

NODA News

Northern Ohio Dressage Association



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Greetings from the President



Dee Liebenthal and Rens

Dear NODA Members,

As I write this, it's the day after the NODA 2012 Annual Year-end Celebration and Awards Banquet. I am exhausted as is everyone on the Awards and Banquet Committees, but it is a good tired. It is good to know that the banquet is over and the two-week SPRINT to November 17, 2012 has come and gone.

I am thrilled by how well everything went. The committee made a lot of changes to what we have generally done in the past at the banquet. Ultimately, we hope that with these changes we will gradually increase attendance with more members, family, and friends wanting to share in the celebration and fun and food.

We can't thank enough Carol Cassano. Her amazing event-management experience and organizational skills allowed us to try some new ideas this year. Set-up began about 3PM and went smoothly with the help of many volunteers who came early to help. The biggest change was the revival of the silent auction to complement the usual raffles. We had lots of wonderful items donated by local tack shops, feed stores, and businesses. Some were used in the raffles and some in the silent auction.

Banquet attendees who won raffle and silent auction items came away with some great bargains. There were three beautiful bridles, two lovely leather halters, an entire riding outfit, a fabulous helmet, a tack trunk, and a custom horse hair bracelet, among many other terrific items. We can't thank our generous sponsors enough for making these wonderful items available.

A highlight of the evening was the freestyle cake decorating contest, with real judges Dale Lappert and Dagmar Zimmerman deciding the winner. Everyone laughed and laughed at some of the creations that came from the tables. It was so much fun, and the cakes tasted good, too.

We also changed the banquet program by offering packages to our advertisers and sponsors that gave them more for their donation. We introduced member congratulations and thank-you pages, which were used to thank a trainer and/or congratulate a rider. We think now that this has been started, we should see a lot more interest and involvement in 2013. You can see the new program and awards insert in full color on our web site www.nodarider.org and on the NODA Facebook page!

There is a learning curve with this much change, but we are eager to continue this new appearance to the banquet. We are excited, and we are tired. One of the major things we learned with these changes is that we need more people to work on the Awards and Banquet Committees. **QUALIFY FOR ANNUAL AWARDS BY BEING ACTIVE ON A COMMITTEE.** For those of you who show and can't come out to volunteer at a show this is a terrific option. Consider it!

This annual year-end celebration is a way of saying thank you and enjoying our accomplishments and memories with family and friends. Whether you apply for

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awards or not, we want you to come and join in the celebration next year. Don't stay away because you are not competing or because you didn't apply for awards. If you didn't make it to the 2012 celebration, you missed much fun and lots of really good food.

A few of things to remember for the coming year about competition and awards for 2013:

You must be a member of NODA when you earn score(s) that you might want to use for 2013 awards.

You must earn 4 NODA bucks for each horse and rider combination in the current competition year.

You cannot use NODA bucks from a previous competition year for awards. However, NODA bucks do not expire for anything else NODA, such as your membership or entry fees.

When in doubt about anything in NODA, contact someone. Don't wait until it is too late. Contact your Member Liaison, Kathy Kirchner, at memberrep@nodarider.org or anyone on the board. If they can't answer your question, they will find the answer and get back to you.

Schedule your volunteer time early. If you wait until the last opportunity there's no guarantee others haven't done the same, and you may be shut out of that final opportunity to earn your NODA bucks.

Professionals, encourage your students to volunteer and to support NODA events. We will not exist if we don't have participation from everyone: Professionals, AAs and JR/YRs. WE NEED EVERYONE.

I know, I know, you say you are way too busy to give NODA four hours. You show and can't volunteer. You are a professional and don't have time with lessons and training. We understand all that. We want you to know that there are ways to earn NODA Bucks (volunteer) and be eligible for NODA awards that will not interfere with showing, teaching or coaching students at a show. Become an **active** member of a NODA committee and your volunteer work with that committee makes you eligible to apply for year-end awards.

Volunteer to be a member of the **Education Committee and help us with the USDF Instructor Certification workshops.** We would love to have representation on this committee from all three categories of membership, AA, Jr/YR as well as our Professionals.

Volunteer to help us **revamp our volunteer program.** We still need someone to work on **Sponsorships/Advertising for the Recognized Show**

Volunteer to help plan and execute **next year's Banquet.** Yes, we're tired, but we had fun.

