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Second Wed. of the Month
Conference Call
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October 11, 2022, 6:45 PM

A Message from Your Editor

Hello Readers!

Welcome to the Get to Know Your NODA Board edition of the NODA News! What fun to read every article and photos sent in by these very active NODA members. Your board spends all year planning dressage activities for members and many ride, compete, and enjoy their horses. Some board members were not able to complete their bios for this edition - it takes time to write and dig up all the photos. But I have it on good authority that we'll get a few more bios trickling in which we'll publish in 2022, Issue 11/November. Bios start on page 9.

There is a lot on the <u>News You Can Use</u> page this month. Please be sure to check out <u>page four</u> so you don't miss out. Two events are coming up FAST! The JR/YR BRAIDING CLINIC on October 16th at 2 PM with Laura Stepic at Candle Light Farms planned by Jennifer Cooper, our Youth Liaison. And it's time to compete to WIN A PIZZA PARTY for your stable, family or friends by earning the most \$\$\$ for NODA by putting together a basket or item for the Silent Auction at the Annual Celebration. If you need more information contact Banquet Chair Kirk Morehead at 440-336-1311 or Banquet@nodarider.org

Your Education Co-chairs, Sally Burton and Patti Valencic have been busy writing grant applications and are pleased to announce grants from The Dressage Foundation for the November Dressage Professional Initiative and the USDF GMO Education Initiative Fund for the January Unmounted New Test Seminar with Margaret Freeman "S" Judge. This keeps the costs of both programs low for our members. Find out more on page 9 and at www.nodarider.org/events

The NODA Year End Celebration and Brunch is back for 2022 and just around the corner. I think it will be well attended because we're all so very happy to be out and about. Help is needed to set up and clean up, see ad on page 17. We may need check-in assistance, membership, and other help. Contact Kirk at Banquet@nodarider.org. Your cost to attend has stayed the same as the 2019 celebration. Register online - the link is now live at www.nodarider.org/event-4968050 UNLESS you are using NODA Bucks, then use the form on page 14 to register by mail.

Enjoy the article Cassandra Hummert-Johnson wrote about becoming an FEI Jump Steward. NODA supported her journey with a professional grant and Cassandra is sharing her experience with you starting on <u>page 6</u>.

Heads up! It's your turn to send YOUR PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS! In December the NODA News wants to celebrate the holidays with you and your horses, dogs, cats...friends. ANY Holiday! Have you ridden in a Fourth of July parade? Taken Holiday photos with your four legged friends? Enjoyed a Memorial Day or Labor Day trail ride? Share the fun and photos. You can send your photos and captions to mosie-editor@nodarider.org.

Hope to see you at the banquet!

Mosie Welch <u>Mosie-Editor@nodarider.org</u>

COVER: Mosie Welch trying to celebrate ribbons with Aleksandr Robyn WH aka Alaska after the August CADS Red, White, and Blue Schooling Show. Alaska was not in the mood for photos so Mosie is laughing at his antics as she bribes him with sugar to show off his cuteness. Photo courtesy of Denis Osowski

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NODA News You Can Use

USDF is thrilled to announce that Janine Malone, Lisa Gorretta, & Bonna McCuiston have been named as the 2022



Roemer Foundation/ USDF Hall of Fame Inductee, Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, & USDF Member of Distinction, respectively.

Lisa Goretta, left, Past USDF President and long-time NODA member will be the USDF Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient at the 2022 USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky in December.

All three of these deserving women will be recognized & honored at the Salute Gala, held during the 2022

Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, in Lexington, KY.

JR/YR BRAIDING CLINIC

(Clinic will open to Adults on 10/1 if not filled at that time)

October 16th 2 PM

with Laura Stepic
Candle Light Farms, 15689 GAR Hwy, Montville, OH

FREE, But you must register

Register at www.nodarider.org/events at this link: https://www.nodarider.org/events at this link: https://www.nodarider.org/events at this link: https://www.nodarider.org/events at this link: https://www.nodarider.org/event-4972051

Contact Jen Cooper at ir-yr@nodarider.org for any questions



Attention 2021 NODA Year-End Trophy Winners!

It is time to return "Rotating Trophies"

Return by October 20th to:

- · Big Dee's, Streetsboro
- · Flow Equestrian, Bainbridge
- · Rocky River Stables-Valley Riding
- · CVF—Championship Show—10/8 or 10/9

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For more information or questions, please contact:

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The Silent Auction Pizza Party Contest is BACK!

WIN A PIZZA PARTY for Your Stable, Organization, Family, Or Friends

FIND OUT MORE on PAGE 13 of this newsletter

Questions? Contact Kirk at kmore@en.com (Pizza Party Redemption 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023)

2022 Awards Celebration and Brunch

News and How to Register

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NEW IN 2023!

Member Thank You Ads to RUN in the January NODA News

Year End Awards and Banquet Edition & On the Education Page of the Website

All Proceeds will Benefit NODA Education Events

A GREAT way to celebrate members, family, and friends achievements while supporting NODA's Education Events

Find Out More on page 8 of this Newsletter



USDF BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD MEDALIST **USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR**

A.R.T. Dressage







NOW ACCEPTING TRAINING HORSES AND LESSONS

Ashley is located at Endeavor Farm in Hudson Ohio. Ashley has recently come back to Northeast Ohio from South Florida. She is now accepting horses in training at her facility. Is available for haul in lessons at her farm and travels to surrounding areas. Please contact Ashley with any questions you may have.



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Becoming an FEI Jump Steward

By Cassandra Hummert-Johnson

In 2021 I applied for and was awarded the NODA Professional Grant, and I used the funds to attend the FEI Steward Level 1 promotion course in Wellington, Florida. I want to sincerely thank NODA for its contribution towards my education and allowing me to attend this course.

I have always been drawn to the structure and function of the FEI (the Swiss Federation Equestre Internationale), which is the governing body with whom the USEF works alongside to produce international events. As a junior, young rider and U25 rider, I competed in many CDI's (the designation for an international dressage event), and appreciated the rules and processes that horses and riders must follow during the week-long events. These include check-in procedures and passport control, jogging the horse for the vet for soundness, designated warm up and schooling areas and times, restricted entry to stabling areas, prize giving cere-

monies, etc. I am a very type-A person, as any person who knows me will attest to, and I really like having structure, which drew me towards becoming an FEI steward.

An FEI steward is the liaison between the competition management and competitors. They are not there to police but rather "help, prevent, and intervene". An FEI steward has many roles at the horse show, from start to finish. Some of these duties include assisting the vet and management run the jog, observing the warmup and schooling areas for horse welfare, walking through the barns looking for anomalies, being aware of changes and peculiarities in a person's behavior, checking and documenting barn access credentials, and assisting competitors with questions, issues or other inquiries that may or may not require intervention of the competition management.



