

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

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One of ODS's biggest Christine Traurig of events of the year is Olympic fame poured into coming up quickly! See riders and auditors for an how you can get involved incredible educational to support your club! experience in Tulsa. Lots of thanks is in order for this amazing event!

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# **Letter From The President**

Wow! What a great Symposium! Christine Traurig was fabulous. She got rave reviews from all. Thank you, Kay Kamish, for securing her. Christine has said she would come back next year. She loved getting to a new area of the country.

Our Spring Show is right around the corner. I hope to see you all there either competing or volunteering. We need all the help we can get. There is still time for donating to the silent auction, purchasing a VIP table, and

obtaining sponsors. See inside this issue for details.

Don't forget that this year we will be putting on a free clinic for our volunteers. So get your hours turned in to qualify.

I hope everyone is getting out to ride and enjoying the nice, warmer weather we have been having.

See you all at the show!

-Pamela DeVore President Oklahoma Dressage Society





# **USDF Volunteer Of The Year Award - Nominations Due May 1**

The USDF Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional commitment toward carrying out USDF's mission: "dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage."

For details, go to: <a href="https://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf?">https://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf?</a>
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# **USDF Arts Contest - Entry Deadline July 1**

Enter your favorite photo or some of your artwork in USDF's Arts Contest! Three age divisions are available and your art could be featured on the cover of the USDF Member Guide! For details, go to: https://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/other-awards/art-contest/USDFArtsContestRules.pdf?v=2019

## USDF Regional GMO Volunteer Of The Year Award - Applications Due August 31

Start planning now for the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award which can be awarded to one GMO volunteer from each USDF region. The commitment of these individuals often proves to be the backbone of Group Member Organizations. The award is USDF's way of recognizing outstanding volunteer efforts on the local level.

For details, go to: https:// www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/ web/ Forms%5CRegionalGMO\_VOYAw ard.pdf?v=2019

# New ODS Horse Registrations

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

#2469 - All Be Hot - Connie Coker #2470-Double Dutch-Desiree Morain #2471-Trickyville Dew-Caitlin O'Hair #2472-Renzi-Gwenyth Baguette #2473-Zeeke-Judy Howell #2474-It's Kip To Be Square-Kara Garde #2475-Citas Big Investment-Roberta Clark #2476-Fergie-Kyarianna Beard



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## **Severe Weather Season and Horses**

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Being a meteorologist whose company specializes in short-fused convective warning dissemination and communication and a life-long equestrian, there are things you should know to help keep yourself and your horse as safe as possible when thunderstorms are forecasted or imminent. A little knowledge and planning can go a long way if you ever find yourself in a dangerous weather situation. All convective thunderstorms are dangerous, but some situations are more so than others. Many may not like or even agree with what I'm going to present because it's matter of **deciding between the lesser of undesirable options.** Having lived on the Front Range of Colorado, which is second only to the Tampa Bay area for lightning activity, has provided me with decades of experience.

**The OBVIOUS** must be stated. Save yourself. You can't help your animals if you're dead.

<u>Plan Ahead:</u> Weather forecasts are driven by probabilities which the general public usually don't understand. What does a 20% chance of rain for a given defined area actually mean? It means that 20% of the defined landmass in the forecast will see rain. The other 80% won't. For the 20% who happen to fall under the clouds, the forecast was 100% correct. The other 80% likely say, those stupid weather meteorologists got it wrong AGAIN.

<u>Dangerous weather is never a surprise.</u> Much of the same sources of information the TV meteorologists use are available to you for planning purposes. The <u>best</u> source is the 3 Day Convective Outlooks from the NOAA/National Weather Service's **Storm Prediction Center (SPC)** in Norman, OK. This product is paid for with your tax dollars and is the tool to go to when planning decisions for *today*, *tomorrow*, *and the day after tomorrow*. <a href="http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/outlook/">http://www.spc.noaa.gov/products/outlook/</a>

There are 5 levels of risk for SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS which relate back to the probabilities.





**TSTM:** There will be non-severe scattered thunderstorms in your area. Being aware of lightning should be your biggest concern.

**MRGL:** There's between a 2-5% of thunderstorms deemed to be SEVERE within the darker green areas.

SLGT: There's as much as a 15% chance of a SEVERE thunderstorm occurring for any place

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within the yellow area.

ENH: There is as much as a 30% chance of certain types of threats (tornado, large hail, high

wind) occurring for any place within the light orange areas on the map.

