



Centerline

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

February

2019

ODS Spring Symposium

Sign up early! The Tulsa Fairgrounds will play host to this spring's educational symposium. Find details inside this issue!

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ODS Year-End Awards

Lots of hard work and fun times were celebrated at the Annual General Meeting & Banquet in January. See the riders & volunteers who earned top awards.

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Gearing Up For The Spring Show

Mark your calendar to compete, volunteer or watch classical dressage at ODS' biggest show of the year. Advertising opportunities are also available for your business!

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USDF Trainers Conference

Two ODS members and trainers traveled to Florida for the USDF Trainers Conference. Read about their experience from one of these life-long learners.

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Grant Funds Awarded & Available

An ODS member was the recipient of grant funds from The Dressage Foundation - see who it is and what she received! More funds are available through Region 9 - read how you can apply.

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Letter From The President

Thank you to all who came and participated in the Annual General Membership meeting and banquet at Remington Park in OKC on January 26th. Congratulations goes to all the 2018 year-end award winners! We had some good discussions at the meeting. It was great to see all the interest and energy.

We now have four new members of the ODS Board of Directors. Their names can be found on the last page of this newsletter. We have already had our first Board meeting with the new team - on February 13th. There are lots of new ideas and energy! Look for some exciting new opportunities to be announced later this year.

The Symposium with Christine Traurig is coming up fast! If you are interested in being a rider, please contact Kay Kamish. She already has received several applications with more coming in. Details are on the flyer on page 3-4 of this newsletter.

I have been working with the volunteer piece of the website. I have set up several committees and entered names of those who signed up at the AGM, or otherwise informed ODS of their interest to help. So if you get a mysterious email regarding volunteering...that is why! If you are interested in serving on a committee you can sign up on the web. If a committee shows that it is full, please email me directly and I can add more positions to accommodate you. Other than the show committee, contacts or chairpersons have not yet been

assigned. Please note that the times and dates listed are placeholders only. As always, if you have comments or ideas for the ODS Board, please let me know!

Happy Riding!
-Pamela DeVore
President, Oklahoma Dressage Society





USDF Video Streaming - “On The Levels”

Master the 2019 USEF and USDF Introductory through Fourth Level dressage tests with USDF's On the Levels! Available now for digital streaming through the [USDF Online Store](#), DVD coming soon. Tests Effective 12/1/2019 - 11/30/2022



New ODS Horse Registrations

Here is a list of new horses recently added to the ODS registry:

#2461 - *Raphaello FA* - Donna Copeland
 #2462 - *FDF Celebrate* - Donna Copeland
 #2463 - *Brogdens Girl* - Zoe Page
 #2464 - *My Best Wishes* - Zoe Page
 #2465 - *LR Lyric* - Abigail Butts

Region 9 GMOs



USDF has over 100 affiliated dressage clubs, or Group Member Organizations (GMOs), across the United States and Canada. These clubs submit their membership rosters to the USDF office. By joining your local GMO, you automatically become a group member (GM) of USDF. Region 9's website can be found at www.usdfregion9.org. The Region 9 Director is ODS' own Sherry Guess.

ODS is in Region 9 which is comprised of GMOs in these states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas.

The following are the clubs in Region 9:

Alamo Dressage Association
 Lakehills, TX
 Arkansas Dressage Society
 Sherwood, AR
 Austin Dressage Unlimited
 Georgetown, TX
 Brazos Assoc. For Classical
 Horsemanship (BACH)
 College Station, TX
 Central Plains Dressage Society
 Stillwater, OK
 Central Texas Dressage Society
 Elgin, TX
 Dallas Dressage Club
 Dallas, TX
 Fort Worth Dressage Club
 Willow Park, TX
 Houston Dressage Society
 The Woodlands, TX
 Northeast Texas Dressage Club
 Commerce, TX
 Oklahoma Dressage Society
 Seminole, OK
 Southern Eventing & Dressage
 Association
 Folsom, LA
 Tri-State Dressage Society
 Shreveport, LA



Oklahoma Dressage Society
presents



Christine Traurig

**“TRAINING EXERCISES USED TO
PROGRESS THROUGH THE LEVELS”**

Spring 2019
Dressage Symposium

Rider Fees:
\$300/ODS Member
\$350/Non-Member

Auditor Fees (ODS Member):
\$50 for 1 Day
\$80 for 2 Days

Auditor Fees (Non-Member):
\$60 for 1 Day
\$90 for 2 Days

*USDF University
credit pending*

**REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.DRESSAGEOKLAHOMA.ORG**

Email Registration Forms to Kay Kamish
kkamish0DS@aol.com

April 6 & 7
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Rider Applications Due March 2

Lunch Included for
Auditors who Register
by March 30 & All Riders

Auditors Welcome at the Door,
However Lunch Not Guaranteed

Contact Kay for Rider Application
or with Questions:
kkamish0DS@aol.com
918-808-6128

TULSA EXPO CENTER ————— MUSTANG ARENA



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OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

Is proud to present our 2019 Spring Symposium
Featuring
CHRISTINE TRÄURIG

“Training Exercises Used to Progress Through the Levels”

Christine was born in Germany to parents who operated a breeding farm near Verden. At age 25 she began riding for the Hanoverian Elite Sales in Verden. She moved to the US in 1982 and assisted her husband, Bernie, in importing dressage and jumper horses.

