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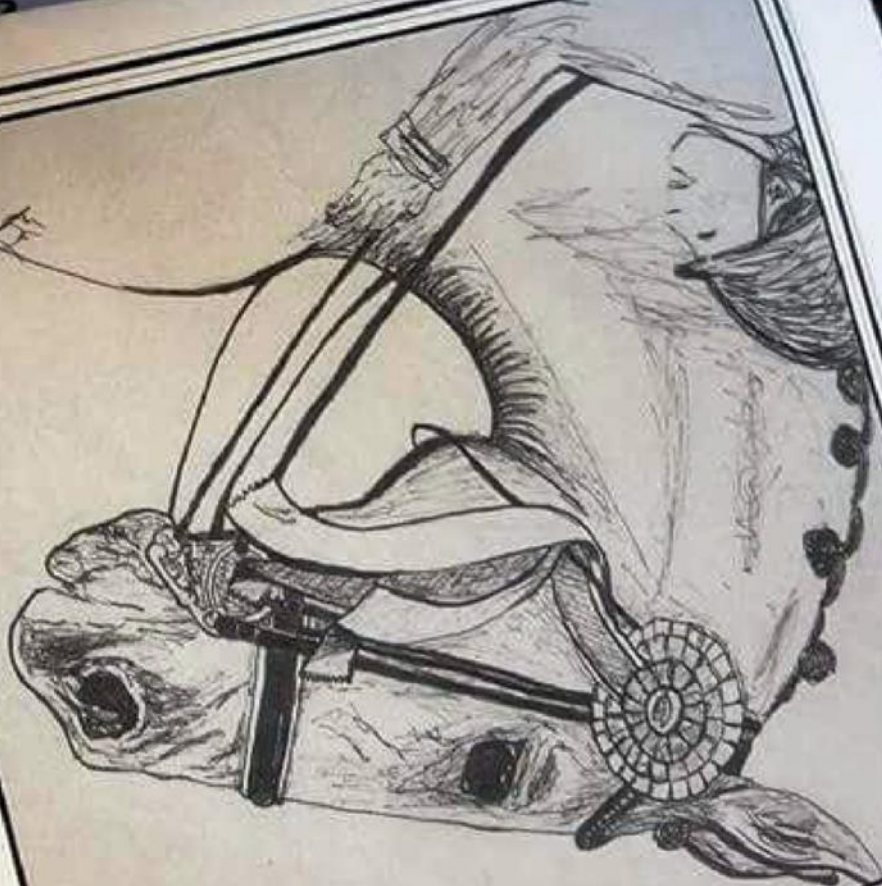
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2017 Year-end
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Northern Ohio Dressage Association
2017 Year End Awards Celebration



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2017 Year-End
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Greetings from the President

Hello NODA members, friends,
and families,

I hope everyone had a good Holiday season and are ready to start the New Year fresh and rejuvenated. In case you hadn't heard, I am your new NODA President for the 2018 / 2019 term. I must admit I am very nervous about taking the reins after the amazing Dee Liebenthal. Luckily for me, she has volunteered to continue on the board as Treasurer and even more importantly, she's willing to mentor me!

We have a new Vice President, Arielle Brodkey, who like myself has tough shoes to fill as Christine Thompson is changing her roll in NODA as well. The new board members are all enthusiastic and ready to help NODA grow and fulfill our memberships needs. Therefore, we really need to hear from you, the membership. What ideas do you have that we can try to make happen to help you grow as riders, competitors and/ or instructor/trainers? You can find contact information for various board members in the newsletter and on our fabulous website.

I think a lot of you know me from schooling shows, but for those who don't know me I'll try to give you a brief introduction. I have been riding and in love with horses, well actually I've been in love with horses ALL my life and riding since I was 12 years old. As a youth, I rode anything someone would let me get on, which was usually a naughty horse! I was pretty much self-taught by watching others who could afford lessons. At 13 years old I bought a horse that came into the barn for training, he was cheap because he was dangerous. He would attack you with teeth bared. Long story short, I got through to him and we bonded. I showed him working hunter, jumper, English equitation and even western pleasure! He really turned into



Barbara Soukup & Hero

an all-around success. My step-father then sold him because I was a senior in high school, and in his mind, I would outgrow horses! Haha! Joke was on him! I went to my counselor and demanded he find me a college with horses. He came back to me with Lake Erie College. I applied, got accepted and off I went never to return to New York state again (except family visits).