MDT: There is as much as a 45% chance of certain types of threats (tornado, large hail, high wind) occurring for any place within the red areas on the map. NOTE: Take it to the bank that your area will likely see some kind of dangerous weather. Consider

rescheduling.

HIGH: There's as much as a 60% chance of certain types of threats (violent, long-track tornadoes, very large hail, high wind) occurring for any place within the red areas on the map. Note: Fortunately, SPC only declares a HIGH risk 5-6 times per year. <a href="DEFINITELY reschedule">DEFINITELY reschedule</a>.

What does all this mean to you? If you're running a show, going to a show, a long trail ride, or any kind of outdoor activity, take a peek at the 3-Day Convective Outlook the day before and certainly the day of. If there are bullseyes that cover your area, consider adjusting your plans. You can read what time of day NWS are expecting the storms to fire up. If they're predicting late afternoon for storm initiation, consider making a short-notice change to start up the show earlier in the morning so you can get all the rides in and send folks on their way before the storms start happening. This is exactly what happened on the final day of the Master's Golf tournament and it was successful. If somebody can't alter their plans, you'd be far better off simply offering a refund than taking the chance of somebody getting injured or worse. Even though something like this would be an "Act of God", you're only as *non-liable* as the mood a jury is in the day of a trial.

Be able to receive a watch or warning: Know the difference between the two:

A **WATCH** means conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms or tornadoes to develop. A **WARNING** means a dangerous event IS HAPPENING now.

Think of the difference between a watch and a warning in these terms:



There is another category of WATCH which you should be familiar with. A **PDS WATCH** means a **Particularly Dangerous Situation** is developing and it means exactly what it sounds like. Typically, they are issued when the **SPC** has gone to a Moderate or High risk outlook. A **PDS WATCH** means not if, but WHEN storms initiate, they will be violent, and long-lived. This usually precedes an outbreak which is frequently deadly. Pay close attention and make adjustments to your plans if you're in a **PDS WATCH** area.

- A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING is defined as producing 1"+ diameter hail and/or 58+ mph wind.
- A TORNADO WARNING is defined as rotation occurring in a thunderstorm detected by Doppler weather radar. What is important to understand is that a whopping 70% of tornado warnings don't produce a tornado. Are the meteorologists really that bad? NO. The reason for a 70% false alarm rate is something extremely obvious which most never think about. The radars cannot see what's happening on the ground. There may be strong rotation aloft, but no guarantee the circulation has reached the ground. This is why trained spotters are so critical to the warning process.

What's the best way to receive this information? There are now more ways than ever been to receive weather information on our smart phones-over 30K+ to be precise. This is NOT necessarily the GOOD news because the government has no established standards, rules, guidelines, or even best practices in place for entities disseminating their official information. Some do it extremely well. MANY do it very poorly.

Don't assume your weather app on your phone actually does know exactly where you are at any given time because they don't, even though many claim otherwise. GPS is the single biggest drain on your phone's battery, and most phones now come with a program running in the background which is monitoring which apps are allowed to be using GPS. If you have multiple apps running, the user has no way to tell which ones the "ghost" program has allowed access to location services while trying to preserve your battery life. If it has arbitrarily shut down your weather alerting app, you'll have no way to know this. It's a false sense of security that has the capability of getting you killed.

A review of what's available:

**NOAA Weather Radio**: The legacy system used to be the only way to PROACTIVELY push a warning to you. While it is still a very important part of the warning and communication universe, it is only capable of delivering warnings for entire counties which in the Midwest is problematic, as most counties average 1,000 square miles. It is a "heads-up" that a warning has been issued for your county, but you must seek additional information to determine whether the threat will impact YOU. That takes TIME and in severe convective storms, time is your enemy. The most important thing about NOAA weather radio is it operates off a completely unique, discreet, radio network which is not subject to compete for wireless bandwidth during a disaster, making it incredibly reliable.

Government Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): This free system sends "push" notifications to smartphones that are WEA-enabled for Presidential emergencies, Amber Alerts, and tornado and flash flood weather warnings. A WEA alert is only a "heads up" that you must seek additional information to determine whether the warning actually means your specific area. The government currently cannot prevent the alerts from being delivered outside the intended warning area. There are other serious issues with the reliability of WEA. Think of the "Inbound missile warning-this is NOT A DRILL" which scared people in Hawaii out of their wits in early 2018. WEA weather alerts are equally capable of delivering a false, very scary warning which has no effect on where you currently are. Personally, I have disabled them on my phone because they're not trustworthy and annoying.

