

The background of the image is a collection of award ribbons. The ribbons are primarily yellow and blue, with some red and pink ones visible. They are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and abundance. The ribbons are tied into bows and have circular medallions in the center. The medallions are blue with gold lettering, and some of them have the letters "O.D.A." visible. The ribbons are set against a light-colored wall.

*Northern Ohio
Dressage Association*

*2018 Year-end
Award Winners*

Northern Ohio Dressage Association

Year End Awards

Unrecognized Shows Awards

Novice Intro Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Michele Thomas and Liberty 65.586%
Reserve: Jill Winters and Miro 65.097%

Novice Intro Level - Junior Rider

Champion: Justin Franko and Shelby's Easy Lark 67.188%
(owned by Michelle Franko)
Reserve: Josephine Cooper and Arwen's Arrow 65.313%
(owned by Jennifer Cooper)

Intro Open Level- Professional

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Worth the Wait 69.235%
Reserve: April Woodward and Everybody Talks 67.907%
3rd: BJ Hartmann-Sasak and He's The One 67.360%

Intro Open Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Amy Craig and Handsome Jack 70.000%
Reserve: Jennifer Cooper and Arwen's Arrow 67.813%
3rd: Ellie Pridemore and LL Linus 65.000%
4th: Leslie Matt and Gypsy's Gem 63.985%

Intro Open Level- Junior Rider

Champion: Amanda Franko and Shelby's Easy Lark 70.266%
(owned by Michelle Franko)

Open Training Level - Professional

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Worth the Wait	66.302%
Reserve: April Woodward and Everybody Talks	65.600%

Open Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Leigh Mooney and William	72.146%
Reserve: Erin Clark and Crossed Sabres (owned by Taya Workum-Byers)	71.735%
3rd: Leigh Mooney and JD	71.421%
4th: Amy Craig and Handsome Jack	67.614%
5th: Mosie Welch and Aleksandr Robyn	66.167%
6th: Colleen Welder and MCF Classic Harley (owned by Gale Rempel)	65.739%
7th: Kim Shepard and Big Bundle	64.789%
8th: Leeann Overbaugh and Duquessa Cor	63.957%
9th: Mary Whitely and Set In Stone	63.890%
10th: Molly Reeves and El Dorado	62.747%

Open Training Level - Junior Rider

Champion: Lauren Heba and Holly Berry (owned by Margaret McElhany)	61.589%
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First Level - Professional

Champion: Sue Hines and Flyin Four Shoes	70.743%
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First Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Leigh Mooney and William	69.213%
Reserve: Leigh Mooney and JD	68.158%
3rd: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets	67.317%
4th: Leslie Grimm and Brevard	65.184%
5th: Erin Clark and Crossed Sabres (owned by Taya Workum-Byers)	64.807%
6th: Patti Valencic and Fox Meadow Dancer	64.658%

Unrecognized Shows Awards

First level AA continued

7th: Kristen Colella and She's a Spitfire (owned by Anne McClintock)	63.681%
8th: Lea Wojtkiewicz and Winter Sky	60.630%
9th: Kimberly Zemba and Odin	58.986%

First Level – Junior Rider

Champion: Diana Shale and Spot on Doolittle	69.111%
Reserve: Noelle Ignani and MRF Bello di Notte	63.458%

Second Level– Professional

Champion: Sue Hines and Flyin Four Shoes	67.909%
Reserve: Michelle Tyner and Won Warsteiner	65.817%
3rd: Anne McClintock and She's a Spitfire	63.182%

Second Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Susan Horst and WRF Alix	63.661%
Reserve: Leslie Grimm and Brevard	63.442%
3rd: Peggi Ignagni and MRF Bella di Notte (owned by Noelle Ignagni)	63.182%

Fourth Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Victoria Patterson-Pirko and Fantasia	63.570%
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FEI- Professional

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Adante (owned by Jan Thompson)	60.735%
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FEI Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Cindy Bank and IdleHour McHenry	58.016%
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Dressage Seat Equitation - Adult Amateur

