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*****PLEASE HELP ODS!!*** ODS IS IN NEED OF A TREASURER. IF YOU HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR FINANCIALS, NUMBERS OR JUST LIKE ORGANIZING, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AS THE ODS TREASURER. THIS IS A CRITICAL BOARD-SUPPORTED ROLE THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY. NOT YOUR SKILLSET?...ASK SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO WOULD FIT THIS ROLE TO FILL THIS POSITION. ODS VOLUNTEER POSITIONS LIKE THIS KEEP CLUB EXPENSES DOWN AND COME WITH BENEFITS.**

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Letter From The President

Hello Friends,

Well, safe to say, we all got our wish this week ~ it is NOT 100° anymore! My horses are in blankets tonight, I have a fire going in the fireplace, and a cat on my lap. Kinda sounds like winter! Good news for us all is that this is just a dip for a day or two, and I see temps in the 80s by the weekend. It is a nice break, especially for the horses already growing their winter coats.

Speaking of breaks, maybe we've all, horses and riders alike, earned a little time to take a break from the arena drills. There are a couple of shows still coming up, both around Tulsa (**GCC Championships**) and in Stillwater, but then we will be swinging into November and holidays will be looming. Has anyone done something different with their horses? Or with other horses? Check inside for a few 'out of the box' activities. Fun to be different!

There are still many things to be thinking of doing, both here and nationally. **GCC** has their final **schooling show** of the season on **November 12**, with an **Open Show** in the morning, giving you one more chance to add scores to your total, or even qualify for the **Championship** classes in the afternoon. On a national level, the next big event are the **National Finals** in Kentucky starting on **November 10**. Right on the heels of that show comes the **USDF Convention**, back in Lexington, on **December 1-3**, an amazing event everyone should experience at least once.

Have you started planning anything for 2023? ODS is busy with plans for the **Annual General Meeting on January 21** ~ mark your calendars! Check out the calendar for more ODS events in the planning stages.

And, make some out-of-state plans as the **World Cup** rolls into **Omaha on April 13 - 16!** Tickets have just gone on sale with some great savings on 4 event packages. If you haven't been to a World Cup, give yourself a treat and make plans for this one. It draws international level riders and their horses are a sight to behold. So much to do ~ we are so lucky to have so much available!

Here's hoping you are all having great rides, wherever they may take you, enjoy fall and your dear equine friends, no matter what you do with them!

~ Kay



Danny & Kay

USDF Region 9 Volunteer Incentive Program

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of its members that isn't very well known! 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 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. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer. Contact USDF to request the log chart.

NEW! USDF Rider Medals with Distinction

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals with Distinction are now available. This recognizes current medalists who meet the medal requirements with scores of 67% or higher. Full details will be available in the 2023 USDF Member Guide. For details, visit: <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/rider-awards.asp>

USDF Annual Convention News

Lexington, Kentucky will play host November 30-December 3 for the 2022 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention: Take The Reins. Full details are available at www.usdf.org/convention.

USDF is happy to announce the return of the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet to this year's convention! The 2022 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lexington, in Lexington, KY with Friday night hosting the gala event. It is so nice to be back in person and to provide the well-deserved recognition to all of the USDF honorees and award recipients. While the virtual awards ceremonies and all-breeds presentations of the past couple years served as a great alternative, being able to invite these individuals to participate in the convention, be recognized on stage at the banquet, and to have their awards presented to them provides an unparalleled level of prestige and excitement that lacks in virtual events.

The Annual Awards Banquet segment will include many USDF perpetual trophy presentations such as the Adult Amateur Grand Prix Trophy, the Sunshine Sport Horse Association Trophy, the Traveling Trot Trophy, the Hilltop Farm Trophy, The StallionExpo Trophy and the prestigious Colonel Thackeray Trophy, which recognizes the Adequan®/USDF Grand Prix Dressage Horse of the Year.

All Adequan®/USDF Year-End and All-Breeds champions and reserve champions, at each level and award category, have the opportunity to walk across the stage to receive their award and be recognized for their achievement.

At the 2022 Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, USDF will be inducting Janine Malone into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, presenting Lisa Gorretta with the USDF Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing Bonna McCuiston as the USDF Member of Distinction and awarding the USDF Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards. USDF Rider and Breeder of Distinction Awards will also be presented to recipients on stage, in addition to the returning Adequan®/USDF Year-End and All-Breeds Awards.

