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A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.

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You've probably seen

your horse do this!

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Hello, friends,

Spring, Spring! You can see it, and most days, feel it coming! Well OK, not this past weekend, but it is out there on the way. This may just be my favorite time of year ~ I love the reemerging flowers, always being surprised at what shows up and comes back. Horses are shedding for real now, and while messy, it is so fun to find the slick horse underneath the by now raggedy looking winter dead hair. There is an anticipation in the air, too ~ things are starting to happen and riding plans can be made. Symposiums, Schooling Shows, Recognized Shows, lots coming up, and coming up soon. Are you ready?! Let's go!!

I want to make a tip of the hat to a group of people who go unrecognized for all they do. Who is that? Why it is all of us who are involved with horses in all the various levels that we are! Some of us board our horses at a public facility; some keep their equines at home; some ride for fun (hopefully that's all of us!), some choose to compete, and others ride professionally (and also hopefully still find it fun!) No matter what your level of involvement, I wanted to take a moment for

us all to acknowledge what it is we do, and, at times, what others do for us. I recently had the opportunity to be at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida, and got quite an eyeful of the big world of horses in competition. That facility has the capacity of 2100 permanent stalls ~ can you even imagine? On the weekend I was there I'm sure all of the 23 barns, yes, 23, were filled to capacity. So much hard work

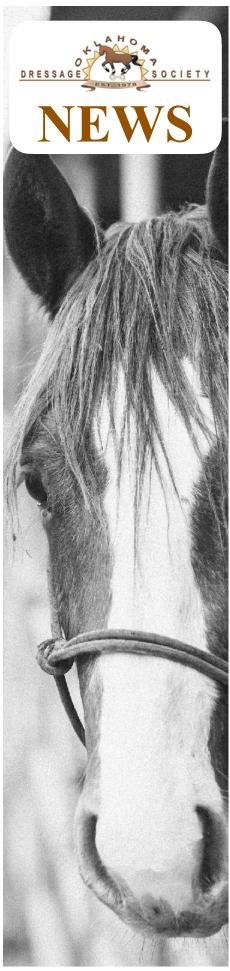
goes into caring for just one horse, yet there were all these people doing the same thing, some with dozens of horses. It made me really think and realize how many people, professionals and amateurs alike, devote a tremendous amount of time and effort (and yes, money) to caring for these magnificent creatures, and how hard we work to keep them healthy and hopefully happy. I don't give it much



World Equestrian Center

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ODS New Horse Registrations

2557 - Madigan von Benestar - Stephanie Peck

Registration Reminder For Horse Showing in 2023

Show season is about to get underway, for both Recognized and Schooling shows! Remember that if you want to be sure to be eligible for Year End Awards, your horse *must* be registered with ODS! This can be either for on year, for your better bet is to do a Lifetime registration. Check out the ODS website at <u>www.dressageoklahoma.org</u> for further information.

Easter-Themed Early April Schooling Show A Go!

See inside this issue for show information for a schooling show in the Tulsa area! Plan to attend or compete in the April 8th show at Revery Equine and show what you've gotten ready with your equine partner so far this year! Be watching for the rest of the schooling show schedule soon!

ODS Members To Ride In USDF 'L' Program Part II in Texas

The first session of the USDF L Program, Part 2, will soon be underway on April 1, 2 in San Antonio! **Sherry Guess** worked hard to find show venues that would be able to fulfill the USDF requirement for enough entries at Second Level to give the candidates enough rides to judge, and so had to work with shows from out of state. Three ODS members will be attending, **Nancy Burba, Richal Flannery,** and **Dallas Sweat**. CPDS will be represented by Holly Luke. Jane Fucinario from Omaha went through Part 1 hosted by ODS. Rounding out the field will be P.J. Kohler, Alex Medina,

and Jessica from Programs put on in other states. This is quite an undertaking, and Sherry deserves thanks from everyone involved for managing it all!!



GCC Dissolved & Integrated into ODS

The Green Country Chapter membership meeting was held at the OSU Extension Office on March 18 at 7pm. It was determined that GCC would be dissolved and moved under ODS. The additional 30 day period determined by the bylaws was waived by all present. With the approval of the ODS Board, GCC will move forward as an ODS committee for schooling shows. We appreciate the work, consideration and commitment that has gone into this decision. Now let's get out and show! (From Laura Taylor, for GCC Board) —See page 14 for more information.—

ODS Spring Symposium With Janet Foy

The exciting Spring Symposium is drawing near! If you would like a preview of Janet's quiet and helpful approach to teaching, check out this YouTube link: <u>https://youtu.be/V1ZOqkBRwkw</u>. Or search YouTube for Janet Foy 2023 tests symposium. Watching it makes me eager to watch her in action, live and in person! She is kind and encouraging, so our volunteer test riders will feel supported as they receive invaluable information and coaching from one of the best! What a great opportunity to get ready for the ODS show just one week later!! **Pamela Byers** is the contact person, so get your applications in now! Look for one to print in the newsletter, or go on the ODS website, dressageoklahoma.org and join us for a fantastic weekend! (pbyers.ods@gmail.com)