Cassandra with her horse Dianella (Flower), a 2015 limited, but Dan encouraged
Hanoverian 16.1 bay by Danone who is by DeNiro. They me to apprentice and observe
have competed in the FEI 7 year old division in 2022 and and helped me arrange horse
are schooling towards the Grand Prix. shows to attend. In these ap-

Photo courtesy of Autumn Harvey

I started this journey with the dressage path in mind, and began working through the requirements to become a USEF/USDF technical delegate. With COVID, FEI courses were and still are scarce, and I figured I would begin within my own country's organization. Being a TD shares similarity with being an FEI steward, and one must be a TD in order to become a Level 2 Dressage Steward, which was my motivation.

Part way through the spring of 2021, Dan Reed, who is the U.S. Steward General for show jumping, called me and inquired if I would be interested in becoming a steward for show jumping. I was hesitant, knowing that my knowledge of jumping rules, especially FEI, was limited, but Dan encouraged me to apprentice and observe and helped me arrange horse shows to attend. In these apprenticeships, I worked with the stewards and assisted where it was appropriate,

learning the ins and outs of FEI jumping rules.

Because I already had a good grasp of general FEI rules in the barns and on the grounds, the real obstacle was learning and studying the rules for the jumps themselves and jumping in the warm up and schooling areas. Jumpers have much more leniency in the tack they can use, which is quite different than the dressage, but the horses do compete in boots which must be checked for tightness and placement as well as construction to ensure there are no performance enhancing elements. There are also strict guidelines for what types of fences and at what heights can be jumped in both the schooling area and the warm up, and the stewards must ensure compliance with these rules to maintain both safety and fair sport. These are things that we obviously do not deal with in dressage, so it was a bit of a learning curve to pay attention more to







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I attended the in-person promotion (certification) course at the end of 2021 in Wellington, passed, and in 2022 worked as a steward in Wellington, FL, Lexington, KY and Paso Robles, CA.

I have found a new love for the sport in becoming a steward in show jumping. Although it is not "my sport", I have learned so much about it, and have a greater appreciation for the horses and riders who compete at a top level in the show jumping, just as I have an appreciation for those in the dressage. At the moment, I am working towards the level 2 promotion course, which will allow me to steward at bigger events. I have met so many people in the short time I have been on this path, and the experience has reignited my love for horses themselves, and not just dressage, which I think is a really cool thing.

I also have a greater appreciation for horse show management, and the work that goes into making these big events successful, and for all the people in this industry that keep it going, from the grooms to the riders to the owners, competition management, judges, jump crew, stewards, and many more. I am looking forward to what the future will bring with this journey. Like almost every rider, we have this dream to "go to the Olympics." I've accepted it won't likely happen on a horse... but maybe one day it will be as an FEI Steward.



For more info about the Richard Williams Clinic and to Register and Pay online go to: https://www.nodarider.org/RichardWilliamsDPI

New for 2023! Member Ads to RUN in the January NODA News

The Annual Year End Awards and Banquet Edition &

on the Education Page of the Website



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How to sign up: Info in November, 2022 Issue 11, Newsletter, the banquet program and online. ONLINE sig up encouraged.

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Proceeds will go to Education Events to be split evenly among Youth, AA's and Pro's

Get to Know NODA's 2022/2023 Executive Board

Danielle Menteer O'Donnell NODA President USEF Professional Instructor/Trainer

My obsession with horses started as a toddler. I remember loving them before I ever had my first ride at age 3 on a pony at the fair. That feeling was magical and sealed the deal! But I didn't have many opportunities after that. Once I could read, I checked out every library book in the Ravenna library that had anything to do with horses and read them cover to cover. Some of them multiple



Danielle riding Lennox

times. That was my only connection to horses until my parents were able to scrape up the money for weekly lessons when I was 10 years old.

My initial education was riding western at an Appaloosa show barn. But I had learned about this eventing thing

and always thought that English riding was the ultimate challenge. Eventually I earned the privilege of lessons in an English saddle and riding bareback. I had arrived! I had few opportunities to compete at open shows and a couple of our county fairs. It's all my parents could afford.



Danielle and Fergarmo

The fire was still burning and I needed more so, as a single mom, I entered the equestrian program at Lake Erie College. What an eye-opener! I thought I knew how to ride but I knew almost nothing. And that awareness just spurred me on even more. It was so exciting to realize there was so much more to learn!

The next several years took me from a student in college to an instructor at a local, busy hunter barn. It was great but I wanted to be in a more professional, high quality care environment so I ended up at a stable that provided incredible opportunities to learn from world class dressage clinicians on a monthly basis and to be part of a growing program. This is where I fell in love with dressage. I still love jumping but dressage became my focus. Since that era, I became a free-lance instructor in our area and then spent 10 years teaching and directing at the Albion College Equestrian Program in Michigan before returning "home" and resurrecting my free-lance business.



Danielle, center behind banner, with the team she coached to the IDA National Championship in 2008!

Throughout this time, with the help of many, I earned my USDF Silver Medal, competed and placed in several regional finals, and earned the USDF Learner Judge certification with distinction and was accepted into the USEF "r" judges program.

When I was approached about filling the role of president of NODA, I felt like it was my turn to help and the timing was right. I am still becoming familiar with how the gears turn and eager to see how my past experiences working for a college program can provide some fresh insights and ideas. It's already been a pleasure to work with such a fine group of enthusiastic people and I'm looking forward to gaining more input and ideas from our membership. It takes a village and we have a strong one here in northern Ohio!



Education Corner!

With Education Co-chairs Sally Burton and Patti Valencic



Register NOW!

November 3-4, 2022: Dressage Professionals Initiative Session 3 hosted by Flow Equestrian.

Open to all professionals for a cost of \$200 for the two day session.

Many thanks to The Dressage Foundation for the Max Gahwyler Grant to help fund this DPI. Registration is now open. www.nodarider.org Click on the Education tab



November 5-6, 2022: Open Clinic with Richard Williams hosted by Flow Equestrian. Open to all riders.

For the most benefit Richard suggests riding both days.

Member price: \$175 for a lesson for one day, \$350 for lessons both days. Auditors are welcome \$25.

Registration is open. www.nodarider.org Click on the Education tab

January 7, 2023, 9:30AM: Unmounted New Test Seminar with Margaret Freeman "S" judge.

Bainbridge Public Library at 17222 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, right up the road from Chagrin Valley Farms.

\$25 includes a boxed lunch, new test copy packet, and wonderful instruction from Margaret.

Many thanks to the USDF GMO Education Initiative Fund for the grant to run this program!

Registration opens December 1 at www.nodarider.org



SAVE the DATE!

