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Letter From The President

Hello Friends,

ODS started April and Spring off with a bang, with a very successful **Symposium with Lilo Fore!** The weather was perfect, horses and riders were all in great form, we had chairs filled with of auditors, and Lilo was a delight! Who could ask for more!? I know many of you were there, and I hope you enjoyed it! Check inside for two reports about the weekend.

The whole Symposium experience brought me once again to a state of such deep gratitude for this club and its members, and how people pull together to make a successful event. I read a research report recently that showed people who experienced, recognized, and meditated on gratitude actually raised the levels of their immune system! Meaning they were less prone to sickness and pain ~ how great is that? And gratitude can show up in the most unexpected places.

I was just in my grocery store, and went to the line of a familiar cashier, an older lady who inevitably greets everyone with a big smile. But that day was different, a sparking bad energy around her and a man who was glaring at her, sending green ick waves of disapproval all over her. She could feel it and was nearly in tears when I started unloading my cart. I asked if she was OK, and she said she just

didn't understand why people had to be that way. I suggested spinning that around, and being grateful she didn't live inside his angry, unpleasant skin. She completely transformed when she 'got' that idea! Change your perspective, change your mind, change your attitude. Give it a try ~ what are YOU grateful for? I'm grateful for my Board, my club, my horses, my health.... Oh, the list can go on and on.....

Happy Spring riding my friends! Yes, I'm even grateful for the rain that prevents a day of riding, because it is making my pastures green and my flowers bloom!

~ Kay



Danny & Kay

Host House Call-Out for USDF "L" Judges Program

As so many are aware, ODS is hosting the first of three sessions of the **USDF "L" Judges Program** on **May 21-22**. When planning dates that would work with "L" Faculty, it was never dreamed that the very same weekend would be the PGA Golf Tournament in Tulsa! It seems they have a somewhat bigger draw than dressage events (lol), and as the planning team set about to find a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town attendees, it was surprising to find many of the hotels either completely booked, or unwilling to reserve rooms for ODS. While ODS did give warning, and visitors are finding rooms or Air BNBs, The ODS planning team thought a nice idea would be to collect a list of generous ODS members who would be willing to offer a room for program visitors.

If you are willing to take an overnight guest at your home, please contact Sherry Guess as soon as possible. Sherry is the "L" Program Director, and she will make that list available to interested visitors looking for lodging!

Thank you all in advance!!!



Save The Date! ODS Summer Meeting

July 16, 2022 @ Oklahoma County Extension Center

11:00am to 3:00pm

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Ready...Set...Almost There! ODS Spring Shows Just Around The Corner

ODS's Spring Shows are just around the corner - 30th & May 1st at Tulsa Expo Square.

Come join competitors, family, and friends for the **Friday evening Stall Crawl** from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Competitors lay out their favorite snacks and drinks at stalls for all to enjoy. We crawl down the aisle ways from stall to stall for food and fellowship with riders, family and friends. This is a great time to make new horsey acquaintances.

Online Entries are due April 21st or mailed in entries must be postmarked April 21st. If you are not showing, please say "yes" to **Sherry Guess** when she asks for your help or email Sherry at guessdrsg@aol.com to volunteer. Without our volunteers who give their time and talents, ODS could not put on such a first class show.

We are still accepting donations for the **Silent Auction!** Contact me for details!

See you soon! -Roberta Clark, Show Chairperson



Stall Crawl!
Friday
5:30pm





Spring Symposium Report

ODS did it again! We brought in another internationally recognized presenter for another successful Symposium! **Lilo Fore** was in great form as she guided 19 horses and riders through patterns and exercises designed to improve and refine their performance. She frequently explained what she was looking for, that little extra something, little more forward here, more balance there, lightness now, shorter reins for better connection. Through explaining to the riders, she let the auditors know what she was after, what she knew could be a little more, a little better. Occasionally she would get sharp in her tone, and then say, "Oops! That was my German voice!", and would laugh to take any sting out of what she had said. Lilo, as would be expected of someone with her background, experience and training, adapted her teaching demands according to level of horse or rider. With lower level or amateur riders, she patiently took time to gently mold them into better performers. As horses and riders became more experienced, her standards became stricter and expectations higher. She was demanding, encouraging, and she had a clear idea of what she wanted the horses and riders to be doing to be not only correct, but fair to the horses.