ODS Supports Houston's CDI Spring Show

Houston Dressage Society will once again step up to the daunting task of presenting another CDI2* show on April 27 – 30! This is a very significant undertaking as the operating of a CDI carries responsibilities well beyond what a 'regular' recognized show entails. ODS has supported this important effort in the past, as this is the only CDI offered in the center of the country; all others are on the coasts or in Florida. What a tremendous opportunity for top level riders in the Midwest. Once again the ODS Board has elected to support this effort with a \$500 donation to HDS. *Good luck and thank you, Houston!*

Centerline - March 2023

USDF Resource Guide For Awards

The USDF has issued a concise Awards Resource Guide: https://www.usdf.org/awards/ awards-resource-guide.asp.

USDF Recognition	Youth	Adult Amateurs	Seniors	Para Athletes	Professionals	Breeders	Young Horses
Rider Awards	1	1	1	1	1		
Horse Performance Certificates							1
Breeder of Distinction						1	
Year-End Awards	1	1	1	1	V	1	1
All-Breeds Awards	1	V	1	1	V		×
USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program	ø	1	×.		1		
Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program	1						
Youth Shining Star Program	1						
Dressage Spirit Award	1						

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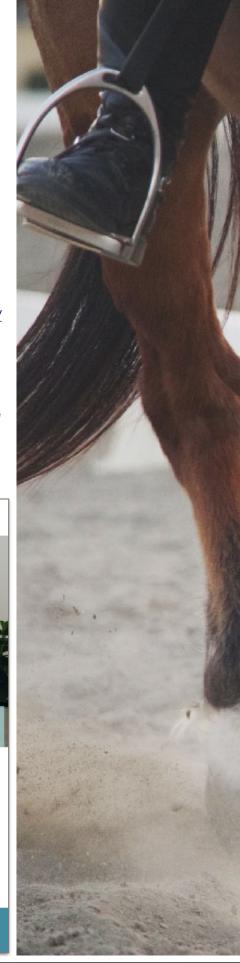
Beginning at the 2023 Great American/USDF Regional Championships, each freestyle championship level will have two divisions: an open division and a combined AA/Jr/YR division. View full info here: <u>https://www.usdf.org/docs/ShowFlash/web/RegionalChamp/</u><u>RCRules2023.pdf?t=<%=Now()%></u>

Changes Coming for USDF's Regional Schooling Show Awards!

After two very successful years of USDF's Regional Schooling Show Awards program, USDF has announced exciting new changes for 2022 that will encourage participation, streamline the process for those participating, and make qualifying for the rankings more attainable for those interested in the program.

Read full info here: <u>https://yourdressage.org/2022/03/01/exciting-changes-coming-for-usdfs-2022-regional-schooling-show-awards/</u>





JANET FOY ODS SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY-2023 DRESSAGE TESTS SUNDAY-CREATING A MUSICAL FREE STYLE APRIL 22/23, 2023 SOUTHERN HILLS RIDING ACADEMY AT DYER RANCH, 105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK

Janet Foy is not only a USEF "S" dressage judge, but a FEI 5* (Level 4) International Judge as well. In addition to judging at all the major shows in the United States and Canada, she has been on the Jury for the 2019 Pan American Games (Peru), the 2018 World Cup Finals (Paris) and the 2019 European Championships (Rotterdam). She has been honored to judge many top CDI-@ and CDI 5* shows world wide, including at the famous Aachen 5*. A crowning achievement was judging at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games! 2022 will be keeping her traveling as she will be the FEI Technical Delegate for the World Dressage Championships in Denmark, as well as for the Central American Games and the Bolivian Games in South American, and finally the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the Netherlands.

Somehow in her "spare time", Janet has managed to write a most excellent and encouraging book titled <u>Dressage for</u> <u>the Not So Perfect Horse</u>. Encouraging because don't we all have those not quite so perfect horses, who we dearly love in spite of the fact they aren't likely to be cantering down any Olympic centerline? Janet has that rare quality of being able to judge the horses that is in front of her while not unfairly comparing it to those world class equines. All this ~yet she is generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Rider Fees: \$250 for ODS Members for two days \$150 for one day \$300 for non-ODS members for two days \$200 for one day

Contact Pamela Byers @ 405-990-8963 (text) or pamela@galleryfarm.us for rider application **Rider Application Deadline: March 15th**

Auditor Fees: One Day Rate \$50 for ODS Members \$65 or Non-ODS Members Weekend Rate \$80 for ODS Members \$95 for Non-ODS Members

Auditor Registration Deadline:

Postmarked or Sign Up on ODS Website by April 15th—must include payment See Auditor Registration Form for more details

Inquire with Pamela about Housing Options

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Pamela Byers ODS Education Chairperson PO Box 915 Noble,, OK 73068

Phone: 405-990-8963 Email: pbyers.ods@gmail.com



Rider Deadline Extended!