June 8-11, 2023: Dressage and More Camp, Brecksville Stables. Details and registration TBA



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FEEL FREE TO CONTACT KIRK MOREHEAD, NODA VOLUNTEER GUY WITH QUESTIONS: KMORE@EN.COM OR 440-336-1311

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Kathy Kirchner NODA Vice President & Adult Amateur Liaison Adult Amateur

My horse, B (registered as "Bacardi"), is a 15-year-old



2021, Kathy with B at Chagrin

Thoroughbred X Friesian cross. He's a 16hh black gelding. We show very lightly at 3rd level. I train with Kelli Flanagan and Jennifer Baumert.



1963, Red Raider's Rockette and Kathy at Red Raider

My first riding experience was at age five, on the pony ride at Kiddie Playland, and I was smitten. I attended Red Raider Day Camp for five years, and then Firebird

overnight camp for four years, through the summer of 1963. Both camps had excellent riding programs. After the indoor arena went up at Red Raider, I rode there fall, winter, and spring. After Firebird, I came back to Red Raider to ride with Emmy Grant, later Temple, in the summers of 1964 and 1965.

After college, I continued to ride hunters, and did some eventing, learning some dressage along the way. As the



1978 at a horse trial in Virginia

years passed, I found myself more and more interested in dressage, and less interested in jumping. I stopped riding over fences when I got my present horse. He's just no good at it!

I am currently serving as NODA'S Vice President. If the President is unable to attend a Board meeting, it is my responsibility to run the meeting in her stead. The VP is a member of the Executive Board, which brings some responsibilities, as well.

As AA Liaison for more than 10 years, it has been my pleasure to respond to questions and concerns from NODA's adult members, and if necessary, to bring such concerns to the Board.

I love to scribe, and for many years have volunteered to do so at our schooling and recognized shows. Volunteering at shows and other NODA functions has allowed me to meet a great many wonderful people in our large and thriving dressage community.

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Elizabeth Scalabrino Recording Secretary Adult Amateur

I fell in love with horses as a youngster and had many books on horses. I went to Red Raider Day Camp for my ninth thru eleventh years, and the only thing I remember



Unknown Canadian Pony, Elizabeth and Dad (Mike Scalabrino).

liking was the horseback riding! When I lived in New York City right after college, a friend brought me to Prospect Park in Brooklyn where we rented horses to ride. I had no idea what I was doing

and no helmet of course but we somehow survived cantering wildly around the city crowds. When my sister moved to Auburn in 1998, she drove by Fieldstone Farm and suggested I investigate since she knew I loved horses. She offered to come with me to the Volunteer Orientation meeting just to get me there and then I signed up and she disappeared. I am thankful for what she did as I met wonderful folks who are responsible for my horse addiction for the past 24 years. I started by trail riding and then settled on Dressage

I met Diane Cogswell, a former NODA member, through Fieldstone Farm and she was instrumental in my interest in Dressage. She had a Thoroughbred mare, Pipes (Pipes R Calling), with whom I fell in love, and eventually Diane gifted her to me. Pipes had been a broodmare with some physical issues and working at dressage allowed her to become stronger. We even took lessons from Gretchen Singleton which was so much fun. Then came Pip (Great



Pip and Elizabeth

Expectations), another
Thoroughbred who needed a home, and Diane helped me so much with his early trail and dressage training, and then turned me over to Sarah

Freeman.

My current mount is Commodus (Fun Fact: Sire is Big Brown who was the 2008 winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness), aka Connor whose show name is Sir Stoneleigh. Connor is a 12 year old (foaled April 18, 2010) 16 hh light Bay Gelding. We focus on Dressage and Trail. I currently lesson with Sarah Freeman and participate in regular clinics with Jen Baumert.

Connor entered my life in May 2019 as a 9 year old and the youngest horse I have ever owned. We have been building our relationship ever since, which has been a challenge at times, but very rewarding when improvements are realized. Our riding focus consists of the basics of impulsion, straightness and balance.

I am the Recording Secretary and takes the notes during



Connor and Elizabeth photo credit: Sarah McEachern

the monthly board meetings, collate the information, and send it out for review and approval by the other board members. Before becoming the secretary I attended the board meetings for a few years and subbed for the prior Secretary, Patti Valencic, a few times. When she stepped into another NODA position Patti suggested I give the role a try.

I have been a NODA volunteer since I joined the group. First as a paddock master, and then I discovered scribing which is what I have been doing for most of my tenure. I scribe for both the Recognized and Schooling Shows. I love the knowledge that I have gained from my interactions with a wide variety of judges.

I have been a volunteer at Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center since 1998, both in riding and driving. It has been a rewarding 24 years!



USDF FEI Youth Clinic Series

Funding support provided by The Dressage Foundation and the United States Equestrian Federation

The Region 2 FEI Youth Clinic Hosted by Stromatt Sporthorses Waynesville, OH October 29-30, 2022 clinician George Williams

General Information about the clinic can be found here: https://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/2022/R2%20General%20Information.pdf?t=8/3/2022%208:24:21%20AM

Rider applications WERE due by September 18, 2022. Applications can be found here: https://www.usdf.org/online.../applications/jryr-clinic.asp

Auditor registration IS DUE by October 16. Registration can be found here: https://web.cvent.com/.../bf06c7d7-af7b-4375-8750.../summary

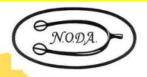
Please reach out to <u>iryrclinics@usdf.org</u> with any questions.

Use the QR Code Below to see the clinic information sheet





Fun!



Dressage Professionals Initiative session 3
November 3-4, 2022

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For more information and to register https://www.nodarider.org/RichardWilliamsDPI







For more info on the Dressage Professional Initiative and how to Register and Pay online go to:

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OR

www.nodarider.org/events

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association Invites you to its

Annual Year-End Celebration and Awards Brunch

Celebrating a year of competition, accomplishment, and fun!

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Holiday Inn, Independence OH 6001 Rockside Road Independence, OH 44131 Festivities begin at 11:00 am (w/Cash Bar) Brunch at 12:00 noon

\$35.00 for Adults and \$25.00 for Children 12 & under Advance Reservations Only

Brunch Buffet includes:

Eggs/Bacon/Sausage
French Toast/Potatoes
Pastries/Breads
Chicken Entrée
Pasta Dish
Mixed Veggie Medley
Coffee/Tea/OJ/Iced Tea
And Omelet station!!

