

July 2021 Region 5 Message

Summer is here and shows are thankfully rolling along again this year. Colorado has had lots of nice rain and is quite green. The horses are definitely enjoying the grass. Shows are filling well, and frequently have wait lists. We have had 8 shows so far fill on opening day and most of them filled within a few hours. It's been quite a change from the past 12-15 years!

The 2021 USDF Convention will be December 1-4 in Houston, Texas! Coming visit Region 9! The host hotel is right downtown and there will be plenty to do and explore outside of meetings and educational programs. Region 9 is getting ready to roll out the red carpet and this will be a great city to enjoy after the pandemic of the last year.

We have Juniors and 1 Young Rider for the 2021 NAYC in Traverse City, Michigan. We're very excited to have a great group of kids going to represent Region 5. It's an expensive venture and they could use your help. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877. These young adults work very hard, as do their parents, trainers and friends and every little bit of support is greatly appreciated.

The qualifying period for the 2021 USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses, Children, Ponies, Young Riders, Juniors and U25 Grand Prix will close at the end of July. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors for those championships as well.

We are looking forward to having a central Great American/USDF Regional Championships at HIPICO Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It will be fun to have a new venue for the show. I've run a show there this year and it's going to be really a great show. We have linked the Regional Championship prize list to the Region 5 website, so be sure to check out www.USDFRegion5.org.

Several important **DEADLINES** are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.
 - GMOs can submit nominations for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
 - Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
 - One deserving group member will receive the [Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant](#) to attend the 2021 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Houston, Texas. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director