Openings are needed for Training, First & Second level!

Janet provides invaluable help for all levels!

What a fantastic opportunity for anyone's riding career!

JANET FOY ODS SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY-2023 DRESSAGE TESTS

SUNDAY-CREATING A MUSICAL FREE STYLE

APRIL 22/23, 2023 Southern Hills Riding Academy at Dyer Ranch, 105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK

Auditor Registration Form

Auditor Fees:

One Day Rate \$50 for ODS Members \$65 or Non-ODS Members Weekend Rate \$80 for ODS Members \$95 for Non-ODS Members

Auditor Registration Deadline:

Postmarked or ODS Website by April 15th—Must include Payment

Lodging Options

Davs Inn in Okemah—approx. \$65 plus tax/night, 918.623.2200 For the following Accommodations, please contact Pamela -AirBnB Options-list will be available soon -Bunkhouse at Dver Ranch, sleeps 8 people \$35/person for weekend -RV Hookups at Dyer Ranch-30/50 Amp Electrical Hookup \$35 weekend

Lunch provided for those registered by April 15th. Auditor registration available on both days of symposium but lunch not guaranteed for those registering after the April 15th deadline. FYI-Eating places in Okemah are limited and located 5 miles away.

Auditor Registration Current ODS Member 🔲 Yes 🔲 No Name_____ Phone # E-Mail Address I plan to eat the provided lunch. YES NO If yes, please select one option 🗖 Salad Bar 🗖 Grill Options I am interested in purchasing a shirt w/ODS logo Cost—\$30-35 This is not a commitment to purchase. Used for planning purposes only. Your Size Color Preference

Mail with payment (checks made to Oklahoma Dressage Society) to: Pamela Byers, ODS Education Chairperson, PO Box 915, Noble, OK 73068 or pay via credit card by visiting the ODS website.- www.dressageoklahoma.org





Janet Foy Symposium Improving your Performance Using the 2023 Tests Plus Creating a Musical Freestyle SOUTHERN HILLS RIDING ACADEMY AT DYER RANCH, 105074 N 3770 ROAD, OKEMAH, OK April 22 and 23, 2022 USDF University Pending

Rider Application Deadlines
Opening Date-January 15, 2023
Closing Date-March 15th

Don't miss your opportunity to ride with an "S" judge to prepare for the ODS Spring Show being held the following weekend-April 29-30, 2023.

CRITERIA FOR DEMO RIDERS

The focus of the symposium on the first day will be with the auditors and maximizing their educational experience of learning the ins and outs of performing the new 2023 dressage tests. On the second day, the symposium emphasis will be split with the morning focus on creating musical freestyles and in the afternoon riding FEI dressage tests or if time allows, additional 2023 dressage tests. Demo Rider selection will be based on information concerning the achievements and history of the horse and rider combination. A combination of junior, adult amateur, and professional riders may be selected. Levels Training through Fourth are needed for the 2023 tests demonstrations. All levels will be considered for the musical freestyles demo rides. Preference for the Sunday rides will be given to those selected to ride on Saturday plus those riding FEI tests. Demo Riders are required to wear safety helmets and boots. Horses are to be braided for the Symposium rides. All tests are to be memorized.

RIDER INFORMATION (please print)

Name			(DDS Member YES	NO
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Phone		E-mail			
(Check O	ne) Professional		Junior		
	INFORMATION Name		Breed		
Age	Height	Color	Sex (Mare, Gelding, Stal	lion)	
Owner's]	Name				
			Showing		
What is t	he highest level you've	worked with other horses	?		
What are	your short and long te	erm goals for this horse?(Required)		

If not selected to ride as a demo rider, I am willing to be an alternate – Yes No (Circle One). The latest I could be notified and still participate is _____(date).

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A waiver of liability will be signed by all riders before mounting. By signing this form, I agree to abide by all rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this Symposium. The rider is ultimately responsible for paying the rider and stabling fees to ODS.

USDF accreditation is pending for this program for its educational content. USDF is not responsible for the date, location, organization, or presentation of this program or for any other circumstances relevant to this program. The organization of this program is the sole responsibility of the organizer of the program.

Rider's Signature	Date	

Horse Owner's Signature

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be issued to riders that cancel only if their spot can be filled from the waiting list or have extenuating circumstances and the cancellation is approved by the symposium committee.

Date

Make checks payable to ODS Riders must send at least a <u>50% deposit</u> with application. If Selected - Balance due by April 15st			
PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:			
Demo rider Both days: ODS Member \$250 Non-ODS member \$300 Sunday Preference: Musical Freestyle (Level) or New Test (Two Day Rider Fee includes Stall for two nights w/2 bags shavings, symposium shirt, auditing, and lunch) Demo Rider Saturday Only: ODS Member \$150 Non-ODS Member \$200 Demo Rider Sunday Only: ODS Member \$150 – Musical Freestyle or New Tests (circle one) Demo Rider Sunday Only: Non-ODS Member \$200 – Musical Freestyle or a New Tests (circle one) One Day Rider Fee includes Stall for one night w/2 bags shavings, symposium shirt, auditing, and lunch)			
\$Sub-Total Tack Stall - \$30 if available - share with another rider \$Sub-Total Amount Rider Deposit \$ Shirt Size Balance Due 4/1/2023 \$ A negative Coggins (within 1 year) must be sent or shown upon arrival.			

