

Hello Members!

I want to begin with a brief overview of the May show. It was a pleasant surprise to see how many of you took the time to braid and wear formal attire. The show ran smoothly and the judge was very gracious. The one area that seemed to cause a bit of confusion is the volunteer schedule. I would like to clarify and hopefully prevent any further misunderstandings for the future shows. Halle Clause is the volunteer coordinator. Members who wish to volunteer should contact Halle before the show and provide her with the following information: How long you can you volunteer and is there a specific job that you do or do not want? The minimum time increment to volunteer at a show is 1 hour and 2 or 4 hours is preferable. Halle will do the best that she can to accommodate each members requests, however, the volunteer schedule is done on a first come first serve basis. Members who choose to wait until the last minute will be offered the positions that need to be filled. Spontaneous offers to volunteer at the show are in no way discouraged, but members need to know that it is not the job of the show manager or Halle to find a position for someone to fill if there are none. Volunteering is a vital part of the horse shows and having positions unfilled at the start of the show allows for disorganization and miscommunication. Please! Don't wait to make the commitment. We need all of you to do your part to make this show season successful! Members may voice any questions or concerns directly to me. We are currently starting to prepare for the June show. There will be a couple of additions. I am pleased to inform everyone that our shows will be photographed. Jessica Markowitz is an Ohio University student who is preparing to start her own business. She will be taking photographs all day and will have available all of the necessary information to view and purchase pictures. Anita Oates will also be at our June show to display her "Otrada" home and fashion products. She specializes in equine products. I hope everyone graciously welcomes them to CADS. Lastly, keep sending in the clinic surveys. Your opinions do matter. We are still looking for someone to assist Becky Tomko with the Awards committee. Anyone interested can contact Becky directly. The next meeting will be Saturday May 30th. The meeting will be at Kachina Farm in Clinton. It will begin promptly at 2:30pm and last approximately 45-60 minutes. Sarah Suppan is providing a DVD on how judge Janet Foy scores a dressage test and demonstrates the difference between getting a 5 and a 7 or 8. We will view the DVD immediately after all of the CADS business is concluded. I hope you all plan on attending.

Happy Riding!

Michele Hoskinson, President