<u>Free Smartphone Weather Apps</u>: There are literally TENS OF THOUSANDS of them in the app stores. Some work well, most are useless beyond getting current conditions and a NWS forecast. If

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they are free, their true purpose is that of a Trojan Horse delivering click-bait advertising which is the only way the developer makes any money. Many are created by people who also build games and other entertainment-oriented apps in countries like Belarus. The more push notifications they deliver to you, the higher the chance of you clicking on and ad, and the more \$\$ they make-it has nothing to do with your personal safety. They are actually motivated financially to OVER-WARN you.

You have heard the adage: "You get what you pay for". Nothing could be more true with it comes to the critical alerting capabilities and accuracy of FREE weather apps. If you're relying on free, you're taking a gamble that could cost you your life. It's the reason they are referred to internally within our industry as "crap apps". Be very wary of free when it comes to something this important, especially in the Midwest or Southeast.

I am not promoting any companies, including mine. I'm enlightening readers to be more weather-aware, and to be cautious regarding your short-fused warning sources. Seek out reliable sources of LOCATION SPECIFIC apps or web-based programs which may cost a small annual subscription (usually around \$10/year) but could save your life. If you want more detailed information as to what to trust, contact me.

What is the best course of action for you and your horse to survive a dangerous convective thunderstorm? Here are some facts, some of which are not pretty, but true.

Lightning is the only atmospheric phenomenon that genuinely terrifies me. I describe it like this: If you were attending an outdoor event KNOWING there's a sniper with a high powered rifle on a 2,000 foot tower randomly shooting at the ground, would you stick around?

If lightning is within 6 miles or less, get yourself and the horses inside if there's no tornado threat. Flash-to-bang rule: See the flash, start counting "One thousand 1, one thousand 2 or use your watch or phone. If the thunder happens BEFORE you count down 30 seconds, the lightning is LESS than 6 miles away and you're at risk of being struck (keep in mind, it's been documented that lightning can actually strike as much as 30 miles from the parent storm, but it is extremely rare). Or, get a reliable lighting app on your phone but remember to be wary of FREE. Hopefully your barn has lightning rods installed. It's a very worthwhile investment considering most barns have metal roofs.

If you're out at a venue where you can't get inside, put the horse in the trailer, close it up the best you can, and get yourself into the vehicle with the windows up. The myth that the rubber tires prevent the lightning from going to ground is just that. If you're struck, the metal vehicle will deflect the lightning into the ground. There are no guarantees something bad won't happen to the horses in the trailer, but if they're outside, tied up to it, they're MUCH more vulnerable.

Unfortunately when it comes to an inevitable tornado, there's a trade-off that has to be made. There's going to be lightning, BUT if one is confirmed and/or observed and heading your way, horses are much safer turned out in a large field than being confined in a barn. Barns are not built to the same safety codes as houses. If it's struck, it could result in possible collapsed roof and walls, sharp projectiles flying around, nails, broken glass, etc.

Horses can get themselves out of the path of a tornado if they have enough room. A close friend and veteran storm chaser, Jeff Piotrowski has seen this many times.

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http://www.twisterchasers.com
He observed a herd of horses running away from a lower-end tornado on the ground (sorry, but they're not bright enough to know to run at a right angle). They eventually came to a fence line. They all went flat-prone onto the ground as the tornado went right over them. Afterwards, they all stood up and shook themselves off. None seemed to have suffered any injuries. Trust their instincts over the integrity of the barn's construction. Again, no guarantee but it's the best of no really GOOD choices under the circumstances.

If you're organizing an event, PLEASE check the Storm Prediction Center's 3-Day Convective Outlooks and *be willing to reschedule* if you are in one of the higher risk bullseyes. The forecasters at SPC are the best in the world. I can count on one hand the number of times they've forecasted a very dangerous situation and it ends up a bust. It's very rare that they aren't spot-on. Ultimately, if you're the event organizer, in today's litigious world, people now *expect* that you're looking out for their safety.

If you're just not sure what decision to make, you can always call your local NWS Office and ask their advice. It's the SERVICE part of the name NWS. And consider signing up for a free spotter class. They're typically held in the early part of the year before storm season begins and are extremely informative and interesting.

Horses and severe weather are never a good combination. Please stay SAFE and survive the storm!