We also will need some extra help with **Awards** for next year.

Maybe you are an **amateur photographer** and can volunteer to take pictures at some NODA events for the website and newsletter.

You have a first-person **equestrian-related experience** that you can share with the membership by writing an article for the Newsletter. You say you can't write? We can help you with this.

There are other creative ways that you can volunteer and/or earn your NODA Bucks and at the same time support your organization so that we can continue to grow and offer what you joined NODA for.

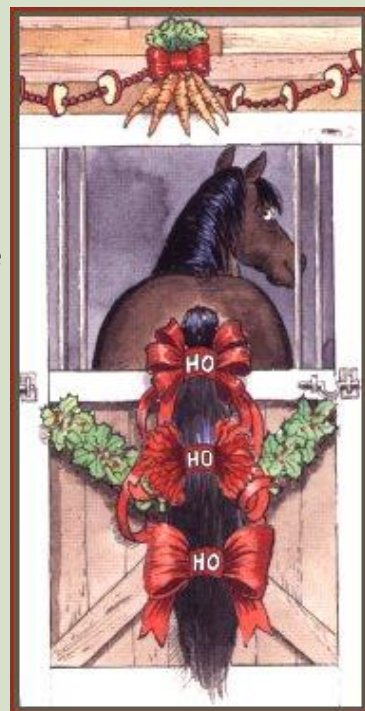
Thanksgiving has come and gone for 2012. We will all try and keep the feeling of this holiday in our hearts and minds for the months to come. We will also keep the memories of the fabulous warm and sunny weather that we all enjoyed over Thanksgiving this year. Remember it when you are dressing for the barn and the wind chill factor makes it feel like 10 degrees outside. Bask in the memory and know that the warm days will be back again soon.

As a holiday gift to our hard-working and exhausted Board, **we have voted to cancel the December monthly Board meeting, but will be back at it on January 14th at Panera in Solon at 7 PM.**

Also watch for your hard copy of the NODA News beginning with the January issue. Our decision to return to the US Mail will be a test for 2013. We will survey the membership after about six months for feedback. The online versions will still be available and probably a little earlier than your hard copy. We will probably have to play some with the dates to get your hard copy to you as quickly as possible.

Happy Holidays to all NODA members, families and friends,

Dee Liebenthal, President



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2012 Membership Report: Who Are the NODA members?

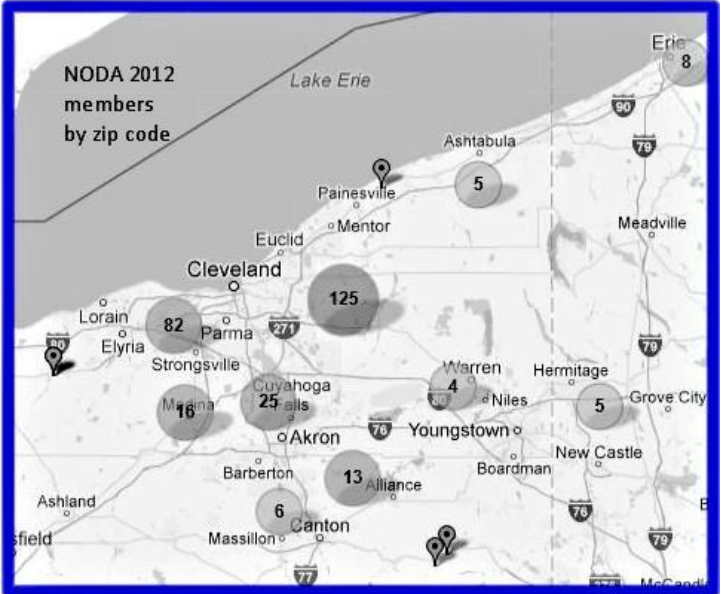
Article and Graphics by Fran Cverna

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association (NODA) ended the 2012 membership year, which ran from December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012, with 307 members. This report gives you some statistics and trivia about our membership, where we live and who we are, as well as the benefits of NODA membership.

Who are We?

