



# Centerline

*A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.*

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2021

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## Schooling Show & Ride-A-Test Clinic

March 27, 2021

@ High Hill Farm in Luther, OK



## Letter From The President

Apparently, the Universe feels the need to keep sending us challenges! For all of us who have horses, it is a frustrating time where it is difficult, if not impossible, to ride. This freeze is an

opportunity to catch up on inside projects, maybe even review past ride videos, or avail ourselves of the numerous training videos found at USDF or dressage training sites. However you are spending your time in the cold weather, be sure to be careful getting out and about ~ we want you well for when the weather gets back to rideable times!

Our **AGM** was held January 23. Awards were given, and the new Board was finalized. As you can tell, since I am the one writing this letter, they asked me to continue as President. I am grateful for their ongoing support, and will do my best to carry on the positive work we have done as a team. Look for the AGM report in the following pages.

Your Board is busy making plans for this year and beyond. Live events are filling the calendar and once again we will be seeing each other! Yes, even though we will still need to distance and have some constraints, we will be back to live shows and education. Check out the calendar and the **GCC page** for Schooling Shows, and the flyer for the **OKC Schooling Show and Ride-A-Test** coming up. Great news is that **Dolly Hannon** was able to reschedule and we will hold the **Judging Weekend** on **April 24-25!!** Be on the lookout for the new registration form. Plans are rolling for the **May Spring Show**. There was some very excited and exciting talk at the AGM about the formation of a new committee, called the **Vision Committee**, and

enthusiastically headed by **Nancy Trait-Lira**. Read on for information inside this newsletter.

On a final note, as we start into this new year, I want to thank all you **members** who participated in our many events and supported ODS in whatever way you could in this past, most unusual year. I know we did not necessarily please everyone and we heard complaints. But what keeps me and this fabulous Board going is the number of you who said 'thank you' and expressed appreciation for the work that was done in 2020.

Despite the restrictions of Covid, we, with help of GCC, held 9 Schooling shows, 10 Zoom Education meetings, a Judges Seminar, and the Free Members Appreciation clinic. What the Board and others do for ODS, we do because we love the organization and want it to succeed. We are happy to work hard for the oh, so many folks out there who have the same goals. Together as a team, we are an amazing, positive group!!

Hang in there my freezing friends ~ this will pass, and soon Spring will be upon us! Stay well and safe!

- Kay



## USDF Region 9 Omnibus Now Available

The new 2021 Region 9 Omnibus is now available online and in print! Visit [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) to view the digital version, where you can also complete an order form and pay for a professionally printed hard copy. The digital version is free. Monies collected for printed copies go toward printing and production of this volume, that's much more than a membership directory.



## Just Around The Corner: ODS Show & Ride-A-Test Clinic In March

Get ready for the show season with this "eyes-on" help for your ridden test. Ride your test at the schooling show in the morning, then ride your test again in the afternoon with judge Celeste Brown for a coaching session. It all happens on March 27, 2021 @ High Hill Farm in Luther, OK. For details, see the flyer in this newsletter issue.

## ODS Trailer Needs A Home

The freshly painted and very handsome, ODS trailer needs a new home! Currently, ODS is paying monthly trailer storage fees and to be economically responsible with the club's budget, the ODS Board is looking for a place to park the trailer. Preferably, it would be great to have it stored in the Tulsa/Claremore area because this is where the trailer is used most often. Please contact Kay ([kkamishods@aol.com](mailto:kkamishods@aol.com)) if you are able to securely store the trailer on your place. Thank you!

## 2021 ODS Spring Symposium - Canceled

Unfortunately, the ODS Spring Symposium with Beth Baumert, originally scheduled for early April, has been canceled due to Covid-19. ODS hopes to reschedule this highly anticipated event for later this year, either with Beth or another clinician. More details will be announced as soon as they're known.

ODS is pleased to announce that **Lilo Fore** has been secured for the **2022 ODS Spring Symposium!** Stay tuned for more details on this exciting opportunity to work with Lilo!



# Oklahoma Dressage Society

## Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



\$35.00

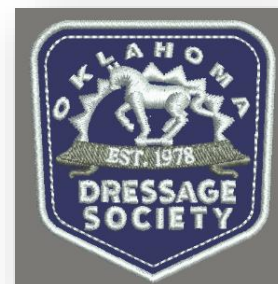


Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap  
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| Navy           | Ladies / Men's | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL |
| Pink Raspberry | Ladies / Men's | XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL |

Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap – Navy \$35.00

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or email [pamelad68@aol.com](mailto:pamelad68@aol.com)





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ALL CORE  
DISEASES  
HAVE HIGH  
MORTALITY  
RATES**

### EXPOSURE CANNOT BE PREVENTED

#### ❑ Mortality rates:

- EEE, 90%
- WEE, 50%
- Tetanus, 75%
- West Nile, 33%
- Rabies, 100%



- ❑ Annual vaccination is the only way to protect horses from these deadly diseases.

<https://aaep.org/guidelines/vaccination-guidelines/core-vaccination-guidelines>. Accessed March 1, 2018.  
MacKay R. Tetanus. In: Sellon DC, Long M, eds. *Equine Infectious Diseases*, 2nd ed. St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier 2007:368-372.

**zoetis**





## Do you have Vision?

Do you like to mark your path with goals?

Are you interested in using your skills to shape the Future  
for Oklahoma Dressage Society?

Then you are invited to become a part of The Plan by joining with other  
like-minded members of the *Oklahoma Dressage Society Vision*.