Champion: Leigh Mooney and William	84.333%
Reserve: Erin Clark and Crossed Sabres (owned by Taya Workum-Byers)	81.333%
3rd: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets	76.333%

Rider Test - Adult Amateur

Champion: Pam White and Flash in The Knight 61.933%

Western Intro Level- AA

Champion: Jacqueline Seagle and Phoenix Rising 67.926%

Reserve: Melissa Groh and Allie 66.941%

Western Basic - Adult Amateur

Champion: Judy Jacobson and Lady's Courageous Champ 68.011%

Reserve: Halle Clause and Master the Art 65.387%

Western Basic - Junior

Champion: Skylar Young and La Bella Luna 71.300%

Reserve: Kate Tuma and Mister Fair MCHF 60.234%

(owned by Don Brown)

Western Level One- Adult Amateur

Champion: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets 71.635%

Western Dressage Seat Equitation

Champion: Judy Jacobsen and Lady's Courageous Champ 79.467%

Reserve: Halle Clause and Master the Art 75.400%

Recognized Shows

Training Level - Junior/Young Rider

Champion: Lydia Young and Harbenero SMDR 65.852%

Reserve: Christina Fraser and Bubby's Buddy 64.743%

Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Lauren Wade and Lord Burberry CCSH 68.366%

Reserve: Colleen Welder and SCF Classic Harley 63.012%

(owned by Gale Rempel)

Recognized Shows

First Level – Junior/Young Rider

Champion: Diana Shale and Spot On Doolittle	67.885%
Reserve: Richard Tyner and Hall of Fame (owned by Evelyn Tyner)	62.128%
3rd: Richard Tyner and Bur-Dal Chaos (owned by Michelle Tyner)	61.397%

First Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Leslie Grimm and Brevard	63.419%
Reserve: Ariel Brodkey and L'Aristo	63.162%
3rd: Colleen Welder and SCF Classic Harley (owned by Gale Rempel)	61.574%

Second Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Sara Justice and Khaleesi	60.152%
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Second Level - Open

Champion: Michelle Tyner and Romario	62.195%
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Third Level - Open

Champion: Janeen Grava and Davi's Danseur OBX	63.045%
Reserve: Rachel Jelen and Clay Time	61.731%

Fourth Level—Open

Champion: Danielle Hebler and Kodachrome (owned by Lynn Tezak)	60.072%
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Prix St. George - Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Michelle Brogan and Ratina	60.509%
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Prix St. George– Open

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Adante (owned by Janet Thompson)	60.919%
Reserve: Danielle Hebler and Kodakhrome (owned by Lynn Tezak)	55.331%

I2/A/B/ Grand Prix Combined - Open

Champion: Cassandra Hummert-Johnson and Something Special	67.465%
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Dressage Seat Equitation

Champion: Christina Fraser and Bubby's Buddy	74.667%
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Musical Freestyle

Champion: Cassandra-Hummert Johnson and Something Special	Grand Prix	71.850 %
Reserve: Patty Keim and Java Joe	4th level	71.006%
3rd: Sara Justice and Khaleesi	2nd level	66.111%
4th: Leslie Grimm and Brevard	2nd level	65.272%

Trophies & Awards

Recognized Shows

The Richard Gascoigne Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Bitsy Gascoigne & Ann Gascoigne Nixon

Sara Justice and Khaleesi 60.152%

The Jane Grey Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Lisa Gorretta

Rachel Jelen and Clay time 61.731%

Recognized & Unrecognized Shows

Trophies & Awards
Recognized & Unrecognized Shows (Continued)

The Freestyle Award

Adult Amateur, Owner-Trainer
Sponsored by Ledge Hollow Stables
Patty Keim and Java Joe 72.050%

The Joan Rapp Award

Sponsored by Gail Patton
Diana Shale and Spot on Doolittle 70.307%

The Gallant Lad Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Valley Riding, Inc.
Skylar Young and La Belle Luna 72.433%

The Moody Mare Award

Sponsored by Kimberly Moody
Lydia Young and Harbenero SMDR 65.852%

Gretchen Singleton Vintage Award Trophy

Sponsored by Kathy Dennis and Sally Gries
Agatha Smithers and Fizzical Therapy 67.262%