I rode and showed Laddy Andahazy's horse Mainstreet in open Hunter shows and had many jumping lessons with Laddy. At that time, jumping was all I wanted to do. I married and had children leaving the horses for a while. Once the boys were teenagers I started back to riding, but this time, I was learning about Dressage.

I have now been actively studying and teaching Dressage 27 years. I have studied with some of our local professionals as well as some international instructors. My mentor and instructor with the greatest influence on my Dressage journey is Charles De Kunffy. I have earned my USDF Bronze and Silver medals and completed the USDF 'L' Program graduating with Distinction. My future hopes are to train and compete my horse Hero up to the Grand Prix level (fingers crossed as we're both old!). My mantra, never give up, never stop learning and enjoy the journey!

Happy New Year!

**Barb Soukup
NODA President**

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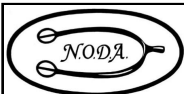
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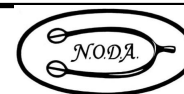
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Greetings from your new Vice President!

A Brief Bio

Like many of you, until two months ago I was only peripherally involved in NODA. When President-elect Barb Soukup asked me to join her as VP, and not knowing what I was getting myself into, I agreed because a few years ago Barb rescued me from a year of horselessness by lending me her huge, kind Tucker. Over the next few years, she traveled long distances to give us lessons. Then she helped me buy and start my Oldenburg on the road from hunter to dressage. Barb single-handedly kept me going in horses and dressage.

After attending a NODA Board meeting - open to all members - I was hooked. Outgoing President, Dee Liebenthal, myself, and the women sitting around the boardroom table with her represent all levels of dressage training, experience, and accomplishment. They ride out of ten or more different barns. They are a dozen or so individuals with nothing in common, but their passion and commitment to NODA and to dressage. They devote endless effort, energy, and hours into providing venues and possibilities so the rest of us can join them in pursuing this wonderful sport. The chemistry of this group is infectious, and they have a great sense of humor.

Luckily, in addition to the Board, we have a great corps of volunteers. We love you and are tremendously grateful to you. Volunteering takes time and dedication. But now I come to all members to ask for more - more passion, more time, more energy. It can be a lot more or a little more. Get your friends to help. We need people with technical skills to help with the Newsletter, and we have other jobs for you as well. Furthermore, we want new ideas. We want to know which of your needs we are not meeting, and how to make NODA an even better and stronger resource for you. E-mail us. We are here for you!

Arielle K. Brodkey



My Non-horse Life

I am a widowed stepmother of two and step-grandmother of five, all accomplished athletes, but too far away for me to draw them into horses. A career of nearly 50 years in ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman antiquities, first as curator of ancient art at the Cleveland Museum of Art, organizing international and national art exhibitions, once winning International Exhibition of the Year from the international art magazine, Apollo, was followed by five years commuting weekly to New York to work in a Fifth Avenue gallery across the street from Trump Tower. After September 11, I founded my own consulting business in Cleveland matching up collectors with museums to place works of ancient art in permanent homes.

My Horse life

My first experience was at age four, perched on the bare back of a Budweiser Clydesdale. I loved the warmth, soft hair, aroma, feel of the muscles as they moved beneath me, and cried when pulled off to go home.

Decades of lessons, leasing, owning (lost count), and sporadically showing hunters. In 1996, purchased from Dariush Elghanayan a young KWPN jumper prospect, Night Watch (Peej), then shown up to Modified and meter-40 for more than a decade by Dariush. Occasionally I stole him back for myself to show low hunter and dressage. I took dressage lessons with Liz Channing and Gretchen Singleton, both Riding in Posterity, and then with our new President, Barb Soukup.

My present mount is L'aristo (Leonard), a 2007 Oldenburg.gov imported by Dariush and shown as a hunter by Dariush, Jeff Gogul, and Anna Elghanayan. Peej and Leonard both live at Rockin' K Ranch in Ravenna (it's worth the daily 2-hour round-trip from Shaker Square). Leonard and I train with owner, Heidi Kohl, and with summer resident, George Williams. Leonard showed at 2017 Regionals 1st and 2nd levels, and is now training at 3rd level. Peej is a happy pasture ornament stabled across the aisle from Dee Liebenthal's Rens.

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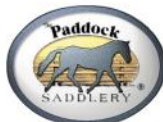
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by Fran Cverna, NODA Membership Chair

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or renewed their NODA Membership for 2018!

