

## **Friends Group Honored by Special Achievement Award**



The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park Equestrian committee is sending out a big THANK YOU to the Wisconsin State Horse Council for honoring our group with a 2019 Special Achievement Award. The award, recognizing the group's progress in building a new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park, was presented at the Midwest Horse Fair by WHC President Nancy Edwards and accepted by committee co-chair Jean Warrior on behalf of co-chair Sandy Rogers and members Ada Duffey, Penny Fanning, Sue Press, Sherri Torrison and Gail Seator.



Concrete evidence of progress on the campground project will soon be evident at the park, with the construction this spring of the project's Phase I. Funded in part by two Horse Council grants totaling \$6,000, Phase I features improvements to the horse day ride trailhead adjoining the future campground. The installation of a permanent vault toilet at the trailhead "Comfort Stop" will be enjoyed and appreciated by the horse day riders, hikers and rock climbers who use the trailhead, and will eventually also serve the equestrian campground.

A fundraising raffle, with prize drawing held on April 14th at the Midwest Horse Fair, grew the campground fund by over \$13,000. The winning tickets were drawn by WI Horse Council District 4 President Karen Kroll and WHC Director and Trails Committee member Floyd Finney. The grand prize, a Ruby's Grand Adventure Ride for 2 in Bryce, Utah, was won by the Saddle Club of Darlington, WI. Other lucky prize winners include Jeanne Fox, Darrell Royalty, Heidi Hochhausen, Amy Leon, and Sharon Van Horn. We thank our generous prize donors and all who have supported our fundraising efforts. Truly everyone is a winner when our parks see improvements.



The next fundraising event will be a ride/hike with silent auction at the park on June 2nd, Rain or Shine. The Friends hope to see a strong turnout at the event as participants ride and hike at this fun event entitled "Governor Dodge State Park-A Winning Bet". An amazing silent auction will compliment the ride/hike event and help us meet our fundraising goal of reaching \$200,000!

*For more information about the Friends group, campground plans, and future events, or to make a donation, visit [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com).*

**Dear WHC Grant Committee,**

**On behalf of the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association, I would like to thank you for the grant we received from you.**

**This money will help the teamsters traveling to Old World Wisconsin to demonstrate the importance of draft horses in agriculture.**

**Thank you!**

**Jackie Schuster,  
JCDHA Secretary**