Please return this completed 2 page form along with payment along and a copy of the Horse's Current Negative Coggins (within one year of April 24) to the address below by the postmarked deadline of March 15th.

Please send your Application, Current Coggins and Payment (made payable to ODS) to: Pamela Byers, ODS 2022 Symposium, PO Box 915, Noble, OK 73068 405-990-8963 (cell) Email: pamela@galleryfarm.us

Please contact Pamela for additional information and/or lodging options. Faxed applications cannot be accepted.

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GUIDELINES FOR DEMO RIDER SELECTION Janet Foy Symposium April 22-23, 2023

- 1. Any rider may apply, however; preference will be given to Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS) members. Must be USDF members.
- 2. Horses do not need to be registered with ODS in order to participate. All breeds will be considered.
- 3. Juniors, Amateurs, and Professionals will be considered on an equal basis.
- 4. Riders of all levels are encouraged to apply. Riders must be able to canter and sit the trot. Those riding young horses may rise the trot as appropriate.
- 5. The focus will be with the auditors and maximizing their educational experience.
- 6. Demo riders must submit proof of ability to perform at or above the level demonstrated on the same horse in the application. If wanting to ride in a musical freestyle session, submit a proof of freestyle work. Proof can be submitted in *one or more* of the following ways:

a. Include scores of 60% or higher at the demonstrated level or above on the horse they will be riding. Please submit copies of the dressage tests.

b. A written statement from the rider's instructor.

c. A video demonstrating the rider and horse executing the required movements of the level. (The more information you send the selection committee, the better will be their ability to evaluate you and make a selection. Thank you!)

- Demo riders must be open and willing to learn and to make adjustments as suggested by the clinician. Riders must also be able to take criticism and not be offended by their riding being discussed in front of an audience.
- 8. The selection committee will be looking to fill riding slots for each national dressage level Training thru Fourth to demonstrate the new 2023 tests. The best candidate of each level will be selected. Riders will memorize a pre-assigned 2023 dressage test. If you are willing to be a demo rider at alternate levels please indicate that on your application.



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Spotlight Virtual Shows Approved for World!

Gail Matheus' Spotlight Shows which are Virtual shows held via video submissions are now approved as qualifying for the Western Dressage World show!

Go to https://wdaaworldshow.org for details on the WDAA World Championship show being held in September 2023 in Guthrie, OK. Learn about how to qualify, compete, sponsor and more.



Letter From The President

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happy. I don't give it much thought nor consider it in any way special ~ it's just what I do and have done for so long. Most of my friends, and mostly women, do the same hard and seemingly endless work day after day without thinking that it is unusual. I just want you all to take a moment and realize that it IS special, and it IS unusual ~ and recognize the value of what it is we all do and the effort we make. Thank yourselves for your own hard work, and if you keep your horse with a professional, or you know a professional, please thank them as well. We all deserve a round of applause!! Well done!!

Hugs and blessings to you all ~

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Volunteer Of The Year: Reflections & Looking Ahead to Shows In 2023

Thank you, ODS, for the beautiful blanket and the Volunteer of the Year Award. Divino's picture on the blanket is very special as he was a gift from a best friend who passed away much too early in life. As soon as I became an ODS member in 1981, I began volunteering and have continued through the years. I believe in giving back. And I am grateful for all those who feel the same. ODS is such a great GMO who has stood the test of time due to our great membership. My current volunteer work is spent on organizing the recognized shows.

Speaking of shows, ODS Spring I & II is just around the corner, April 29th and 30th, in Tulsa's Expo Ford Arena. Our judges are Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and Dolly Hannon. These judges are the best of friends and will enjoy traveling to Tulsa and judging together in Tulsa. Look forward to musical freestyles, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and awards following the last ride on Saturday late afternoon. Join us for the stall crawl on Friday early evening. Meet and greet competitors, grooms, family and friends. The food is always delicious! And there will be wine!

Green Country Dressage Show is hosted once again at Claremore's Expo Square on June 10th and 11th. The stalling area has been revamped and comfortable for horse and humans. Judges are Judy Downer and Charlotte Trentelman. Always a calm, fun, and peaceful show.



A THIRD RECOGNIZED SHOW & CLINIC is happening! Remember Vanessa Carlson's Woodridge Farms? New owners, Abby and Michael

Staabs, are renovating and open for business. Kathy Rowse is a favorite "L" instructor and desired by participates to judge a show and give a clinic. Mark your calendars for September 9th for a Level 1 show including freestyles followed by a clinic on September 10th. This show is the last show in the area to get qualified for Region 9 championships.