91.5% of NODA members have zip codes that start with 44 (northern Ohio) although some of us winter in Florida. The map to the right helps place NODA's members in relation to one another in northeast Ohio. The other 8.5% of us live mostly in western Pennsylvania and New York, the Columbus area, and West Virginia. Our farthest away person, long time member Karen Zimmerman-Davidson who grew up with NODA, lives in Texas! The pie chart below is a great visual which depicts Ohio membership distribution by county.

Most of NODA's membership are adult amateurs, but youth and professionals are also well represented. A pie chart on page 8 provides a comparison of youth, adult amateurs and professional members.



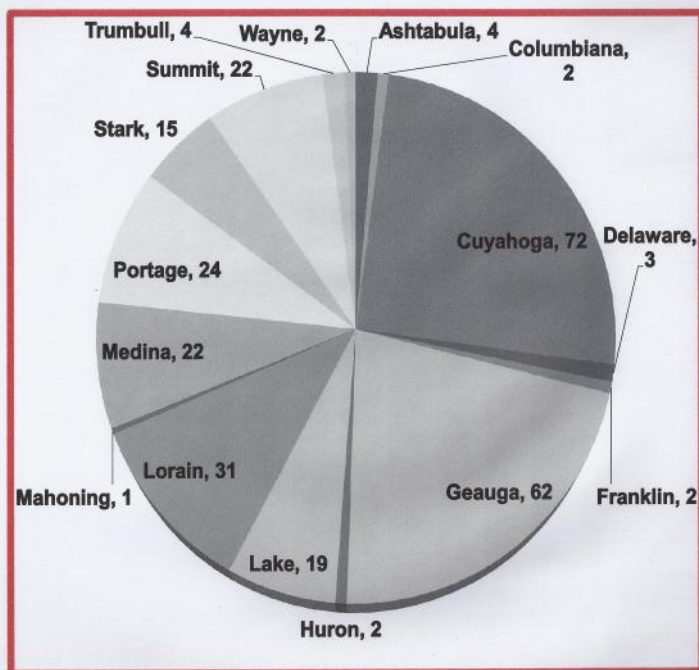
The map above provides a geographic look at NODA membership numbers by zip code in northeast Ohio. Mapping courtesy of BatchGeo LLC and Google Maps

Why NODA?

NODA is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). Members of NODA enjoy all the benefits of both a GMO and USDF through one membership process. By joining a GMO (NODA), members automatically become a member of the only national organization devoted exclusively to dressage.

Benefits Include:

- *e-TRAK*, USDF's online learning center for dressage and equine education
- *Eligibility to compete* as rider and/or owner at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized shows
- *Eligibility for rider awards* (Rider Performance Awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal, Freestyle Gold, Silver and Bronze Bar, Master's Challenge). Eligibility to compete for Adequan/USDF Pas de Deux year-end awards
- *Access to "members only" section of the USDF website*
- E-newsletters sent by USDF, which help us stay in touch with what is happening at USDF
- A *USDF Group Member card*, which can be used at USDF competitions and an online membership card available for printing, at any time, free of charge
- *Discounted rates* at USDF educational events, discounts at the USDF store, and discount on memberships and subscriptions with USDF's educational partners



This pie chart depicts NODA membership on a county by county basis in the state of Ohio only and does not include out of state memberships.



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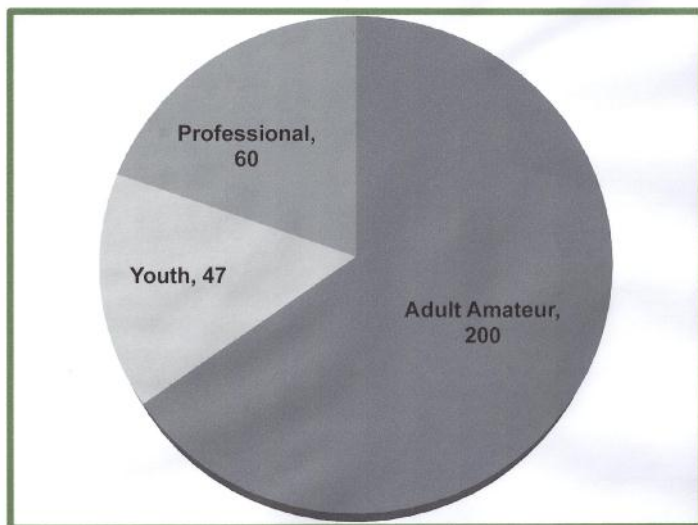
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- *Representation at the USDF Board of Governors* through your GMO delegate and eligibility to receive a Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund grant, which funds USDF convention attendance
- *Eligibility for the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award*
- GMO youth members (21 and under) are eligible for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, USDF Shining Star Awards, and USDF Arts and Creativity Contest
- Eligibility for the "L" Education Program *Grants* funded by The Dressage Foundation are available to USDF Group Members

