



Centerline

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

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Another successful show is in the books! The 2019 ODS Spring Show was full with a wait list! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this show so successful.

I will not try to mention every volunteer by name but there are a few who I will recognize here. Without their dedication, this show would not be successful year after year.

Susan Peacock volunteers her services year after year in memory of her parents Bee and Bob Pape.

Anne Kuhns, our fabulous Show Manager.

Sherry Guess is our wonderful volunteer coordinator.

Robin Grain-Walkup, our barn manager who works to keep everyone happy in the stall area (not always an easy task).

Roberta Clark, chairperson of the show committee.

These 5 women have dedicated several years to organizing, managing, and implementing the ODS Spring Shows. ODS is so fortunate to benefit from your gracious giving of time and energy!

Thank you, Thank you!

-Pamela DeVore
President
Oklahoma Dressage Society



New ODS Horse Registrations

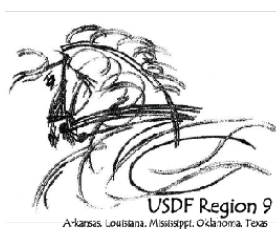
Here is a list of new horses recently added to the ODS registry:

#2277 Robin Spaeth - Clarisse CF
 #2478 Robin Spaeth - Alexis
 #2479 Jamie Knight - Teska van G



Submit A T-Shirt Design for Region 9

Feeling creative? Region 9 is looking for designs for our annual T-shirt fundraiser. If your design is selected at the USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting, it will appear on the T-shirts available for purchase prior to our 2018 Region 9 Championships, your name will be splashed across our website, and you receive a free T-shirt! Artists may submit up to two designs. Send your submission to Regional Director Sherry Guess by JULY 15, 2018. For further information contact Sherry at guessdrsg@aol.com. Here's a look at some previous years' winners:



Region 9 Summer Meeting

Houston Dressage Society will host the next Region 9 Summer Meeting on August 3, 2019 at Haras at 26427 Peden Rd, Magnolia, TX 77355

Continuing Education For Instructors in Region 9

Region 9 has an addition to the Regional Website: this addition will be a way for Instructors who continue to keep up with their education get recognition, even if you are not certified. Also, this will be a way for clients to see which instructors might best be able to help them by the courses attended. (See page 5 for details)

USDF Positions Open, Include Region 9 Roles

Vice President, Secretary, and Regional Directors (Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9)

- Deadline: June 1, 2019
- Nominations also accepted from floor of 2019 Board of Governors General Assembly.
- Email Nominations: nominations@usdf.org

2019 ODS Directories Are Here!

If you haven't received your 2019 ODS Membership Directory, please contact Nancy Trait-Lira ntraitlira19@gmail.com



If you have corrections to this year's directory, please email them to Melissa Furman newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org

Announcements



TDF Taking Applications For The George Williams Young Professional Grant Fund



The purpose of the George Williams Young Professional Grant Fund is to support dressage professionals, ages 25-35, who are committed to the sport and have established businesses as instructors and trainers. Applicants should have a strong desire to participate in continuing education opportunities, in order to provide higher-quality instruction to their students.

The amount of the grants can vary depending on the need and request of the applicants but will typically range from \$3,000 - \$5,000. At this time, one grant will be available each year to a qualified applicant chosen by an independent selection committee.

Grant funding should be used for two purposes:

1. To receive training as a rider that is outside of your typical plan (for example, an intensive training time away from home or more lessons from your trainer) AND
2. To attend a formal instructor/trainer education program, such as the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program, L Education Program, or other event of your choice that is focused on the education of instructors/trainers.

About the Fund:

Wanting to honor Williams' lifelong commitment to the sport and acknowledge his nine years as President of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), Janna Dresing, Dr. Jeni Gaffney and Gardy Bloemers initiated the idea of this Fund in December 2018. Dresing shared, "We felt that George has given so much to the dressage community in all of his roles within the USDF, and that creating a scholarship in his name would help honor his commitment to the sport."

Williams was surprised with the news of the Fund at the USDF Salute Gala on December 1st, 2018. After the announcement, he said, "I am honored to have a Grant Fund in my name, which will have a goal of helping up-and-coming young equestrians. Thank you to all the donors."

TDF's President and CEO, Beth Baumert, shared, "Those of us who hold USDF dear will never forget George's many years of wise and steady leadership. His contribution to dressage is impossible to calculate, and he set a fine example for us all. It seems very fitting that this Fund will continue beyond his tenure, giving in his honor."

For more information: https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/dressage_instructors/george-williams-fund.html



Photo by Susan J Stickle

Announcements



Greetings Instructors,
Region 9 has a new addition to the Regional Website.

This addition will be a way for Instructors who continue to keep up with their education get recognition, even if you are not certified. Also, this addition will be a way for clients to see which instructors might best be able to help them by the courses attended.

As medicine, saddles, biomechanics information improves with technology it is important that Instructors bring this new information to their client so that the word spreads for the benefit of our horses. It is a given that most Instructors know how to ride, but most of the problems we run into are beyond inside leg/ outside rein. Feed, shoes, inoculations, saddles all play a very important part in keeping our horses sound, and instructors need to be up to date with the latest information.