Sherry Guess is looking for volunteers for all shows. Thank you, Sherry, for organizing wonderful members, family members, and friends to run our shows. Contact Sherry for more info on how to get involved: <u>guessdrsg@aol.com</u> Please be generous with your time and talents. Without you, volunteers, these shows would not be possible!!! For this we are very grateful!

Spring Shows I & II Judge Spotlight

Kathy Rowse is an USEF "S" dressage judge from Suffolk,VA Kathy has earned her United States Dressage Federation Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. She has been an "S" (Senior Judge) since 1999. Kathy is a proud member of the USDF "L" Faculty, the USDF Youth Committee and Adults Programs and Youth Committee and spent many years on the board of the Southeast Virginia Dressage Association. Kathy is, Dedicated Pilates Practitioner and a Competive Ballroom Dancer.

Silverleaf Farm has very active Professional, FEI Pony/ Junior/ Young Rider and Adult Amateur programs. Kathy travels extensively giving clinics and is delighted to work with all breeds and all levels of students helping them to achieve their best. Her students have made 5 different FEI Junior or Young Teams, have competed and placed at the National Dressage Championships, won Arabian SHN championships and reserve champions, and have been awarded their USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medals.

Tickets Available For World Cup in Omaha

This exciting event is coming up soon! Due to some scheduling conflicts some tickets have become available from ODS members who will sadly be unable to attend. If you are interested in purchasing a package of tickets that will let you watch on Tuesday (familiarization~ warm up rides), Wednesday (the Grand Prix) and Friday (GP Freestyle), you can contact: **Richal Flannery** (918.855.4481) or **Sherry Guess** (918.640.1204).



NEWS ALERT! OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 24, 2023

Open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society youth, adult & professional members.

Whether you show, ride purely for pleasure, or just wish to increase your understanding of your horse and your riding.

ODS has an education scholarship for you.

- ODS Education Scholarships are available to be used for:
 - ODS sponsored 2023 Education opportunities
- Region 9 sponsored 2023 Education opportunities
- US Dressage Federation sponsored 2023 Education opportunities
 - US Equestrian sponsored 2023 Education opportunities

Steps to applying for an ODS Scholarship:

- Check the ODS Calendar for all the 2023 non-show events. (Don't forget to check the Region 9, USDF & USE Event Calendars, too.)
- Applications are found on the ODS website.
- Download and start completing the form now. Make sure to include all your volunteer hours.
- Submit the **completed** form, with all accompanying materials, to the ODS Scholarship Committee by the March 24th deadline or before.
- Make sure to apply and pay for your education event. All ODS Scholarships are on a reimbursement basis.

Get your application submitted before the deadline to the ODS Scholarship Committee. Send it c/o: <u>ntraitlira19@gmail.com</u> or mail it to: N. Trait-Lira, 18601 Hickory Hollow Drive, Harrah, OK 73045

Don't be left in the dust.



Special Announcement Regarding GCC

The Green Country Chapter of Oklahoma Dressage Society held a membership meeting and voted to determine the future of the chapter. By unanimous decision, GCC will be dissolved and will be moved under ODS as a committee for schooling shows.

ODS wishes to acknowledge the magnitude of this decision on the part of GCC members. This topic has been under considerable discussion for several months, and much thought has gone into the final resolution. GCC is the oldest and most active of all ODS Chapters, and has been a mainstay of activities in the Eastern side of the state. Times and circumstances have changed over the years, and the need for a separately acting chapter has waned. ODS is excited to fold this active group into the main organization, and we are confident that events, such as the Schooling show Series, will continue with renewed vigor!

All assets of GCC will be transferred to ODS. This money will be assigned a line item of funding for the new "Green Country Committee", and serve as the basis of covering costs of upcoming shows or events conducted by that committee. Members who have paid the \$10.00 Chapter dues for 2023 will be contacted and given the option of what they wish to do with that money. It can be reimbursed, or if you prefer, it will stay with the assets of GCC and moved into ODS and become the seed money for the new committee. Please contact **Julie Simmons**, GCC Treasurer by **April 18, 2023** if you desire a refund. After that time, it is assumed you intend for funds to stay with the new committee. (julie.adams23@gmail.com)

Many, many thanks to all involved with GCC, both present and over the past 20 years of it's activity. You served ODS well and made us stronger through all your efforts!

New Level I Fall Show & Clinic Confirmed

Roberta Clark has worked her magic and confirmed dates, judge and venue for a Fall Show for **Sept 9-10, 2023**! **Kathy Rowse** will judge with Susan Lang TD. There will be an indoor warmup <u>and</u> outdoor competition ring.

Mark your calendars: Sept. 8th move-in Sept. 9th Level One Recognized Show Sept 10th Clinic with Kathy Rowse

Location: Staab Equestrian in Claremore, Oklahoma (Formerly Woodridge Farm)

Watch for details coming soon. First preference for clinic rides will be given to those who show on Saturday.