NODA-specific member benefits include:

- *Discounted show entry fees* for NODA Schooling Shows
- Annual Schooling Show Series Championship for Members
- *Numerous Year-End Awards & Scholarships*
- *Education Grants* are available to Professional Members
- *Free or Discounted Fees* to attend NODA-sponsored/ supported Education Events
- *Free Classified Ads* in Newsletter and on website
- *Annual Membership Directory and Handbook* with a Professional Directory
- *Meet other horse enthusiasts*; attend Member Open Meetings with Potluck Dinners and Educational Presentations
- *Volunteer Opportunities = NODA Bucks* which can be used to pay for any NODA Sponsored events.

It is time renew for 2013! The membership year is December 1 through November 30. Renew **now** to get a full year's worth of benefits. If you wait until the show season starts, you will miss receiving the NODA Newsletter, *USDF Connection* magazine, and NODA e-News E-mails with the latest updates and news. Dressage is a year-round passion and sport! Whether you show or not, the publications and education opportunities you receive from your NODA membership offer new ways to think about riding, and keeps you up to date with people and horse news.

The MEMBERSHIP page of the NODA website (www.nodarider.org) is your "one-stop shop" for a comprehensive overview of NODA membership. Did you know there is a complete MEMBERSHIP ROSTER of current members on the website? The 2013 Roster will be posted as membership applications are received. If you do not see your friends listed, please let them know that it is time to sign up for NODA! And what about those new people at your stable, and friends new to dressage? Encourage them to join the fun! We are lucky to have a great group of people and resources.



Fran Cverna, NODA's Membership Chair, is pictured above with KnightHawke owned by NODA's website and facebook manager, Linda Cooley. Fran handles all new and renewal memberships, provides monthly demographic data to the NODA board, and edits the Member Handbook available both in print and on the NODA website. In 2012, Fran designed and mailed out NODA membership cards with the USDF Group Membership Number specific to NODA members, which provides access to the USDF website and other benefits. Look for Fran as she actively volunteers in a variety of other capacities throughout the year. Fran is looking forward to receiving your 2013 membership in the mail!

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We hope you will join CANTER for a fun evening! Entertainment is provided by STAR DJ. We will have sideboards, a Chinese raffle, and more chances to win! All proceeds go directly towards the care of horses in our program. We are also looking for donations of new items for our Chinese raffle baskets and advertisers for our Night At The Races program.

Be sure to look for our ad in the January NODA Newsletter for more details. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact Kathy Yerkic at (216) 849-9555 or email at kathy@canterusa.org. Information is also posted on the CANTER website at www.canterusa.org/ohio.

***NODA Annual Open Meeting
November 11, 2012
Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center
Photos by Kara Maruszak***

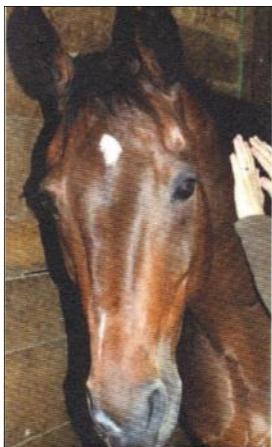
Right: Smiling NODA members gather in the lobby of Fieldstone Farm in Chagrin Falls to begin a tour of the facility as part of NODA's annual open meeting and potluck supper. NODA's annual open meeting is an opportunity to take care of required business, attend an educational presentation, and enjoy socializing with fellow members.



Left: Fieldstone Farm's Volunteer and Community Outreach Director Melissa Hauserman leads a tour of the facilities for NODA members. Here Melissa is explaining how the feel of a helmet can be an obstacle for many of the riders, as they find it too confining. Founded in 1978 to improve the lives of those with special needs, Fieldstone Farm helps nearly 800 students of all ages to achieve each year.

