

Testimonials

"I wanted to take a moment to both thank and compliment you. I had a great time with my first official introduction to Cowboy Dressage, as obviously did some of our other clinic participants. You managed to give instruction to experienced and beginner in the same grouping and yet keep both levels interested, challenged and engaged. And your instructions were to the point and understandable. Your calm and confident presentation of information served to reinforce why you have earned your Instructor stripes with Cowboy Dressage. We had a great time, learned a lot and left yearning for more." Ted A.

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Heather Lekan for approximately a year. We initially met under professional circumstances when I began planning a cowboy dressage clinic last October and I hired Heather as the instructor. However, I had seen Heather at several cowboy dressage events prior to that and was very impressed with her leadership ability and her passion for this great new equine discipline. Those experiences are what inspired me to host a clinic of my own.

Anyone who meets Heather will quickly realize what a warm but professional person she is. She makes sure all of the "T's" are crossed and "I's" are dotted, but is also just as certain to greet you with a hug and sincere hello when you see her. She conducts herself with integrity and respect and makes you feel welcomed and valued as a person. She is a great example of what a cowboy dressage ambassador should be as she lives by the cowboy dressage principles not only in the saddle, but 'on the ground' everyday as well.

As an instructor, Heather is very knowledgeable about riding and training in general and her enthusiasm for cowboy dressage is contagious. The participants at the clinic Heather instructed at for me were very positively impressed with her. Many commented on how skilled she was at working with horses and riders of such varying levels without making anyone feel either singled-out or ignored. Her instructions were clear and she did her best to explain what the goal of each movement was in a way that applied to not just cowboy dressage but to riding in general as well. She listened to what each of the participants had concerns with and adjusted her teaching method to what each horse and rider team needed to strengthen their partnership with each other. All of us came away from that clinic feeling we had a better relationship with our horses and, for several of us at least, it definitely reinforced our passion for cowboy dressage. The only regret I and several friends have is that we don't live closer to her so we could ride with her more often!

Anyone who has the opportunity to know and work with Heather Lekan on both a personal and/or a professional level is fortunate indeed. " Patti Z.