What a great experience for all of us!

Some of Lilo's pearls of wisdom:

* I want horses to work from a place of balance. I want them to develop correctly up the levels, that they can do exercises but not worry as they try new ones. Sometimes they have to work through their issues. You have to play with the combinations to see where they can go.

* We have to find helpful ways to help improve and make positive changes. Don't ever say "you must!" You have to allow the horse to tell you what is the best way to be fair to both horse and rider. Find places to make the horse better.

*BALANCE is really what dressage is all about. You have to balance and educate their natural gaits!!

*See what's in front of you and feel what's behind you!!

A thousand "thanks" to Lilo for gracing us with her knowledge and great company. And to all those who made this possible: **Pamela Byers** for hours of organization, **Sherry Guess** and **Marta Koenig** (and granddaughter, **Ramona**) for arena set up, **Nancy Trait-Lira** for barn management, and the countless others who helped with their encouragement. Thanks also goes to the riders who put themselves out there in public, and thanks to the auditors who made the effort to expand their education.

Finally, thanks goes to USDF for their guidance and support, and offer of the GMO Initiative Grant. It is a big group effort, and such a rewarding feeling to see it all come to pass!

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Spring Symposium In Pictures



Symposium Rider Participants (left to right): Richal Flannery on Sky Full of Stars; back row: Jackie Schwartz, Molly Ralstin, Dallas Sweat, Gwyneth Baggett, Lilo Fore, Kay Kamish on Double Agent, Laura Taylor, Laurie Hedlund, Joanne Baum, Whitney Vess, Gail Abele; (kneeling) Nicole Riffe, Audrey McKenna, Bay Greenhill, Mimi Benton. (Absent: Roberta Clark, Deb Girlinghouse, Erin Nelson)



Lilo with the auditors.

Show Secretary.com



Lilo with Laurie Hedlund aboard Litri, and owner Angela French.



Lilo with Joanne Baum on Levi and Deb Girlinghouse on Beringer.



Lilo with Kay Kamish aboard Double Agent and Richal Flannery on Sky Full of Stars.



Lilo with Gwyneth Baggett aboard Renzi.



Richal Flannery aboard Sky Full of Stars.



Kay Kamish aboard Double Agent.



It's Show Time! ODS Spring Show Update

By Roberta Clark Roberta.clark@sbcglobal.net

Entries open **March 15!** Entry Deadline **April 21!**
Show Dates: **April 30 & May 1 @ Tulsa Expo Center**

Features:

- ODS will be hosting the Friday night Stall Crawl!
- Wine and cheese party Saturday during the award presentations.
- Bring your checkbooks for the Silent Auction!



The Oklahoma Dressage Society's Spring I & II show are just around the corner. This show will have the Stall Crawl on Friday evening, so come prepared with a favorite dish to share with horsey friends as everyone "crawls" around neighbors' stalls. It's such a great time to meet new people and converse with old friends.

Sherry Guess is working on another amazing silent auction. Please consider putting together an awesome basket of items that others would love to bid on and take home with them. Contact Sherry for details on how you can contribute: guessdrsg@aol.com.

Saturday after the last ride, ODS awards will be presented from the day's competition. It's a special time as the Bob and Bee Pape Award will be presented. Cathy Orban and Pam Rhodes have been working hard to organize all the breed awards. Be sure to have your ODS membership with your particular breed organization to qualify for special ribbons and awards. Awards with drinks and hors d'oeuvres after Saturday's last ride will be condensed so that everyone can tend to their horses and make dinner plans or even get to bed early.

