

January 2011 Region 5 Message

Allow me to introduce myself as your new Regional Director for our USDF Region 5! My name is Heather Petersen and I'm very honored to have been allowed to represent you in this position. Many thanks need to go to Theresa Hunt for her 9 years of service to our region as the previous Regional Director and we hope that we will continue to see her in the USDF governance process!

My family and I live in Peyton, Colorado, just east of Colorado Springs. We have a nice little acreage where we have 3 horses, 2 goats, 2 geese, 3 ducks, 2 dogs, many cats and many many chickens. Michael, Elizabeth, Sarah and I love our little oasis and enjoy not having to live in town anymore! I have a very supportive and wonderful husband who takes care of the zoo when I'm off running horse shows and provides a lot of wonderful technical support to help make my shows even more user friendly at the same time. I enjoy doing a lot of volunteer work with several different organizations providing many different services and I also enjoy being a technical delegate periodically throughout the year.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next three years and hope to travel to as many of the Group Member Organizations as I can. I do plan to attend Regional Championships also each year, so if you are there competing or volunteering, please say hi and introduce yourself. I would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on where you would like to see dressage go in our part of the country. Please also feel free to contact me to discuss ideas or concerns at any time – my email is slush@drqw.net or call me at 719.683.8435. I represent you and I would love to know your thoughts.

We have some great resources in our Region that we can utilize for better communication. Please check out the Region 5 website, www.usdfregion5.org, and if you have ideas for things you would like to see or events you would like listed, please let me know. We are also starting a Regional email list that will send out periodic updates on what is going on in USDF or various parts of our Region and I would encourage you to submit events for distribution. If you would like to be added to this email list, again, please let me know and we'll make sure you're in the know.

I really look forward to working for and with all of you.

Heather Petersen
Region 5 Director