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USDF Connection Magazine,
NODA News Newsletter, and *NODA e-News*.

If you are a NODA member by December 31,
you will receive the popular 2017 USDF Connection
Yearbook Edition published this January!

Thank you to Teri Etzel for your donation to support NODA.

Welcome New Members

Christina Fraser, Jessica Pescatrice, Beverly Van Nieuwal



**Fran's Super Dog,
Kirby, will be
looking with X-Ray
vision for your
memberships!**



An Ode to NODA

*Written & Presented by Sally Burton ,
Banquet Co-Chair & M.C. of the 2017 NODA Year-end Awards Banquet*

1969 was when it all began
When I was only 6
At the beloved Red Raider camp
Where riders got their fix.

Presidents came and presidents went
But one thing was for sure
This was a group of dedicated riders
And their passion for dressage was pure.

AT the beginning there was Emmy, Gretchen, Sue and Dale
John, Dagmar, Lisa, Nancy, Lynn, Charlie and Gail
Victoria and Charlotte were junior riders then
Lisa, Carrie, Patti, Linda, Dee eventually all rolled in.

At one meeting according to minutes
found in the ancient archives
There were 70 people present
and they were all alive.

Then in 1977 an urgent plea was made
The future of NODA was at stake
Only 8 people attended the last lecture
And 30 rides were the schooling show take.

A NODA membership included a pin
For the price of \$10 in 1979
You didn't even have to show to win
Going to meetings and learning was fine.

Potlucks, trail rides, lectures with time spent,
Flower potting parties, clinics with big names
Movie nights, Musical classes with horses for rent
Meetings and lots of fun games

Through the years our NODA grew
Changed, prospered and was tweaked
Technology was added, emails, Facebook
SUG, online registration and only a few freaked.

And how did my experience with NODA begin
With a gal named Dale who approached me with a grin
A job with NODA is open -It's easy
and you will love it, she said
I think someone needs to examine my head.

As I look around this room there are youngsters I see
the future of NODA is right in front of me
Colleen, Marena, Amanda, Lea, Kim and Noelle
Maria, Diana, Skylar, Lydia, Brooke, and Danielle.

And now we are up to the current time
It is your turn to create the rest of the rhyme
Get involved, join the fun, make NODA your own
All it takes is for you to pick up the phone (or text, email).

NODA Board Meetings

**Next NODA Board Meetings
January 8, 2018 and February 12, 2018**

6:00 - 8:00 PM Panera Bread, Kruse Road, Solon, Ohio

Mark Your Calendar! Members are always welcome to attend

**Be sure to check the MEETINGS page of the NODA website
www.nodarider.org for any meeting changes or updates.**

**NODA welcomes all comments and opinions
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USDF News

USDF Announces Instructor/Trainer Certification

Applications are now being accepted for the Instructor/Trainer Certification Exam being held on April 20-22, 2018, at River Ridge Stables, in Potosi, WI. Candidate [applications](#) are due approximately eight weeks prior to the exam. For more information, and for specific deadlines and details, please visit the [website](#), or click [here](#).

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Johann Hinnemann returns for the 2018 Adequan®/USDF FEI-Level Trainers Conference The 2018 Adequan®/USDF FEI-Level Trainers Conference will be moving to California, with featured presenter Johann Hinnemann. This conference will be held February 6-7, in the main arena of the Adequan® West Coast Dressage Festival, in Del Mar. Visit the [website](#) to register as an auditor, apply as a demo rider, view attendance criteria, and for other information.

Attention Youth Riders—Mark your calendars!

The USDF Region 2 Jr/YR Clinic and Youth Outreach Clinic will be held March 24-25, 2018 at Majestic Farm, in Batavia, OH. The Jr/YR Clinic will feature George Williams, and the Youth Outreach Clinic will feature Rosalind Kinstler. More information on these clinics can be found on the [Jr/YR Clinics](#) page and the [Youth Outreach Clinic](#) page.

USDF Announces Instructor/Trainer Education Workshops scheduled for 2018

[Central Arizona Riding Academy](#) will be hosting a workshop series for the Instructor/Trainer Program, starting in January. The first workshop will be held January 27-28, with Sarah Martin, and will focus on riding and training. The second workshop will be held February 24-25, with Sarah Geikie, and will focus on teaching. The final workshop will be held March 17-18, with Bill McMullin, and will focus on lungeing. For more details and information, please contact [Dorie Vlaten-Schmitz](#) or visit the [website](#).