Our committee will compose 2 years- and 5 years plans for ODS.

Some of the questions leading our planning:

What do **you** want ODS to accomplish in the next 2 years?

What do **you** need to see in your community?

Where do **you** envision ODS being in 5 years?

Meetings begin in March 2021.

Contact Nancy Trait-Lira [ntraitlira19@gmail.com](mailto:ntraitlira19@gmail.com) to share your ideas.

Prepare for a new *ODS Vision*.

Start brainstorming with your riding companions now.

At the barn. In your own backyard. Over the internet or cell phone.

What do **YOU** need from ODS in your *Vision*?

Contribute to creating goals and shaping the Oklahoma Dressage Society as  
we ride into the future!

No *VISION* is too large or small.





THE  
DRESSAGE FOUNDATION



## Quick Notes From TDF

- \* The TDF Board of Directors recently voted to increase the minimum amount of individual grants to \$1,000. Their goal with this is to make a bigger impact for grant recipients. This is all possible, of course, thanks to very generous donors!
- \* TDF recently welcomed George Williams and Axel Steiner to our Board of Directors.
- \* [Century Club Newsletter](#)

## Upcoming TDF Grant Deadlines

- \* March 1: Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund: One grant of \$1,000 will be awarded to provide financial assistance to show management (to include managers and/or secretaries) to aid in their development and to help them move up the levels of management.
- \* March 1: [Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund](#): provides financial assistance to Adult Amateur riders who currently reside in USDF Region 9, to aid in their development in dressage.
- \* March 1: [Veronica Holt Dressage Technical Delegate Fund](#)
- \* March 15: [Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges Licensing](#)
- \* March 25: [Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members](#)
- \* May 1: [U.S. Breeder Excellence Fund](#)
- \* There are TDF educational event [Group Grants](#) available. These are due at least 90 days in advance, so if ODS is planning any clinics or similar educational events, these would qualify for a grant.
- \* Help ODS plan educational events with TDF grant funding! Contact the TDF representative [Nancy Trait-Lira](#) if interested.

## Love TDF A Latte

We are very excited to be launching a brand new monthly giving program,

[“Love TDF A Latte!”](#)

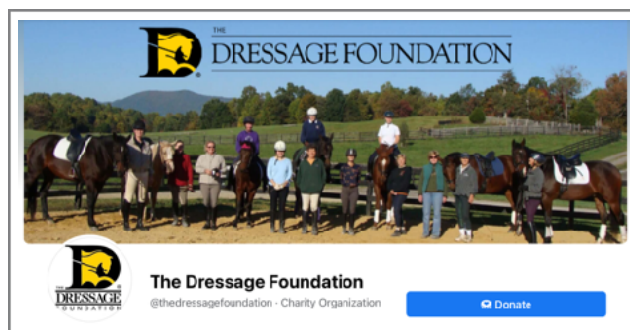
This is an important program for TDF as it creates a stable source of income that we can use for operating costs, grants, and programs like the special ribbons for our Century Club members. Please consider joining this worthy program to make a difference in the lives of so many!



## Join the Dressage Foundation Facebook Page

You can easily hear all the newest happenings and check in with the various grants available via the TDF Facebook page. Check it out today!

Visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) for more details on grants and events.





## Beauty Of Snow Crystals

Source: by Anna Norris, 12/16/2015 @ [weather.com](http://weather.com)

Caltech physicist Ken Libbrecht is always on the lookout for the perfect snowflake – only he's looking through a microscope. His incredible macro images of snowflakes show how the incredible crystal structures form and the variety of shapes and patterns they make.

"I really got into this from the science side," Libbrecht told [weather.com](http://weather.com). "I was thinking about the physics of how crystals grow, and soon realized that ice would be an interesting case study. As I began researching the subject, I learned all sorts of things about snowflakes, and realized that it would make a good topic for a book. Of course that meant I needed pictures, and there were surprisingly few to be had, so I started photographing snowflakes myself."

As it happens, the process of photographing an ice crystal is more complicated than you might think.

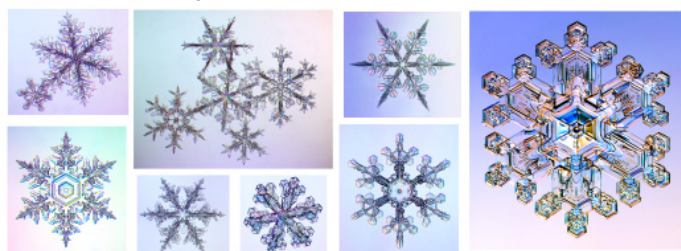
"You have to photograph the crystals as they are falling," Libbrecht explained. "Once on the ground they quickly lose their beautiful shapes."

Libbrecht sets out a piece of foam-core to catch the falling crystals and scans the board to find the best ones. "When I spot a good one, I pick it up using a small paintbrush, set it on a glass slide, and place it under my microscope," he said.

Libbrecht doesn't just photograph snowflakes. He creates them. "I drop a small crystal onto a sapphire plate, and then blow moist air down onto it, causing it to grow," Libbrecht said. Since he lives in Southern California, creating snowflakes from scratch allows him to photograph them whenever he wants. "Plus, my laboratory snowflakes are even more beautiful than the natural variety because I can photograph them as they grow, so their features are sharper," he said.

Libbrecht encourages others to take a closer look at snowflakes. "Get a small magnifier, go outside during a snowfall, and have a look at what you can find," he said. "Not every snowfall brings great crystals, but you never know."