For more information visit www.usdf.org/convention. To register and purchase tickets to the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, visit: <https://web.cvent.com/event/16076f09-6baa-4863-a047-936870ab54f7/summary>



Events

Final Session Of The USDF 'L' Program

The final Session C of the USDF "L" Program was held Oct. 15-16 in Wichita and once again, was a well- attended success. The 19 dedicated participants were on hand to learn about those sometimes confusing Collective Marks, what to say where, and how to make a clear closing statement that would in some way help the rider understand their scores and be guided toward improvement. As usual, the first day was all classroom and videos, and again, we could appreciate how excellent the 'L' Program is.

Kathy Rowse was the presenter, and Dolly Hannon was also there apprenticing to become part of the faculty. Both have such a great command of the material that it was delivered in a clear and understandable way. Day two moved participants out to Marie



The event organizers (L to R): Marie Maloney (KDEA), Kathy Rowse, Kay Kamish (ODS), Sherry Guess (ODS), Dolly Hannon, Kathy Maxwell (CPDS), Susan Lang (KDEA)

Presenter, Kathy Rowse



'L' Program Session C group photo includes 19 participants with presenter Kathy Rowse (front, middle-right) and Dolly Hannon (3rd from right, front)



Presenter Kathy Rowse



Kathy Rowse presents theory in the classroom.

Maloney's beautiful Capall Stables to see the much appreciated demo riders performing all the tests from Training through Second Level. Participants matured in their skills through the three sessions, becoming more aligned with their scores, and becoming confident in presenting their answers and comments. What a strong group! Six ODS members participated in the 'L' Program; their willingness to learn should be celebrated and appreciated. ODS wishes them the best of luck as they choose to advance on to Part 2 and the more rigorous testing phase.

ODS members who participated were: **Nancy Burba, Richal Flannery, Bay Greenhill, Erin Nelson, Molly Ralstin, Dallas Sweat.**



Attend The Region 9 Fall Zoom Meeting

The Region 9 Fall Zoom meeting will be held Nov 18, 2022. At 7 pm. Nettie Olsen will be the zoom host...and will send out the link closer to the date. An agenda will be posted on the Region 9 website first part of Nov. There is also an in-person Region 9 meeting scheduled during the USDF Annual Convention, in Lexington, KY, on Dec 2.

If you have question. Please contact: Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director, bessbruton@gmail.com

2023 ODS Show Calendar Expands With Additional Level 1 Event

New Level 1 Recognized show is now confirmed for **August 19-20, 2023** at Riverbend Arena in Inola, OK! At present the facility has Big Ass Fans in the arena, and there is hopeful talk that by next year the arena will be air conditioned.

The ODS Show Committee has secured judge Kathy Rowse. The current plan is to host the show on Saturday and offering a clinic by the judge on Sunday. Stay tuned as plans develop!

ODS Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar for **January 21, 2023, from 11am-3pm** for the ODS Annual General Meeting to be held at the Cattleman's Steakhouse in Oklahoma City. More details will be announced soon.

2023 Symposium Topics Released

Janet Foy has submitted her proposed schedule for the Updated Tests Symposium April 22-23, 2023. Here some details:

Saturday will address the adjustments in the USDF National tests, Training through Fourth Levels. On Sunday Janet will be looking for Freestyles rides, so put on your dancing shoes and give musical rides a whirl! These do not necessarily need to be polished, show-worthy rides, so if you are thinking about venturing into this realm of riding, come play and show her your ideas.

Watch for emails from the ODS Education Chair, Pamela Byers, (pbyers.ods@gmail.com) for more details!





SAVE THE DATE!

JANET FOY

SYMPOSIUM 2023 DRESSAGE TESTS

APRIL 22/23, 2023



Janet Foy is not only a USEF "S" dressage judge, but a FEI 5* (Level 4) International Judge as well. In addition to judging at all the major shows in the United States and Canada, she has been on the Jury for the 2019 Pan American Games (Peru), the 2018 World Cup Finals (Paris) and the 2019 European Championships (Rotterdam). She has been honored to judge many top CDI-@ and CDI 5* shows world wide, including at the famous Aachen 5*. A crowning achievement was judging at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games! 2022 will be keeping her traveling as she will be the FEI Technical Delegate for the World Dressage Championships in Denmark, as well as for the Central American Games and the Bolivian Games in South American, and finally the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the Netherlands.