Online reservations and payments are encouraged and can be done at this link on the NODA website https://www.nodarider.org/event-4968050

If using NODA Bucks, you MUST mail your reservation form below and send payment to:

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Reservations must be postmarked no later than November 11th (unfortunately we cannot accept walk in registration)

NODA Banquet Rese	rvation Form
Name/names of all attending	
Address	
Phone number	
Email	
Enclosed Amount (\$35/Adult; \$25/Child under 12):	Checks (payable to NODA), cash, and/or

Things to Know about the Celebration and Awards Brunch Friends and family members are welcome

AWARDS

If you think you may win a year-end award and cannot attend the banquet, we ask that you make arrangements to have your award/ribbon picked up that evening.

Recipients' signatures will be required for all revolving trophies.

Silent Auction

We will be auctioning some amazing items/baskets.

You will not want to miss out on the bidding!

Check or Cash Only

Banquet Special Opportunity - Renew your NODA membership at the banquet and get a free raffle ticket.

Support the Geauga County Dog Shelter

We are asking our banquet attendees once again to kindly remember our canine and feline friends in need by bringing much-needed supplies for: The Geauga County Dog Shelter located on Merritt Road in Chardon and is a no-kill shelter. As an incentive to participate, each person who brings something for the shelter will get a free raffle ticket

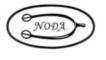
There will be a convenient spot set up at the banquet where you can drop off your donations.

Their wish list includes canned/dry dog and cat food, treats, laundry soap, bleach, paper towels, blankets, sheets, towels, leashes, collars, medical supplies, cleaning and office supplies, printer paper, fine-tip dry erase markers, and of course, cash and kennel sponsorships. Visit the shelter's website at http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH272.html

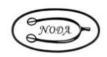
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Patti Valencic Co-chair Education Committee Adult Amateur

I grew up in Euclid and asked Santa for a pony for several Christmases. That was never going to happen! At age 7, I was given a 36 inch blue Schwinn bicycle and I named it



Patti and Tony

"Trigger" and went on long rides talking to it the whole way. Since Roy and Dale never showed up to take me away with them to their Holly wood ranch, I had to be happy with my bike for many years. At age 14, I starting riding that bike several miles to Andy's stables in Willoughby Hills and for \$4.00/hr., (yes, I am old – this is when babysitting brought in a cool 50 cents an hour) I could ride a horse all over South Chagrin with whatever groups of people were heading out. I was finally realizing my dream of riding!

Once I earned better money working part time at a deli while putting myself through college, I was able to borrow my brother's car and drive to Dorchester Farms in Kirtland on Saturdays where I took lessons and fell in love with jumping.

Once I graduated and went to work and became married all in the same year, there was no time or money for riding lessons. My poor husband let me talk him into a trail ride on our honeymoon. Poor guy —he was so sore!

Babies came, and the dream was pushed back until at age 37 when I purchased an ex polo pony and hung out with ladies who loved trail riding. Being at a boarding stable allowed me to pursue both jumping and dressage. I met up with Gretchen Singleton and it was strictly dressage lessons from there on out. I have had 4 horses since those days and currently own 17 year old draft cross, Fox Mead-

ow Dancer (barn name: Tony). He is 16 hands. I have him at home and winter board at Musical Woods. I mostly clean up his poop. My lessons are with Sarah Freeman.

Tony and I were showing at second level until two back to back soft tissue injuries sidelined him for the better part of two years. Happily, we are close to being back in full work.

I have had the honor of riding 2 other horses while Tony was recuperating. One is an upper level horse and Danielle Menteer instructs me on him. Tony's little brother and best friend is "Toby", a 23 year old mini.

I have done trail riding (Western and English), jumping, one mini trial, hunter paces, obstacles, cow sorting, and dressage. I settled on dressage around late 1990's. It was a safer option for this mother of three. Christopher Reeves' injury spoke to me of the dangers of jumping. Also, I fell in love with the nuances of supplying, bending, stretching, and collecting. My friends and I would get four horses together and do short quadrilles to music just for fun. I also continued cross training with trails and cow sorting and obstacles. I am still riding and my focus is getting Tony slowly back to work with easy dressage exercises and rides on flat, solid trails.

My board position is Co chair of Education along with my awesome friend Sally Burton. We are offering interesting programs to benefit all horse lovers; riders and non riders alike. This year, with the help of President, Danielle Menteer, we created the Dressage Professionals Initiative (DPI). This is held three different times a year with the same cli-



Tony with 5 year old granddaughter Grace in a NODA lead line class.

nician and pretty much the same pros. Because the program focuses on only professionals, with the goal of improving their knowledge and coaching skills, while forming



Tony and Patti celebrate

closer working community with other area professionals, we hope to see a trickle - down effect to their adult amateur and junior students. If we can improve the quality of dressage in our area while building camaraderie, we will consider this a success. The

Education Committee also offers clinics for all riders with the clinician (in this case, Richard Williams) over a 2 day period, with auditors participating as well. We organized and ran a zoom call with Lisa Gorretta about the USDF, the 3 day Adult Amateur camp, the Bits o Balance clinic with Jacqueline Boonekamp, the Ride a Test clinic, the Scribe clinic, and will oversee the New Test Clinic on January 7, 2023.

I volunteer for NODA because volunteers are the life blood of NODA. Without them, there would be no NODA. When I joined, I only volunteered at shows and clinics. When Dee Liebenthal asked me to fill a vacant slot for Recording Secretary on the Board, I knew I was overdue to become more involved. What a great way to make new friends and learn about and improve this sport we all are drawn to! I have also written 2 articles this year for the NODA News.

I am also very involved with my church, St. Joan of Arc in Chagrin Falls. Currently, I am chairman of Arts and Environment and coordinate weekly fresh flowers on the altar. I facilitate a weekly bible study, sing in the choir, and serve on the Stewardship Committee, shawl ministry, and volunteer for service days and numerous church functions.

But the best day is a day spent with my children and grandchildren. I baby sit my 2 year old granddaughter and 6 month old grandson 2 days a week. All 8 of my grandchildren are the loves of my life (besides Matt, my long suffering husband of 50 years) and I find as much time as I can to

have fun with them. I also do yard work, travel a little, play piano (a student for the past 5 years), read (2 book clubs), crochet, sleep, and research our family genealogy. So, heck yah, I work. I just don't get paid. When I did have a paying job it was as a Pediatric RN in ICU and PICU, and later as the owner of my own pet sitting business.



Patti, Matt, and the Grandkids



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Karen Shirring Recognized Show Volunteer Coordinator Adult Amateur

Currently I have one horse, Pikeur aka Pik, who is retired and living in Tennessee. He is a lovely chestnut Oldenburg gelding that I have had since he was seven. We worked



Karen and Pikeur

very closely with Joanne White and have had some reasonable success in the show ring. We did strictly dressage for our entire show career.



Sundown and Karen

I have always competed as an adult amateur, the status I've maintained throughout my entire show career and

association with NODA.

