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Greetings CDA Members!

Our year is off to a roaring start with lots of familiar faces and some new ones! Over the weekend of April 23 & 24 we had our first CDA event of the season – the Ride-Critique-Ride Clinic with Bobbi Carleton. Participants were able to ride through their test, work with Bobbi on areas needing improvement and then put it all together again. Such a great format for this time of year and we had a fantastic turnout – two full days of rides!

Next up, our first CDA sponsored schooling show at Sperry View Farm on May 7. Entries are flowing in, and we expect to have a busy day. Just as a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help our shows run smoothly. If you are interested, in helping as a ring steward, scribe or any other way, please contact Carol Mohyde at carolmohyde@icloud.com or Amy Ravitz at amy.ravitz@yahoo.com – important to note that we feed our volunteers really well!!! Spectators are welcome.

In case you were wondering about our 2022 CDA cover model, that is Debra Reinhardt and her new horse Leo. Debra served as our USDF Region 8 director for many years – a labor of love and dedication to the sport – all the while running most of the larger dressage shows in our region. Debra just retired from the position in the fall of 2021. We appreciate all her efforts and couldn't imagine a better person to honor on our cover this year.

As always, CDA aims to provide fun, welcoming, educational and competitive events for all of our members. Should you have any ideas, questions or comments please don't hesitate to reach out to me at hanna@nantucketblonde.com or look for me at any of our shows! In the meantime – enjoy your horses and be well!

Warmly, Hanna
CDA President

Quote of the Month

“As equine caretakers, it is our responsibility to understand how the domestic environment affects the horse on all levels—physical and mental. As a social animal, the horse depends on daily interaction for mental growth. Striking a balance between the physical environment and the emotional requirement of the horse to survive within that environment is essential.”

KERRY THOMAS, Pioneering Researcher in Equine Athletic Psychology and Founder of the Thomas Herding Technique

Youth Announcements

CDA wants to sponsor you--our YOUTH members!

Do you like competing and having fun with your peers? The Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival offers individual and team competition especially for youth riders from ages 4 through 25 (adults ages 26 and older are welcome to volunteer).

Division championships feature a three-phased competition: a written test, dressage test, and equitation. Riders may also assemble teams and compete for the Kross Creek Farm Team Championships in honor of Margarita Serrell. Other fun and competitive activities are offered throughout the weekend, including a tackroom decorating competition and an ice cream social, among many others!

The competition is part of the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program and is a National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Show. CDA will sponsor one or two teams (teams can be 3 or 4 people). The CDA sponsorship will cover the Division Fee for each rider, plus beautiful CDA merchandise (saddle pads, shirts, etc).

Get your friends together and form a team! The Dressage4Kids Youth Festival will be held August 11-14, 2022 at HITS-on-the-Hudson in Saugerties, New York.

General Announcements

Western Dressage Anyone?

Let us know if you are interested in adding western dressage tests to the CDA sponsored schooling shows. Email Carol Mohyde carolmohyde@icloud.com or Amy Ravitz amy.ravitz@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Information -

There is a need for volunteers! If you are interested in one of these roles, please reach out to Hanna Calcagni.

- **2022 Volunteers for Schooling Shows** are needed. Contact Carol Mohyde and Amy Ravitz

- **Opportunity to 'Shadow' a Volunteer** – ask Carol or Amy

Newsletter Coordinator – individual needed to coordinate monthly newsletter using MailChimp (experience not necessary).

CDA Clinics

April 22-23 with Bobbi Carleton at Sperry View Farm (SVF)

Two full days of rider and horse pairs participated. A wrap-up will be in the May Centerline.

Save the dates! CDA and SVF will host Lisa Schmidt on Nov 19-20 and Review the Updated 2023 USDF Dressage Tests

Lisa Schmidt has judged many prestigious shows and is an USDF 'S' Dressage Judge with the Young Horse and Freestyle Certifications.

Lisa was the first R judge to have judged the National Dressage Seat Equitation Finals.

The tentative schedule is to do the upper levels, 2nd through 4th level on day one and the lower levels on day two.