All this ~yet she will be generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Somehow in her "spare time", Janet has managed to write a most excellent and encouraging book titled Dressage for the Not So Perfect Horse. Encouraging because don't we all have those not quite so perfect horses, who we dearly love in spite of the fact they aren't likely to be cantering down any Olympic centerline? Janet has that rare quality of being able to judge the horses that is in front of her while not unfairly comparing it to those world class equines.

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NEW Feature: Riding 'Out Of The Box' How ODS Members Enjoy Horses Outside Of The Dressage Arena

Here is a little collection of our members doing different things with their horses! Or, just doing different 'horse-y' things.

Two ODS members recently visited the Spanish Riding School in Vienna! Read Cathy Orban's report of her visit on the next page. Jennifer Brittain, also visited the classical riding academy with her daughter Nora, whose SRS photos are featured in this issue.



Kay Kamish hosted visitors from Germany who are expert carriage drivers and had lessons honing skills with long lines; it's amazing to work with horses this way. As an extension of that, they visited Becky Benjamin, a skilled carriage driver in Claremore and Kay got to drive her Jesse through a cones course. What a very different perspective of a working horse! Plus the joy of just going on a trail ride, peaceful in nature.

Who else out there is doing different things with their horse or in the diverse sport of horses? Let us know about it! Email the newsletter editor with your photos to be featured in future issues: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

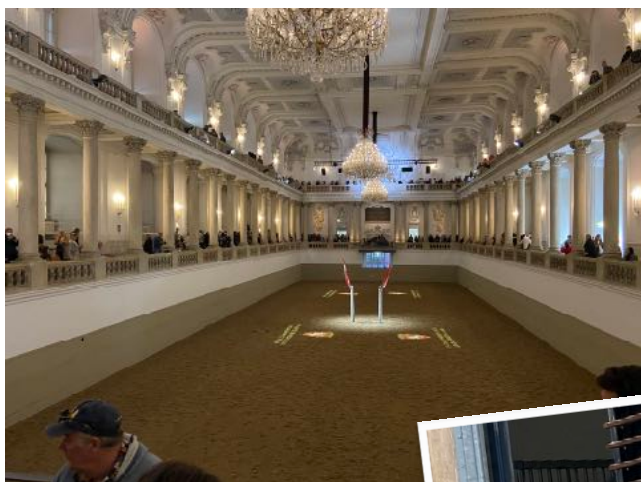


Kay Kamish carriage driving with a friend.

A walk in the woods.



Kay Kamish long-lining under the expert eye of a German carriage master.



Photos of the SRS: An experience of a lifetime, Cathy Orban visited the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria.

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

2023

Upcoming Shows

LEVEL 3 SHOWS

APRIL 29 & 30 Spring I & II*
Tulsa Expo Square
Janet (Dolly) Hannon - "S" judge
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez - "S" judge

JUNE 10 & 11 Green Country Dressage Classic I & II
Claremore Expo Center
Judy Downier - "S" judge
Charlotte Trentelman - "S" judge

* Applied for developing program qualifiers: Jr/YR/YA, YH & DH
Qualifiers for 2023 Great American/USDF Regional Championships, SW Dressage Championship, OK Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program

LEVEL 1

AUGUST 19 & 20 ODS Summer Oasis Dressage Show
Riverbend Arena - Inola, OK
Judge TBA
Show Saturday + Clinic Sunday

Entry Information: www.showsecretary.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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Spanish Riding School Experience Of A Lifetime

When I was 12, I spent a couple of months in Ulm, Germany with my grandmother. Because I was horse-crazed, Oma took me to visit the Spanish Riding School (Spanische Hofreitschule) in Vienna for my birthday. It was summer and the performing stallions were in Piber for their vacation. But, practice sessions were available. Oma took me to a practice session and we sat in red velvet chairs at the end of the arena. I was entranced and those 8 white stallions who came straight toward me. Each horse with their right and then left front hooves in perfect unison. That is how I remember it. I was in horse heaven.

