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GREAT LAKES AREA SHOW SERIES-EDUCATIONAL DRESSAGE

“The only thing that will never change, is: every thing will always change” <unk.>

The start of the GLASS-ED Show Season is always a time of great anticipation, excitement and expectation of improvement with the practice and friendly competition that constitute our Shows. Basically: a change for the better.

GLASS-ED enters it's 14th year, with the same format: educational experiences and friendly competition for the beginning dressage horse and rider through the upper levels to promote the sport of dressage. Again: a positive change!

Through the years, GLASS-ED has changed dramatically, while maintaining it's “grass-roots” identity: more members, more shows, more clinics, improved judging qualifications, becoming a Group Member Organization of the USDF, and more benefits to membership. The list goes on and on.

Not all change is for the better. Ideas thought to be good, turn out badly. High hopes are dashed, sometimes for reasons beyond our control.

But change occurring when a person is hurt while engaged with horses....well that's a change we could all do without.

Margaret Spencer, a long-standing member of GLASS-ED, a Show Host for GLASS-ED, a Certified Riding Instructor for 30+ years, a well-known and loved member of the equine “community” was recently grievously injured in an accident shortly after riding her horse. She will require extensive rehabilitation but she will not walk again under her own power.

As a result, the long-standing Show at her Burlwood Farm will be *changed* to take place at the Equine Line, in Plainwell, MI, on the same day as was originally scheduled: May 17, 2008. Entries should be sent to the Equine Line at: 12300 Pine Lake Road, Plainwell, MI 49080. (This is the same venue as the “Dressage Fest” in August!) Remember: entries close May 7!

GLASS-ED has also “*changed*” its Show Schedule to ADD a Show for August 9 at the Mystic Marsh Equestrian Center. This will be a BENEFIT FOR MARGARET SPENCER Show, with all proceeds going to Margaret! This will be a complete GLASS-ED Show, with points, etc. counting toward “year end” awards!

So now it's your turn to *change!* Start by putting the May 17th Show at the Equine Line on your "show" card and adding August 9 at Mystic Marsh to your schedule! Show your support for an important member of the "equine community" who needs all of our prayers and help right now!

See you at the (*changed*) Shows!

Respectfully submitted,

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