Right: Melissa is pointing to the Simulator Horse and outlining how staff and volunteers use it so students can practice sitting on a horse, learn the feel of how a horse moves, learn and practice safety tips, and have the opportunity to feel real horse hair before sitting on an actual horse.





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What to Expect From a "Year of Doctor Green"

by Melissa Webb owner of Paradigm Farms, a retirement farm in Tennessee

Benign neglect is one of many terms that people use to describe the decision to turn a horse out for a period of time in the hopes that the end result is soundness. Usually this decision is made only after exhaustive attempts have been made to return the horse to soundness. Often some combination of the following has been done to unsuccessfully rehab a horse: stall rest, surgery of some type, joint injections, shockwave, PRP or IRAP, Tilden, chiropractic care, therapeutic shoeing, use of a treadmill or aqua treadmill, very controlled under saddle work, every supplement under the sun, or any other of a number of things. Eventually you run out of things to try, or maybe run out of hope, or are just plain tired of racking up large vet bills to continually be frustrated.

Most vets recommend a year of turnout if all else has failed. Some vets feel that certain aspects of the horse's program need to be maintained during this time, usually the specific shoeing protocol, and other vets don't. However for all of them the 12 month mark seems to be the magic time frame.

We typically first meet our clients when they retire a horse with us. They get to know us through this process and realize that we really do provide actual care and the horses are not just running free with no human interaction on the back 40 somewhere. Later, if they have another horse that has been through a thorough yet unsuccessful rehab *they will ask us if the horse can come live with us for a year of "Doctor Green."* As space allows we are happy to do this for our clients so at any given time we typically have a few horses living with us whose owners are hoping for a sound, rideable horse after a year or so.

Since the vet(s) involved almost always tell their clients that the 12 month mark is the magic time frame this tends to give the owner involved a skewed idea of what is going to happen during this time frame. In their minds, they expect to see a gradual, linear improvement in soundness every couple of months. I've rarely seen it happen this way. Usually what happens is the horse spends the first six months falling apart and regressing to some degree (sometimes a lot, sometimes a little) in

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soundness. They've typically gone from stall rest to turnout which means their bodies have to adapt to continual low impact movement, they are not being propped up with joint injections, chiropractic care, massages, and anti-inflammatories, and the whole program is just plain different. The horse's exercise and movement can no longer be carefully controlled anymore as they go about the business of being a horse in the pasture. So we typically watch the horse go backwards a bit during the first few months.

After they finish what I call the falling apart phase then they start putting themselves back together. However the putting together phase does not happen in a linear fashion either. They will look a lot better, then seem to regress, then look a lot better, then maybe plateau for awhile. Once this phase is over you hope their final plateau is because they have come sound.

No matter how many times I tell people that you shouldn't even bother to evaluate the horse in the hopes of soundness until the 12 month mark no one ever listens. I completely understand why, because at this point they have a lot of time, money and emotional energy wrapped up in the whole process. At the six month mark they are desperate to see how things are going because at this point their hope is that things should be looking at least 50% better. In my experience the horse is just wrapping up the falling apart phase but despite being warned of this the owner is understandably freaked out to see the horse looking worse instead of better.

Given that all of the horses we have watched go through this turnout experience (benign neglect) have already been unsuccessfully treated for a long period of time by world class vets and farriers using the most current treatments available, the odds are certainly not high from the start that the process will be successful. When it does work, it is fantastic for all involved, especially since the owner was probably quite disheartened when, despite our recommendation not to, they just had to evaluate the horse at the six month mark (again we understand why they feel the need to evaluate).

In our experience if the horse has not come sound by 18 months, then it probably is not going to happen at all. My number one recommendation if you find yourself going the "just be a horse route" as a last ditch effort is don't torture yourself by constantly checking their soundness. Decide what time frame you are comfortable giving the horse (and we do think a year is usually the minimum and 18-24 months the maximum) and then let things be. The odds are good that if the horse does come

sound the path it takes to get there will be curvy and random, not tidy and linear.

This article is reprinted with permission from the Paradigm Farms blog of Sunday September 23, 2012.