The Dressage Foundation: Upcoming Grants

April 10 - Jane Savoie Fund for Adult Amateurs

May 15 - Military Grant Fund for Service Members and Dependents (Amateurs and Youth)

June 1 - George Williams Young Professional Fund

Visit TDF online for more info and to apply: https://www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/grant-calendar.html





On April 29^h and April 30th, the Oklahoma Dressage Society will again host its United States Dressage Federation Annual Horse Show at Expo Square **in the Ford Arena** in Tulsa, OK.

This show is recognized as a premier equestrian event and draws exhibitors from around the region including Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. Last year's horse show drew over one hundred horse and rider combinations, twenty sponsors and several hundred spectators who came together to support, compete and socialize. We are working to exceed that number this year.

The Oklahoma Dressage Society is a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, ODS, promotes and encourages men, women, girls and boys from the age of eight through senior citizens to participate in the equestrian sport of "Dressage" (French for "training.") Some people describe Dressage as "ballet" on horseback and also associate it with the famous Lipizzaner Stallions. This Olympic sport originally incorporated the Greek's methods of training of their warhorses. It has evolved into a complex, demanding, and extremely rewarding sport that teaches the young and old responsibility and sportsmanship. Additionally, Dressage is also one of the only sports where men and women compete as equals. Today, dressage encompasses training that is used with various other equine activities including, but not limited to, jumping, driving and pleasure riding. There are many therapeutic benefits when incorporating horses with children (handicapped to autistic) and veterans (injured to PTSD). This show has Para classes where competitors can compete against other para riders and potential earn an "emerging USDF Para" classification. With the recent addition of "Western" Dressage, the influence of dressage has seen great growth.

The Oklahoma Dressage Society extends to you an invitation to be part of this equestrian experience. Due to the financial limitations of our organization, we seek sponsorships and support from businesses, restaurants, and the community to ensure a successful event. Sponsorship is available at many levels. Donations accepted in the form of funding, gift certificates, silent auction items, etc.

In return for your generosity, we will provide you or your business with a tax-deductible donation receipt along with the sponsorship benefits (see attached information) that apply. All donations are greatly appreciated and insure the finances for future shows!

Sincerely,

Roberta Clark

Make all checks payable to: "ODS" PLEASE note in the memo line: "2023 Spring Show"

MAIL / DELIVER TO:

Roberta Clark: 16 E. 26th Place, Tulsa OK 74114 Phone: (918) 605-3263 ***** E-mail: 55rclark@gmail.com



GOLD SPONSOR

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For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$500 you will receive:

- A full-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- Saturday awards celebration/Exhibitors'- VIP table included.
- Your name will be announced as a Gold Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- Banners (with grommets) placement around the show rings. (Provided by the Sponsor)
- 6 months' advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

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SILVER SPONSOR

For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$300 you will receive:

- A half-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- Saturday awards celebration/Exhibitors'- VIP table included.
- Your name will be announced as a Silver Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- Banners (with grommets) placement around the show rings. (Provided by the Sponsor)
- 3 months' advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

BRONZE SPONSOR

For your tax-deductible cash contribution of \$150 you will receive:

- A quarter-page color advertisement in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.
- Your name will be announced as a Bronze Sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program as such.
- 1 month advertisement on the ODS website and in the ODS newsletter

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

VIP Sponsor: For a \$300 sponsorship, you or your company's name will appear in this special area along with your VIP table. Our VIP Tables will be located on the promenade above the show rings. Your name or your company's name will be displayed at the entrance.

VIP Tables: For a \$100 you may purchase a VIP table for 6.

Saturday Exhibitors' and Awards Celebration– Wine Sponsor: with a \$250 sponsorship, you or your company can sponsor the wine for our exhibitors' party. A personalized sign with your name will be prominently displayed on the service table and will also be included in the 2023 Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.

Champion Award Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$150, you can be the sponsor of any Champion Award (highest percentage across both shows at any level – no minimum score). Your name will be announced as a sponsor and listed in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program. Three awards are available: Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur Rider, and Open (Professional) Rider.

High Score Level Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$100, you can sponsor a High Point Award for one of the following:

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- Training Level: Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open
- First Level: Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open
- Second Level: Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, Open
- Third Level: Combined division
- Fourth Level: Combined division
- PSG, I-I, I-A & I-B Combined division
- Intermediate II & Grand Prix: Combined division

Class Sponsorship: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$50, you can sponsor a class of your choosing. Ribbons to sixth place and a prize for first place to be awarded.

Morning Breakfast Sponsor: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$200, you can be a Breakfast sponsor at the Hospitality area for both mornings of the show. Your name will be prominently displayed on the service table.

Friends of ODS Sponsorship: For a tax-deductible contribution of \$25 your name will be included on our sponsor's page in the Oklahoma Dressage Society Show Program.