When planning our Budapest, Vienna, and Prague trip with Maria back in 2019, we plotted to add the SRS to our free afternoon in Vienna. Sadly, we lost Maria in 2020, but the SRS was still in my plans. Only horse crazed women would spend good money to visit the SRS for 'just' the arena/barn tour. Our tour guide made our reservations and sent us on our way with instructions several hours early. We found the SRS, wandered around peeking into the barn yard and enjoyed the ambiance. Our tour started in the arena at the baroque Winter Riding School at Hofburg Palace – sitting in those same red velvet chairs at the end of the arena. The arena is hung with crystal chandeliers, surrounded by columns, ornate sculptures on the walls and balconies all around. Colors are muted to allow the white Lipizzaner stallions to shine. The tour included a presentation about the history of the SRS, development of the Lipizzaner breed, and how horses and riders are developed for the program.

Next we walked through the yard with a multi-stall exercise system, through the barn yard and into the barn. We learned about the young horses' summer visits to Vienna to get used to the sights and sounds of the city and receive early training. Rider training is rigorous and eventually, they earn the right to train on their own horses. The horses' training is continued with the same trainer as they both develop. We learned how the horses are named and that tradition requires a single bay horse in residence at the SRS. We finished our tour in the tack room and stable yard. We saw the racks of "school saddles" made from buckskin and training bridles as well as the gold-

plated double bridles used only for performances. Once out in the stable yard, we soaked in the magic of the White Stallions with the floating Pegasus overhead and young stallions looking out of their stalls. Truly a highlight of our trip.

-Cathy Orban



“If you are
not interested in learning,
no one can help you.
If you are determined to learn,
no one can stop you”
- Anonymous

Correction to ODS Membership Renewal Address

Please note that the address for ODS membership renewals should be: PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039, ATTN: Marta Koenig. To renew membership you may use the correct form in this newsletter or via the email reminder sent by ODS, however, please be sure checks and forms are mailed to this corrected address in Kellyville. Thank you for renewing your membership early!

ODS Representative Needed for USDF Convention In Lexington

USDF Convention will held in the gorgeous 'Horse Capitol' of the US: Lexington, KY this year from November 30 to December 3.

LAST CALL! ODS needs to send a Delegate to attend the General Meetings, and cast our club's vote!

If you have never been to Lexington, or never attended a USDF Convention, here's your chance to check off two items on your bucket list! Lexington and the Kentucky Horse Park are nothing short of breathtaking for horse lovers. The Convention experience is something any of us should take advantage of at least once in life. It is non-stop activity, meetings, education, seminars, socializing, and all with like-minded people who know what you really mean when you say you ride dressage! As the ODS delegate, your only "duties" would be to attend the Board Of Governors meeting and cast any vote necessary.

If you are planning to attend the Convention, please let the ODS Board know so your name can submitted as the ODS Delegate, by emailing Kay Kamish at president@dressageoklahoma.org

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GCC Champs Show In Early November

GCC Planning is underway for the Championship Show on November 5. So, mark your calendars, come join us and have some fun! Please go to GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com for entries.

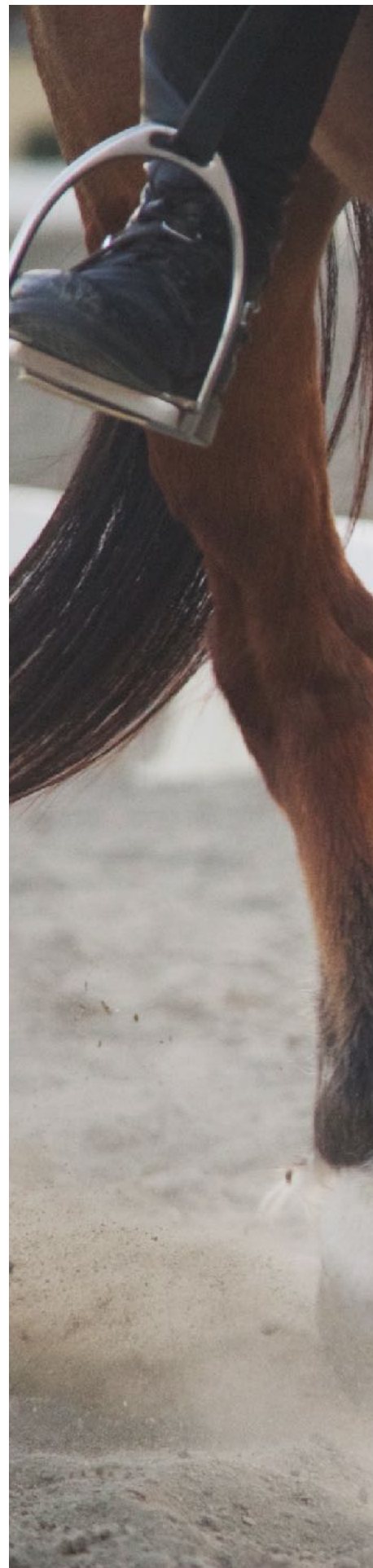
REGISTRATION DEADLINE for Championships is Wednesday November 9.