I always loved horses and wanted one since I knew what they were. Unfortunately I was not able to get a horse of my own until I was nearly 17 and could go to work and pay his board myself! We started out hunt seat, but quickly switched to dressage once I was introduced to it (and discovered I was a little afraid to jump!) However, I did genuinely find it more challenging and interesting than any other discipline.

Unfortunately since retiring Pikeur and developing



Mari and Karen

problems with my hips, I haven't ridden for about 2 years. It was always a huge part of my life, but now without a horse I have time to develop some interest in other things such as gardening and travel. I have discovered that I really love travel and try to go somewhere new and interesting once or twice a year.

Starting in the early 90s, I decided it would be a good idea to be the volunteer coordinator primarily to meet the competitors and the movers and shakers of our local dressage community. I was also vice president of NODA for a number of years and president for one term. I continued to function as the volunteer coordinator for the recognized show over the last 30 years for the same reasons.

Aside from NODA, I assist my husband with his business as bookkeeper and sometimes warehouse assistant. He's had health issues lately so I've had to do more than previously to keep the business going. All in all, it keeps me busy!

Fran Cverna Membership Chair and Historian **Adult Amateur**

I bought a horse as soon as I graduated from college and rode Western and I love, and have always loved trail riding. I admire



Fran on a back country trail horse in Yellowstone National Park circa 1970.

Photo by Julie Opalek

Eventing, but lacked the courage to ride in that sport!

With my second horse, Joshua, I learned from Diane Maslar



Fran on Rocky Mountain High circa 1998 at Lake Erie College Equestrian Center Photo by Bob Tarr

Smith. The high point of my show career was when Rocky and I were NODA Schooling Show First Level Champions! For

about the concept of dressage and trained with Diane Braden at Willow Run Farm in Twinsburg – now a housing development. With my third horse Rocky Mountain High I trained with Penny

Cooley's Third Level Horse KnightHawke at least once a week (and all winter when Linda was in Arizona!). First I took lessons on KnightHawke with Bob Weston then with Barb Soukup. Barb taught me much about riding Second Level movements and taught me that if one canters across the short diagonal and then asks wrong for the trot, one gets a flying change!

I do not ride now, but next summer I will be 76 years old and might be looking for someone with a 24+ years old horse who will let me ride a bit with their trainer with a goal of completing The Dressage Foundation Century Club Ride. I wamt to be a member of their Century Club!

I hold two board positions: Membership Chair and Historian. As Membership Chair I nag people to renew, try to get new NODA memberships, am NODA's USDF Roster Contact (send member contact information to USDF and arrange payment to USDF), maintain NODA membership files and mail lists. As Historian I keep several bins of old NODA paper documents, Newsletters

and Minutes since the early 1970's, and, am in the slow process of ensuring that all important NODA documents are preserved electronically in the archives. The five years (2006-2010) I was **NODA Schooling Show** Secretary gave me a long lasting love of Schooling Shows as a way to really know the NODA membership.



Fran on KnightHawke riding an **Obstacle Course in August 2014** Photo by Linda Cooley

I volunteer because I have loved the sport of dressage since I watched Diane Braden ride a Prix St Georges test under the lights at a Michigan dressage show in the 1980's. Besides my



Kirby Denver, Fran's agility dog

board positions I volunteer at about two shows every year and hopefully support other board members. I also do community volunteering at the county parks, and visit libraries, schools, and assisted living homes with Kirby, a certified Therapy Dog. I do dog agility with my eight year old All American Kirby who has a few agility titles!

Karen Puchalsky NODA Dressage Foundation Liaison, Director at Large Adult Amateur

I have two horses. Siren is a retired Percheron/TB cross. She is 22 years old, dark bay mare that is 17 hands. She was my show girl for years but she suspensory ligaments grew weak, so she is enjoying her retirement. I ride "Reno," registered name Renegotiate, a 16.3 hands, 14 years old, dark bay Oldenburg gelding. He was a hunter



Karen and Reno

jumper who is now learning dressage. I board at Sonnyblest stables in Butler, Pa, and train with Pia Helsted. My focus is to work with my horse to learn Dressage. His previous owner jumped him side-side! He is a kind and willing to learn a new disciple and is coming along great. My hope is to get back in the show ring, but it will be on Reno's timetable.

The first time I rode a horse was at my great uncle's stables at the age of 8. He walked along side me while I rode his black mare. I think I was hooked then, and every year



afterwards, asked my parents for a pony. Unfortunately, they were not able to afford a horse, but I loved horses all my life. My first horse, Major came into my life late in my 50's. Not knowing anything about horses, Major was a green 5 year old Percheron/TB

cross. Fortunately, he was good natured and stuck it out with me as I learned how to ride, and he learned dressage along with me. Other than trail rides several times in my life, the only discipline I ride is Dressage.

I got into Dressage because for many years I passed a horse stable on my way to and from work. When I would pass the stable, I thought I should stop and take lessons. One rainy, chilly October day I went to see the movie Seabiscuit and when leaving the movie theater, my love of

horses was so strong that I drove to the stable and asked about lessons. The trainer told me they taught Dressage. Not knowing what that was, I replied that sounded interesting and when could I schedule my first lesson. One week later I took my first lesson in Dressage. It was many years before I truly understood Dressage because I had to learn the basics of how to ride a horse.

I am NODA's liaison for The Dressage Foundation (TDF). My role is to keep NODA members and the board aware of all the grants and programs TDF offers to GMO's, trainers, Adult Amateurs, and young riders. I recently because a Director at Large so I am still learning about this role, but I represent the membership to the NODA board.

I started volunteering after attending many NODA shows



Karen and Siren

and clinics. I was always impressed on how well the shows were run and the friendliness of all the people that ran the shows and clinics. I felt if I was able to take advantage of NODA's events, I should step up and help. I volunteered at one of the NODA shows this year and plan to help at the October schooling show. In my community, I have volunteered for the local theater group (Pittsburgh CLO) fund raiser that helps to fund

their academy for children that want to perform on the stage. You will also find me in Section 104 cheering at all the Pittsburgh Penguins' home games.

I work at Innovate E-Commerce, a managed services company that helps our customers navigate automating their electronic supply chain. This means they can send and receive orders and invoices electronically instead of sending them in paper form.

Horses and dressage are an important part of my life. I am so grateful to have met so many wonderful people through my journey. I read in one of Jane Savoie's books something I will always remember. She wrote "The next time you go down center line remember how lucky you are to be there. This test may be your best ride ever or your worst, but remember you are there when so many other people will never have the chance". I am grateful that I have the opportunity in my life to own, love, ride horses and have the opportunity to go down center line.

Tay Laster Director at Large Adult Amateur

I began riding horses at a local stable when I was 6. I was immediately hooked. I would ride a lesson horse each week and as I got older would do work around the barn to pay for my weekly lesson. Over the years I have ridden in the disciplines of Hunter, Eventing, and Dressage.