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SHOW PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT Advertising Deadline: Monday, April 11, 2023

	ODS Member Rate	<u>Non-Member Rate</u>
Full Page Color (7.5" x 10")	\$175	\$200
Full Page Black & White (7.5" x 10")	\$80	\$100
1⁄2 Page Black & White	\$65	\$75
1/4 Page Black & White	\$35	\$40
1/8 Page Black & White	\$20	\$25

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Vendor Space

All vendor spaces include 1 table, 2 chairs, and table cloth. Electric is available. If additional services are needed, such as a fork lift, that expense will be the responsibility of the vendor.

- \$100
- 10' x 10' Space:
- 10' x 20' Space: \$200
- Trailer Parking Space: \$200

Vendor set up is as early as Friday 12:00 noon. Please check in with the show office upon arrival.

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Signature:

Make all checks payable to: "ODS" • <u>PLEASE</u> note in the memo line: "2023 Spring Show"

Date: ____

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Roberta Clark + 16 E. 26th Place, Tulsa OK 74114 + 918-605-3263 + 55rclark@gmail.com



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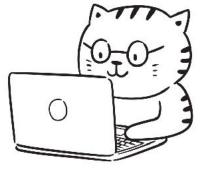


Meet Ms. Rocket: ODS's New Editorial Staff Member

Please welcome Ms. Rocket, the new ODS Newsletter columnist who is ready to answer any of your burning questions (horse and farm -or mouse- related of

course!). Ms. Rocket will answer your questions here in the ODS newsletters, so be on the lookout for them! If she doesn't know the answer, she will creatively make one up. This might be "interesting!" Send her your comments or questions you'd like her to answer...who knows...you could end up hearing more of her

cat "paw-losophies!"



Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: **ntraitlira19@gmail.com**. She's looking forward to hearing from you!

Another Reason Why Horses & Cats Are Alike: The Vomeronasal

So, my outdoor chat group has not been meeting too often this last month due to the really crazy weather. I guess you could chalk it all up to us living in Oklahoma....and you'd be right. My horse buddies have been having fun out in the cold to wet to muddy to snowy climate changes. Me? I've been staying inside where it's dry & more consistent with a warm temperature.

I watch out the window while the deer eat the sunflower seeds from the hanging bird feeders & the raindrops drip off the tips of the daffodils. We've had a few really warm sunny days & I've gone out to visit my buddies on those days. Today, I'm hoping to feel the real warmth outside by waiting until this afternoon to go visit my big 4-legged buddies. My claws are crossed with planning that the sun and cold wind will cooperate.

When we've gotten a chance to get together we've continued our talks about how all animals have their own ways to perceive the world around them (Umwelten). It's gotten really "star trekky" with the differences with how each species has developed their style of smelling. Lizards & snakes use a tongue. Snakes even have a FORKED tongue. Can you believe that? They pick up scents in the air with the tips of their tongues after they've flicked each tip of their forked tongues in a circle! I bet my horse buddies could get some good tips from those snakes on how to make those pirouettes smaller.

This is where it gets even more freaky because snakes, horses & cats (among other species) have a secondary system for detecting odors. Another reason horses & cats are so much alike. This sidekick to the main smell detecting system is the vomeronasal organ. It has its "own kinds of odor-sensing cells, its own sensory neurons, and its own connections to the brain." We cats & horses are really special because this organ doesn't exist in dogs, birds, crocodiles, and 2-leggeds. Another reason why cats & horses get along so well. Dogs? Not so much. You can really see how alike cats & horses are now. We use the same systems to do our smell detective work. You remember how your horse wrinkles its nose & curls back their upper lip?

Now you know that BOTH cats & horses do the lip curl to expose our teeth, & when we do that we're cutting off our nostrils & sending inhaled odorants to the vomeronasal. Cool, huh? I wonder why they never had a Star Trek show on that?

Ms Ricket

CLASSIFIED ADS

Sell your horse, trailer, tack, property or other equine related items here in the ODS newsletter classified ads.

Non-commercial ads are FREE for ODS members and only \$5 for non-members

Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

To advertise, email the editor: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

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NEW! Advertise Your Items For Sale Via ODS Membership E-Blast & Facebook!

Now, you can sell your horse-related items by way of an advertisement emailed to all members of ODS, PLUS an ad on the ODS Facebook page all for a \$50 donation to ODS! To secure your ad space, send \$50 to <u>martakoe@yahoo.com</u> and copy-ready artwork to newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage members to further their dressage education.



Criteria for Eligibility:

- 1. This ODS Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
- 2. The candidate must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS). In addition, the applicant must have been an ODS member for at least the 2 previous years.
- 3. The candidate must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non-ODS dressage educational events will be considered as additional input.
- 4. The candidate must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least one (1) ODS committee or have accumulated five (5) hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ODS dressage related events will be considered as additional input.

Criteria for Use:

Scholarships may be used toward the registration/entry fees for the following types of dressage educational events:

- Acceptable activities will include ODS and its affiliated chapters educational events, USDF Region 9 and USDF educational events. Additionally, any educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, or USDF Medalist.
- 2. Scholarship candidates must receive ODS Scholarship Committee approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event <u>prior</u> to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

Application Deadline:

The ODS Education Scholarship committee will meet a minimum of two times per year. Each scholarship application must be received by the following schedule:

January 1 – May 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15.