Jason and Melisa

Webb own and manage Paradigm Farms, a retirement farm in Lynnville, Tennessee that provides specialized Equine Lifecare for the retired horse. As explained in the article, the farm will accept horses for a rehabilitation period if space permits. With horses from across North America including California, Canada, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Washington, Virginia and Massachusetts, Paradigm Farms has transitioned many show horses to retirement living. Their farm offers a temperate climate, carefully monitored pastures with grazing almost year round, both stall and pasture board, and the opportunity for horses to develop bonds with other horses in small groups as nature intended.

A good number of well loved, retired competition horses from northeast Ohio now reside at Paradigm Farms. The horses do not leave behind all their creature comforts as the farm blankets and grooms all the horses in addition to feeding 2 times each day. They also send regular picture and video updates to the owners so they can see their horse routinely and have regular glimpses into their daily retirement life. Paradigm Farms has an excellent website and a blog in which they provide updates and insight into the lives of the retired horses and those who manage their care. I (Mosie Welch) follow their blog spot regularly and come away with useful information, as well as a good feeling because I'm keeping up with some of my equine buddies who are enjoying green pastures!

To visit Paradigm Farms' blog and meet their residents, you can go to

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To learn more about Paradigm Farm and their philosophy visit their website home page at:

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NODA is forming a committee to plan and implement a USDF Instructor Certification Program and is seeking interested members; USDF Professionals and adult amateurs to assist. If interested please contact Marcia Doyle at Marcia-Edu@nodarider.org or 330-562-8456

New Committee for 2013

We are looking for a couple of people to help on a committee to re-work our volunteer guidelines, tracking and rewards.

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Schooling Show Committee Seeks Hospitality Member

This person will handle hospitality for the Schooling Show Series with the primary responsibility for lunch and drink arrangements for judges and volunteers.
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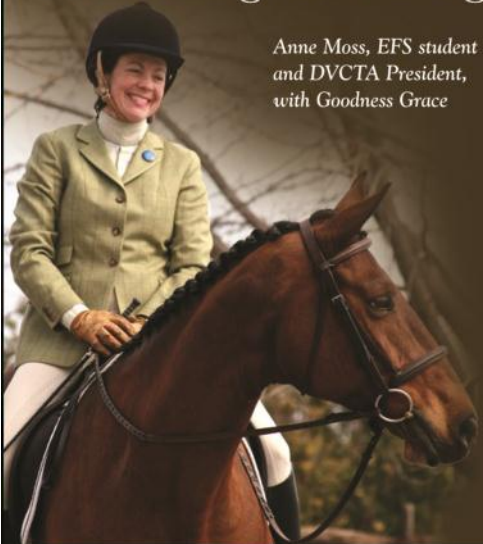
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USDF & USEF News

USDF Congratulates 2012 GMO Award Winners

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to congratulate all of the winners of the 2012 GMO Awards, which will be presented during the Board of Governor's General Assembly at the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmartPak, in New Orleans, LA. These awards are given annually to recognize outstanding achievement within USDF's GMO community. Recognition is given in the following categories: GMO amateur photograph, website user experience, and newsletter first-person experience and general interest articles. USDF also recognizes outstanding volunteers at the regional level along with the recipient of the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund grant. This year's winners are:

GMO Photography Awards: *Best Amateur Photograph*

GMOs with less than 75 members: **First Place:** Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, December 2011: *Christmas Party Information*, Photographer: Georgette Harrison

GMOs with 75 to 174 members: **First Place:** Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association, *TVDCTA Bits*, March 2012: *At Home with Horsewomen of the Bush Family*, Photographer: Sara Groves

GMOs with 175 to 499 members: **First Place:** Southern Eventing & Dressage Association, *Off Course*, March/April 2012: *Smile...You're on Camera*, Photographer: Nicole Landreneau

GMOs with 500 or more members: No nominations

GMO Newsletter Awards: *First Person Experience Article:*

GMOs with less than 75 members: **First Place:** Lehigh Valley Dressage Association, *Lehigh Valley Dressage Association Newsletter*, April 2012: *A Day with Hilary Clayton, Gait Mechanics Goddess* by Stacey Kimmel-Smith
Honorable Mention: Northeast Florida Dressage Association, *NFDA Newsletter*, June/July 2012: *Free Horse?* by Julie Quintrall