Gail Matheus will be coming from Kansas to judge, and she is fresh from the Session C of the USDF "L" Program, where she was both auditor and rider!

*****Special note: There will be an Open Show in the morning on Nov 9, so if you need another qualifying show or score, you can attain that in the morning, and then ride in the Championships in the afternoon! *****

Mark Calendars for ODS Annual General Meeting in January

At the beginning of each year, ODS holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM), alternating between Tulsa and the Oklahoma City area. This all-important meeting is more than just taking care of business and discussing club activities and plans, it's also the opportunity to distribute the annual awards to well-deserving members in the Awards Ceremony which takes place after the member banquet dinner. So, mark your calendar for **January 21 from 11:00am - 3:00pm at the Cattleman's Steakhouse (1309 S Agnew Ave, OKC)**. Details for registering for this event will be announced soon.



Announcements

ODS Treasurer Position Open

HELP WANTED

If you have ever wanted to be a dynamic part of the leadership of ODS, here is your opportunity! Have your finger on the pulse of the club, know about what's going on in the planning stages, help direct the future of our club and dressage in Oklahoma... **Become the next ODS Treasurer!**

Marta Koenig generously stepped up to take the club books back temporarily and put them in order. However, Marta is currently also the Membership person and will continue with that task. So this is a shout out to all ODS members....

HELP!!!!....

Someone is needed to step forward and take over as Treasurer! Marta requests that this happen before the start of membership renewals that begin in November, so ideally a new Treasurer needs to be in place by **October 31**. Marta will coach and guide you, and be a fantastic resource as you learn your way.

The ODS books have been kept on QuickBooks up to now. ODS owns and will provide the QB Software for the new Treasurer, and again, Marta has offered to help you become familiar with this.

Duties include: *Monthly reconciliation of two checking accounts and the savings account

*Deposits and payments throughout the year and during any events

(shows, symposiums, meetings)

*Profit/Loss statements for events

*Quarterly Financial Statements presented to the Board

*Detailed club P&L and Balance Sheet presented bi-annually at the January AGM and Summer meetings

*Help develop the Annual Budget (with committee)

The position of Treasurer is typically a Board position. However, if you would prefer not to actually serve on the Board, you can still perform the Treasurers' duties and submit reports to the Board.

*****Please help us!!***** If this is not in your skill set, think about someone you might know who could do it! If we do not get a member to take this on, our only recourse will be to go outside of our group and actually hire an accountant, which of course means an added expense for the club.

Contact Kay Kamish if interested or with questions: kkamishods@aol.com



Delegate Needed To Rep ODS At USDF General Meeting in Lexington

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ODS Vision Committee Summer Survey - Your Input Is Valuable

1. What do you see ODS doing in 2023?

In two years? (2024)

In five years? (2027)

In ten years? (2032)

2. What would you like ODS to focus on in the next 5 years?

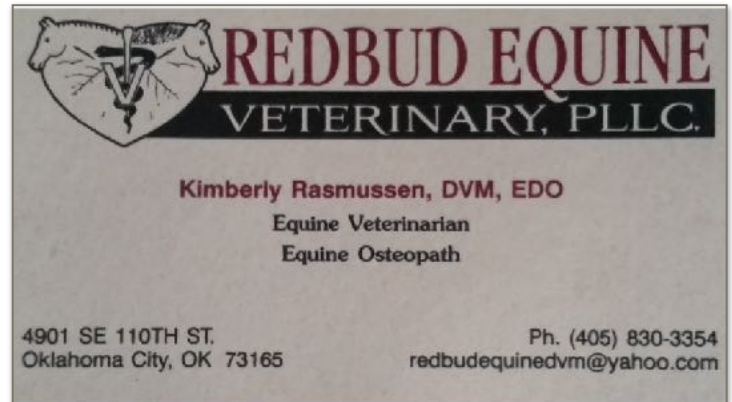
3. What would you like ODS to do for you?

4. How can ODS increase its membership numbers?

5. How can ODS increase its participation and assistance basis for all its shows and planned activities?

Every member's suggestions & answers are important to the ODS Vision Committee. Your answers will help to guide the future plans for ODS.