# TDF Awards Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund Grants To Adult Amateurs from Region 9



April 12, 2019 – The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2019 Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund Grants for Region 9 Adult Amateurs have been awarded to Pamela DeVore (OK) and Gail Lewis (TX). The purpose of the Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund is to provide grants to Adult Amateur riders who currently reside in USDF Region 9, to aid in their development in dressage and/or eventing.

Pamela is a resident of Seminole, Oklahoma, and has served as the Oklahoma Dressage Society President for 3 years. She has ridden dressage for 19 years and has shown through 3<sup>rd</sup> Level, with a goal of showing 4<sup>th</sup> Level this year. Pamela will use her \$500 grant to participate in a clinic with Betsy Steiner in May. She shared, "I have been a fan of Betsy for years. As a mother of two daughters who also rode dressage, I spent years auditing while they got to ride with high-caliber trainers. It is now my turn to learn in the saddle!"

Gail, from Austin, Texas, is a member and active volunteer of Austin Dressage Unlimited. She has studied dressage for 25 years and earned her USDF bronze medal in 2018. Gail will use her \$500 grant to take lessons with a former Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School in September. She said, "Wei and I are smiling! We are so happy to receive the Evie Tumlin Fund grant and have the opportunity to ride with a Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School. This is my chance to learn from one of the living masters, who learned this centuries-old art from the masters before him."

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. Grants are for educational experiences that will further the applicant's knowledge of dressage and are in addition to the applicant's typical training plan. The grant application deadline is March 1st of each year.

Donations to support Region 9 Adult Amateurs through the Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund are welcome. Information and online giving are available at www.dressagefoundation.org.

For more information, contact Jenny Johnson at jenny@dressagefoundation.org or (402) 434-8585.



Congrats, Pamela DeVore!

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#### SHOW FEATURES

AQHA Dressage Program

Friday Night Stall Crawl! Freestyle Competition Champion & High Score Awards Thoroughbred Incentive Program Saturday Night Denby Party & Opportunity Classes Para-Equestrian Classes Silent Auction! NDPC Pony Partner Show

OFFICIAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION FOR

2019 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships presented by Gotham North

2019 USEF Children Dressage National Championship

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2019 USEF Junior & Young Rider Dressage National Championships 2019 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship

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2019 Markel/USEF Young & Developing Horse Dressage Championships

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2019 Southwest Dressage Championship

2019 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program



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**USEF Level 3 Competition** 





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## **ODS Spring Show Message From The President**

We need YOUR help with the Spring Shows! The show is right around the corner.

These kinds of events are not possible without your help. Here are several ways you can help out.

Sherry Guess needs volunteers to help with many things. Contact Sherry if you can help out at the show. You will get a t-shirt, food, and that great feeling of being involved in something wonderful & meaningful.

Can't help out or be at the show? There are other ways you can give back to your club to show your support.

- 1. Buy a VIP table for \$100 Your name will be put on the table and you will be listed as a sponsor of the Saturday night special event. That will be your reserved table for 6 people!
- 2. Donate something or obtain a donation for the silent auction. Ask around town for donations from companies you patronized frequently. You might be surprised as to what they will donate! And they'll get recognition for their business too!
  - 3. Become an Event Sponsor for as little as \$150.

All the donations go towards paying for the show and all the awards.

All information on sponsorships and VIP tables are available inside this newsletter.

Over and over, I heard from participants at the Symposium, from Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas, how great our show was and how much fun they always have. We need your help to continue this Winning Tradition. Please consider what you can do to help.

Gratefully,

Pamela DeVore President, Oklahoma Dressage Society



# Spring 2019 Horse Sho 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.

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Roberta Clark RF: 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

Nationally recognized by the USDF (United States Dressage Federation), the Tulsa Spring Horse Show (May 4-5\*\*) is the year's largest show for Oklahoma Dressage Society and draws competitors from across Oklahoma and 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 multi-day event attracts the sport's finest trainers and riders in the Mid-west in the elegant sport of Dressage.

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** 

Advertisments 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.

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



# **April Symposium A Valuable Learning Opportunity**

On April 6-7, the Oklahoma Dressage Society proudly presented the 2019 Spring Dressage Symposium with former USA Olympian Christine Traurig. This special event, "Training Foundations For Strength, Coordination & Self Carriage" took place at the Tulsa Fairgrounds in the Mustang Arena.

Riders and auditors alike benefited greatly, as Christine taught skill-building techniques for both horse and rider. Her passion for the developing horse and rider was evident, as she taught each pair according to their individual needs, level, ability and potential.