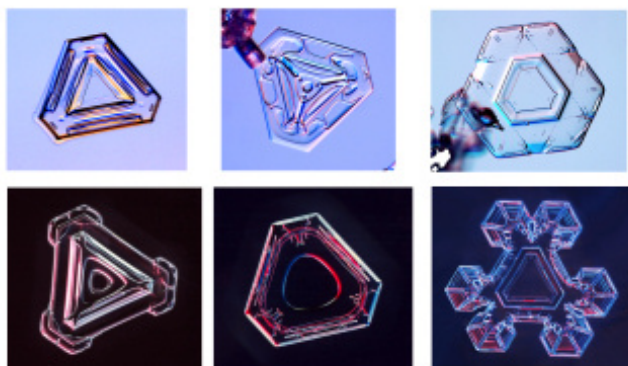
Libbrecht said the prettiest crystals usually fall when the temperature is between 5 and 10 degrees Fahrenheit. You can keep up with Libbrecht's photography, plus all the interesting snowflake facts he's found over the years, at his website [SnowCrystals.com](http://SnowCrystals.com).



**Stellar Dendrites:** These are the most recognizable snow crystals, as you can see from the examples on the right. Their name comes from their star-shaped appearance, along with their branches and sidebranches ("dendrite" means tree-like). Stellar dendrites are also quite large and common, so they are readily spotted on your sleeve, especially if you are wearing a dark fabric. The best specimens usually appear when the weather is quite cold -- about -15 C, or +5 F.



**Fernlike Stellar Dendrites:** These crystals are like Stellar Dendrites (above), but larger and leafier, with many sidebranches that resemble the branches of a fern. If you look carefully, you will see that the sidebranches mostly run parallel to their neighboring branches. You will also see that these crystals are not perfectly symmetrical. The sidebranches on one arm are not the same as those on the other branches.



**Triangular Crystals:** It appears that aerodynamical effects help produce these unusual snow crystals. They are typically small, shaped like truncated triangles. Sometimes branches sprout from the six corners, yielding an unusual symmetry.

These are also the largest snow crystals, and specimens up to 5mm in diameter can be found.



# Events

## ODS Annual General Meeting Report



The AGM was held January 23 at the OSU Campus in OKC, a somewhat scaled-down location from the past several years. The Board felt this the best option for two reasons. First, of course, was because of Covid restrictions on distancing and the limited number of people recommended in group meetings. But perhaps more significantly we took a hard look at the expenses for AGMs in the past, which have been close to \$2000. Part of those expenses had been defrayed by meals that

attendees purchased for \$30, but that has never covered the cost. Also, we have been very aware that meal cost is prohibitive for some members, especially for families. Some have elected to not have the meal, or leave during the meal and return for the Awards. This year the Board felt it more fiscally responsible to seek a less expensive venue. The meeting was a hybrid, with 16 people attending in person, and 10 or so joining us via Zoom. New **2021 Membership Directories** were handed out with the announcement that this will be available online. Anyone wishing a hard copy may contact Jan Cibula Murrell.

The meeting opened with a review of the year, noting that while it was very disappointing to have had to cancel our three big events, we did put together many alternative and creative events. **GCC** held virtual schooling shows that were well attended, and we initiated new **educational opportunities** by way of **Zoom meetings** almost every month. There was a **live Schooling Show** in the OKC area in September, plus the **Members Appreciation Clinic** in November. Members and volunteers were thanked for their support and positive attitudes, and encouraged to keep this up as we move into 2021.

There was a **Special Recognition** to two members for their achievements in 2019. **Shery Guess** was named the **USDF Volunteer of the Year** for her unwavering efforts over many years. **Kirsten Knutson** was recognized for her participation in the **2019 Festival of Champions**, an event that is by invitation only and given only to the top 15 riders in the nation!

A detailed **Financial Report** was prepared and presented by **Marta Koenig**. At first glance there appeared to be a \$15,112 loss, but Marta's report revealed that \$7575 involved expenses that would actually apply to 2021. This mostly involved expenses related to the Spring Symposium and the May Show, such as facility deposits, show ribbons, and show licenses. Fortunately, the Tulsa Expo Center is rolling those deposits over to be applied for this year. The remaining net loss of \$7537 was mostly a result of not being able to generate any fundraising this year, as well as a slight drop off in memberships. Marta made the good point that there are two ways to offset this kind of loss: either we bring in more money or cut expenses. We look forward to taking steps to increase membership (for example, we gained new members at the Appreciation Clinic), and to be creative with fundraising for the May and August Shows. We succeeded in cutting expenses for the AGM, and also because of the volunteerism of **Tricia and Gwyneth Baggett**, the Directory cost significantly less this year. Your Board will continue to search for ways to rectify the loss sustained this year.

Along those lines, Nancy Trait-Lira spoke with excitement about an idea for a **new Vision Committee** which will be tasked with promoting ODS in new and creative ways, increasing awareness of ODS and thereby encouraging new memberships, as well as developing a two- and 5-year plan to ensure forward progress of ODS.

The revision of the Bylaws was to be considered, but after discussion a motion was made to table this for now until both the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures sections are completed. These proposed revisions will then be put on the ODS website for all members to review and discuss. Plans are that this will be done by the 2021 Summer Meeting.