Volunteers are the backbone to any organization and especially true for ODS. So many of you are gracious to work days to make this show the success that it is. Sherry and I look forward to your support again this year. Contact me (Roberta) at Roberta.clark@sbcglobal.net to find out how you can volunteer. Contact me early to secure your preferred volunteer role!

Please share about this upcoming show with your horse friends and encourage them to turn in their entries early.

There are many opportunities for vendors and sponsorships at the spring shows. Contact me (Roberta) at Roberta.clark@sbcglobal.net for more information. There are many levels of options for your business such as vendor booth spaces and advertising in the show program, among many others, all of which have great benefits to help you reach customers!

On behalf of ODS, we are looking forward to seeing many in the saddle or on the ground supporting our awesome club, the Oklahoma Dressage Society!

On The Lilo Fore Symposium

I want to thank Oklahoma Dressage Society for their continuing commitment to dressage education. Sunday, we wrapped up the Lilo Fore Symposium at the Tulsa Expo. It was well attended by auditors who had a broad spectrum of quality demo riders and their horses to watch and learn from. Lilo was entertaining, insightful and to the point with each horse and rider.

I brought my 9-year-old granddaughter. She has been riding my Haflinger pony the last several years and is starting to show him this year. My objective in bringing her was to help her see in action some of the concepts we have been talking about as she rides. Saturday evening, we went home after a full day of watching horses and riders and saddled up. We talked about the strong, ground covering trots we had watched that day and compared it to the little pony trot Basil usually gives her. He is kind and obedient with her, but pokey. So when I called out, "more!, more!," she had a concept of what a forward trot looks like, and she produced it! For me that was worth the price of admission. But that's not all.

One thing Lilo said that made a big impression on me was, "ROUND IS NOT DOWN!!!" Then she gave a concise description of what being "on the bit" really is. Short reins, close the fist, bend the elbows and use the legs to send the horse forward to the bit. Today I had the opportunity to get on my horses and try it out. I have been struggling (unconsciously) with the image that round is down. Today when I applied Lilo's words to my position along with the mental examples that I had watched all weekend, my horses thanked me with joyful forwardness.

So, thank you Lilo for willingly sharing your expertise. Thank you, Oklahoma Dressage Society for your commitment to dressage education. And thank all of you leaders and members who gave of their time and talent to wrestle with the mountain of details and heavy lifting it takes to put on an event that can change understandings and ridden outcomes. Thank you!

-Marta Koenig

Notable ODS Members In Service

There are so many things that go on with our members outside of what we know about them related to horse activities. Two things came to our attention this past month.

Board member, **Sherri Pittman**, moved up to Copan, OK from Houston last year. She had been a teacher in the Houston school system for years, and then took extensive training in laser work on horses, developing a successful and gratifying business serving horses in need. She left all that to move back to Oklahoma to be near her mother and family. She took a position in the Copan School system teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, and facing the challenges of a small, underfunded rural school. She dealt with many things, COVID included, and worked to bring a higher level of professionalism and commitment to her classes. Happily, her efforts were recognized and she was named Copan Public Schools Teacher of the Year! We can all be proud of this unsung hero (as all teachers are), dedicated to educating the children and giving them a greater prospect for their futures.

Member **Jennifer Brittain** has a busy full-time job, and yet has volunteered her time three afternoons a week for 8 weeks to work with a group of children in an after school enrichment program as part of the Pryor School system. Students are learning about daily horse care, grooming, anatomy, nutrition, veterinary care, hoof care, tack, equine therapies, a variety of equine sports and disciplines, and horse behavior. A consistent focus on horse behavior and horse/human communication and cooperation is taught throughout the course.

