tamara Taylor joined PAADA in 2022 as the Schooling Show Director and is also on the Board of Directors for the Calgary Area Dressage Association!

Q: How did you get into horses?

A: I grew up near Caroline, Alberta and pleaded for riding lessons when I was 11 years old until I joined Thompson Country Pony Club. I had many amazing experiences as a youth in Pony Club through testing, competing, Pony Club Camp, Prince Phillip Games and representing Alberta three times at National Quiz. I was a keen eventer as a youth but after having my four boys I became more aware of my own mortality and became obsessed with dressage.

Q: What do you wish you knew when you started showing?

A: This past show season was my first time competing since 1998. It was very daunting and nerve wracking to step back in the ring. I quickly came to realize that the dressage community is full of amazing, welcoming and supportive humans. It is not as scary as I expected and everyone is rooting for you and truly wants what is best for you and your horse.

Q: What are you looking forward to in 2023?

A: I was very excited to be classified as a para-equestrian by Equestrian Canada in the fall. I am eager to start competing in gold shows as a para-equestrian and looking forward to my first freestyle.

Next PAADA Board Meeting **To be Determined** All PAADA members welcome! Contact Kim Aasman at <u>willowmistfarm@me.com</u> for details.

# **2023 PA/ADA Board Members**

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