Lisa has so much to offer to the audience, such as, where to pick up points and explain what the judge is looking for at each level.

Contact [Liz Doering](#) if you are interested in being a demo rider. Otherwise, plan to join us as an auditor. Bring a chair and your lunch and join this educational event as an auditor for a small fee.

USDF Region 8 News

Region 8 Message from our Director - April

Greetings Region 8!

I'm sick of talking about the weather, so I am going to jump right in....

Spring is here so it's time to make sure you have everything ready to go for show season. Horse vaccines and Coggins need to be current, and it's a good idea to have extra hard copies and clear photos on your phone to have handy just in case. And are you current with your GMO, USDF and USEF memberships? SafeSport?

Here are some of the bigger events to look forward to while we wait for the weather to improve:

- North American Youth Championships - deadline for application is May 10, 2022. The Championships are August 9 to August 14 in Travers City, Michigan
- U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions - deadline for Application of Intent is June 16, 2022. The Festival is August 22 to August 28 at HITS Chicago at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois
- Region 8 Championships are September 22 to September 25. The qualification deadline is August 29th.
- U.S. Dressage Finals are November 10th to the 13th at the Kentucky Horse Park.

And for something much closer to home, go to <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/regional-schooling.asp> for all kinds of useful information on the Regional Schooling Show awards. If you don't see your local schooling show listed, contact the organizer and ask them to submit an application. It's easy and a great way to earn awards!

I'd love to hear from you - questions? comments? suggestions?

Helen van der Voort
USDF Region 8 Director

CDA Sends Appreciation Gift

The CDA sent a beautiful saddle pad and ear bonnet to Debra Reinhardt and Leo. Debra was our USDF Region representative and represented our Region with professionalism and our best interest in mind.



CDA Scholarships

CDA Scholarships for Youth & Amateurs

Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship

CDA offers one or more scholarships per year, per category for CDA members. Check out the details for 2022 on the [CDA Scholarship Web](#) page.

The Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship



Through the continued generosity of Vista Vintage Award founder, Ted Plaut, CDA is excited to announce the formation of the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship.

The Vista Vintage Award was started in 2008, to honor Ted's long-time equine companion, Vista GeeWiz, a Morgan/Trakehner gelding. It is Ted's philosophy that because horses are living longer, healthier lives, often working and competing well into their late teens and early twenties, the Vista Vintage Award acknowledges the accomplishment of competing later in life.

Following along the same line of thought, the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship will be given to further the education of horse and rider. It is Ted's feeling that better training at any age leads to a happier, healthier horse.

The Vista Vintage Fund also supports Dressage4Kids at its Weekend Educational Program.

The Dressage Foundation Century Club Scholarship Opportunities



The Century Club recognizes Dressage riders and horses whose combined age totals 100 years or more. The Century Club was formed at The Dressage Foundation in 1996, at the suggestion of Max Gahwyler (CT). To learn more, go to the Dressage Foundation Web page – [About the Century Club](#).

Browse the [Century Club](#) website to learn more about the programs, grants and ways to support the dressage community.

Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs

This Scholarship enables Adult Amateurs to set aside quality-time, in concentrated training away from the daily pressures of job and family, with a horse the recipient owns or formally leases (as documented by USDF or USEF paperwork).



Up to nine \$1,000 grants are available each year (one in each USDF Region), plus two additional \$1,000 wild card grants (which can be awarded in any Region). Follow the below link for details and guidelines. http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/adult_amateurs/gifted.html

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CDA Facebook Pictures Needed
Please submit pictures for the CDA Facebook.
(Submitter needs to own the picture or copyright of the submission.)

Send to president@ctdressage.org

CDA Membership for 2022

[Click here](#) to see all the fantastic benefits of membership!

Sponsorship Opportunities
2022 Connecticut Dressage Association Omnibus and Website

The CDA Omnibus is an annual publication distributed to our 150+ members. Our membership is represented by active dressage enthusiasts, residing and competing in Connecticut and surrounding states. The Omnibus is an invaluable reference used throughout the year by our members to get information not only on schooling shows in the region, but professional goods and services related to their equine needs.