GMOs with 75 to 174 members: **First Place:** Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association, *TVDCTA Bits*, July 2012: *Sportallero (Sport)* by Linda Wilson
Honorable Mention: NEW Dressage Association, Inc.,

Forward, August 2012: *My First Experience with Western Dressage* by Jenny Schmitt

GMOs with 175 to 499 members: **First Place: Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *NODA News*, July 2012: *Niki Sackman, the USDF Region 2, 2011 Gifted Grant Recipient Shares Insights Gained through Intensive Training* by Niki Sackman

Honorable Mention: Houston Dressage Society, *Collective Remarks*, July 2012: *Festival of Champions 2012 USEF National Dressage Championships* by Anna Campbell

GMOs with 500 or more members: **First Place:** Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, *The Centaur*, November 2011: *Put Her on a Horse* by Debbie Edmonson

Honorable Mention: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collected Remarks*, May 2012: *Winter with Cesar Parra* by Julie Shannon

GMO Newsletter Awards, *General Interest/Informational Article:*

GMOs with less than 75 members: **First Place:** Lehigh Valley Dressage Association, *Lehigh Valley Dressage Association Newsletter*, March 2012: *Excerpts from "The Heritage Course for Classical Riding Concepts with Charles de Kunffy"* by Gail Carpeny

Honorable Mention: Northeast Florida Dressage Association, *NFDA Newsletter*, March 2012: *Horses in Your Blood (Kate's Corner)* by Kate Johnson

GMOs with 75 to 174 members: **First Place:** NEW Dressage Association, Inc., *Forward*, September 2011: *The Road to Pas de Deux* by Paula Roberts

Honorable Mention: Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association, *TVDCTA Bits*, August 2012: *Debbie Hill Dressage* by Lisa Conroy

GMOs with 175 to 499 members: **First Place: Midwest Dressage Association, *MDA News and Views*, July/August 2012: *Ann Arbor Rider, Dr. Dale Dedrick will Ride for the US on the 2012 London Paralympic Team* by Jan Macafee
Honorable Mention: Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *NODA News*, April 2012: *Saddle Fit – How Does a Rider Know?* by Heather Soones-Booher

GMOs with 500 or more members: **First Place:** Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, *The Centaur*, June 2012: *Conifer Fire Evacuation* by Linda Gaber
Honorable Mention: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collected Remarks*, May 2012: *GDCTA*

Dudzu Clinic w/Strength Trainer, Anna Anton: Groundwork Exercises for the Rider by Anna Anton

GMO Website Awards, Best User Experience:

GMOs with less than 75 members: **First Place:** Lehigh Valley Dressage Association (www.lvda.org)

Honorable Mention: Long Island Dressage & Combined Training Association (www.lidcta.com)

GMOs with 75 to 174 members: **First Place:** NEW Dressage Association, Inc. (www.newdressage.org)

Honorable Mention: Oley Valley Combined Training Association (www.ovcta.org)

GMOs with 175 to 499 members: **First Place:** Equestrians' Institute (www.einw.org)

Honorable Mention: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association (www.sedariders.org)

GMOs with 500 or more members: **First Place:** Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association (gdcta.org)

Honorable Mention (Tie): Potomac Valley Dressage Association (www.pvda.org) and Rocky Mountain Dressage Society (www.rmdds.org)

Regional GMO Volunteers of the Year:

Region 1: Michele Wellman (Union Bridge, MD – Potomac Valley Dressage Association)

Region 3: May Lou Freil (Woodstock, GA – Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association)

Region 6: Sharon Knowlton (Tigard, OR - Oregon Dressage Society)

Region 7: Paula K. Langan (Carmel Valley, CA – California Dressage Society)

Region 9: Karen Peacock (Helotes, TX – Houston Dressage Society)

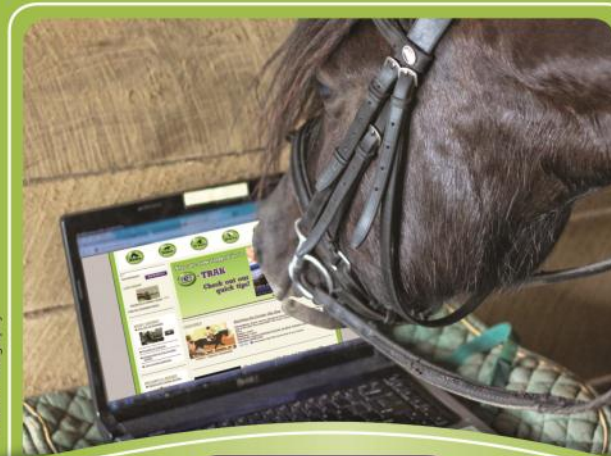
Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant

Linda A. Priddy (Billings, MT – Big Sky Equestrian Association)

For more information on GMOs in your area or GMO award programs, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, or contact the USDF GMO Committee liaison at gmoliason@usdf.org.