How it works:

The event must be educational and put on by a GMO, USDF or Region to be recognized. You cannot be the Instructor; you need to be a participant. Have the host of the event sign a letter that has GMO/USDF/ Region Program name: Date; Organizer's signature; Your USDF No. (Individual or Group); Your name printed and signature.

Or print a form off Region 9 website www.usdfregion9.org and send it to the person who will be taking the information at the time, also listed on the website. Either via scan or postal service.

As good as some information was a couple of years ago, changes are always being added and we are going to start recognizing those with attendance this year and keep a running record from year to year. Start checking you local GMO's newsletters or the Region 9 Website for the latest or get your self on the Instructors List to receive the Regional e-news.

This is a very good way for you to advertise your knowledge and enhance your resume' for free on the Regional Website.

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Announcements



Status Update of USEF Freestyle Rule DR 129

Regarding USEF freestyle rule DR 129 which went into effect on December 1, 2018:

During the USEF Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, held April 29, 2019, the USEF BOD reviewed the feedback received and discussed the Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal (Tracking ID# 022-19), regarding DR129. As a result of the discussion, the USEF BOD "felt it was in the best interest of the sport to disapprove the RCP as presented," as stated in the letter from USEF to the affiliate leadership.

The USEF Dressage Sport Committee has submitted an alternative rule change proposal that is currently going through the USEF rule change process. Once this rule change proposal has been certified by the USEF Legislative Committee, it will be available for comment. If certified as an Extraordinary Rule Change, it will be presented to the USEF BOD at their mid-year meeting.

The current USEF Rule DR129 remains in effect. The current rule can be found in the [USEF Rule Book](#) on the USEF website, along with the [active rule changes](#) and those recently approved by the USEF BOD.



USDF

Announcements

Excerpt from Facebook: "So proud of Jamie Knight, Lisa J Miller (Erin Sisson standing in for her 😊) and me, for earning 3 Champion and a Reserve Champion for the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club Year-End Awards! Beautiful embroidered Jackets and a really nice chair, thanks ODS for your great awards!!" [from Stephanie Raffety-Wilson]

From left to right, Erin Sisson (standing in for Lisa J. Miller), Jamie Knight, Stephanie Raffety-Wilson.



May/June Issue of OK Horses Mag Features ODS Members & Event!

Just hitting the news stands around town is the May/June 2019 issue of Oklahoma Horses Magazine. Inside are two interesting articles written by ODS member Doris Degner-Foster. One features ODS member Holly Fisher and her journey to horses and metal smithing art. The other article features the ODS Spring Symposium. Be sure you check out this summer issue!

Spring Symposium

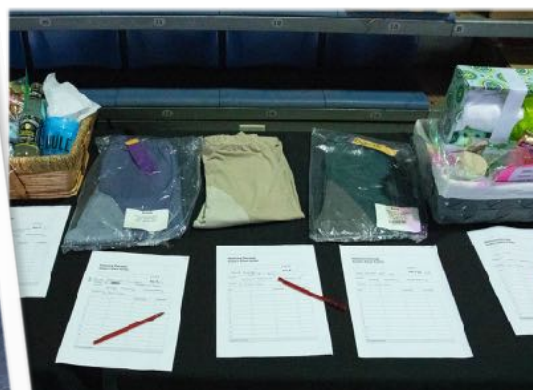
The Tulsa Expo Center was called home by 13 demonstration riders in early April for the ODS Spring Symposium with famed dressage rider and clinician Christine Traurig. From Juniors to Pros, from near and far, riders and auditors alike all learned a great amount from the teachings of Ms. Traurig. Demo riders were: **Mimi Benton, Whitney Vess, Nancy Burba, Melissa Furman, Kay Kamish, Nicol Bossler, Richal Flannery, Gwyneth Baggett, Laurie Hedlund, Gail Abele, Bay Greenhill, Pamela DeVore, Hensley Moses.**



Thank you for participating, Symposium Riders!



A Peek At The ODS Spring Dressage Show In Tulsa





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



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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.

To advertise, email the editor with your information at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



VOLUNTEERS!!



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

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>DIMENSIONS</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>DIMENSIONS</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 as 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>DIMENSIONS</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 be 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.



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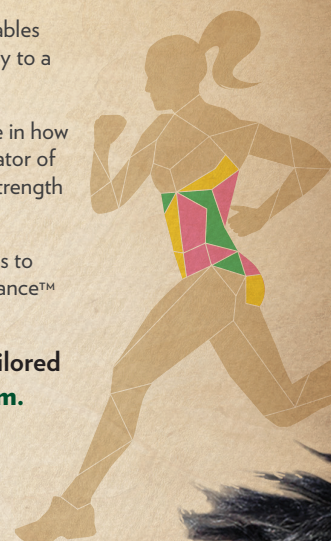
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ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

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.org), 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.

May 25 GCC Memorial Day Schooling Show - *CANCELED*****

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 @ The Summit Club, Tulsa

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:
June 12
@ 6:30 pm.**

**Meeting Day!
2nd Wed.
Of Each Month**

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