Mailed Awards

All awards not presented at the 2017 Adequan®/USDF Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet will be shipped to the recipient. Please contact USDF if you do not receive your award by January 30, 2018.

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Login and enter comments at the bottom of the page. Members are also encouraged to attend the USEF Rule Change Forums that are scheduled during the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, or to contact your Participating or Group Member Delegates and encourage them to attend any relevant meetings, or forums, that are held during the convention.

2017 NODA Year-End Award Winners

Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows

Novice Intro Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Mary Whitely and Set in Stone 67.571%

Reserve: Barbara Brown and Zappoli 64.532%

Novice Intro Level - Junior Rider

Champion: Brooke Fronk and RB Magic Chant 64.188%
(owned by Tracey Fronk)

Intro Open Level— Professional

Champion: BJ Hartmann Sasak and He's the One 68.828%

Reserve: Kris Ropp and Syzygy 67.406%
(owned by Gale Browning)

Intro Open Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Gale Browning and Syzygy 67.657%

Reserve: Amy Craig and Handsome Jack 66.250%

3rd: Kim Shepard and Big Bundle 66.094%

4th: Bitsy Gascoigne and CLF Foreign Currency 65.831%
(owned by Noell Sivertsen)

5th: Lesley Matt and Gypsy's Gem 64.532%

6th: Jennifer Cooper and Arwen's Arrow 62.657%

Intro Open Level— Junior Rider

Champion: Amanda Franko and Shelby's Easy Lark 70.094%

Novice Training Level - Junior Rider

Champion: Brooke Fronk and RB Magic Chant 64.980%
(Owned by Tracey Fronk)

Open Training Level - Professional

Champion: Kris Ropp and Syzygy 63.883%
(owned by Gale Browning)

Open Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Lea Wojtkiewicz and Winter Sky 70.366%

Reserve: Jan Hoover and Its Now or Never 69.356%

3rd: Colleen Welder and MCF Classic Harley 68.770%
(owned by Gale Rempel)

4th: Danielle Bolm and Jimmy 68.459%

5th: Bitsy Gascoigne and CLF Foreign Currency 68.121%
(owned by Noell Sivertsen)

6th: Nicole Rader and Aim High 67.225%

7th: Katie Delaney and NOVA 66.868%

8th: Pam White and Flash in the Knight 61.318%

Open Training Level - Junior Rider

Champion: Diana Shale and Spot on Doolittle 71.908%

Reserve: Marena Bates and My India Queen 68.689%

3rd: Miranda Akins and Income Statement 67.404%
(owned by Noell Siversten)

4th: Lydia Young and Kodiak 65.190%
(owned by Natalie Kline)

5th: Maria Sandy and Hall's Creek Hot Chocolate 62.572%
(owned by Dani Marinucci)

First Level —Professional

Champion: Anne McClintock and Jericho 66.949%

First Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets 72.176%

Reserve: Elizabeth Bodnovich and Sixes or Better 68.863%

3rd: Susan Horst and Alix 65.808%

4th: Patti Valencic and Fox Meadow Dancer 63.878%

5th: Janice Simon and Vision PE 61.365%
(owned by Keith Savage)

First Level —Junior Rider

Champion: Marena Bates and My India Queen 65.694%

Reserve: Noelle Ignani and MRF Bello di Notte 64.252%

3rd: Lydia Young and Kodiak 62.502%
(owned by Natalie Kline)

Second Level— Professional

Champion: Anne McClintock and Jericho 63.496%

Reserve: Anne McClintock and She's a Spit Fire 61.016%

Second Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Mila Sambunjak and Baila Con Migo 64.977%

Reserve: Peggi Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 63.333%
(owned by Noelle Ignagni)

3rd: Rachel Caracci and Anikan 59.822%

2017 NODA Year-End Award Winners

Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows

(Continued)

Third Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Linda Cooley and KnightHawke 63.333%

Fourth Level- Professional

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Adante 64.419%
(owned by Janet Thompson)

Fouth Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Victoria Patterson-Pirko and Fantasia 64.419%