In 2000 Christine and her partner Etienne were on the US Team at the **Sydney Olympics**, earning a **Team Bronze Medal**. In 2002 she and Etienne were alternates for the WEG Team in Jerez. Currently Christine operates her training stables in Encinitas, California.

In 2015, she was appointed as the USEF **National Coach for Young Dressage Horses**

Christine will be one of the presenters at the **USDF Trainers' Conference** in Florida, Jan 2019

In this Symposium Christine will focus on how exercises progressively prepare horses to move up through levels by building strength, confidence and self-carriage.

APRIL 6, 7, 2019

**TULSA FAIRGROUNDS
Mustang Arena**

Rider fees: \$300 ODS members
\$350 non-members

Auditor fees: One Day \$50/ODS
\$60/non

Two Days \$80/ODS
\$90/non

Lunch Provided for Riders
and Auditors registered by **March 30, 2019**

Rider application deadline: **March 2, 2019**

Auditor registration available on days of
Symposium, but lunch not guaranteed.

RIDER APPLICATION: Contact Kay Kamish, ODS Education Chair: kkamishODS@aol.com 918.808.6128

AUDITOR APPLICATION: ODS Member? Yes No

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mail with payment to OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY to: **Kay Kamish
25395 South 4130 Road #B
Claremore, Ok 74019**

Announcements

New ODS Board of Directors & Officers

Congratulations to the new members of the 2019 ODS Board. Your Board of Directors and officers for 2019 are:

Position	Name	Year Installed
<i>President</i>	Pamela DeVore	2017
<i>Co- Vice President</i>	Nancy Trait-Lira	2019 (2 year, filled vacancy position)
<i>Co- Vice President</i>	Donna Copeland	2019
<i>Secretary</i>	Amy Haymes	2019
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marta Koenig	2018
<i>At Large</i>	Laura Custer	2017
<i>At Large</i>	Emily Moser	2018
<i>At Large</i>	Nancy Burba	2019
<i>At Large</i>	Kay Kamish	2017

ODS Year-End Awards

ODS Schooling Shows 2018

Intro

Jr Cham	Grace Foster/Cookies and Cream	59.212
AA Champ	Melissa Furman/Plesant Picasso	71.25
Open	Victor Glunt/Denali	64.535

Training

AA Champ	Cathy Orban/Kismet	
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First Level

Jr/Yr Champ	Marjorie Brown/Top Bug Baber	64.705
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Western Dressage

Intro	Abigail Butts/Snowbird	71.364
Intro	Donna Copeland/Raphaello	68.722
Level 1	Corrine Bridgeman/Diamond Dan	63.45

ODS Additional Awards 2018

Volunteer Of The Year: Nancy Trait-Lira

ODS Appreciates Its Outstanding Volunteers!

“Thank You!”

Alaina Orban
Brian Rogge
Amada Edwards
Ana Peacock
Cathy Orban
Connie Coker
David Walkup
Diane Smith
Donna Copeland
Frankie Craig
Holly Fisher
Jan Cibula
Julie Peacock
Katrina Gere
Kay Kamish
Lily Rhodes
Laura Taylor
Laura Custer
Lisa Jewel
Lynna Gilstrap
Marilyn Bassett-Coffey
Marta Koenig
Melissa Furman
Nancy Trait-Lira
Pam Rhodes
Pam Hogg
Patty Couch
Rita Glenn
Roberta Clark
Robin Grain-Walkup
Sherry Guess
Sue Twitty
Susan Mohler
Susan Peacock
Veronica Moody
Zoe Page

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ODS Year-End Awards

ODS Recognized Shows 2018

Training

Jr Champ	Lilly Rhodes/Details at Last	65.568
AA Champ	Amanda Edwards/Landstrider	71.136
Open Champ	Dallas Sweat/Maitreyi	68.765
Open Resrv	Kay Kamish/Double Agent WF	66.022
Third	Dallas Sweat/Wreign HGF	65.795
Vintage	Kay Kamish/Double Agent WF	

First Level

Jr Champ	Gwyneth Baggett/Renzi	64.878
AA Champ	Erin Nelson/Sister Sarah SF	67.5
AA Reserve	Pam Rhodes/Details at Last	63.382
Vintage	Pam Rhodes/Details at Last	

Second Level

Jr Champ	Kailey DeVore/Fauston NAF	65.732
Jr Reserve	Nicole Bossler/High Lander	62.378
Third	Olivia Mauldin/LR AMI Twilight	59.936
AA Champ	Lisa Miller/Avalanche's Prince Firestorm	62.561

Third Level

Jr Champ	Kailey DeVore/Fauston NAF	61.667
Jr Reserve	Olivia Brackin/Cobridge El Dorado	58.304
AA Champ	Pam Devore/Fauston NAF	60.641
Open Champ	Gail Matheus/Reatta	64.295
Open Resrv	Roberta Clark/Southern Vintage	60.769
Vintage	Gail Matheus/Reatta	64.295