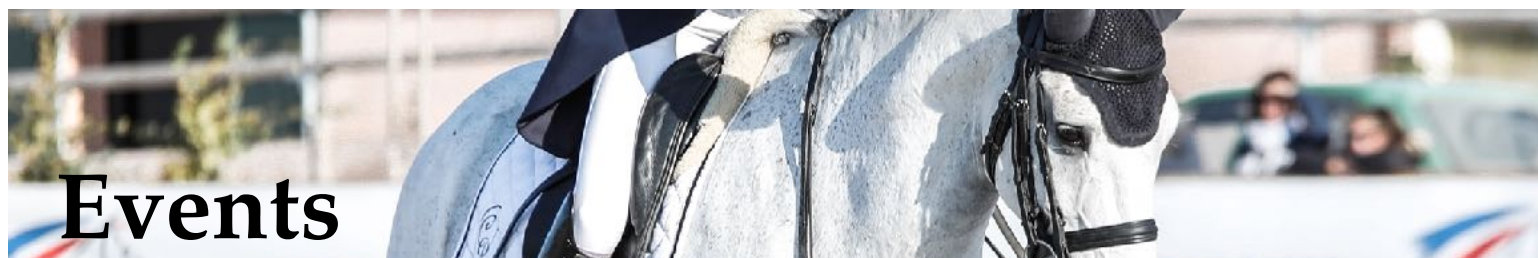
Education reported that Beth Baumert has just cancelled for the April Symposium, giving us little time to find a replacement instructor. Requests were made that lower level clinicians be brought in, giving opportunities for lower level riders to receive instruction. A Judges Seminar and clinic with **Dolly Hannon** is coming up in February. Plans are to resume the educational Zoom meetings.

Show committees reported that plans for the **May Show** are well underway. **GCC** will be offering a full calendar of Schooling Shows, and a **Schooling Show/Ride-a-Test** event is set for OKC in March.

Three Board members had fulfilled their terms: **Marta Koenig, Emily Moser, and Nancy Trait-Lira**. Both Marta and Nancy have agreed to return to the Board, and **Pamela Byers** has agreed to run. There were nominations from the floor: Lyn Francik nominated Pamela DeVore; Pamela DeVore in turn nominated Lyn; Lyn also nominated Amanda Edwards, who declined; Amanda nominated Robin Grain-Walkup. With six nominees, there was a written vote taken from the live attendees. The Zoom attendees texted their votes to Erin, our Secretary. When votes were tallied, the three members coming onto the Board are: **Pamela Byers, Marta Koenig, and Nancy Trait-Lira**.

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# Events

## ODS Annual General Meeting Report *(cont'd)*

Under New Business, the idea of a new **award for recognized shows** was presented. This would be a wood plaque that would have the rider's name on an engraved plate at the top. As riders achieved scores of 60% or above, plates would be awarded that could then be attached to the plaque. A question was raised about something similar for Schooling Shows. It was decided that, as this will incur an added expense to start up, for now we would begin with recognized shows. Details will be worked out by the Board.

Another new idea is to **develop a division of younger aged riders**, with a smaller age range so that the very young riders do not have to compete against riders in their late teens or up to 21. This was met with a favorable response. Details will be addressed by the Board.

The **Bee Pape Award**, a traveling plaque given during the first day of the May Show, was reported to have been filled up with award plates. Danny and Amanda Edwards have purchased a new plaque and will be donating this ongoing award.

That concluded the Business portion of the AGM.

### 2020 SCHOOLING SHOW AWARD WINNERS

#### INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

|          |          |                   |             |
|----------|----------|-------------------|-------------|
| *JR/YR   | Champion | Elizabeth Velasco | Rodney      |
| *Amateur | Champion | Leigh Taylor      | Professor X |

#### TRAINING LEVEL

|          |                 |                   |                      |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| *JR/YR   | Champion        | Mackenzie Kessler | PH OH Pearly Wrhythm |
|          | Res. Champion   | Elizabeth Velasco | Rodney               |
| *Amateur | Champion        | Kat Greubel       | Thunder              |
|          | Res. Champion   | Marta Koenig      | Claro Que Si         |
|          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Laura Taylor      | Lionheart            |
| *Vintage | Champion        | Marta Koenig      | Claro Que Si         |

#### FIRST LEVEL

|          |          |                |          |
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| *Amateur | Champion | Amanda Edwards | Jessanna |
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#### SECOND LEVEL

|       |          |            |                 |
|-------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| *Open | Champion | Kay Kamish | Double Agent WF |
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#### WESTERN DRESSAGE

|        |               |               |         |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| *JR/YR | Champion      | Katie McCall  | Tabihas |
|        | Res. Champion | Karley McCall | Lee     |

#### HORSE OF THE YEAR

|          |                             |
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| Jessanna | Owner/Rider: Amanda Edwards |
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## ODS 2020 Year-End Awards In Pictures



2nd Level Champion Open  
Kay Kamish  
Double Agent WF



Training Level Champion Amateur  
Kat Greubel



Training Level Champion Amateur  
Amanda Edwards  
Jessanna



Training Level Reserve  
Amateur Vintage  
Marta Koenig  
Claro Que Si



USDF 2019 Festival Of Champions  
Kristin Knutson

USDF Volunteer Of The Year  
Sherry Guess



ODS Volunteer Of The Year  
Sue Twitty



ODS Horse Of The Year  
Jessanna  
Amanda Edwards





## SCHOOLING SHOW AND RIDE-A-TEST CLINIC SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

Opening Date: 18 February 2021

Closing Date: 11 March 2021

### High Hill Farm

13800 E. Sorghum Mill Road, Luther, OK 73054

Approximate Start Time: 8 a.m.