I always dabbled in dressage because I evented. I began eventing when I graduated from college and bought my first horse. I always gravitated towards dressage and about



Tay and her horses

seven years ago fully focused on dressage and still compete my event horse in dressage. I had the privilege of competing her in the US Dressage Finals at 3rd level.

I ride and continue to compete both my horses. My mare that I evented for years is semi-retired and we just completed our bronze freestyle bar medal this year. That was my ultimate goal for her at the amazing age of 21. I have a gelding that I show at FEI. We have completed our silver medal and we're currently working on completing our silver bar medal.

I am one of the director at large board members. The intent is to provide some perspective from a competitor's point of view.

I joined the NODA Board as a Director at large this year to better understand how NODA as a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) operates and to determine where I could provide some support. I had no idea all the work and requirements that go on behind the scenes to run the

GMO, provide quality show experiences, along with education platforms that reach a variety of interest.

My family, career and horses keep my schedule full. We are from the South Carolina/Georgia area and all of our extended family still reside down south. Now our grown children have moved to South Carolina so we make multiple trips a year to visit. I work for JM Smucker Co. in Orrville, OH as Vice President of Integrated Business Planning.

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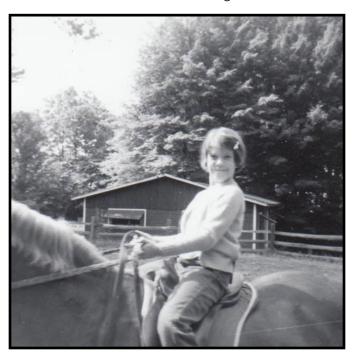
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Sally Burton Co-chair Education Committee Adult Amateur

I started riding very young at Red Raider camp. I fell in love with horses and have been riding ever since. I started



Sally, 9 years old, riding at Red Raider Camp, circa 1972

in hunt seat and jumping, then moved to dressage. I also love to trial ride and do obstacles.

I switched to dressage with my first horse when we realized he was not a safe jumper. I really enjoy the challenge



Sally at NODA Adult Dressage Camp she co-founded

and the way dressage improves horses. I own a wonderful horse, Sully, and we ride dressage and adventure out on trails!

I have had numerous positions but am now the Co-chair for Education. I organize, advertise and run education events with Patti Valencic. This past year our events included ride-a-test, adult camp, clinics with Richard Williams, the Dressage Professionals Initiative Program (3 sessions), An Evening with Richard Williams.

I think it is very important to volunteer in order to support dressage in our area. Not everyone has the time or desire to volunteer, so I pitch in where/when I can.

I love to hike, read and just relax. I am a teacher- 7th grade science- at Kenston Middle School. This is my 38th



Sally and Sully at 2022 NODA Dressage, Lake Erie College
Photo by Mosie Welch

year in the classroom. I have been running our Outdoor Education program for the last 25 years. I also work part time at my barn doing chores.

I have met amazing people volunteering for NODA. I volunteered at one show and was hooked, and have volunteered ever since. My best advice is to volunteer whenever you can- it helps NODA and will benefit you as well!



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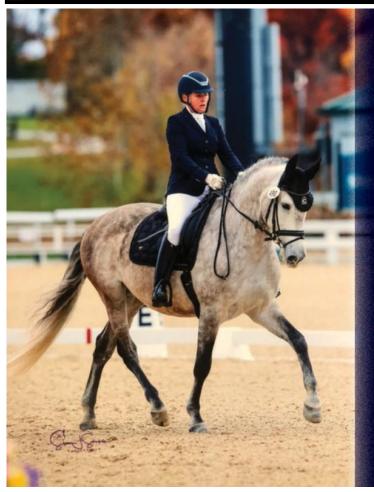


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Kirk Morehead Year End Celebration Chair Adult Amateur

I have been riding 12 months, but have liked horses for 60 years. I take lessons on Invite Me In, aka Ozzy a 16 hh, 18 year old, quarter horse gelding. Ozzy is my primary lesson horse at Lilac Thyme where I focus on basic horsemanship. Ozzy and I have participated in one dressage show at the

Kirk Morehead and Ozzy photo by Mosie Welch

Intro Level where we learned a lot.

I first became enamored with horses when I saw the Lipizzaner horse show in DC as a kid and it stuck. Then watching Valegro and Moorlands Totilas pushed me over the edge. I also enjoy 3 and 5 gaited shows at Devon, but am not a fan of their training or the tail.

Growth Director: I identify disease burden trends that can be turned into programs. The Summa Covid Long-hauler Clinic is a timely example.

I'm happy to be a part of NODA and the Northeast Ohio dressage scene.



Kirk and Ozzy leaving the arena after his first dressage schooling show at CADS, August 2022.

photo by Mosie Welch

I joined the NODA Board in 2022 and I'm heading up the Year End Celebration and Brunch Committee including the member slide show and Silent Auction. (If you have photos from your barn or show—grooming, braiding, tacking, fun with friends and horses—we can use them.)

I also help Suzanne with the schooling shows and have been the ring steward at both the schooling shows and recognized shows in 2022. I am air traffic control for the schooling shows (warm up ring steward), feed the volunteers lunch and keep everyone hydrated. Volunteering is a great way to become part of the Northeast Ohio dressage community and meet people. I attend board meetings on a monthly basis and have been learning the ropes of how NODA is managed.

I also love road biking, rowing, my cats, working in the water garden, yard and gardens. I am an epidemiologist and work at Summa Health in Akron as the Programmatic

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Sara Justice Western Dressage Liaison Professional

My Grandpa Kozlowski was involved in rodeo as a bull rider, then competed with pulling ponies as he got older. He gave me my first pony, Jobie, when I was two years old.

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Sara and Claraty, AWSSR mare Ohio State Fair, 1998 photo by Jeff Kirkbride

My mom started as a barrel racer at rodeos with her dad then switched to western and hunt seat pleasure horses as an adult. Mom bred and trained pleasure horses and some of her stallions were at the Million Dollar Stallion Avenue at Quarter Horse Congress, and was an open show and 4H judge for many years. My dad wasn't in to horses until he met my mom, and then showed in western rail classes and was part of the Summit County Mounted Patrol Unit when he was a deputy.

I've always had a horse in my life, and I couldn't imagine it any other way!

I've done a little bit of everything. I started showing western rail and pattern classes as a younger child. I then tried



Sara and Leelita, KWPN mare, 2002 CDI Cincinnati at Paxton Farm

hunter under saddle and hunter hack, where I learned that I am not a fan of jumping at all, and then started riding classical dressage. I also showed contest and saddle seat divisions in 4H. My favorite nondressage classes are equitation, western riding, ranch riding, and showmanship. If it has a pattern, I love it!

