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Greetings!

Presidents Message September

Wow, Labor Day has come and gone. I, for one, am looking forward to some cooler crisper days after this hot summer but somehow it is bittersweet to head into fall. That said, we have a couple fun things to look forward to...

9/17/22 was our final schooling show of the season at Belle Free Farm in Columbia, CT. November 19 &-20 is the Lisa Schmidt (S) clinic which will focus on the changes in the dressage tests for 2023. We will have riders demonstrate the new movements with commentary from Lisa on what judges will be looking for – so mark your calendars!

It's time to start thinking about yearend awards! This year, due to the cancellation of our July schooling show (resulting in no CDA schooling shows in July or August) we are waiving the requirement that one score submitted must be a CDA sponsored show score. So, anyone may submit scores for an award from eligible shows even if they did not attend a CDA sponsored schooling show.

Our recognized July show at the beautiful Weatogue Stables was well attended and everyone stayed upright despite the heat. Many, many thanks to Roxanne Bok for her incredible generosity and to Bobbi Carleton for her hard work prepping for the show.

The schooling show at Sperry View Farm on 9/4/22 had a whopping 58 rides and ran so smoothly that we finished by 4:30 thanks to our awesome volunteers and organized secretary, Kari Cincotta! Huge thanks to Liz Doering for hosting CDA clinics and schooling shows at Sperry View Farm.

Our next board meeting is 10/31/22 and we welcome any members that would like to attend! If interested just let me know ([hanna@nantucketblonde.com](mailto:hanna@nantucketblonde.com)) for a head count. And of course, feel to reach out anytime with any thoughts or ideas for CDA.

Warmly, Hanna

Figure 1 - Megan Tursi and Region 8 Team Win Bronze at the 2022 FEI North American Youth Championships!



<http://www.ctdressage.org>

## CDA Youth Announcements



*Jesse Johnson and supportive dad Elliot at D4K Youth Festival.*



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).

The competition is part of the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program and is a National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Show. CDA sponsors one or two teams (teams can be 3 or 4 people).

Member Jenny Taanovich shared that the CDA helped to make the trip to Dressage 4 Kids a memorable experience. They supported us in person at the show, provided financial assistance and gave us beautiful show shirts and show pads that we wore proudly.

We really liked working together with our show team, this was a first for us. We helped each other, rode together, and cheered each other on. We also really

liked to do the volunteer work at the show, it was fun to help and meet new people.

This was our first away show and we experienced how much hard work it takes to do an overnight show. We learned so much from the whole process. The highlight of the event was watching Lendon Grey deliver the demo lesson. We learned so much about the importance of a good position from that demo lesson. Thank you for supporting us! We can't wait to go back next year with our pony!

Get your friends together and form a team for 2023! The Dressage4Kids Youth Festival was held on August 11-14, 2022 at HITS-on-the-Hudson in Saugerties, New York.

## CDA Show News

The CDA Recognized Show at Weatogue on July 20, 2022, was well attended. The CDA appreciates the support from our members and other in the local dressage community. Look for the 2023 date and add it to your show calendar!



*Bobbi Carlton, Trainer & Hanna Calcagni, volunteer*



*CDA Member & Youth Competitor*

## General Announcements

**Earn USDF Volunteer Recognition –** See more info in the USDF Region 8 News.

### Volunteer Information -

There is a need for volunteers! If you are interested in one of these roles, Email Carol Mohyde [carolmohyde@icloud.com](mailto:carolmohyde@icloud.com) or Amy Ravitz [amy.ravitz@yahoo.com](mailto:amy.ravitz@yahoo.com).

- **2022 Volunteers for Schooling Shows** are needed. Contact Carol Mohyde and Amy Ravitz
- **Opportunity to 'Shadow' a Volunteer** – ask Carol or Amy

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

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## CDA Clinics

**Save the dates! CDA and SVF will host Lisa Schmidt on Nov 19-20-**

## 2022 to 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Other Clinics in the Area

### November 3-6 ENYDCTA Linda Zang Clinic

- Instructor Clinic 11/3 & 11/4
- Amateur Clinic 11/5 & 11/6
- Two, 45-minute lectures (with demo riders) at the end of the day.
  - 11/4 "The Art of Collection"
  - 11/5 "Half Halts Demonstrated"

**Closing date 10/3/22**

**Clinic will be held at:**

Kraig Kulikowski, DVM  
452 Devils Lane  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Contact Person for scheduling/general questions:**

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616-403-8503

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## USDF Region 8 News

Region 8 Message from our Director – August

## USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program

The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s).

Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log below and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF.

[GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log](#)

## Greetings Region 8!

I hope you and your 4-legged friends are staying safe and cool in this miserable weather.

Our NAYC team has been announced, and I think we have a great group! Congratulations to Juniors Leah Drew, Emily Jackowski, Quentin Sloan, Gabriel Epstein and Young Riders Megan Tursi, Gemma Starn and Brenna Donovan and their equine partners. If you want to make a donation to the team, you can write a check to USDF with a note that it is in support of the Region 8 NAYC team. Your contribution is tax deductible.

## Upcoming dates/deadlines:

The Regional Championships are September 22-25. The Opening Date for entries is August 1 and the Closing Date is August 29th. Detailed information on requirements for qualifying can be found at this link. <https://www.usdf.org/docs/ShowFlash/web/RegionalChamp/RCRules2022.pdf?t=6/30/2022%2011:59:31%20AM>.

The Regional Championship is a huge show, so when you submit your entry double check that all the required documentation is appropriately signed, your USEF/USDF numbers and Safe Sport are up to date, and all of your vet certificates are in your horse's show name. They won't be accepting barn names!

The US Dressage Finals are November 10-13 at Kentucky Horse Park. **The Nomination deadline is September 29.** Go ahead and put in your nomination, its free! The Opening Date for entries is September 9 and the Closing Date is October 17.

The Annual Convention is on track to be IN PERSON this year. It will be held November 30 to December 3 in Lexington.

Finally, I am writing an article for the USDF Connection on the benefits and advantages of belonging to a GMO. I would love you hear from anyone about why they joined a GMO, what you love about it and any other thoughts you have. My deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>, so get back to me soon at [vandeh13@gmail.com](mailto:vandeh13@gmail.com)!

Useful links:

Region 8 Website: <http://www.usdfregion8.org/>  
Volunteer Incentive Form: <https://www.usdf.org/clubs/gmo/gmo-volunteer-incentive-program.asp>

Dressage Spirit Award for Youth:

<https://www.usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=982>

Helen van der Voort  
USDF Region 8 Director

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:rkhotoshoe@aol.com).

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## 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.

### Call to Action from The Dressage Foundation!

We [Sara Weiss, Dir of Grants, TDF] are hoping you can please help us spread the word about this grant opportunity for instructors in your Region.

Applications for TDF's **Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund** are due September 10. These grants, established by Verne's family and friends in 2020, are dedicated to the memory of his long career as a dressage instructor and sport horse breeder. The Fund provides grants of up to \$2,500 to professional instructors from USDF Regions 1, 3, or 8 (Verne's "home" Regions) for continuing education and training.

More information >> <https://bit.ly/3P5iy2l>

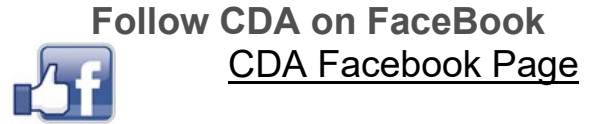
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## Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs

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>



**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](mailto:president@ctdressage.org)

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## 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 \(ctdressage.org\)](#)

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## CDA Sponsors the following Organizations

### Dressage 4 Kids – D4K

D4K Festival

WEP – Weekend Equestrian Program

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### 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](http://Ctdressage.org)**

#### Next CDA Board Meeting

Monday, October 31, 2022 – 6:00 PM

At Fern Feldman's house **OR**

Zoom Meeting will start at 6:45 pm

Contact Fern Feldman | [fernfeldman@gmail.com](mailto:fernfeldman@gmail.com)

### CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows Eligible for 2022 Year-End Awards

**WE LOVE SCHOOLING SHOWS AND THERE WILL BE PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM in 2023**

**Discount for members!**

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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 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](http://www.sperryviewfarm.com)

“The biggest enemy to the partnership of dressage is impatience and the human nature to dominate other creatures.”  
Walter Zettl.

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