Dressage Seat Equitation - Adult Amateur

Champion: Mila Sambunjak and Baila Con Migo 72.667%

Reserve: Kim Shepard and Big Bundle 70.833%

3rd: Gale Browning and Syzygy 66.533%

Rider Test - Adult Amateur

Champion: Pam White and Flash in The Knight 59.533%

Western Intro Level- AA

Champion: Connie Kelling and LC Rockstar 70.116%

Western Basic - Adult Amateur

Champion: Judy Jacobson and Modige 66.106%

Reserve: Halle Clause and Master the Art 65.416%

Western Basic - Junior

Champion: Skylar Young and La Bella Lune 72.729%

Western Level One- Adult Amateur

Champion: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets 73.155%

Western Dressage Seat Equitation

Champion: Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets 77.444%

Reserve: Halle Clause and Master the Art 74.944%

3rd: Judy Jacobsen and Modige 70.333%

Recognized Shows

Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Janna Dressing and D'Artagnan 70.909%

Reserve: Rachel Caracci and Anikan 66.051%

3rd: Erin Clark and Edward 65.012%

First Level - Junior/Young Rider

Champion: Noelle Ignani and MRF Bello di Notte 61.331%

First Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Sara Justice and Khaleesi 63.180%

Reserve: Rachel Caracci and Anikan 57.647%

First Level - Open

Champion: Michelle Tyner and Romario 69.780%

Second Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Megan Barnhizer and Fascination Star 64.385%

Reserve: Peggi Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 59.581%

(owned by Noelle Ignagni)

Second Level - Open

Champion: Anne McClintock and She's a Spit Fire 57.544%

Third Level - Jr./Young Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Linda Cooley and KnightHawke 61.090%

Reserve: Kimberly Apicella and Der Checker 3 60.673%

Third Level - Open

Champion: Kristin Stein and Dauntless 70.605%

(owned by Betsy Rebar Sell)

Reserve: Barb Soukup and Cashiro 61.282%

Fourth Level - Jr./Young Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Victoria Patterson-Pirko and Fantasia 61.718%

Reserve: Michelle Brogan and Ratina 60.804%

3rd: Kimberly Apicella and Der Checker 3 59.764%

Fourth Level- Open

Champion: Sarah Freeman and Adante 60.541%

(owned by Janet Thompson)

2017 NODA Year-End Award Winners

Recognized Shows (continued)

Prix St. George - Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Patty Keim and Java Joe 62.675%

I2/A/B/ Grand Prix Combined - Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Jenifer Gaffney and Fabio 58.725%
(owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

Musical Freestyle

Champion: Patty Keim and Java Joe- PSG 69.695%

Reserve: Megan Barnhizer and Fascination
Star- 2nd Level 68.178%

3rd: Sara Justice and Khaleesi- 1st level 65.944%

4th: Jenifer Gaffney and Fabio- GP 65.138%

Trophies & Awards

Recognized Shows

The Alessandria Memorial Trophy

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Patty Keim and Java Joe

The Michael Von der Nonne Award

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Michelle Tyner and Romario

The Randeck Memorial Trophy

Sponsored by Carey Smith-Wilson
Victoria Patterson-Pirko and Fantasia

The Richard Gascoigne Memorial Trophy

by Bitsy Gascoigne & Ann Gascoigne Nixon
Kimberly Apicella and Der Checker 3

The Richter 5 Trophy

Sponsored by Maggie Ball
Anne McClintock and She's a Spitfire

Trophies & Awards

Recognized & Unrecognized Shows

The Freestyle Award

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The Full of Grace Award

Sponsored by Leslie Grimm
Lea Wojtkiewicz and Winter Sky

The Sindarin Award

Sponsored by Dale Lappert
Jan Hoover and Its Now or Never

The Western Dressage Award

Sponsored by NODA
Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets

2017 NODA Year End Award Winners

Trophies & Awards Unrecognized Shows

The Fox Smith Trophy
Sponsored by Lynn Fry
Kim Shepard and Big Bundle

The Laddie Andahazy Memorial Trophy
Sponsored by The Paddock Group
Mary Whitely and Set In Stone

The Sweeter Award
Sponsored by Janeen Grava
Diana Shale and Spot on Doolittle

The Rowdy Memorial Trophy
Sponsored by Cheryl Lee
Bitsy Gascoigne and CLF Foreign Currency
(owned by Noell Siversten)

The Determined Effort Award
Sponsored by Niki Sackman
Jerry Chuey and Lees Little Pockets

The Giving Spirit Award
Sponsored by Friends of English Oak Stable
Lea Wojtkiewicz and Winter Sky