Students learn about herd mentality, prey/predator behavior, non-verbal communication, and various ground skills for safety and foundation training. Last week Jennifer invited ODS President, **Kay Kamish** and her partner, Double Agent (Danny) to come do a Dressage demonstration. As Kay rode, Jennifer provided a commentary, explaining the various movements being shown. For a bit of fun, the demonstration finished up with a ride put to music. Jennifer is shown with the group, standing next to Danny with the ball cap on. The other picture is the miracle of how energy can work ~ Danny at peace, enjoying the adoring and awestruck voices and petting from the group of children. He stood in an almost meditative state, never shifted his feet, and the little people crowded around him and felt the magic of his soft coat and powerful muscles. What a wonderful program, giving these kids education and exposure to horses ~ thanks, Jennifer for possibly lighting a spark in another horse-lover!



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ODS President Kay Kamish on her horse Double Agent (aka Danny) at ODS member Jennifer Brittain's (shown in ball cap, left) property during an after school enrichment program field trip.





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The program is open for those interested in participating as "L" Candidates seeking to test for their designation as "L" Graduates and available for judging Schooling Shows.

Those not wishing to test are welcome and encouraged to attend as Auditors.

SAVE THESE DATES

- Session A** May 21 – 22 Rocking C Ranch/Mounted, Inola, Oklahoma
RSU Claremore/Classroom sessions
Hosted by Oklahoma Dressage Society
Introduction to judging and biomechanics Joan Darnell
- Session B** July 30 – 31 Valley View Equestrian Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Hosted by Central Plains Dressage Society
Judging Criteria for gaits, paces, movements, and figures
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
- Session C** October 15 – 16 Capall Stables, Wichita, Kansas
Hosted by Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association
Collective Marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics
Kathy Rowse

For further information or applications please contact the Program Coordinator:
Sherry Guess guessdrsg@aol.com 918.640.1204

"L" Program Update

Sherry Guess, the ODS program coordinator, reports that, at press time, there are 16 Participants (Judge Candidates) coming from Oklahoma as well as Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Nebraska and Iowa! It was anticipated that this program would be popular - how exciting to see how true this is.

If you have any thoughts to learning more about judging, whether you intend to go on through the whole program or not, please sign up. If you are hesitant because you do not yet have the scores required to go on to test for your "L," remember that you have two years to acquire those scores; they do not have to be in place as you go through Part 1.

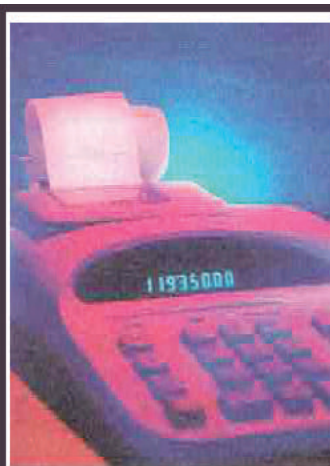
There will be room for Auditors, so be sure to sign up — the earlier the better, as it will help Sherry with the necessary planning.

Location:

Sat/ Sun morning Unmounted sessions
Rogers University/ Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center,
Claremore, OK

Sunday afternoon Mounted session
Rocking C Ranch (Patty Couch)
Inola, OK

Note: The PGA Tournament is in Tulsa during the same weekend, so it is advised to book lodging ASAP.



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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!

Feline Exercises for The Equestrian Sport: Same As Humans

Meow to everyone. Ms. Rocket knows what time of year it is. It's April! It's Spring! And you know what springtime brings to creatures of all kinds? Mmmmrooww..... time to get in shape for riding!

I've already started my daily exercise routine. Every morning, I jump up on the counter by the garage door and sit tall like a statue. The first exercise in my series. Holding still uses every muscle that I have, even in my ears and eyes. I'll even check my balance by elegantly lifting one of my back paws. That paw then reaches the precise level so I can slowly reach with my tongue and use that to clean my back claws or between my back toes. Have you tried that this morning? Balance is very important when riding your favorite equine.

Then, I'll begin the second set of exercises in my daily Getting In Shape routine. I first turn my eyes, then my nose with my ears following. This movement trickles down through my head to my neck and into my upper torso. The movement continues to slide down my spine to rotate my ribs in the same direction and complete my spiral while leaving my pelvis and legs in the exact same position they began. Now I can see down the hallway to the door. Feel the stretch in the opposite hip and how it connects all the way through the torso and up the neck through to the top of the head between the ears? You should always stretch before riding your favorite equine.