Judge: Celeste Brown "r" USEF/USDF Applicant  
USDF "L" Graduate with Distinction and  
USDF Bronze & Silver Medalist

Show Secretary: Susan Peacock/ [susan@showsecretary.com](mailto:susan@showsecretary.com) /405.760.0135

Show Manager: Nancy Trait-Lira/ [ntraitlira19@gmail.com](mailto:ntraitlira19@gmail.com)

***This day provides the perfect opportunity to get ready for the recognized show season by having "eyes-on" help with your ridden test.***

***Schooling Show classes include Classical, Western, Eventing Dressage Tests plus a new special **Elementary (12 & Under) Classical Dressage Division.*****

***Ride-a-Test Clinic provides 20 minutes to ride your test-of-choice followed by a coaching session with judge, Celeste Brown, on how to improve your test scores. Then, ride the same test again after the coaching session. First ride counts toward end-of-year schooling show awards.***



# Events

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY PRESENTS THE:

## *Spring Dressage Show-1&2*

**MAY 8-9 • 2021**  
TULSA EXPO CENTER • TULSA, OK  
A USEF LEVEL 3 COMPETITION\*

**CLIMATE CONTROLLED ARENAS**

**Judges:**  
Anne Cizadlo "S" (Wellington, FL)  
Cheryl Holekamp "S" (Ocala, FL)  
**TD:** Jean Kraus

\*Applied for developing program qualifiers  
(JR/YR/YA, YH & DH)

**Qualifier For:**  
2021 Great American/USDF Regional Championships  
2021 Southwest Dressage Championship  
2021 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program

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## GCC News

### 2021 Board Members

President - Jessie Holland  
 Vice President - Ruthie Haney  
 Secretary - Kara Garde  
 Treasurer - Kat Greubel Ross  
 Member At Large - Corinne Bridgeman

### Schooling Show Dates & Locations

(judges TBA)

Sun. March 21st - YOLy Ranch (formerly SonRise Stables)  
 Sat. April 17th - YOLy Ranch  
 Sun. May 23rd - YOLy Ranch  
 Sat. June 26th - Joyful Noise- Pryor  
 Sat. July 17th - YOLy Ranch  
 Sat. August 14th - Joyful Noise  
 Sun. September 19th - YOLy Ranch  
 Sat. October 16th - YOLy Ranch  
 Sat. November 13th - Champs - Joyful Noise

## The Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award (GCC)

GCC proudly announces a new award, launching this year in 2021! Now available for ODS GCC members, is the Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award, courtesy of Ruthie Haney in honor of her late horse Dreamer.

- Adult Amateurs only.
- Open to all breeds.
- Entrants will submit either a creative writing or video project.
- If submitting a creative writing project, please include photos of you and your horse.
- Project will outline the rider's bond with their horse; any obstacles they have overcome, and the qualities the horse possesses that Dreamer had. (Patience, Wisdom, Courage, Kindness, Determination and Passion.)
- Entries are due November 1, 2021.
- Entries are to be submitted either by mail or email.
- Mail entries to Ruthie Haney: 35016 W Hwy 66 Bristow, OK 74010 or email to [dressage18@yahoo.com](mailto:dressage18@yahoo.com)
- The winner will be announced at the GCC Christmas/Year-End Awards Party 2021.
- The recipient will receive a rose neck garland with nameplate for their horse and the option of choosing a vest, jacket or halter with nameplate.



## Application: Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Breed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Creative writing or video project (circle one)
- Vest or Jacket or Halter with nameplate (circle one)
- Size of Jacket or Vest: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries due 11/1/21

## A Note From Ruthie Haney

I want to thank each one of you who took the time to apply for this award. When I lost Dreamer, I knew that I wanted to do something like this. He was more than just a horse to many people; he represented hope and determination. He was a teacher, a fierce competitor, a loyal and faithful friend. Together we defied the odds and overcame more than one obstacle; we had many highs and lows. But he never wavered from my side. Dreamer was a constant and unyielding presence up until the moment he passed away; even after I know he is still with me, always. I felt that it was important to recognize this bond that we have with our horses, no matter what level of dressage we are at. Dreamer encompassed what it is we seek in our Equine partners. He possessed every quality and more. I know that there are many more out there who have those same qualities. I greatly look forward to your submissions.

Good Luck and Happy Trails! - Ruthie Haney



Photos this page: Jeanie Eaton & Jessie Holland.

## 45 Random, Amazing & Bizarre Facts About Horses

Source: [doubledtrailers.com](http://doubledtrailers.com)

1. Horses have the largest eyes of any land mammal.
2. Horses can run within hours after birth.
3. When horses look like they're laughing, they're actually engaging in a special nose-enhancing technique known as "flehmen," to determine whether a smell is good or bad.
4. At one time people thought horses were colorblind. They're not, though they are better at seeing yellows and greens than purples and violets.
5. A horse's teeth take up a larger amount of space in their head than their brain.
6. You can generally tell the difference between male and female horses by their number of teeth: males have 40 while females have 36 (but honestly, most of us are going to use the much "easier" way).
7. Horse hooves are made from the same protein that comprises human hair and fingernails.
8. The horse trailer ("horse box") was invented by Lord George Bentinck, a U.K. man who needed a more effective transport for getting his six horses from one racetrack to another.
9. In 1872, Leland Stanford (1824-1893) made a bet that at some point in the gallop all four of a horse's legs are off the ground at the same time. Eadweard Muybridge (1830-1904) proved him right by using a series of 24 cameras and photographing a racehorse named Sallie Gardner.
10. Horses are more secure and comfortable when trailering if they can face the rear, but they prefer openings.

