

Another great competition year has passed for USDF and we have wrapped up the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships in Parker, Colorado. I was honored to be part of the management team for the event again this year and had a great time working with my staff and the wonderful volunteers of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society and other volunteers from all over the Region who pitched in to help at the show. The weather was almost perfect and we had a lot of wonderful competitors' events! There were dinners each night starting Wednesday and a nice Sunday morning brunch too! We had competitors from all the states in our Region and also some from Idaho and Nebraska. Thanks to everyone for joining us for a fantastic show – 270 horses and 750+ rides!

The 2014 Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships will be September 18-21, 2014 once again at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker, Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society will be our host and we're looking forward to another good year. We're hoping for some great bids for the 2015 championships and it should be rotating to another part of our region. I'd love to hear from any interested parties as soon as possible so I can get you a list of the information we're going to need for those bids. All Regional Championships must now be held by October 20<sup>th</sup> since the winners of the Adult Amateur and Open divisions will continue to feed into the Nationals Championships, which will remain in Kentucky through 2015 and then possibly rotate to a new venue.

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare and register for the convention and symposium if you haven't done so already!. We are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year as USDF in Lexington, Kentucky this year December 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at [www.usdf.org/Convention/](http://www.usdf.org/Convention/). If you're coming to the awards dinner, let me know and we'll save room for you at our Region 5 tables!

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2013 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Rusty Cook, Joan Clay, Catherine Siemiet and Rise Grover. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Governors meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact them regarding your viewpoints. We will be reviewing the results of the first National Championships and many other important things for the coming years. There will be lots of great informational sessions presented and some great veterinary sessions too.

Till next month!  
Heather Petersen

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