

Greetings CADS members!

I have such a terrible case of spring fever. I can't contain myself. I think this warmer weather has finally thawed out my brain and re-energized my aging body. My to-do list for home and CADS seem to be getting longer each day. New ideas just keep "budding"painting my son's bedroom, new living room carpet, yard work, flower beds, etc. My list for CADS isn't any shorter. The summer (and fall) is packed with horse shows. Our May show will already be closed by the time you are reading this letter. We are hoping for a full day of rides. Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers! With so many shows this year we will need your help more than ever. We all want the shows to run smoothly and our judges so impressed they can't wait to come to another one. General membership meetings will be Saturday, May 30th and Saturday, July 11th. They will be held at Kachina Farm in Clinton. Both meetings will begin promptly at 2:30pm and last approximately one hour. CADS apparel is a big hit. I have one of everything.....shirts, hat, blanket, duffel bag and saddle pad. I love them all and can't wait to show them off. I want to answer the question "What is CADS?" a million times. Compliments about our new and improved website haven't stopped. If you haven't visited it recently, you may be missing out on the latest CADS news! The Jackie Smith clinic was a huge success!! Each of the participants had positive remarks about their rides. Everyone felt that she really "looked out for the horse" and helped improve rider position. The number of auditors was overwhelming. The power point lecture and Sue Hines' rider demonstration were a phenomenal educational opportunity. Lunch was another highlight of the day....nobody had an empty stomach. Thanks to all who donated food! It's a great way to earn volunteer time for year end awards. The clinic also impacted are membership.....more than a half dozen new members! Due to Sarah Suppan's diligent effort with this clinic, we have had several inquiries about hosting more clinics in the future. It is certainly something that we are seriously considering. Included in this issue of our newsletter is a survey that members can fill out and return to me. The information that is gathered will help determine what interests our members most. I am happy to announce that the majority of our committees are filled for this year. However, the two areas of concern are the Banquet committee and an assistant for Becky Tomko with the awards committee. Members who are interested should contact me. I hope my enthusiasm is contagious. This letter is proof that big plans have been made for CADS, however, they will never come to fruition without all of you! I dare you to join my cause to make CADS a bigger and better club.

Sincerely,

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