FEI

AA Champ	Stephanie Raffety-Wilson/Diogenes	58.8
AA Reserve	Jamie Knight/Teske van G	58.122

FREESTYLE

Training-1st	Gwyneth Baggett/Renzi	67.667
	Holly Fisher/Happy Go Lucky	66.133
2nd - 4th	Gail Matheus/Reatta	65
FEI	Jamie Knight/Teske van G	64.5
	Kristin Wasemiller/Vashti	67.875

Horse of the Year
Amanda Edwards and Landstrider 71.136



Lilly Rhodes



Amanda Edwards



Kay Kamish

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Pam Rhodes



Amanda Edwards



Victor Glunt



Pamela DeVore



Grace Foster



Marjorie Brown



Roberta Clark



Melissa Furman



Abigail Butts

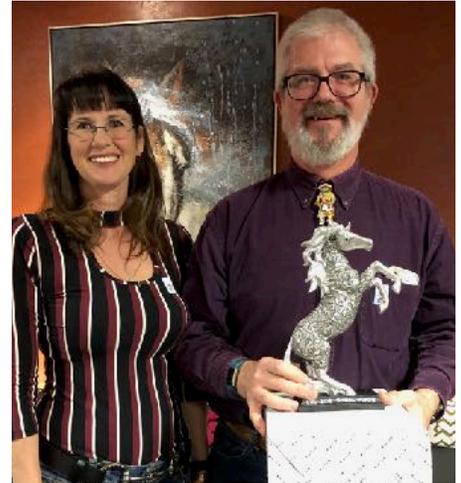
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Donna Copeland



Volunteer Of The Year: Nancy Trait-Lira



Cheryl West presents the Academy School Horse award to Victor Glunt (for Logans Bedazzling Onyx of West Equestrian; other riders are Amanda Wallace & Marjorie Brown with avg. score of 62.89%)
Not Shown: The Academy School Rider Award that went to Mary Rice who rode Skeeters Gold Olena and Jigsaw (with avg. score 66.48%)

Baby, it's cold outside!



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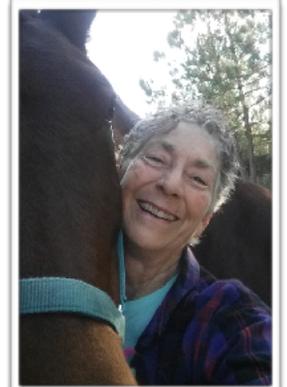
Photo by Erin Dolson from Unsplash

ODS Member Receives \$1000 From The Dressage Foundation

TDF's Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund Awards \$11,000 to Adult Amateur Riders

The Dressage Foundation is proud to announce this year's recipients of the Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund Scholarships for Adult Amateurs. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to enable them to set aside quality time in concentrated training with their horse, trainer of choice, and away from the daily pressures of job and family.

"Thanks to the generosity of Carol Lavell, her family, and friends, we are pleased to provide this financial support to adult amateurs who not only make time to further their dressage education, but who are tremendous volunteers for their dressage clubs," said Jenny Johnson, Executive Director of The Dressage Foundation. "This year we received a great number of high-quality applications from amateurs across the country, which made the decision difficult for the selection committee. We are thrilled to award all 11 available grants from the Gifted Fund this year, which is the first time that we've been able to do so!"



Nancy Trait-Lira

Up to eleven \$1,000 grants are available each year - one per United States Dressage Federation Region and two wild card grants that can be awarded in any Region.

The following Adult Amateur from ODS in Region 9 was chosen as one of the recipients to receive grants for training in the 2019 calendar year: Nancy Trait-Lira with her horse Double Dutch Chocolate.

Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund for Region 9 AAs - Due March 31

Evie Tumlin was an integral part of her Region 9 dressage and eventing community. Throughout her years of serving and helping others, she touched many lives and helped to raise several generations of young men and women who loved horses. This Fund was established in memory of Evie by her friends and colleagues in Region 9. Among her many accomplishments, Evie was the founder of the Mississippi Eventing and Dressage Association, named the 2010 Region 9 Horseperson of the Year, was a USDF L Program Graduate, received her USDF Silver Medal, and was a member of TDF's Century Club. She was a much-loved instructor and trainer in Mississippi, and even worked with the Oxford Mounted Police unit.

Grants:

The goal of the Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund is to provide financial assistance to Adult Amateur riders who currently reside in USDF Region 9, to aid in their development in dressage. Grants will typically range in the amount of \$250 - \$750, to be used for educational experiences that will further the applicant's knowledge of dressage and are in addition to the applicant's typical training plan. These events may include *(cont'd pg 16)*

The Oklahoma Dressage Society is proud to present our

SPRING I & II SHOWS

May 4 & 5, 2019 • Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa OK

Judges: Robin Bueckmann "S" & Beverly Rogers "S"



ALL PARA CLASSES OFFERED



Everything under ONE roof • Climate Controlled Arenas • Fabulous Stalls

The Oklahoma Dressage Society would invite you to join us for our Spring Shows. This is a Level 3 show in which we are offering JR/YR and Young Horse qualifying classes.