A & M Flowers



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**Pine Ridge**  
EQUINE HOSPITAL

Pine Ridge Equine Hospital, PLLC is a full service equine hospital that provides **24/7** surgery, medical, ambulatory, & emergency care. Our veterinarians are experienced in all types of conditions and treatments. Beyond first rate horse care, we make our clinic comfortable, friendly, and a very calm environment so your horse can relax and look forward to meeting his or her own veterinarian.

**Pine Ridge's services include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic
- Coggins
- Dentistry
- Emergency
- Endoscopy/Gastroscopy
- Health Certificates
- In-House Laboratory
- Lameness Exams
- Laser Therapy
- Microchipping
- Pre-Purchase Exams
- Radiology
- Regenerative Therapies
  - Stem Cell, PRP, IRAP
- Reproductive
- Shockwave Therapy
- Surgeries
  - Elective & Emergency
- Ultrasonography
- Wellness
  - Deworming, Vaccines

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 WITH DOLLY HANNON 'S' !**

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\*CURRENT CHAIR OF USDF FREESTYLE COMMITTEE

\* "R" JUDGE IN WESTERN DRESSAGE

## RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24 -25, 2021

Dolly is a well known popular Judge and clinician. In addition to her judging duties, Dolly is an avid rider, and so, knows showing from both sides of the arena. She understands how horses think, and how to train them correctly for success in the show ring. This weekend, we will get the benefit of both those points of view!

Dolly admits her first love is for Musical Freestyles. She enjoys watching them, and teaching about how to put a ride together that is not only technically correct, but with the artistic flair that sets one apart from the rest.

### Friday

**\*\*Special announcement!\*\*** Dolly has agreed to fly in early and will be available for a limited number of lessons!

### Saturday

Mounted Session with emphasis on what Judges hope to see vs. what they actually do see.

**\*\*Check out those Directives! \*\***

Dolly specializes in Musical Freestyles, so if you have one, or want ideas on how to prepare one, she will work on this with you. (Not required!)

Fee for mounted session: \$150 (ODS Members)  
 \$175 (Non-Member)

Auditors: \$15 ODS/ \$20 Non-member

Junior Auditors: \$10 ODS/\$15 Non-member

### Sunday

Are you an "L" Graduate, "r" or higher?

This is the day for you. This will be in a classroom setting, going through tests and discussing appropriate scoring.

This session is open to auditors and juniors

All will be included and all will learn!

**Fees for classroom session:**

**(Member/Non-member)**

"L" Graduate, Judges: \$50/ \$60

Auditors: \$35/\$45

Juniors: \$20/ \$30



**\*\*Riders, "L"s, judges, auditors are invited to submit videos for evaluation!\*\***

**Location** for the mounted session will be at YOLy 13401 S 129<sup>th</sup> E. Ave, Broken Arrow.

**Location** for the Classroom Session will be at YOLy

**Approved for "L" CE and USDF University Credit**

For registration or further information contact: Kay Kamish, ODS President

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Or check us out on our website: [dressageoklahoma.org](http://dressageoklahoma.org)

*Come join us for an educational and very fun weekend!*



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### Registration

Location: All Days: YOLy (formerly Sonrise Stables) 13401 S. 129<sup>th</sup> E. Ave, Broken Arrow, OK

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### Friday and/or Saturday Mounted Clinic

|   |              |     |
|---|--------------|-----|
| Rider Name                                    | Friday       | Sat |
| Address                                       |              |     |
|   |              |     |
| Email   | Phone        |     |
| Horse   | Level Riding |     |
| **Will you be working on a Musical Freestyle? | Yes          | No  |

>> Contact Laurie Hedlund for stabling arrangements: [hedlunddressage@att.net](mailto:hedlunddressage@att.net)<<

>>Stabling and Friday \$15 arena fee paid to YOLy<<

### Sunday Judging Seminar (Unmounted) (for social distancing this will be held in the indoor arena)

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| Name         |                  |
| Address      |                  |
|              |                  |
| Email        | Phone            |
| "L" Graduate | USEF Judge/Level |

\*\*\*This program is approved for CE by USDF for "L" Graduates.

\*\*\*USDF University Credit is automatically awarded for "L" / Judge Participants