It was an honor to host talented Christine Traurig who is so renowned in our sport!

This symposium would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of **Kay Kamish**, who secured the clinician and organized this special event. Also taking a lead role was **Nancy Trait-Lira** who served as barn manager. Thanks to both of these ladies' service, all those involved truly had a top-tier experience! Additional shout outs go to the long list of sponsors: **Bluebonnet Feeds**, **Farmers Feed Store**, **Stillwater Milling Co.**, **Pine Ridge Equine Hospital**, **Horse of Course**, **Noble Road Equestrian**, **Mimi Benton Dressager**, **Susan's Show Services**, **Clark Farm**, **Corinne Bridgeman**, 44 Trailer Ranch, Red Earth Feed & Tack, Redbud Equine, **Honest Ron's Guitars**, **Gail Abele Dressage**, **Hedlund Dressage**, **Rivendell Farm**, **Guess Dressage**, **USDF**, **Dressage Foundation**, **Violet Hopkins Grant**, **USDF Region 9**, **Betsy Barns**, **Nancy Trait-Lira**.

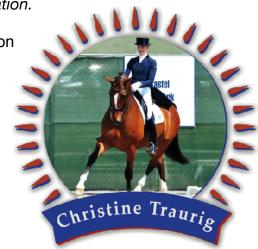


Thank You, Symposium Sponsors!

#### **ODS Spring Symposium with Christine Traurig Earns Rave Reviews**

Below are some of the responses received from the event evaluation.

- \*Amazing clinician
- \*This was the best presenter we've ever had. Constant flow of information and very encouraging
- \*Awesome symposium. Let's do it with Christine again!
- \*Very, very excellent. Christine explained everything she was saying in great detail. Cannot say enough good things about it!
- \*She was fantastic. Didn't stop until she felt the horse/rider was at a stopping point.
- \*I would ride with Christine if the opportunity arises again
- \*Great weekend!
- \*Excellent program!
- \*Christine is so clear with what she wanted from each horse rider pair
- \*One of the clearest symposium presenters I've heard
- \*She often directed comments and explanations to the auditors
- \*Really nice selection of horses/riders. Junior, amateur, pros





# BETSY STEINER Dressage Clinic



"Love your horse, love your sport." - Belsey 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 Hiawassee Rd., turn North on Hiawassee, 3 miles to Sorghum Mill Rd., turn East 3/4 mile to 13800

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





#### JAMES SHAW \*\*\*\* Ride From Within Clinic



James Shaw will be returning to Oklahoma to present his clinic guiding riders to a greater awareness of their bodies, alignment, balance, tension and relaxation through the principles of Tai Chi. He continues to develop and expand his ideas as he presents his clinics both throughout the US and in England and Scotland. His loyalty to those of us who have worked with him for so long will ensure his return to riders and auditors here in

Oklahoma

**0900 – 1100** Lecture and unmounted exercises **1200 – end** Mounted work

WHERE: Rivendell Farm (25395 South 4130 Road #B) Claremore, Oklahoma



CONTACT: Kay Kamish

25395 South 4130 Road #B Claremore, Ok. 74019

#### Friday, Saturday, Sunday May 10 – 12, 2019

This clinic involves both unmounted and mounted work, as well as lecture/theory. These are full days of instruction with lots of rider and auditor participation and interaction. He will lead us in unmounted ground work exercises to explore the feeling of balance and explain how that relates and influences the horse.

Because most participants now are familiar with his work, rides will be half hour privates. <u>If riders desire</u>, this can be adapted to one hour semi-privates.

#### We can be flexible!

**FORMAT**: James prefers our format for this clinic be a commitment from the riders to ride all three days, if possible. He feels his information will be better absorbed and incorporated into your riding if reinforced and confirmed over a three day session. Price break is included for three days.

Riders unable to commit for three days will certainly be welcome as space allows

COST: \$375 for 3 days

\$300 for 2 days \$200 for 1 day

DEPOSIT: \$50

(Payable to Kay Kamish – address below \*\*\*Due by May 4 to cover airfare)\*\*\*

AUDITORS: One day: \$30 2 days: \$50 3 days: \$60
Auditors are encouraged to attend lectures and participate in the unmounted exercises session.

There is a sound system. Auditors are allowed to ask

questions and participate in discussions.

