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Greetings!

Hope you are all off to a blazing start to your summer show season! I am seeing many great posts on social media of successful outings, medals achieved, and individuals advancing up the levels. Kudos to all of you on your efforts, training, and care of our beloved equine partners.

CDA has had two great schooling shows so far this spring and we are looking forward to our USDF/USEF recognized show at Weatogue stables on Wednesday July 20th. Entries are open now and filling up – visit our website for more info.

Unfortunately, we have cancelled our July 24th schooling show at Weatogue Stables due to unforeseen circumstances. Many apologies for this disappointment.

Please mark your calendars for our CDA sponsored shows in September at Sperry View Farm in Bethany and Belle Free Farm in Columbia.

As you all know Covid forced the cancellation of our annual awards party in January BUT we are really hoping for a good turnout at our summer party, July 30th, at Lakeview Lodge in Bethany. We will have great food, bountiful raffle baskets and lots of opportunity to catch up with friends! We would love to see you all there for some outside-the-barn socializing.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer, enjoy your horses, and stay safe, sound, and healthy.

Warmly, Hanna

'Ride your horse forward and make him straight!'

As stated by instructors worldwide.

CDA Summer Party Save the Date!

July 30, 2022 3 pm to 6 pm

Location: Lakeview Lodge
Veteran's Memorial Park
265 Beacon Rd, Bethany CT
(Route 42)

CDA will have raffles and provide food, and soft drinks.

Please RSVP by July 15, 2022, to
fernfeldman@gmail.com

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. Other fun and competitive activities are offered throughout the weekend, including a tack room 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEGAN TURSI
Megan earned her Silver Medal

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 Carol Mohyde and Amy Ravitz.

- **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) – Pictures and a rider shares her experience.

Two full days of rider and horse pairs participated and was a great success. Here are pictures of participating pairs.



Carol Mohyde & Gaelic Lass, "Lassie" with Bobbi



Denise Clark & Partners in Gold

RCR Personal Experience from Denise Clark

For the past several years, CDA has sponsored a Ride Review Ride over two days in April with Judge Bobbi Carleton in preparation for the show season. This year both days were filled with training level to fourth level horse and rider combinations.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to ride a test and have the judge score and comment on your ride. Bobbi then takes 30 minutes to review the scores and comments then coaches you on how to improve them. After the coaching session, you ride the test again for the judge (Bobbi) with the goal of seeing an improvement.

I like this format as it gave me an insight into how to better to ride my test. Bobbi has an amazing ability to assess your needs at the level you are riding in a constructive and positive manner. All levels of riding can benefit from her expertise.

The following are pictures from the May 5 Sperry View Farm Schooling Show.



Carole Kravitz & O'Rion



Lily Koorejian & Erania, "Ronnie"

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 is a member of the L Program Faculty and instructs many programs for upcoming and future judges. Additionally, 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 - May

Greetings Region 8!

The USDF has announced the Dressage Spirit Award to recognize USDF Youth Members “who work hard to share the love of the sport of Dressage with their local communities”. Activities that will be recognized include volunteering, fundraising and expanding the dressage community. Anyone but a parent or guardian can nominate someone. For more information, contact youth@usdf.org.

Show season is in full swing, and I spent last Sunday e-scribing at the Centerline @HITS show. Beautiful weather and great rides... Looking ahead to June, I count 14 recognized shows in our region alone!

Speaking of shows, I'll remind you again about the Regional Schooling Show Awards program. Info is on the website under Awards and then under Performance.

Sadly, the Jr/YR George Williams clinic originally scheduled for April has been put off until next Spring.

Upcoming dates/deadlines:

The U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions deadline for Application of Intent is June 16. The Festival is August 22-29 at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois.

The North American Youth Championships are in Traverse City, Michigan August 9-14. It looks like Region 8 is going to have a strong team this year! We are searching for sponsors – saddle pads, hats, general funding for expenses – so please contact Bobbi Carleton at bobbicarleton@aol.com if you can help.

The qualification deadline for Region 8 Championships is August 29. The Championships will be at Saugerties September 22-25.

The US Dressage Finals are November 10-13 at Kentucky Horse Park.

And finally, the Annual Convention is on track to be IN PERSON this year. It will be held November 30 to December 3 in Lexington. The agenda is still being finalized and an effort is being made to limit overlap of

sessions, so we all have an opportunity to attend all the sessions we want.

Helen van der Voort
USDF Region 8 Director

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. For more information contact Kari Bradshaw at rkhotoshoe@aol.com.

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>

Follow CDA on FaceBook



[CDA Facebook Page](#)

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, July 11, 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!

Sunday 7/10/2022 & 8/14/2022 **CDA @ R Folly Farm**
Please refer to Abacus Events prize list for details
Judge:

CANCELLED – Sunday 7/24/2022 **CDA @ Weatogue
Stables**

Sunday 9/4/2022 **CDA @ Sperry View Farm**
(opening date: 8/14/2022 – closing date: 8/28/2022)
Judge: Andrea Joslyn “L”.

Sunday 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 9/18/2022
Weatogue Stables

(closing/received by date: Tuesday prior to show
dates).
Judges – “L” Ann Guptill and “L” Amy Von
Schulz. <https://www.weatquestables.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 & Sunday 8/14/2022
R Folly Farm

Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
900 Highland Avenue
Torrington, CT 06790
Please refer to Abacus Events prize list in CDA
Omnibus for details

Sunday 7/24/2022 & 9/11/2022

CT Equestrian Center

Judge – Andrea Joslyn (7/24); TBD for 9/11
<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.weatquestables.com/services>

Sunday 7/10/2022 & 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

Weatogue Level I CDA Recognized Show

Secretary Kari Cincotta 781-654-7694; closing date
7/10/2022

Judge: Sara Schmitt

Sperry View Farm

SVF Recognized Show Series IV & Champs

www.sperryviewfarm.com

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See us at: **www.ctdressage.org**

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