Please consider placing an ad and sharing this with anyone who might benefit or want to support the CDA. We are a not-for-profit organization, and the advertising revenue significantly helps to defray the costs of producing the Omnibus.

Please go to the below link for full details on Sponsorship opportunities.

[CDA Sponsors – Connecticut Dressage Association \(ctdressage.org\)](#)

CDA Sponsors the following Organizations

Dressage 4 Kids – D4K

D4K Festival

WEP – Weekend Equestrian Program

Schooling Show Competitions Awards Criteria for 2022

The following CDA members are eligible to participate Youth, Adult Amateur and Open competitors who compete between November 1, 2022 and October 31, 2022.

- 1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows.
- 2) Schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the 2022 CDA OMNIBUS.
- 3) Schooling show prize lists that are published in the CDA Newsletter and website.

Full details and requirements are outlined on the [CDA Competition Web page](#).

Calendar of Events

Please check the Website regularly for the status of events. Ctdressage.org

Next CDA Board Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM

At Fern Feldman's house **OR**

Zoom Meeting will start at 6:45 pm

Contact Fern Feldman | fernfeldman@gmail.com

CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows Eligible for 2022 Year-End Awards

WE LOVE SCHOOLING SHOWS AND THERE ARE PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM in 2022

Discount for members!

Saturday 5/7/2022 CDA @ Sperry View Farm

(opening date: 4/16/2022 – closing date: 4/30/2022)

Judge: Virginia Leary "L"

Saturday 6/12/2022 CDA @ R Folly Farm

Please refer to Abacus Events prize list for details

Judge: Krystal Wilt "L"

Sunday 7/24/2022 CDA @ Weatogue Stables

(Closing/received by date: Tuesday prior to show dates)

Judges: Judges – "L" Jane Rodd and "L" Doris Carlson

Sunday 9/4/2022 CDA @ Sperry View Farm

(opening date: 8/14/2022 – closing date: 8/28/2022)

Judge: Roberta Carleton (r).

Saturday 9/17/2022 CDA @ BelleFree Farm.

(opening date 8/27/2022 – closing date 9/10/2022).

Judge: Linda Currie "L". (Likely (r) by show date)

Here is a list of schooling shows that also qualify for CDA year-end awards only IF THE RIDER IS A CDA MEMBER prior to show. These shows may qualify a rider for USDF year-end awards. Please check with organizer.

Sunday 4/24/2022 CT Equestrian center.

Judge – Corinna Fleming

<https://www.ctequestrian.com>

Sunday 5/8/2022 CDCTA @ Treasure Hill Farm.

Judges – "L" Crystal Taylor and "L" Karen Roberts

<https://www.cdctaonline.com/2022-horse-shows.html>

Sunday 6/26/22 Weatogue Stables.

(closing/received by date: Tuesday prior to show dates).

Judges – "L" Ann Guptill and "L" Amy Von

Schulz. <https://www.weatoguestables.com/services>

Sunday 7/10/2022 CDCTA @ Treasure Hill Farm.

Judges – "r" Bobbi Carleton and "r" Anne Marie

Gregoire

<https://www.cdctaonline.com/2022-horse-shows.html>

Sunday 7/10/2022 R Folly Farm

Please refer to Abacus Events prize list for details

Sunday 7/24/2022 CT Equestrian center.

Judge – Andrea Joslyn

<https://www.ctequestrian.com>

Sunday 8/14/2022 R Folly Farm

Please refer to Abacus Events prize list for details

Sunday 9/18/22 Weatogue Stables.

(closing/received by date: Tuesday prior to show dates).

Judges – "L" Viviane Pilicy and "L" Krystal

Wilt. <https://www.weatoguestables.com/services>

Sunday 10/2/2022 CDCTA @ Treasure Hill Farm.

Judges – "r" Judy Dannemann and "L" Virginia Leary

<https://www.cdctaonline.com/2022-horse-shows.html>

USDF/USEF Recognized Shows

Sperry View Farm

SVF Recognized Show Series IV & Champs

www.sperryviewfarm.com

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