We moved our event to the Tulsa Expo Square in 2016. This new facility offers many amenities including spacious climate controlled show rings and warm-up. We will be using the Ford Truck Arena, pictured above, for our show rings. The arena accommodates two full size rings. Our warm-up, in the Mustang Arena, is spacious and also climate controlled. Also pictured above are the fabulous stalls, which can be converted to double stalls upon request. We are very excited about this venue as it houses the entire show under one roof.



FOR THE COMPETITOR

- Level 3 Show
- Friday Night Stall Crawl
- Saturday Night Derby Party
- Photographer Available
- Silent Auction
- Climate Controlled Arenas
- Vendors
- Convenient Parking
- Excellent RV Hook-ups



**DEADLINE
APRIL 15**

Spring 2019 Horse Show Sponsorships

Nationally recognized by USDF (United States Dressage Federation), the Tulsa Spring Recognized Horse Show (May 4-5)

is the year's largest show for Oklahoma Dressage Society and draws competitors from all corners of Oklahoma and across the region including Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas & Texas.

Featuring classical dressage classes, prize money and special events all held in a state-of-the-art premium equine facility, this four-day event attracts the sport's finest trainers, amateurs and junior riders in the Mid-west in the elegant sport of Dressage.

TO DEFRAY COSTS OF HOSTING A TOP-RATE EVENT SUCH AS THIS YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF SPONSORSHIPS IS NEEDED & APPRECIATED. WITH YOUR SUPPORT OKLAHOMA WILL BE ANY EQUESTRIAN'S CHOICE FOR FIRST CLASS HORSE SHOWS!

Exhibitor's Party VIP Sponsor* - \$300

Sponsor's name will appear in a special area reserved for the Exhibitor's Party, located in the promenade above show arenas. Signage displaying the Sponsor's name will also be prominently displayed at the event. Sponsor-provided banners can be displayed at this lively party. Party sponsorship includes a reserved VIP table for 6 people with preferred seating for the duration of the show.

Kentucky Derby Celebration Sponsor at Exhibitor's Party* - \$300

You or your company can be the spotlight sponsor of the special Kentucky Derby Celebration. Signage displaying Sponsor's name will be prominently displayed at the event. Sponsor-provided banners can be displayed at this lively party.

Party sponsorship includes a reserved VIP table for 6 people with preferred seating for the duration of the show.

Wine Sponsor at Exhibitor's Party* - \$250

You or your company can sponsor the wine for the show's Exhibitor's Cocktail Party. Signage displaying the Wine Sponsor's name will be prominently displayed at the party. Sponsor-provided banners can also be displayed at the party venue.

Sponsor will receive 2 tickets to the VIP Exhibitor's party.

Breakfast Sponsor* - \$250

The Breakfast Sponsor will have prominently displayed signage at the exhibitors' breakfast area and will receive 2 tickets to the VIP Exhibitor's party. Sponsor-provided banners can also be prominently displayed at the breakfast area.

Champion Award Sponsor* - \$150

You can be the sponsor of any Champion Award presented at a special awards ceremony held Saturday evening. The Champion Award Sponsor's name will be announced as the Award sponsor.

Three Rider awards are available:

Junior/Young, Adult Amateur, & Open (Professional).

VIP Table Sponsor* - \$100

A table for 6 people will be reserved for Table Sponsors at the VIP Party.

Division High Score Sponsor* - \$100

A High Score Sponsor will be announced during each class.

High Score Sponsors choose from (circle one):

Training, 1st Level, 2nd Level, 3rd Level, 4th Level, PSG & Intermediate I, Intermediate II & Grand Prix

Class Sponsor* - \$50

The Class Sponsor will be announced during each respective class. Class Sponsors choose from (circle one):

Training, 1st Level, 2nd Level, 3rd Level, 4th Level, PSG & Intermediate I, Intermediate II & Grand Prix

Gold Sponsorship* - \$500

Full-page color advertisement in show program (sponsor provided)
VIP Table for 6 people at Saturday Exhibitor's Party
Your name announced as Gold Sponsor throughout show
Your name listed as Gold Sponsor in show program
Sponsor-provided banners hung in show arenas
Advertisement placement for 6 months in ODS monthly newsletter & on website

Silver Sponsorship* - \$300

Half-page color advertisement in show program (sponsor provided)
VIP table for 6 people at Saturday Exhibitor's Party
Your name announced as Silver Sponsor throughout show
Your name listed as Silver Sponsor in show program
Sponsor-provided banners hung in show arenas
Advertisement placement for 3 months in ODS monthly newsletter & on website

Bronze Sponsorship* - \$150

Quarter-page color advertisement in show program (sponsor provided)
2 tickets to the Saturday Exhibitor's Party
Your name announced as Bronze Sponsor throughout show
Your name listed as Bronze Sponsor in show program
Sponsor-provided banners hung in show arenas
Advertisement placement for 1 month in ODS newsletter & on website

Friends of ODS* - \$25

Anyone who wishes to show their support of the Oklahoma Dressage Society may provide a tax deductible donation.

Sponsorship Form

Contact Name(s) _____

Company/Foundation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone () - Phone () -

Email _____@_____

Sponsorship Level

- Gold Silver Bronze Exhibitor's Party VIP
 Kentucky Derby Celebration Wine Breakfast
 Champion Award: Jr/Young Adult Amateur Open
 VIP Table Class (circle selected class to sponsor at left)
 High Score (circle selected division to sponsor at left)
 Friends of ODS

Cash or checks are accepted forms of payment.