The Full of Grace Award

Sponsored by Leslie Grimm
Leigh Mooney and William 73.965%

The Sindarin Award

Sponsored by Dale Lappert
April Woodward and Everybody Talks 69.470%

The Western Dressage Award

Sponsored by NODA
Jerry Chuey and Lee's Little Pockets 71.635%

Vintage Western Dressage Rider Trophy

Sponsored by Judy Jacobsen
Jerry Chuey and Lee's Little Pockets 71.635%

NODA Western Dressage Youth Trophy

Sponsored by Kathleen Allen

Skylar Young and La Bella Luna 71.300%

The Bar S Western Dressage Trophy

Sponsored by Barbara Soukup

Judy Jacobsen and Lady's Courageous Champ 69.583%

Unrecognized Shows

The Fox Smith Trophy

Sponsored by Lynn Fry

Leigh Mooney and William 83.000%

The Laddie Andahazy Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by The Paddock Group

Michelle Thomas and Liberty 65.586%

The Sweeter Award

Sponsored by Janeen Grava

Diana Shale and Spot on Doolittle 67.776%

The Rowdy Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Cheryl Lee

Amy Craig and Handsome Jack 70.438%

The Determined Effort Award

Sponsored by Niki Sackman

Amanda Franko and Shelby's Easy Lark 70.266%
(Owned by Michelle Franko)

The Giving Spirit Award

Sponsored by Friends of English Oak Stable

Amy Craig and Handsome Jack 68.269%

Other Awards

NODA's Lifetime Achievement Award

Sponsored by NODA

Bonnie Gray

Edy Ujcz Partnership Trophy

Sponsored by Regina Sacha-Ujcz

Janet Thompson

Nomination Letter

I would like to nominate Jan Thompson for the Edy Ujcz Partnership Trophy. Jan has been a supporter of the dressage and general horse community in Ohio for many years donating countless hours volunteering at the NODA shows and various fundraising events including The Night of the Beautiful Horses the past 2 years. She has touched many riders throughout the years but I can only tell my own experience though I struggle to find the words to adequately describe the amount of emotional, financial and educational assistance she has provided throughout the years

My journey with Jan began when I was still working at the Paddock Saddlery. Lisa Gorretta boarded at Piccolo Pines at the time and had asked me to do some rehab rides on Indy for her when she was out of town. Jan must have seen something in me then because when her Dutch WB Renaissance needed a rehab rider she asked for my help, starting a relationship that has spanned over a decade. Many nights after working at the paddock I would head over to her barn, Piccolo, to ride a couple of horses. Jan would always be there ready to help tack and untack to keep things moving so I would get home before midnight! I loved the quiet beauty of her barn and savored my time there.

As time went by I continued to ride Ren and developed a special relationship with him and grew closer to Jan as I shared in the next chapter of his story after his competition days were unfortunately done. Fast forward to the past 5 years and Adante enters the picture. Jan purchased the American bred Holsteiner gelding to be her next mount for his calm demeanor. She saw something more than just a safe training/first level mount most saw. He came to Piccolo as a children's hunter that had just started a new career in dressage due to an eye injury. As we started showing him through the levels Jan saw something more in both of us and the next thing I knew we were showing 4th! This year the unassuming brown gelding with Cushings and a swayback is now competing at PSG with a no name rider riding FEI for the first time. None of this would be possible without his owner that believed in me and the potential of a plain bay gelding.

As an owner and a barn owner Jan stays on top of Adante's health with acupuncture appointments to keep him comfortable, regular Chiropractic appointments to keep him in line and massage to keep his muscles loose. She knows the value and need of keeping him as comfortable as possible as his work load increases and he gets older and is unwavering in her dedication to keeping him on track. Since he came to Piccolo his shape has changed so dramatically he has gone through three saddles which she has celebrated instead of complaining! Jan assists me through regular lessons with Debby Savage and staying on top of which shows we should enter and making sure the entries are done on time. Her eye on the ground is always there to remind me of my position, or an exercise she remembers helping in the past. She is my traveling buddy to the shows, the extra hand as we get tacked up and is always ready with a rag and ready to pull boots before going in the ring. An iPad is always at hand to record our test for review after the show where we discuss what went right and what we need to work on.