Please send your answers to Nancy Trait-Lira at ntraitlira19@gmail.com or 18601 Hickory Hollow Drive, Harrah, OK 73045



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Announcements

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Matching Gift Challenge

Young Rider Dream Program

Thanks to the generosity of Margaret Duprey and Cherry Knoll Farm, The Dressage Foundation is thrilled to be able to boost the strength of its Young Rider Dream Program.

Beginning in October 2022, the funds raised for the Program—up to the \$100,000 mark—will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Duprey.

1+1=2x the impact

TDF's Young Rider Dream Program: An Educational Experience of a Lifetime

A TDF Program Since 2000

The Dream Program was created by Olympian Michael Poulin to give top young U.S. riders an introduction to international-level dressage through a tour of European training facilities and competitions. In 2022, the Dream Program was held in Wellington, Florida. It was a resounding success and will return to Wellington in 2023.

Building the Next Generation of Excellence for U.S. Dressage

Since its beginning, the program has given 69 young riders the chance to be immersed in the international dressage scene. Over 81% of the past participants are now dressage professionals, including Olympian Adrienne Lyle.

A Unique Opportunity

Participants meet with the best-of-the-best in American and international dressage, plus participants get a behind-the-scenes look at world-class facilities and events.

TDF Earns Platinum Seal of Transparency

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TDF has once again earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency with Candid/ Guidestar! With the information available on TDF's website and through Candid/ Guidestar, you can

continue to support TDF's work with trust and confidence. View The Dressage Foundation's Candid/ Guidestar at www.dressagefoundation.org.

NEW! Donations Matched For YR Dream Program Up To \$100k

Have you been thinking about supporting The Dressage Foundation financially? Now, when you donate to the Dressage Foundation's Young Rider Dream Program, your monies will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000 in the fund.

For more information, to make a donation online or to find a printable form to donate by check, visit,

www.dressagefoundation.org/matching-challenge

For information about additional ways to give, including through donor-advised funds, stock gifts, or IRA contributions, please contact Jenny Johnson, TDF's Executive Director, at (402) 434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org.

To apply for a grant for yourself, visit to see deadlines and opportunities:

www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/grant-calendar.html.

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Specific Funding Opportunities

-  \$5,000 - To provide housing for YRDP Participants
-  \$3,000 - To sponsor one Young Rider's Dream Program
-  \$1,500 - To provide YRDP transportation to barns and shows
-  \$750 - To sponsor the flight for one Young Rider
-  \$250 - To help pay for food expenses
-  \$100 - To provide important support for the YRDP

Remember! Every donation will be doubled with matching funds!



Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage Society members to further their dressage education.

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. This ODS Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
2. The candidate must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS). In addition, the applicant must have been an ODS member for at least the 2 previous years.
3. The candidate must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non-ODS dressage educational events will be considered as additional input.
4. The candidate must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least one (1) ODS committee or have accumulated five (5) hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ODS dressage related events will be considered as additional input.

Criteria for Use:

Scholarships may be used toward the registration/entry fees for the following types of dressage educational events:

1. Acceptable activities will include ODS and its affiliated chapters educational events, USDF Region 9 and USDF educational events. Additionally, any educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, or USDF Medalist.
2. Scholarship candidates must receive ODS Scholarship Committee approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event prior to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

Application Deadline:

The ODS Education Scholarship committee will meet a minimum of two times per year. Each scholarship application must be received by the following schedule:

January 1 – May 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15.

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

May 16 - November 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15.

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is after the award date.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours counting towards ODS Education Scholarships include:

1. Volunteering at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers, etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Education Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Coordinator from each event.
2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.
3. Consideration will also be given for attendance at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored activities or functions. (ex: Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational events).

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the

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approved dressage educational event with validation of the attendance; and, the submission to ODS of the required post report. An amount of \$200 will be awarded. Scholarship winners must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.



The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the candidate's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.) Scholarships must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in ODS general funds. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$200 must remain in this account at all times. The funds generated by the silent auction at any AGM will be placed in the ODS Education Scholarship fund. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Additional Information:

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year by the corresponding deadline.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year (June & December) to review all applications received up to that point and make the decisions about its awards. The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee may award zero (0) scholarships, or may award more than two (2) scholarships at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four (4) Scholarships may be awarded each year. Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Education Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per twelve (12) months period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given twelve (12) months, a candidate may not apply again within that same twelve (12) months period. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible candidates who have not received an education scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least one (1) current ODS Board Member. The committee must consist of a total of three (3) to five (5) ODS members in good standing. The committee shall not exceed five (5) members.