If paying by check, denote "2018 Spring Show" on the memo line.

Make checks payable to "ODS"

ODS is a non-profit organization. After the horse show, a letter will be sent from ODS documenting your tax deductible donation.

Kindly submit completed form & payment by April 15th to:

Roberta Clark
 RE: ODS Spring Horse Show Sponsorships
 16 E. 26th Place
 Tulsa, OK 74114

Sponsorship Deadline: April 15, 2018

* All sponsorships are tax deductible. All Sponsors will be listed in the horse show program.



Advertising, Vendor Sales & Silent Auction Donation Opportunities for the Spring Horse Show May 4-5, 2019 in Tulsa, OK

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TO DEFRAY COSTS OF HOSTING A FIRST-RATE EVENT SUCH AS THIS, YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF ADVERTISING, VENDOR SALES & DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS IS NEEDED & APPRECIATED. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, OKLAHOMA WILL BE ANY EQUESTRIAN'S CHOICE FOR TOP-QUALITY HORSE SHOWS!

Show Program Advertising

Advertisements will be printed in the horse show program, distributed to over 150 competitors plus their friends, family and horse enthusiast spectators. Advertisers must provide print-ready, high resolution (300dpi) artwork in .pdf, .psd or .jpg format in the sizes indicated below. For an additional fee, ads can be created by the ODS graphic designer and the digital file given to the advertiser for future use in other publications.

Rates listed are for ODS member/non-members

- **Full Page (7.5"x10")**
Color: \$175 / \$200
Black & White: \$80 / \$100
Graphic Designer Fee: \$70
- **Half-Page (7.5"x5")**
Black & White: \$65 / \$75
Graphic Designer Fee: \$60
- **Quarter-Page (3"x5")**
Black & White: \$35 / \$40
Graphic Designer Fee: \$40
- **Business Card (3.5"x2")**
Black & White: \$20 / \$25
Graphic Designer Fee: \$20



Vendor Booth

All vendor spaces include:
1 table, 2 chairs, 1 table cloth
Electricity is available and must be requested at time of registration for site assignment.
Vendor sales are for non-food items only.

- 10'x10' Space: \$100
- 10'x20' Space: \$200
- Trailer Parking Space: \$200

Silent Auction*

A special VIP Party will be held Saturday evening and will feature a silent auction. Donors of silent auction items will have their names listed in the show program as well as have signage displayed at the auction tables.

Advertiser, Vendor & Silent Auction Donor Form

Contact Name(s): _____

Company/Name To Be Printed In Program: _____

Co. Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone: (____) _____-_____

Co. Phone: (____) _____-_____

Email: _____@_____

I support the Spring ODS Show in the following way...(check all that apply)

- Advertisement** (ODS member/non-member pricing)
- Full Page Color @ \$175/\$200 Full Page B&W @ \$80/\$100
 - Half Page B&W @ \$65/\$75 Quarter Page B&W @ \$35/\$40
 - Business Card @ \$20/\$25
 - Graphic Designer Ad Fee
 - Half Pg Color \$70 Half Pg B&W \$60 Qtr Pg \$40 Biz Card \$20

Vendor Booth

Description of types of goods to be sold: _____

- 10'x10' @ \$100 10'x20' @ \$200 Trailer @ \$200

Note: Vendors will be responsible for paying any extra expenses charged by Expo Center for special services (ie: use of heavy equipment).

Silent Auction Item(s) as listed & described below:

1. _____ Value: \$ _____
2. _____ Value: \$ _____
3. _____ Value: \$ _____
4. _____ Value: \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____ ***Deadline: April 15, 2019***

Cash or checks accepted.

Make checks payable to "ODS" with memo line note: "2019 Spring Show."

After the horse show, a letter will be sent from ODS documenting your tax deductible donation.

Submit completed form & payment: Roberta Clark
RE: ODS Spring Horse Show
16 E. 26th Place
Tulsa, OK 74114

* All donations are tax deductible.
** Show days are May 4-5. Show facility open for vendors & competitors starting May 2.

Events

USDF Trainers Conference

January 20 – 21, 2019

Featuring George Williams, Christine Traurig,
Charlotte Bredahl, Debbie McDonald

In January three of Oklahoma's professionals, Sherry Guess, Nancy Burba, and I, made the trip to the annual USDF Trainers Conference in Florida. Between the three of us, there are two who are Certified Instructors, two who are "L" Graduates with Distinction, and two who have their Bronze and Silver Medals. You might ask why, with all our combined experience and achievements, would we make yet another trip to this educational event? We have all been several times before, and we all return for the same reason ~ to refresh our eyes and fill our minds with how dressage can and should be ridden. It is not that we expected to hear something new or startling, but we wanted and needed to hear the principles repeated and see them demonstrated by exceptional horses and riders. And to remember what it is that makes them exceptional.