Trophies & Awards Other

The Edy Ujcz Horse Partnership Trophy
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NODA's Lifetime Achievement Award
Sponsored by NODA
Gail Patton
Karen Shirring

Mini Trials—Recognized
Colin Gaffney and Timaru 30.733%
Jan Hoover and It's Now or Never 33.767%



2017 NODA Year-End Awards Banquet Celebration

NODA's Surprise
Thank You
Presentation to
Dee Liebenthal, NODA
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A handsome
horse-head statue
of Dee's beloved
horse, Rens, was
presented by
Linda Cooley,
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2017 NODA Year-End Banquet Celebration Photos

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Above: Year-End Awards
& Trophies on Display

Below:
Raffle & Door Prizes
Silent Auction,
Chinese Auctions



Above Left: The Fox Smith Trophy, Kim Shepard; Center: The Rowdy Memorial Trophy, Bitsy Gascoigne; Right: The Edy Ujcz Partnership Trophy, Robert Simon



Above Left: The Richard Gascoigne Memorial Trophy, Kimberly Apicella; Center: The Richter 5 Trophy, Anne McClintock with Maggie Ball; Right: Determined Effort Trophy The Western Dressage Award, Jerry Chuey



Above Left: The Joan Rapp Award, Diana Shale
Center: The Full of Grace Award, Lea Wojtkiewicz
Right: The Moody Mare Award, Mila Sambunjak



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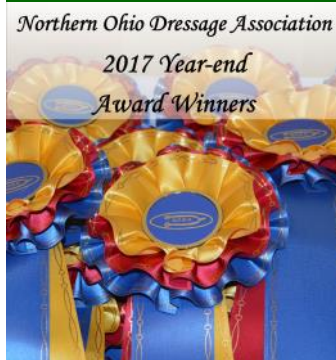
Above Left: Lifetime Achievement Award,
Gail Patton, Karen Shirring presented by Dee Liebenenthal
Above Right: Alessandria Memorial Trophy, Patty Keim
presented by Lisa Gorretta



Above Left: The Sweeter Award, Diana Shale presented by
Janeen Langowski Grava; The Giving Spirit Award, Lea
Wojtkiewicz presented by Sabine Walker;
Right: The Laddie Andahazy Memorial Trophy, Mary Whitely

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Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows NODA Year-End Award Winners



Left to Right: First Level Junior Rider, Marena Bates, Noelle Ignagni, Lydia Young; Second Level Pro, Anne McClintock; Second Level Junior, Mila Sambunjak, Peggi Ignagni, Rachel Carraci.



Above left: Open Intro Level, BJ Hartmann Sasak & Kris Ropp
Above Right: Open Intro Level AA, Amy Craig, Gale Browning, Bitsy Gascoigne, Kim Shepard, Jennifer Cooper



Left to right: Third Level AA, Linda Cooley; Fourth Level Prof., Sarah Freeman; Western Basic JR/AA, Skylar Young & Halle Clause



Left to right: Open Intro Level Junior, Amanda Franko; Novice Intro AA, Barb Brown & Mary Whitely; Novice Intro Junior, Brooke Fronk



Left to right: Western Level One AA & Western Dressage Seat Equitation, Jerry Chuey, and Halle Clause; Rider Test AA, Pam White; Dressage Seat Equitation AA, Mila Sambunjak, Kim Shepard, Gale Browning



Left to right: Open Training Level Prof, Kris Ropp; Novice Training Level Junior, Brooke Fronk; Open Training Level AA, Lea Wojkiewicz, Jan Hoover, Colleen Welder, Bitsy Gascoigne, Nicole Rader



Left to right: Open Training Level Junior Rider Diana Shale, Miranda Atkins, Lydia Young & Maria Sandy; First Level AA, Jerry Chuey, Elizabeth Bodnovich, Susan Horst, Patti Valencic, Janice Simon; First Level Professional, Anne McClintock



Above: NODA 2017 Volunteer of the Year, Janeen Langowski Grava
Left: Past NODA Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

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USDF / USEF Recognized Shows NODA Year-End Award Winners



Above left to right: Training Level Junior/Young Rider, Diana Shale & Lydia Young
Training Level AA, Janna Dressing
First Level Junior/ Young Rider, Noelle Ignagni



Above left to right: First Level AA, Sara Justice
Rachel Carraci (First & Training Level AA Res. CH.)
Second Level AA, Megan Barnhizer, Peggi Ignagni;
Second Level Open, Anne McClintock