To begin the third set of exercises, I bring the top of my pelvis, followed by my hips, and facilitated by the pushing off of my outside hind paw while supporting myself on my inside hind. This all begins the lengthening of both hind legs and the un-spiraling of the spine. Don't forget that mini-half-halt on that inside hind to keep that foot in place underneath the center of gravity and your seat. Now you're in the perfect position to ready yourself for that "leap of faith." Always remember to keep your core lengthening in preparation for mounting your favorite equine.

The fourth set of exercises begins with the gathering of the power of the hind legs underneath your balanced seat. Remember your balance, the stretch of lengthening those legs, and the strength of your core to maintain control as your body moves. Your favorite equine places themselves squared in front of you with their broad, flat back level with your launching pad and POUNCE! The timing must be perfect as you settle into the saddle while your riding partner is tying her shoes.

Ready to go out to the barn.....

♡,
Ms Rocket





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ODS's Green Country Chapter 2022 Schooling Shows Announced

May 15 - Riverbend
June 25 - Riverfield Stables
July 16 - evening show at YOLy
Sept 11 - Riverfield Stables
Oct 15 - YOLy
Nov 5 - Schooling Show Championships/ Riverbend Arena



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NEW DEADLINE FOR FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: April 21, 2022

This second **30 days before the event deadline** has been initiated by the ODS Board & the ODS Scholarship Committee because of the 2022 joint sponsorship of the USDF "L" Program, Part 1 and the three (3) sessions that event will include. The ODS Scholarships are available only for ODS members in good standing.

Part 1 of the USDF "L" Program consists of both classroom sessions (lectures and videos) and live demonstrations. The program takes a systematic and orderly approach to explaining the judge's methodology. It examines bio-mechanics of the horse's gaits and the rider's position; the scoring system; appropriate comments; and, how the horse properly demonstrates the basics through the first three levels of dressage (Training through Second Level). Individuals may register as Participants or Auditors. Participants are granted access to training materials and homework on the USDF website. Auditors are also provided information on the website, but do not need to complete homework. Auditors are able to listen and view the entire program, but are not permitted to ask questions unless time permits.

Session A will take place May 21-22, at Rogers State University in Claremore, and Rocking C Ranch in Inola, OK. Session B will take place July 30-31, at Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater, OK. Session C will take place October 15-16 at Capall Stables in Wichita, KS.

For further information or applications for the "**L**" Program, please contact the Program Coordinator: Sherry Guess guessdrsg@aol.com or 918.640.1204. Information is also available on the ODS website: <https://www.dressageoklahoma.org>. For **ODS Scholarship Applications**, please download the forms & information from the ODS website or contact Nancy Trait-Lira ntraitlira19@gmail.com.

GCDC Show Update: Postponed to June 2023

The difficult decision was made by the GCC Board to cancel this year's GCDC Show on March 12, 13. Even with a strong phone campaign to encourage entries, there just were not enough to make the show financially feasible. The rough February weather seemed a big deterrent, with many riders and trainers feeling they just did not have their horses up to show condition. GCC did not have the financial depth to take a loss on the show, and there was concern about how the cancellation penalties would affect them. Through the good grace of the two judges, Charlotte Trentleman and Judy Downer, neither are charging a penalty fee, nor are the TD or announcer, so that helps GCC save quite a bit of money. After a discussion with the ODS Show committee (Roberta Clark, Sherry Guess, Anne Kuhns) and Kara Garde, GCC President, the ODS Board voted to take on responsibility for GCDC in 2023, and return to a June date at the Claremore Expo! So this fine show, with an over 20-year history, will be back! Tentative date: **June 10 - 11, 2023**

What I think I look like



What my instructor sees





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.


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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.