Qualities of that exceptional riding:

*attentiveness of the riders. They were completely aware of every footfall, helped to maintain the regularity through every corner, change of direction, transition. They knew as soon as the horses shifted their balance and helped correct it before it became an irregular or hurried step

*they helped infuse a bit of power into the gait without resulting in speed. This power, combined with the regularity, led to gaits, especially the trots, that became cadenced. Our coach, Sarah Martin, was with us and she and I discussed this quality. In that sense, the trots were 'manufactured' as a result of very correct riding. The riders were able to influence the horses to become more than what they otherwise would be or would offer, until these very precise, cadenced trots became their norm.

*being prepared. The riders had their horses so attentive and on the aids, that is, tuned to their seat influence, that they responded to direction immediately. Many times the instructor asked for a transition or movement and within two or three steps the riders executed what had been asked for. That meant horses were kept in balance 100% of the time, ready to respond to the slightest of aids.

*riding in alignment, another way of saying in balance. All riders were so secure in their position and had the core strength to remain there without struggling and unbalancing their horse. That also allowed for hands that never balanced or pulled on the horses, but followed the movement.

*subtle maintenance of suppleness and thoroughness with finesse. Never was there a moment when a rider used strength and leverage (which is force) against a horse. An example of this was bringing a

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From left: Nancy Burba, Sherry Guess, Kay Kamish and friends at the USDF trainer's conference in Florida, Jan 21-22, 2019



Events

(cont'd from previous page) horse from free walk back up to contact. We all know that moment when the horses will stiffen their back or neck, but this rider asked for a slight step sideways to leg yield rather than tighten the reins against the horse. There was never a confrontation, so the transition from free to collected walk became seamless.

Another benefit of attending this conference was to be able to watch Christine Traurig, and get a preview of how she will teach when she comes to Oklahoma for our Spring Symposium April 6, 7, 2019.

I can tell you, we are in for a treat! We all agreed that we liked Christine best of the four instructors. She was very clear in what she asked for, explained what she was after with the exercises, frequently spoke about her philosophy of training, especially when dealing with young horses. She is the USDF National Coach for Young Dressage Horses, and watching her work with a 5yo and 6yo made it clear why she excels in that position. She was very engaged with the riders, enthusiastic about coaching them to encourage their young horses, clear with her directions and why she was setting up exercises. Here are some of the highlights from my pages of notes I took during her teaching:

- *Developing the young horse is all about relaxation and confidence.
- *Contact is a principle of trust in the rider's hands
- *Reward your horse by momentarily becoming neutral with your aids.
- *Keep the ribcage supple and activate the inside hind leg
- *Be patient for a few steps until the horse figures out how to soften into the bend
- *It is critical to feel the connection from hind legs into bit/hand, especially in the early years
- *Christine doesn't care about the "expression" of the trot until the relaxation and suppleness are in order
- *At any time in training you should feel you could allow a stretch circle. Any horse, at any level, should be willing to stretch, to go into contact.
- *A horse that is tight, not supple, in the back or neck, cannot work right in the hind end. It is like a 'stop light' to the flow. Especially in the loin or SI area.
- *If you feel the horse loses balance and falls to the forehand, go on a bending line. Don't pull!
- *Riders must always be aware of what the hind legs are doing.
- *Reward the effort, the attempt your horse makes! Nothing is perfect.
- *Components of engagement: the hindlegs committed to carrying and pushing. The hind legs must be accessible.
- *Make sure any correction you make allows you to ride the exercise more correctly.

I can't say strongly enough how valuable this level of education is. If there is any way any of you can make it to any USDF Symposium, do it! In the meantime, we are so very fortunate to be bringing this quality to Oklahoma for our own Symposium. Come see what I'm talking about! Join us when Christine comes to teach in April! Check the ODS Website for more information, or contact me!

Respectfully,

Kay Kamish
 ODS Education Chair
 kkamishods@aol.com

Kay Kamish





Events

BETSY STEINER

Dressage Clinic



"Love your horse, love your sport." - Betsy Steiner

Betsy Steiner is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist, international competitor, premier 2017 Adequan Global Freestyle winner, USDF Honorary Instructor, is known for her non-intimidating teaching style. A participant in World Equestrian, National FEI Shows, North American Junior Young Rider Championships, she has gained success at the highest levels for more than three decades.

- ◆ USA WEG Team Member, Stockholm Sweden
- ◆ Representative on the Athlete's Advisory Council to the U.S. Olympic Committee
- ◆ Chairman of the Active Competitor's Committee
- ◆ Member USET Dressage Committee

\$325.00 per ride

\$25.00 daily stall fee

\$25.00 daily audit fee

May 25/26, 2019

Clinic location:

13800 East Sorghum Mill Rd. Luther Oklahoma, 73054

From I35 & Rt 66 go East to Hiawasse Rd., turn North on Hiawasse, 3 miles to Sorghum Mill Rd., turn East 3/4 mile to 13800

For information call or text: Kathi Porter
(405) 850-5862



High Hill Farm
A SPORT HORSE COMMUNITY



Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund (cont. from pg 9) camps, clinics, riding lessons, etc. Additional consideration will be given to riders who also participate in eventing, as well as to those who have a history of volunteer work related to dressage and/or eventing.