As amazing as all of this is, the emotional support has been the biggest piece to me. Her unwavering belief in Adante and I has been such an encouragement. Even the times when I am sure we have reached an impasse she gently reminds me tomorrow is another day. Her belief in me has encouraged me to keep striving to be better and believe in myself. To top it all off I was able to earn my silver medal this year with Adante which would not have been possible without her on so many levels. She is my client, barn owner and most of all someone I am so very lucky to call my friend. Thank you Jan.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Freeman

Edy Ujcz Partnership Trophy

Sponsored by Regina Sacha-Ujcz

Janet Thompson

Nomination Letter

Kindly accept this submission in support of Sarah Freeman's nomination of Jan Thompson to be awarded with the Edy Ujcz Horse Partnership Trophy. The award recognizes the outstanding supportive role of an individual to a dressage rider, and I could not think of anyone who is more deserving than Jan Thompson.

I am a 33 year-old dressage professional. Jan Thompson was an exceptional influence in my early dressage education and provided me with a wonderful experience, tremendous opportunity, and ceaseless support.

Jan gave me an incredible gift when I was in High School. The older I get, the more I understand what an important contribution Jan made to my riding career. Jan Thompson shared with me her heart horse, Piccolo, a talented and striking FEI schoolmaster. Piccolo was dreamlike – he had tremendous presence, and not just because he was a huge Rheinland-Pfalz-Saar gelding with floating gaits. Piccolo had more depth to his soul than many human beings I know. Piccolo was truly a horse of nobility. And I'm sure Jan's nurturing helped to bring that out in Piccolo.

Piccolo was the first horse who let me feel what the art of dressage – as opposed to simply the sport of dressage – was. He taught me flying changes, let me feel the energized expression of collected trot, and allowed me to experiment with lateral work.

Despite no longer "having the ride" on Piccolo, Jan's commitment to that horse never faltered. As Piccolo's rider (I earned the nickname Piccolo's Peanut), I was also a beneficiary of Jan's devotion. Jan helped me with SO MUCH – everything from trailering, to assisting at shows, to Piccolo's daily needs. After I stopped leasing Piccolo and bought a horse of my own, Jan invited me to board my horse at her house, and her support expanded further.

As it was a decade and a half ago, I have trouble accurately depicting a specific act of Jan's selfless volunteerism and support. But I do remember one specific moment where Jan gave me the most fundamental type of sustenance – she made me believe in myself.

It was the last time I rode Piccolo I was home from college, and Jan had an open house at her new stables – Piccolo Pines. Some of her work colleagues were there, and Jan asked me to ride Piccolo for them. I remember distinctly doing passage down the long side, and looking at Jan in the doorway. Her expression of joy and elation while watching Piccolo and I dance will stay with me forever. At that moment, it didn't just feel like she was watching Piccolo, but rather she was appreciating Piccolo and I as a partnership. I hope in that moment she also validated her decision to share her amazing horse with me.

Mine and Jan's paths crossed again in 2017. We were both on the planning committee for a benefit for Jr/YRs called An Evening of Beautiful Horses and Riders. Jan was there, not because she has a child doing Young Riders, and not because she has a horse competing under a Young Rider. She was there to support her friend's endeavor. And she took on one of the less desirable jobs and more substantial elements than many of us – the caterers and chair and equipment rentals! But, of course, Jan was diligent and detailed and did an excellent job to support yet another equestrian friend.

Finally, I hope that Jan is awarded this honor because whenever she was helping me with Piccolo, or assisting with the last minute chaos of the Benefit, not once did Jan ever act like she was entitled to recognition for her work. And despite being a business executive, she was never short on time to help a friend.

Respectfully submitted by Jessie Paine

**Submission in Support of the Nomination of Jan Thompson
Being Honored with the Edy Ujcz Horse Partnership Trophy.**