**STABLING:** Let Kay know in advance and arrangements will be made: **\$10**/ day **\$20** / day plus overnight

918-808-6128 (c) <u>Aspenell@aol.com</u>

Check out James on his website: www.ridefromwithin.com

Name Phone Email

Address State Zip

Riding; 3 days 2 Days 1 Day Total

Auditing 3 days 2 Days 1 Day Total

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# Services, Buy & Sell

ODS loves its Marketplace advertisers! Thank you for your support! Please support ODS advertisers throughout the year by patronizing their businesses. If you would like to advertise your business in Centerline, email the editor for specs and rates: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

# YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

## **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 with your information at <a href="mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org">newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org</a>.



# ODS ANNOUNCES AN UPCOMING CLINIC JUST FOR YOU!

#### How it works:

- \*Accrue volunteer hours at any of the three major ODS events:
  - >Spring Symposium, April 6, 7
  - >May Show, May 4, 5
  - >GCDC Show, Claremore, June 15, 16.
- \*Fill out the hours record and have it signed by event organizer, volunteer coordinator, or ODS Board member
- \*Minimum of 4 hours required to apply
- \*Apply for a riding spot in the clinic
  - >Amateurs, Juniors only
  - >Traditional or Western Dressage riders accepted

#### Who will be teaching the clinic?

- \*ODS will contact local Instructors to determine who would be interested in teaching
- \*The list of available instructors will be given to the 8 to 10 riders selected and they will choose the instructor they want to work with.

#### Where will the clinic be held?

\*The location will be determined once we select the riders. We will find a location closest to the majority of the riders.

#### When will this be held?

- \*We will coordinate with the selected Instructor
- \*We are aiming for a September or October date.

#### How about the cost?

No cost for the clinic to our beloved Volunteers!! > >

\*Any stabling fees will be owed to the hosting facility

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AN UPCOMING E-BLAST AND FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE.

Questions? Contact Kay Kamish, ODS Education Chair kkamishODS@aol.com



# **Advertising Rates**

# Oklahoma Dressage Society Media Advertising Rates 2019

#### **Monthly Newsletter**

SIZE	<b>DIMENTIONS</b>	<u>MTH</u>	12 MTHS
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 (Includes contact email, phone, name of clinic)		FREE	FREE
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) – Non ODS Members (Includes contact, email, phone, name of clinic) (Free with paid registered ODS shows or events)		\$ 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		N/A	\$ 20
(\$30 a year for ODS Website & Newsletter Listing combo)			

Please send all advertisements as a PDF or jpg file. All ad copy to Melissa Furman –  $\underline{\text{newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org-}}$  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  $28^{th}$  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 (Free with paid advertising)		\$ 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**

SIZE	<b>DIMENTIONS</b>	<u>MTH</u>	<u>6 MTH</u>	YRLY
Banner Ads		\$ 30	\$ 60	\$160
Calendar Event Listing (Text Only) (Includes contact email, phone, name of cli		FREE		
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Training Listing (\$30 a year for ODS Website & Newsletter	l istina combo)	N/A	N/A	\$ 20

All website advertisements should be sent to Sue Twitty, <a href="webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org">webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org</a> 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

#### 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\_\_\_\_\_ First Name USDF ID# Last Name City/State Zip Address Daytime Phone Evening Phone Cell Birth date: Mth \_\_\_\_\_/ Yr\_\_\_\_ th USDF membership year is Dec 1  $^{\rm st}$  - Nov 30  $^{\rm th}$  . Membership dues are late after November 30  $^{\rm th}$  . 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 30... **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: Dated: (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider) Signature: Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society - Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039.

20 Centerline - April 2019

Email: Laura Custer, 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 <a href="webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org">webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org</a>. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at <a href="mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org">newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org</a>. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

May 4-5 ODS Recognized Spring Show @ Tulsa Fairgrounds

May 25 GCC Memorial Day Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables (BA)

May 25-26 Betsy Steiner Clinic @ High Hill Farm

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

# Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members



**Next ODS Board** 

Meeting:

May 8

@ 6:30 pm.

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 <u>second</u> 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).

Meeting Day! 2nd Wed. Of Each Month

### **ODS Board Members**

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At Large - Nancy Burba nobleroadeq@gmail.com

At Large - Emily Moser emismc@gmail.com

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## **Mailing Addresses**

Please indicate on mailing envelopes to whose attention (person or office) you need to direct your correspondence. For example, "ATTN: Treasurer"

ODS Mailing Address PO Box 1101 Kellyville, OK 74039 ODS Street Address 11513 NS 3600 Rd Seminole, OK 74868