Additional Grant Information:

1. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.
2. Funding cannot be used for competition entries, vet and/or farrier expenses, or the purchase of a horse or equipment. Funding must be used for the event/training specified in the grant application.
3. A rider may not receive the grant in consecutive years.
4. The committee reserves the right to not award a grant in any given year if they determine that no candidate has met the criteria. Funds would then be held until the following year. The applications and discussions of the selection committee are confidential and their decisions are final.
5. If the grant recipient is unable to attend the specified event/training, TDF must be notified as soon as possible. Approval for a change in the use of funds is at the discretion of TDF and the grant Selection Committee.
6. **The online application form and all required documents must be received by TDF on or before March 1st of each year.** A final decision will be announced by April 30th.
7. The grant must be used for an event that falls after April 30th of the year in which you apply and must be used by April of the following year.

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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.

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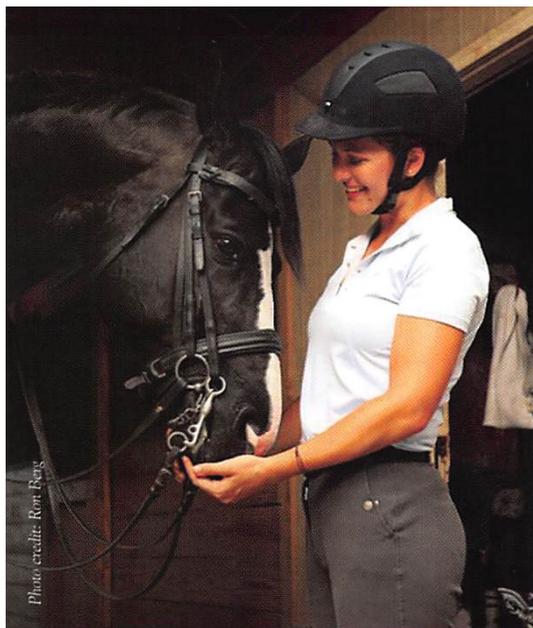


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TDF – Your Source for Support

SINCE 1989, donors to The Dressage Foundation have generously provided funds to create a better dressage community... for you.

Each year grants and scholarships are awarded to riders of all ages and levels, instructors, judges, breeders, and non-profit organizations. Could you be our next grant recipient?

Visit www.dressagefoundation.org to learn about the opportunities that are currently available:



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ADULT AMATEURS

- Gifted Memorial Fund
- Region 9 Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund
- Spanish Riding School Heldenberg Training Center Fund

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

- Captain Jack Fritz Grants for YR Graduate Program
- Carolyn Van Cise Fund for MI Residents
- Cynthia Aspden Fund for Youth and Young Adults
- Spanish Riding School Heldenberg Training Center Fund
- Young Rider International Dream Program

INSTRUCTORS

- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals
- Major Lindgren Instructor Education Scholarships
- Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members
- USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

JUDGES

- Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges' Licensing
- Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members

HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS

- \$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize
- Patsy Albers Award

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- Dancing Horse Fund
- Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund
- Michael Poulin Dressage Fund
- Oregon Dressage Society Linda S. Acheson Fund
- Sally Swift Fund for Centered Riding Clinics
- Violet Hopkins Fund for GMO Events

TECHNICAL DELEGATES

- Veronica Holt Dressage TD Fund

SHOW MANAGEMENT

- Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund

BREEDERS

- Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence



We Value Your Support

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Donors to The Dressage Foundation provide opportunities for adult amateurs, youth, high performance teams, judges, instructors, and breeders to continue their dressage education. The generosity of these donors has created a stronger dressage community in the United States, and we need your help to continue our mission.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL

From our Board of Directors to Selection Committee Members and State Representatives, The Dressage Foundation's volunteers provide guidance and support for our organization. We are proud and appreciative of all our supporters who give of their time and expertise. They make both the quality and quantity of our work possible.

It is now easier than ever to make a donation to The Dressage Foundation. Visit www.dressagefoundation.org or call (402) 434-8585 to make a tax-deductible contribution or learn more about how your donation can benefit our sport and you.

Your donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated!



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Honoring an older generation, while inspiring the next...The Dressage Foundation's

Century Club

The Century Club celebrates the senior riders and horses of our sport. To become a member of the Century Club, the ages of the horse and rider team must add up to 100 or more years.

Visit www.dressagefoundation.org to read stories about each horse and rider and to learn how you can help support the Century Club.



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Advertising Rates

Oklahoma Dressage Society Media Advertising Rates 2019

Monthly Newsletter

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DIMENTIONS</u>	<u>MTH</u>	<u>12 MTHS</u>
Full Page	7.5w x 9.3h	\$40	\$200
1/2 Page (vertical)	7.5w x 4.5h	\$20	\$150
1/2 Page (horizontal)	4.86w x 6.8h	\$20	\$150
1/4 Page	3.625w x 4.55h	\$10	\$100
Business Card (horizontal)	4.86w x 2.28h	\$ 8	\$ 50
Business Card (vertical)	2.4w x 4.55h	\$ 8	\$ 50
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) – ODS Members <i>(Includes contact email, phone, name of clinic)</i>		FREE	FREE
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) – Non ODS Members <i>(Includes contact, email, phone, name of clinic)</i> <i>(Free with paid registered ODS shows or events)</i>		\$ 20	\$ 15 (each add mth)
Classified Ad Listing (Text Only) – ODS Members (3 lines)		FREE	FREE
Classified Ad Listing (Text Only) – Non ODS Members (3 lines)		\$ 5	\$ 55
Trainer Listing <i>(\$30 a year for ODS Website & Newsletter Listing combo)</i>		N/A	\$ 20

Please send all advertisements as a PDF or jpg file. All ad copy to Melissa Furman – newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org - Tel #(918)209-5829.