**Blanketing Temperature Chart**

Average Temp (F)	Unclipped	Clipped
60	nothing	nothing or lite turnout (no fill) if rainy and/or windy
50	nothing	lite turnout
40	lite turnout	medium turnout with standard or high neck
30	lite to medium turnout	medium turnout with high neck or neck cover
20	medium turnout	heavy turnout with neck cover
10	medium turnout with standard or high neck	heavy turnout with neck cover
0	medium or heavy turnout with neck cover	heavy turnout with neck cover or double blanket
Below 0	heavy turnout with neck cover	double blanket with neck cover

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form.

Be as specific as you can.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Are you an ODS Member in good standing? ☐ Yes ☐ No Status: ☐ Junior ☐ Amateur ☐ Open

Do you compete in dressage? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Please check all applicable below.

☐ Schooling Shows ☐ Recognized Shows ☐ Locally ☐ Regionally ☐ Nationally

Who is your current riding instructor? _____

Name and date of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:

Tell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend.

(Please attach any printed material / flyer and a copy of your completed application to event).

How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?



Meet Ms. Rocket: ODS's New Editorial Staff Member

Please welcome Ms. Rocket, the new ODS Newsletter columnist who is ready to answer any of your burning questions (horse and farm -or mouse- related of course!). Ms. Rocket will answer your questions here in the ODS newsletters, so be on the lookout for them! If she doesn't know the answer, she will creatively make one up. This might be "interesting!" Send her your comments or questions you'd like her to answer...who knows...you could end up hearing more of her cat "paw-losophies!" 🐾

Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: **ntraitlira19@gmail.com**. She's looking forward to hearing from you!



A Feline's Perspective On The USDF 'L' Program Final Session

I had a fantastic experience this past weekend up in the Wichita area meeting new friends and getting my head full of new ideas and understanding of the horsey dressage world. It was a chance of a lifetime, well one of my 9 lives, to see my favorite 4-leggeds in action. They danced almost as gracefully as a cat. Almost.

I hope you could have seen it. Did you attend any of the L Program's sessions? You missed a perfect cat-portunity to learn a deeper understanding of the judging process. This session also gave me insight into the judging requirements of musical freestyles. My cat brain is twirling!

My tail was flipping side-to-side while I was perched on the arena rail watching those demo horses and smelling their working sweat. I LOOOOVVVVE that scent on the wind. Each horse carried a rider around the arena in a full test while those hanging on the rail had to formulate scores & comments about the Gaits, Submission (like WHAAAAT??? Who should be submissive to a 2-legged?), Impulsion, Rider Posture & Effectiveness. Cool, huh?

I would warn that you 2-legged riders should know all your horsey stuff before you go into the show arena cause those judges-in-training know how to evaluate your moves & state it in elegant phrasing. Purrrrrrrr...kinda like a darling kitty that pulls you in with their sweet eyes & when you go to put those cute, warm, furry bodies up in your arms they take a slash of claws at your arm. Ahhhhhh.....so satisfying.



Ms Rocket

A couple participant "judges-in-training" discussing a practice test scoring.