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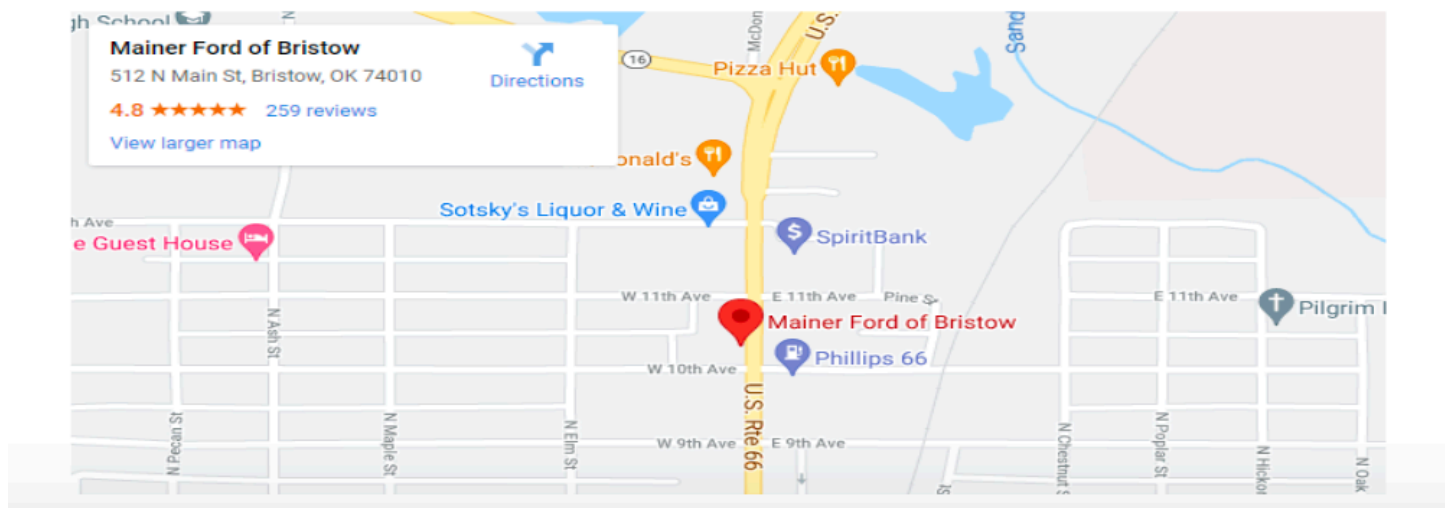
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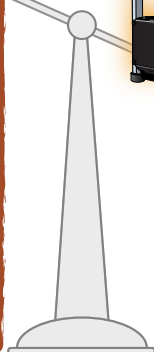
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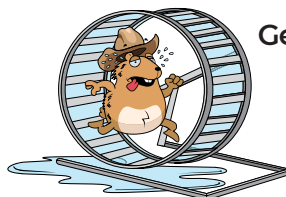
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New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____

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 ____ \$ _____

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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.

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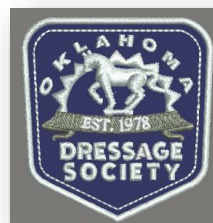
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Events Calendar

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.

- Apr 3-24 Cabin Fever Virtual Show**
(Entries Open; Video Submissions through May 13)
- Apr 30-May 1 ODS Spring I & II Recognized Shows (Tulsa Expo)**
- May 14-22 Cabin Fever Virtual Show (Judging)**
- May 21-22 USDF "L" Program, Session A (Inola, Claremore)**
- May 23-June 13 Beat The Heat Virtual Show**
(Entries Open; Video Submissions through July 1)
- July 2-11 Beat The Heat Virtual Show (Judging)**
- July 16 ODS Summer Meeting (OKC Extension Center)**
- July 30-31 USDF "L" Program, Session B (Stillwater)**
- Oct 15-16 USDF "L" Program, Session C (Wichita, KS)**



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**Next ODS Board
Meeting:**

May 11

@ 7:00 pm.



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