All payments sent to Marta Koenig, ODS Treasurer, P.O. Box 1101 Kellyville, OK. 74039, Tel #(918) 232-0675.
All ads and payments must be received by 28th of the month.

Yearly ODS Membership Directory

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DIMENTIONS</u>	
Full Page	4.25w x 7.75h	\$ 60
1/2 Page	4.5w x 3.75h	\$ 35
Business Card	3.5w x 2h	\$ 25
Training Listing <i>(Free with paid advertising)</i>		\$ 10
Inside Front Cover	4.25w x 7.75h	\$160
Inside Back Cover	4.25w x 7.75h	\$160

Deadline is November 15. All send all advertisements ad a PDF or jpg file. All ad copy to Laura Custer – membership@dressageoklahoma.org

All payments sent to Marta Koenig, ODS Treasurer, P.O. Box 1101 Kellyville, OK. 74039, Tel #(918) 232-0675.

ODS Website

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DIMENTIONS</u>	<u>MTH</u>	<u>6 MTH</u>	<u>YRLY</u>
Banner Ads		\$ 30	\$ 60	\$160
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) – ODS Members <i>(Includes contact email, phone, name of clinic)</i>		FREE		
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) – Non ODS Members <i>(Includes contact email, phone, name of clinic)</i> <i>(Free with paid registered ODS shows or events)</i>		\$ 20		
Training Listing <i>(\$30 a year for ODS Website & Newsletter Listing combo)</i>		N/A	N/A	\$ 20

All website advertisements should be sent to Sue Twitty, webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. All ads must web ready in a jpg or gif format only. 480x60 pixels for horizontal ad or 150x100 (these ads will display across the center of a page on site) or 150x150 pixels for vertical ads (these will be displayed along the sides of the pages on site). All payments sent to Marta Koenig, ODS Treasurer, P.O. Box 1101 Kellyville, OK. 74039, Tel #(918) 232-0675.

Oklahoma Dressage Society Advertisement Form 2019 Membership Directory

Date: _____

Company Name & Address:



Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____

Yearly ODS Membership Directory

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DIMENSIONS</u>		✓
Full Page	4.25w x 7.75h	\$ 60	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/2 Page	4.5w x 3.75h	\$ 35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Card	3.5w x 2h	\$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training Listing <i>(Free with paid advertising)</i>		\$ 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside Front Cover	4.25w x 7.75h	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside Back Cover	4.25w x 7.75h	\$160	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Please check ✓ the desired size of advertisement above.

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2019 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 Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____
 Address _____ City/State Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____
 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).

\$50 Adult: Please check which applies: Open Amateur Vintage (50+) \$ _____

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships) \$ _____

\$40 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year \$ _____
 (For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)

\$60 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.

\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC) \$ _____

\$10 North Central Chapter (NCC) \$ _____

\$10 Great Plains Chapter (GPC) \$ _____

DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt 501.c.organization) OPTIONAL \$ _____

\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th. - (\$ _____)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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, 2nd) "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 Fund Raising Other _____

I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, it's officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club. I agree and sign below:

Signature: _____ Dated: _____ (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039.
 Email: [Laura.Custer](mailto:Laura.Custer@okdressage.com), Phone: 405-314-3931 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

Calendar

Horse Shows | Meetings | Clinics | Symposiums | Social Events

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 Sue Twitty 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.**

- March 23** GCC Shaggy Pony Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- April 6-7** ODS Spring Symposium with Christine Traurig @ Tulsa Expo Center
- April 13** GCC Spring Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (Broken Arrow)
- May 4-5** ODS Recognized Spring Show @ Tulsa Fairgrounds
- May 25** GCC Memorial Day Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- June 15-16** Green Country Dressage Classic I & II @ Claremore Expo Center
- July 20** GCC Blazing Summer Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- Aug 3** Region 9 Summer Meeting @ Haras in Magnolia, TX
- Sept 7** GCC Fall Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- Oct 26** GCC Halloween Theme Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- Nov 16** GCC Schooling Show & Championships @ Sonrise Stables (BA)
- Jan 18, 2020** Summit Club, Tulsa

Did you know ...

that your ODS Group Membership fulfills the requirement of your USDF membership to show at a USEF/USDF recognized show? You'll still need the USEF membership or pay a show pass fee. If you are trying to qualify for regional championships, you will need to purchase a USDF participating membership.

— Anne Kuhns

Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members



Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend in person or to call in to the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the **second** Wednesday of each month at the Stroud Police/Fire Department starting at 6:30pm.

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

**Next ODS Board Meeting:
March 13
@ 6:30 pm.**

**New Meeting Day!
Now 2nd Wed.**

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Mailing Addresses

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 Kellyville, OK 74039

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