

Lynn Palm: Rider Education is Her Priority

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What could be better than winning a world championship? Just ask Lynn Palm, renowned competitor, trainer, and instructor who has 34 World and Reserve World Championships under her belt. She will tell you that winning the 2003 Equine Affaire Exceptional Equestrian Educator Award, “is better than winning any World Championship.”

“I’ve always taught and coached, even when I had my own heavy competition schedule, but today my energy is more focused on education,” Lynn explains.

“I’ve had great success, and I want to give back to the industry that’s been so good to me. I find it a great reward to work with and influence riders of all ages, but especially young riders.”

Lynn’s penchant for working with young riders may come from the memory of her own horse crazy childhood. Born into a non-horsy family, Lynn was fortunate as a young girl to meet and be mentored by Ms. Bobbi Steele. A talented horsewoman, Ms. Steele made a name for herself as a rider with Ringling Bros. Circus and later, on her own, as a dressage and jumping rider at major horse shows across the Country.

In 1976, Lynn won her first Quarter Horse World Championship. Since then, she has become one of the top