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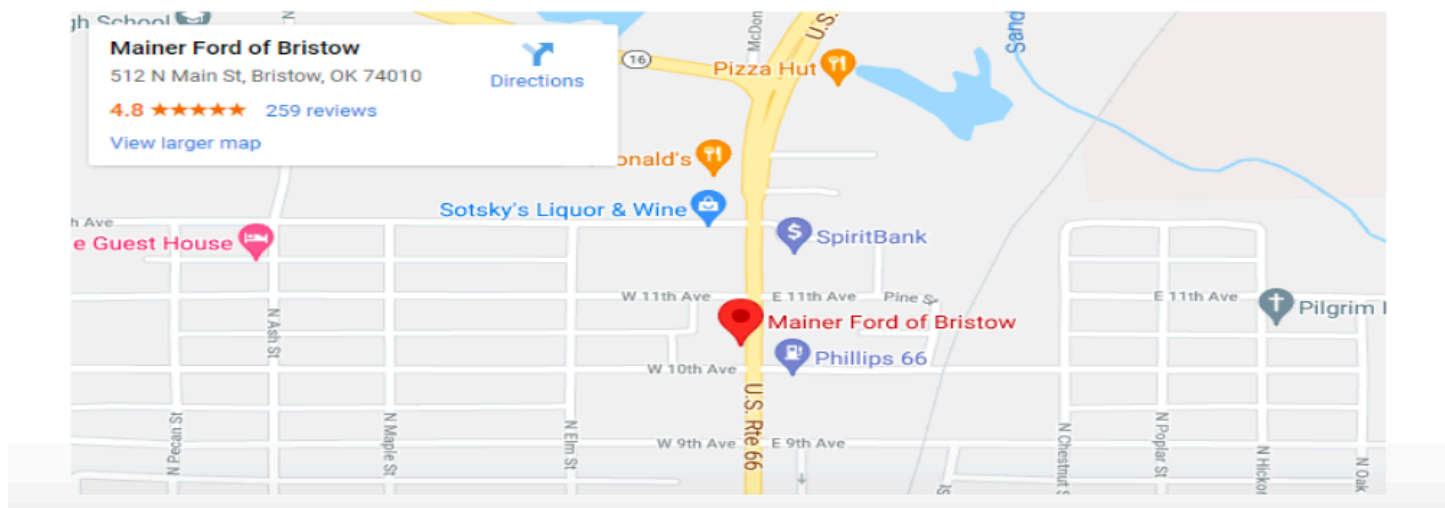
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New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____

Address _____ City/State Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Birth date: Mth ____ / Yr ____

USDF membership year is Dec 1st - Nov 30th . Membership dues are late after November 30th .

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

\$54 Adult: Please check which applies: Open ☐ Amateur ☐ Vintage (50+) ☐ \$ _____

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships) \$ _____

\$44 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year \$ _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)

\$64 Family (for two family members)

Name of second family member _____ Birth Day Mth ____ / Yr ____ \$ _____

\$10 Add third family member

Name of third family member _____ Birth Day Mth ____ / Yr ____ \$ _____

Chapter Membership – Check which chapter you would like to join. Chapter membership is not required, but is required to participate in the Chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or a family.

\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC) \$ _____

DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt 501.c. organization) OPTIONAL \$ _____

\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th . - (\$ _____)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

☐ Gold Medal ☐ Silver Medal ☐ Bronze Medal ☐ USDF Rider Performance (Training, 1st, 2nd) ☐ "L" Judge

☐ USDF Instructor Certification - Level _____

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets? Please circle all that apply.

Scribing ☐ Scoring ☐ Organization/Management ☐ Accounting ☐ Spreadsheets ☐ Arena Set-Up/Tear-D own ☐

Photography ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Other _____

I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, it's officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club. I agree and sign below:

Signature: _____ Dated _____ (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039.

Email Marta Koenig at martakoe@yahoo.com Phone: 918-232-0675

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

Oklahoma Dressage Society

Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



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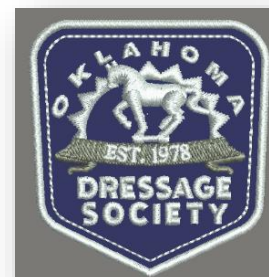


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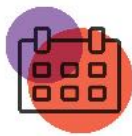
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Please contact Pamela DeVore with any questions (303) 902-6181
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Events Calendar

Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Lindsey Greco at webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.



- Nov 5** GCC Schooling Show Championships (Riverbend Arena, Inola)
- Nov 10-13** USDF National Finals (Kentucky Horse Park)
- Nov 18** Region 9 Fall Zoom Meeting - 7pm
- Nov 30-Dec 3** USDF Annual Convention (Lexington, KY)

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- January 21** ODS Annual General Mtg & Awards Banquet 11am-3pm (Cattleman's Steakhouse, 1309 S Agnew Ave, OKC)
- April 13-16** Dressage World Cup (Omaha, Nebraska)
- April 22-23** Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Location TBA)
- April 29 & 30** ODS Spring I & II Shows (Level 3) (Tulsa Expo Square)
- June 10 & 11** Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Level 3) (Claremore Expo Center)
- August 19 & 20**

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Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members

Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend via phone the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

You may call in to attend virtually by dialing 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).

Next ODS Board Meeting:

Nov 9

@ 7:00 pm.



New Interim Mailing Address



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