### Fees

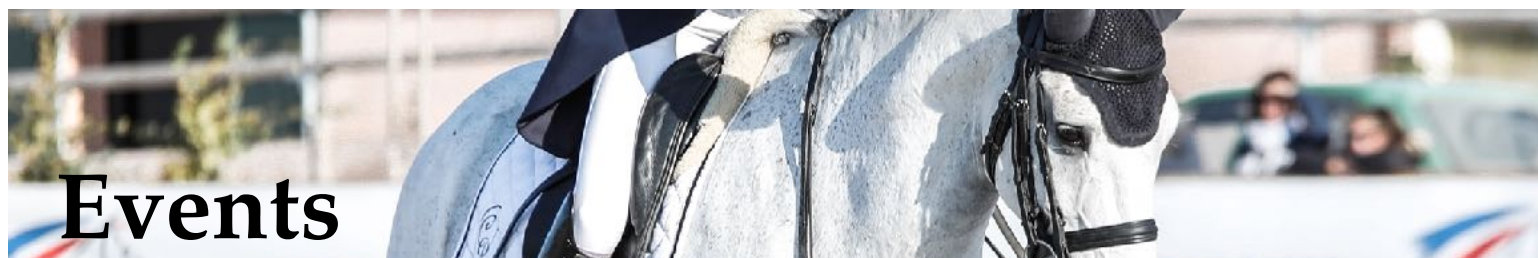
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| Friday Rider  | \$150 ODS Member/ \$175 Non-Member        | _____ |
| Saturday Rider  | \$150 ODS Member/ \$175 Non-member        | _____ |
| Saturday Auditor  | Adult \$15/\$20                           | _____ |
|   | Junior \$10/ \$15                         | _____ |
| Sunday "L" or Licensed Judge                            | \$50 ODS Member/ \$60 Non-Member          | _____ |
| Sunday Auditor (Adult)                                  | \$35 ODS Member/ \$45 Non-member          | _____ |
|   | (Junior) \$20 ODS Member/ \$30 Non-Member | _____ |
| Auditor USDF University Credit                          | \$5.00                                    | _____ |
| ***Auditors: Bring your own chairs***                   |   | _____ |
| Sign up for Lunch Sunday                                | (\$10)                                    | _____ |
| Total Fees (check payable to Oklahoma Dressage Society) |   | _____ |

>>Sign up on line at [dressageoklahoma.org](http://dressageoklahoma.org)

>>Send Registration/Payment to: Kay Kamish 25395 South 4130 Road #B, Claremore, OK 74019

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# Events

NEW



SHOW

## Summer I & II August 21-22, 2021

Opening date: July 9, 2021    Closing date: August 6, 2021

### USEF Level 2 Competition

*Official Qualifying Competition for the:*

*2021 Great American Insurance Group/USDF  
Regional Dressage Championships*

*2021 Southwest Dressage Championships*

*AQHA Approved Dressage Competition*

### Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center

**1700 W. Independence Ave., Shawnee, OK**

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# Announcements

## Congrats!



Please help welcome sweet baby Adeline Blair Cross into the ODS horse family. Baby Adeline was born January 18 and is the granddaughter of ODS member Roberta Clark, who is now a "Gigi!" Roberta's daughter, Carrie, and Adeline are healthy and doing great. Roberta says she hopes Adeline "will grow up to be a little equestrian!"



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# North American Youth Championships

## NEWSLETTER

### Hope to Qualify this Year for a NAYC Team?

*Then It's Time To.....*

- Read [NAYC selection procedures](#)
- Complete your [application and certificate of domicile](#)
- Apply for your horse's [FEI passport](#)
- Book your [hotel](#) in Traverse City
- Support team fundraisers

### ~Don't Get Left Out~

If you think there is a chance that you will be on the NAYC team this year, please make your [hotel reservations](#) now! Just be sure that you make reservations that can be canceled. Traverse City is a busy area in the summer. If you delay, you may not find a hotel that is convenient to the Horse Park. The Holiday Inn Express in Acme is recommended due to its proximity to the Horse Park and price point. Many team members will be staying there, but it is not mandatory that everyone does. Please read [this info](#) from USEF on area hotels and the local airport.

Please let Becky know when your reservations have been made or if you are having trouble finding accommodations.



### Our Regional Coordinator is Key!

Becky Brown is our Region 9 NAYC Coordinator, and she is the go-to person for questions about the application and qualifying process as well as anything else about the NAYC. Contact Becky at (214) 718-0562 or [becky.brown6823@gmail.com](mailto:becky.brown6823@gmail.com)



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Want to be added to our mailing list?

[Email](#) us with your request if you would like to receive communications about Region 9's NAYC teams and other youth news. You may also unsubscribe [here](#).

### Tex-Over Farms CDI\*\*

### Houston Dressage Spring Classic

*April 30- May 4, 2021*

Region 9 is very proud to be one of the few regions outside of Florida and California that hosts a CDI. Thanks to HDS for organizing and to Tex-Over Farms for sponsoring the event this year! Got questions?.....check out the Q & A below.

*All riders who are planning to qualify for the NAYC or for the USEF National Championships in any of the junior divisions or in the U25 Grand Prix are encouraged to participate in this event.*

#### What is a CDI?

CDI stands for 'Concours de Dressage International' and it is a show that is conducted according to FEI rules. The FEI or Fédération Équestre Internationale is the international governing body for equestrian sport while the USEF is our national governing body. A CDI only offers 'FEI' classes which will include GP, Intermediaire, Prix St Georges, FEI Junior and Young Riders, and the FEI Children's and Pony classes. Many times there will be a national show running concurrently with the CDI, and it will offer the other classes that we are used to seeing at our shows. A rider who is riding in the CDI may not enter the national show with the same horse.

#### Why is it important to participate?

Competing at a CDI is an important learning experience. Many of the rules are different in a CDI. It's good to have the opportunity to learn what is expected from riders at a CDI before getting to an FEI championship like the NAYC.

#### Will my scores count toward NAYC qualifying?

Scores may be used for NAYC qualifying at the discretion of the athlete. Scores must be submitted via the [USEF CDI and Championship Report Form](#) within the specified deadline stated on the form to count toward qualifying.

#### What rules are different?

There are a number of rules that are different for FEI competitions including permitted equipment and medications for both horse and rider. It's a good idea to get familiar with the [FEI rule book](#) and discuss any questions that you have with your trainer.