Lynn May was one of my 4H advisors. She knew I

wanted to do something English, but I was definitely not in to jumping. At one 4H meeting, she handed me a VHS tape

of the 1995 World Cup. I wore that tape out watching it! I was in awe of how different these horses moved. I had a goal to learn to do what the riders in the video were doing. I showed my first dressage test at the NODA Rocky River show that same year and even placed! I was hooked!

My current horse is Ima Sizzlin Hot Te aka Cinnamon, 8 year old APHA red roan mare, standing 15.1 hands. I started working with Cinnamon as a western dressage prospect



Sara and Ima Sizzlin Hot Te, APHA Mare, celebrate at the 2021 NODA Championship at Chagrin Valley Farms

and hope to take her through the levels. I also enjoy doing showmanship, ranchmanship, and ranch riding classes with her.

My current riding focus is working the fundamentals of the training pyramid/training wheel with Cinnamon to help her progress correctly through the levels. My non-riding goals are to complete the USEF Western Dressage judging program for promotion to R judge, and then retake the USDF L program to work on my USEF Dressage judge licensing- it's been a few years since I went through the L program in New England.... half points

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didn't exist when I started judging.

As the Western Dressage Liaison for a USDF GMO, it sometimes feels as if I have to balance the ideas and rules of WDAA with USDF rules and regulations. While the theories behind the training scale are similar, rules, tack, types of horses competing at the top levels, and equipment are



Sara and Piccolo, AWWSR mare, CADS Championship at Stoney Ridge, 2009

wildly different. Ohio has a WDAA affiliate club. but most of their membership is in the central and southern part of the state so their shows tend to be in those areas. It is absolutely wonderful that NODA offers WDAA tests at their schooling shows so riders and horses can

compete in our local area! I am available to answer questions about western dressage, and I can advocate for suggestions western riders have for events and shows in Northern Ohio. I also try to plan ideas for clinics (they don't always work out). If members have suggestions for what they would like to see happen in western dressage in NODA, please contact me!

I volunteer for the NODA board because I have always believed that if you want to see the change, you need to be the change. As western dressage grows in popularity in our area, I want to help be sure there are quality schooling shows to attend and opportunities for people who may not be able to travel out of the local area.

Besides your board position, do you volunteer in any other ways for NODA or in your community? I am a proponent of 4H and am one of the Junior Fair Board Horse Committee members for Summit County. I tend to organize the dressage portion of the fair and our county's dressage schooling show fundraiser, volunteer at horse camp, and have been on the awards committee for many years. I also am a member at large for CADS and am chair of their awards committee.

When I'm not riding, I enjoy spending time with my husband & my dog Ryker, reading science-fiction novels, and keeping a small vegetable garden.

I work for Southwest Summit Council of Governments in Emergency Services as the Terminal Agency Coordinator.

As an Learner Judge Graduate and professional, I want to let any rider out there struggling with anything know that it is possible to achieve your goals. I didn't have any connections in the dressage world when I started, even if my parents were familiar with horses. I watched and read everything I could when I was a kid. I was always striving to learn more. When I started moving up the levels and needed more help, I reached out to riders I only knew online to find opportunities.

I worked extremely hard to take advantage of opportunities when they appeared, including moving to New Jersey and Florida to learn from a rider I had only seen in magazines. I was probably the most inexperienced rider at this barn, I was overweight, I had a horse with behavior issues, but I showed up every day and worked hard. I asked questions. The lead trainer at this barn saw my effort and helped me see the potential in myself, even if I didn't see it. He believed in me and pushed me to ride better. He listened and gave support even for non-horse related aspects of my life. He helped me believe in myself.

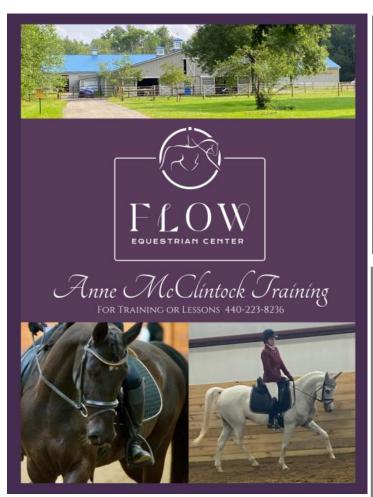
When I judge or teach, I cheer for you. I want to see you do well and your horse be happy in his or her work. I want to see you progress as best you can; whether it is seeing a



Sara and ma Sizzlin Hot Te, APHA mare, at the CVF Mini Trial in 2021

photo by Photography In Stride

younger child rider gain confidence and independence on and off the horse, to seeing horse/rider combinations through the years making amazing progress from intro to upper levels, to the rider who finally has their "lightbulb moment" after struggling to learn a new concept or figure. Keep working, keep learning, and know there are people out there that want to see you find your success and happiness.



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APRIL 9-10. 2022

USEF/USDF Lake Erie College Dressage Prix de Villes Judge: Annie Cizadlo "S" FL

MAY 14-15, 2022

USEF/USDF NODA Dressage 2022 and Dressage 2022 Encore Judge: Cesar Torrente "S" FL | Judge: Joan Darnell "S" WA

JUNE 11-12. 2022

USEF/USDF Lake Erie College Dressage Derby **NEW** This is now **ONE SHOW** with multiple judges for the weekend. Judge: Amy McElroy "S" SC | Judge: Scott Petersen "S" NY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

Lake Erie College Dressage Schooling Show to benefit the IDA dressage team





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Mosie Welch NODA Newsletter Editor Adult Amateur

As a toddler I took donkey rides on my grandparents farm

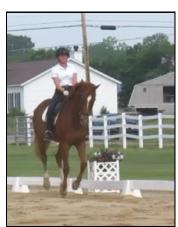


Mosie and Orinoco aka Ori in 2005 at Grand Haven.

near Gettysburg, PA. Then, in Junior High I met other horse crazy girls and we all took lessons at Wheaton Regional Stables learning English and taking the cherished occasional trail ride. My favorite school horse was a Suffolk Punch mare named Taffy who we all loved because she did what a rider wanted. I also got to ride at my best friend's sister farm right next to Waredaca in Maryland. If my friend, Stephie and I could wangle a lift to the farm, we got to ride

in exchange for painting fences, barn work, and removing brush. We spent a lot of weekends at the farm.

Stephie and I were pretty feral and with free rein we rode up to the corner store at the main road for snacks, wandered about in the moonlight, and were seen charging around the fields at Waredaca jumping logs and swimming in the pond. We even tied gear and food in sacks, put them on our horses and went camping in the woods. I



Mosie and Pikuer, owned by Karen Shirring.

rode a Paint gelding named Cherokee and those were the best times ever! Note: I did not develop good habits.