The 2012 NODA Year-End Banquet was a huge success!

Look for a recap in 2013's first issue of NODA News. Delivered to your mailbox, not your inbox!



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A Tribute to Carson

With a heavy heart, Patti Valencic said goodbye to her wonderful horse and friend, Carson, on Saturday, November 17th. He had been battling what appeared to be a very rare immune disorder which destroyed

his blood cells. This handsome 16 year old Appendix Quarter Horse took home the First Level Schooling Show Championship in 2010 and competed successfully at



Matt and Patti Valencic with Carson. Photo by Jen Nagy

Second Level. At his peak, he gave Patti the most comfortable and enjoyable rides she could ask for. A former event horse, Carson never refused a jump for Patti or her daughter. He even enjoyed his sessions of

team penning and nuisance training. By far, trail riding was his favorite activity, along with giving rides around the ring to Patti's young grandchildren. He will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

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NODA Board Meeting Minutes — October 8, 2012

In Attendance: Carol Cassano, Linda Cooley, Fran Cverna, Marcia Doyle, Mary Lou Gallagher, Chris Goodall and Virginia, Lisa Gorretta, Kathy Kirchner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Gail Patton, Mary Dana Prescott, Niki Sackman, Patti Valencic.

Minutes: September minutes amended and approved.

Newsletter: Dee for Mosie Welch and Elizabeth Bross

- Dee led discussion on various options for keeping cost of newsletter down and revisited decision to increase dues. Board voted to leave dues the same and mail hard copies of newsletter to everyone. The vote was unanimous.

Membership & Handbook: Fran Cverna

- Current membership count: 307 (309 at end of last year).
- Fran presented draft of 2013 Membership forms for board consideration. Nov. 1 is target mail date.

Website: Linda Cooley

- Linda reviewed recent broadcasts, Facebook and website additions, including calendar for November/December Chagrin Valley Farm schooling shows.

Education: Marcia Doyle

- LEC suggested that first Certification Programs be held April/May. Third weekend in April looks best.
- Marcia will contact Professionals.

Schooling Shows: Chris Goodall

- Chris discussed details of October 13 Schooling Show and October 14 Championship at Chagrin Valley Farm.
- Meeting for Schooling Show committee will be on October 29th at Dee's house.
- Board discussed the dire need for more volunteers at shows.

Banquet: Carol Cassano

- November 17th. On target. Many new things, including basket competition and centerpiece cake decorating contest.
- Members can place an ad in the program and congratulate someone. May be a child or friend. May add photos. \$20 full page, \$10 half page.
- Dee has sheets for silent auction/raffle. Solicited major tack shops. If anyone else would like to take

one, they are welcome. Cash or cash value/donations will be accepted. Ad in program and Schooling Show prize list in effort to expand where we are advertising.

- Charity for the event is Geauga County dog shelter. Attendees encouraged to bring cash and non-cash donations. One half of 50-50 raffle will go to them. and other half to winner of drawing.

Awards Committee: Marcia Doyle for Janeen Langowski-Grava

- Marcia reports 15 rotating prizes. Will contact last year's winners to return them.

New Business

- Board voted to Vote to increase cost of USDF Convention basket to \$150. Kathy and Marcia offered to assemble it. "Holidays in Ohio" will be the theme.
- Open Meeting: Sunday, November 11. Venue and program to be decided.

Next Meeting will be Monday, November 12, 2012



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The NODA NEWS

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Effective December, 2012

Example: Content due December 10 to run in the January issue. Submissions run based on space and timeliness of content

Calendar of Events

3/16-17 Dressage Winter Series Show (USDF/USEF Recognized)
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