#### What is a jog?

The purpose of the jog along with the in-stall inspection is to positively identify your horse and to evaluate its soundness and fitness to compete.

#### Does my horse need a passport?

Yes, your horse will need either an FEI passport or a national passport. Certain vaccinations must be documented on the passport so please allow 8 to 10 weeks for this process. Learn more [here](#).

### Region 9 Newsletter Links:

[NAYC Selection Procedures](#)

[NAYC Application](#)

[Hotel Reservations](#) for NAYC in Traverse City

[Info from USEF](#) regarding hotel & airport

[NAYC Info](#)

[FEI Rule Book](#) & [FEI Passport Info](#)

Want to be added to the Region 9 Newsletter distribution list? Click [here](#).



## EXTENSION

The 2021 OSU Horse Owners Workshop will be held virtually every Thursday in March from 7-9 pm. That's March 4, 11, 18 and 25th. Cost of registration is \$10 and all proceeds will support Special Clovers Equestrian. Participants will be receive access to all lectures and supporting materials, access for 60 days to recorded presentations and can ask questions directly to participants. Upon registering you will receive a Zoom link and access to a shared documents folder.

Schedule:

March 4

- 7 pm - Equine Eye Injuries - Dr. Lauren Lamb
- 8 pm - Hoofprints and Footprints - Custer County 4H horse leaders

Discover the many ways your horse loving student can get involved in your community and act locally through horse-related activities and events that develop leadership and citizenship skills.

Certified Custer County 4-H Leaders, Marie Frans and Michelle Stephens along with Reagan Stephens a former member of the the club will give you the ends and outs of creating a horse club that works on youth development in leadership, civic engagement, equine science and horsemanship. They will also share their strategy and practical ways to cultivate donor engagement.

### March 11

- Year round veterinary care - Dr. Lisa Mauzerall, Benchmark Animal Hospital
- Equine Allergies - Dr. Todd Holbrook, OSU College of Veterinary Medicine

### March 18

7 pm

- The Nuts and Bolts of a Virtual Youth Equine Science Camp, Penn State 4H Horse Program Team

8 pm

- Adapting lessons to riders of all abilities - PATH Int. Region 8

### March 25

- Your County Agriculture Educator: Meet Your New Best Friend - Brad Secraw. Cleveland county extension educator
- Plant Toxicities in Oklahoma - Kris Hiney

That's 8 amazing lectures for only \$10. Sign up today!  
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For more information or details, visit:  
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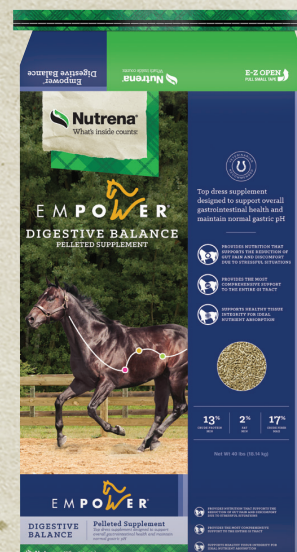
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ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

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 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov 30<sup>th</sup> . Membership dues are late after November 30<sup>th</sup> .**

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 30<sup>th</sup> .*** - (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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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, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>) ☐ "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 Nancy Trait-Lira: [ntraitlira19@gmail.com](mailto:ntraitlira19@gmail.com) Phone: 405-454-1766 (membership) Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.



# Events Calendar

## *Horse Shows | Meetings | Clinics | Symposiums | Social Events*

Go to the Events Calendar tab on [dressageoklahoma.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org). To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at [newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org](mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org). The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>March 21</b>         | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>March 27</b>         | <b>ODS Schooling Show &amp; Clinic Combo Event</b> (OKC Area)           |
| <b>April 9-11</b>       | <b>ODS Spring Symposium</b> (Canceled)                                  |
| <b>April 17</b>         | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>April 24-25</b>      | <b>ODS Judging Seminar with Dolly Hannon</b> (new date)                 |
| <b>April 30 - May 4</b> | <b>Houston Dressage Spring Classic CDI</b> (TexOver Farms - Conroe, TX) |
| <b>May 8-9</b>          | <b>ODS Spring Dressage Shows I &amp; II</b>                             |
| <b>May 23</b>           | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>June 19-20</b>       | <b>GCDC Show</b>  |
| <b>June 26</b>          | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)                       |
| <b>July</b>             | <b>ODS Summer Meeting</b> (date TBA; Tulsa)                             |
| <b>July 17</b>          | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>Aug 14</b>           | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)                       |
| <b>Aug 21-22</b>        | <b>ODS Summer Dressage Shows I &amp; II</b> (Shawnee)                   |
| <b>September</b>        | <b>ODS Volunteers Free Clinic</b> (date & location TBA)                 |
| <b>Sept 19</b>          | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>Oct 7-10</b>         | <b>Region 9 Championships</b>   |
| <b>Oct 16</b>           | <b>GCC Schooling Show</b> (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)                    |
| <b>Nov 11-14</b>        | <b>USDF Finals</b> (Kentucky)   |
| <b>Nov 13</b>           | <b>GCC Schooling Show Championships</b> (@ Joyful Noise, Pryor)         |
| <b>Dec 1-4</b>          | <b>USDF Convention</b> (Houston)  |

## 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 6:30pm.

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

**Next ODS Board Meeting:**  
**March 10**  
**@ 6:30 pm.**



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