Above left to right: Third Level AA, Linda Cooley and Kimberly Apicella; Third Level Open, Kristin Stein & Barb Soukup
Fourth Level AA, Michelle Brogan and Kimberly Apicella;
Fourth Level Open, Sarah Freeman; Prix St. George, Patty Keim & Grand Prix, Jen Gaffney

My 2017 NODA Adult Amateur Scholarship

By Katie Arbogast

As most Adult Amateurs, I have a strong passion for riding and training, but I do not have the funds to always get the support I need. But when some horse friends encouraged me to apply for the NODA Adult Amateur Scholarship, I thought I might have a chance to get support. Weeks later, I was pleasantly surprised that I was one of the those awarded the scholarship. "Amazing!" I thought, "but now what?" After thinking about how to wisely spend the scholarship for months, I decided to opt for lessons. Lessons would allow me more opportunities to improve my skills.

When I discovered that Patrick Tompkins, a United States Dressage Federation Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal rider



Above: Patrick Tompkins with Katie & Tara.

"Halt, collect your thoughts, then move on."

At first, I was not sure what to expect in the lessons because my Arabian mare is a non-traditional dressage horse, without the fancy movement and size. However, as Patrick states about non-traditional dressage horses, "the challenges presented by them can be enjoyable and even more rewarding when they succeed."

I was very pleasantly surprised how well my mare, Tara, responded to the instructions Patrick was giving us throughout our lessons. She was becoming more relaxed and through and not rushing, as she tends to do. We worked on a lot of the basics, including bending lines and 20-meter circles to keep my mare from getting stiff on one side. All the changes Patrick incorporated into the lessons kept her engaged and interested in the work without her getting too excitable. When she did become excitable, Patrick would instruct me to just halt her and let her stand there for a bit to calm herself and then proceed with the work. This tidbit has been very helpful in training and has allowed my mare to do the work well and not get more tense.

As most riders know, there is always room for improvement for the rider. Thankfully Patrick also addressed those issues in our lessons. When I did one simple weight shift or put one shoulder back in a turn, my mare improved instantly. Our work in the lessons also focused on classical principles of dressage, as well as and helping myself and my mare focus on relaxation, throughness, and good basics. Patrick often says, "These classical principles simply work. It works with all horses of different shapes and sizes. Plus, it gives riders a reference to look to in their riding as well. In addition, remembering to focus on basics like rhythm and relaxation ensures that no holes will be present in the training of the horse."



Above: Katie & Tara
leg yield left

The challenge and fun has been getting to a point where we are improving my mare's self-carriage and making her suppler. Tara not being a traditional dressage horse has made this aspect of classical training even more important because it does not come as naturally for her.

I have a renewed excitement and commitment for the journey my mare and I will continue as we work up the levels. The lessons I learned at Aptitude Dressage with Patrick Tompkins will continue to influence me on this journey. I encourage any other Adult Amateurs out there to think about applying for the scholarship, as it is a worthwhile investment to have the ability to work on our skills with professionals. I also want to thank NODA for allowing amateurs, like myself, to have access to scholarships like this, so that we too can get the help needed to improve our skills and understanding of dressage.

Katie & Tara
enjoying some
relaxed trot work



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(**) Show scores eligible for 2018 NODA Year-End Awards

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www.USEF.org/annual-meeting

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Lexington, KY

February 4, 2018 ()**

Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show

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March 4, 2018 ()**

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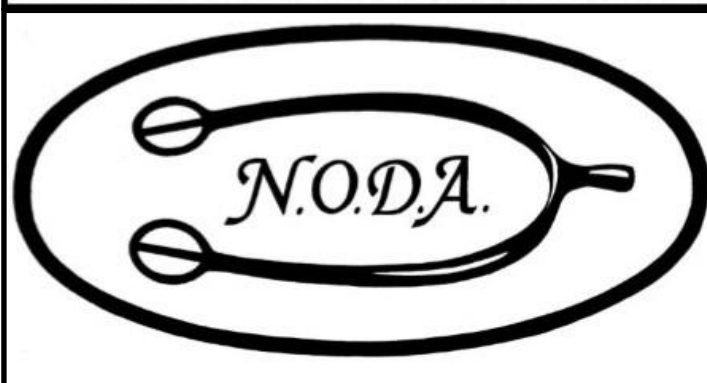
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