

## BACH Celebrates the New Year with Good friends, Good Food and Good Riding.

The Brazos Association of Classical Horsemanship gathered Saturday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Don and Marcetta Darensbourg to celebrate year end awards, congratulate a new board and listen to and watch a wonderful presentation by Andrea Hart about musical freestyles.

Before the lecture, Andrea watched Ansleigh Fettig on her Gypsy Vanner, Dugan, and Jenny Stadler on Marcetta's Haflinger, Chip, performed parts of their developing freestyles offering tips about which movements to emphasize, which to keep to a minimum and matching the music to the personality of the horse. It made us chuckle when Andrea pointed out that frequently, the horse is doing a good job keeping time to the music while the rider is not. Using music to ride to does not have to result in a freestyle, it can be a fun tool to improve the gaits and transitions.



Jenny and Chip



Pictured above are BACH year-end awardees with Andrea Hart. From left to right: Karin Loftin, Training Level with her horse Faith, Sandy Venneman, Third Level with her mare Carpe Diem, Cynthia Werner, First Level with her horse Flor-de-Lis and Andrea Hart.



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