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

May 16 - November 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15.

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is <u>after</u> the award date.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours counting towards ODS Education Scholarships include:

- 1. Volunteering at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers, etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Education Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Coordinator from each event.
- 2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.
- 3. Consideration will also be given for attendance at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored activities or functions. (ex: Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational events).

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

approved dressage educational event with <u>validation of the attendance</u>; and, the <u>submission to ODS</u> <u>of the required post report</u>. An amount of \$200 will be awarded. Scholarship winners must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.



The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the candidate's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.) Scholarships must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in ODS general funds. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$200 must remain in this account at all times. The funds generated by the silent auction at any AGM will be placed in the ODS Education Scholarship fund. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Additional Information:

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year by the corresponding deadline.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year (June & December) to review all applications received up to that point and make the decisions about its awards. The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee may award zero (0) scholarships, or may award more than two (2) scholarships at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four (4) Scholarships may be awarded each year. Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Education Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per twelve (12) months period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given twelve (12) months, a candidate may not apply again within that same twelve (12) months period. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible candidates who have <u>not</u> received an education scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least one (1) current ODS Board Member. The committee must consist of a total of three (3) to five (5) ODS members in good standing. The committee shall not exceed five (5) members.





Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form. **Be as specific as you can.**

Date of Application:
Name of Applicant:
Address:
Telephone (Cell):
Email:
Are you an ODS Member in good standing? I Yes I No Status: I Junior I Amateur I Open
Do you compete in dressage?INoIYesIf Yes, Please check all applicable below.ISchooling ShowsIRecognized ShowsILocally IRegionally INationally
Who is your current riding instructor?
<u>Name</u> and <u>date</u> of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:
Tell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend <u>.</u> (Please attach any printed material / flyer and a copy of your completed application to event).
How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?

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OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

New Membership	Renewing Membership	Information Change only		
Last NameFirst Name		USDF ID#		
Address	City/State Zip			
Daytime Phone	Evening Phone			
Email		Birth date: Mth/Yr		

USDF membership year is Dec 1st - Nov 30th . Membership dues are late after November 30th .

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members. please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

\$54 Adult: Please check which applies:	Open 🗆 Amateur	□ Vintage (50+) □		\$
\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding member	ers and those members w	ho have lifetime memb	erships)	\$
\$44 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the (For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 f	•	year		\$
\$64 Family (for two family members) Name of second family member		_ Birth Day Mth_	/ Yr	\$
\$10 Add third family member Name of third family member		Birth Day Mth_	/ Yr	\$

Chapter Membership – Check which chapter you would like to join. Chapter membership is not required, but is required to participate in the Chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or a family.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		
$\$5$ DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30 th .	- (\$)
DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt501.c.organization) OPTIONAL	\$	
\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)	\$	

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

□ Gold Medal □ Silver Medal □ Bronze Medal □ USDF Rider Performance (Training, 1st, 2...) □ "L" Judge

USDF Instructor Certification - Level _____

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets? Please circle all that apply.

Scribing 🗆 Scoring 🗆 Organization/Management 🗆 Accounting 🗆 Spreadsheets 🗆 Arena Set-Up/Tear-D own 🗆

Photography
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Other

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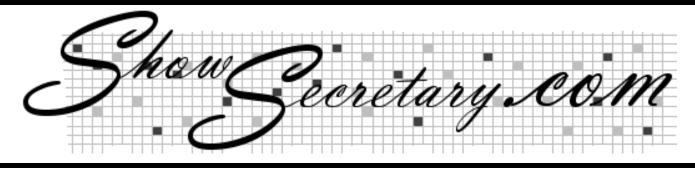
Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039. Email Marta Koenig at martakoe@yahoo.com Phone: 918-232-0675 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.





Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Lindsey Greco at webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

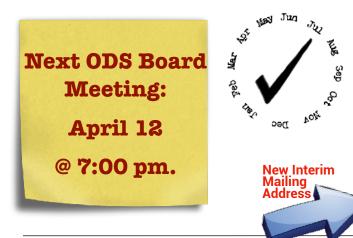
- April 4-8 FEI Jumping, Dressage & Vaulting World Cup[™] Finals (Omaha, Nebraska)
 - April 8 GCC Schooling Show @ Revery Equine (Mounds, OK)
- April 22-23 Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Southern Hills Riding Academy, Okemah)
- April 29 & 30 ODS Spring I & II Shows (Level 3) (Tulsa Expo Square)
- June 10 & 11 Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Level 3) (Claremore Expo Center)
 - Sept 9, 10 ODS Level I Show (9th) & Clinic (10th) (Staab Equestrian, Claremore)
 - Sept 26-30 2023 WDAA World Championship Show (Lazy E Arena Guthrie, OK)



Monthly ODS Meetings **Open To All Members**

Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend via phone the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

You may call in to attend virtually by dialing 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).



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