Fascinated with dressage, which was the exact opposite of what I was doing, I loved reading about it and the idea of learning to ride all the movements. With many horse shows in Maryland we got to watch other people compete, but we didn't have the money for that. To our credit, we did try what we thought were

dressage basics. Then I graduated from High School and real life set in with no money for horses.

In 2000 when my daughter went to college I got back into horses and sought out dressage instruction. I've owned and leased horses, boarded and kept my ponies at home,



Hiking, Isle Royale National Park with my husband Denis, May 2022.



Mosieand Sietske

and indulged my love for dressage with the support of Denis, my wonderful husband. I've enjoyed World Cup Dressage and Jumping with friends. Denis and I visited the Netherlands to stay with Ori's trainer and watched Hans Peter Minderhoff and Edward Gal train at the farm next door, visited Anky Van Grunsven's farm, and I drove a pony cart in a National Park. We also went to the Dutch National Dressage

Show. In 2008 and 2010 I went to school for Equine Massage and Bodywork certifications and love working on horses. The best part of my journey has been all the kind friends I've met along the way; both horse and human.



Mosie and Alaska, 2022

It's a gift to ride Alaska (Aleksandr Robyn WH) a 14 year old, 14.2hh Chestnut, half Welsh/Oldenburg gelding. He lives at home with retired mare, Sietske, who is happy to stay home alone while Alaska goes on adventures. Alaska and I are working on First Level and schooling Second Level under the guidance of Emily Gill. We also do Working Equitation and trail ride.

As the NODA Newsletter Editor
I put out 12 editions of the
NODA News annually. I love

dressage and want to support the dressage community. I also coordinate voter registration drives.

I garden, spend time with family, and vacation in National Parks with Denis. I retired from the National Park Service in 2009. I plan to enjoy everything about dressage for many more years to come!

Jennifer Cooper Junior/Young Rider Liaison Advertising/Classifieds Editor Adult Amateur

I started riding at about age 6 with some lessons, on my very own pony, Bingo, who also drove. When I was young, I only had eyes for hunters and competing. I did do west-

Jennifer trail riding, 2022.

ern and English through my teens, then started in Dressage when I got back into riding as an adult and added contesting for fun too.

It was about 2014 when I got back into riding. I got back into horses because my daughter showed an interest and the lady we start-

ed to take lessons from sent me down the amazing dressage path. With my RA, I still enjoy jumping, but not as high or as much as I used to. And dressage with its knowledge based training and execution fit my personality. We now own our own farm and while I ride mostly dressage, I also jump and do contesting and trail ride on our farm a lot too.



Western Dressage at CVF

I have the honor of doing two jobs for NODA. As the newsletter Ads/classifieds editor, I get to post everyone's business ads and items for sale or needs. I really love being the Jr/YR Liaison because I get to help plan, organize and take part in some fun activities and clinics

for the younger riders. We have our braiding clinic with

Laura Stepic at Candle Light Farms, on October 16 and I'm planning a fun December activity for the Youth. Eartlier

this year I enjoyed organizing and auditing the Danielle Hebler Clinic for NODA's Youth and I look forward to planning a clinic for 2023. Any prowant to help NODA's Youth out with a clinic in 2023?

I love being on the NODA board and be a part of the group that plans amazing horse related events and secretly, I do it so I stay active and "in the know" about what's going on! The meetings keep us in the loo[and we have input on ow things are done and what kind of educational seminars and activities NODA sponsors.



March 2022 NODA Art Session taught by Jennifer Cooper.

Aside from being on the

board, I try to volunteer at the recognized show and one schooling show a year. I also write articles about what is going on with the Jr/YR events and sometimes write about the events that I attend.

For me, horses are all consuming it seems. I do like a good horse book! I really enjoy doing crafts and art in my spare time. I also do art related events and have done a few for NODA. I am an art teacher for Riverside Local Schools and teach mostly 8th and 9th grade. It is so fun to go to work every day!

Because I do classifieds and ads, I really would like to see more participation in these programs. Classifieds are FREE for NODA members and show up on the website and in the NODA News for two months. Send us a classified for that saddle collecting dust or that saddle pad you never used! It's free and someone else can use it. One man's trash is another man's treasure! We could also use business ads that help support the NODA News and all of our education programs. I love being a part of the NODA board and you should think about being a part of the

NODA Youth Spoltlights!

Kendal Noll rides "Sweet Merada" aka Mari and keeps her at TopGun farms. Mari is a 22 year old AQHA mare and she sticks at 14.2

What do you want us to know about you and your horse?

I got Mari in early 2020 as my first horse when I was 13



"Sweet Merada" aka Mari

after leasing her for almost a whole year prior. Mari was a spicy and experienced show horse and I was a very green rider so we had a little bit of a rough

start but nonetheless I was obsessed with her. Though we had lots of ups

and downs and many falls and frustrating days she has taught me more than I could ever possibly ask her for. Over the course of the past 3 years together she has taught me how to post a trot, how to canter, taken me over my first jumps all the way up to 2' and more recently this summer we have had our first full show season together!

In March of this year we went to our first show together at CVF and trotted around our little intro A dressage test for the very first time. I will admit going into the ring and down the centerline for the first time was super intimidating for me but I knew my Mari would take care



Kendal Noll and Mari

of me and that she did. By the time I went down my last centerline that day I was absolutely hooked on dressage. After that we continued to go to every schooling show possible and constantly work towards improving together and fast forward to now we are approaching our first championship show together!

What have you learned from your horse?

her for almost a whole year prior. The list is really endless, she has given me a lot of confidence and really taught me to be a patient, light handed, compassionate rider and person overall. Without her I would never be where I am today.

What is special about your horse?

I mean what isn't special about her! She is the most honest, hardworking, affectionate, intelligent and motivated horse I have ever met. She also has these adorable skunk



stripes that I adore at the top of her tail and her foals even have them too!

What fun things have you been doing with your horse this summer?

On top of dressage we have also dabbled in showing in some other disciplines such as western pleasure, Equitation and a little bit of halter, she really does it all! We have also been loving liberty work and recently she has been enjoying teaching the little peanuts at my barn too as some much deserved "step down" work as she is getting older.



DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

Karen Puchalsky, NODA Dressage Foundation GMO Liaison

TDFRep@nodarider.org

I have some GREAT news for you today...your support of The Dressage Foundation (TDF) will help dressage riders reach their goals and realize their dreams! That is such a powerful thing, especially during times when it doesn't seem like there's much good news to share.

That's one reason why I wanted to share this special story with you today.

In the fall of 2019, Genevieve Rohner, an 11-year-old paradressage rider, was awarded one of TDF's youth grants. At that time, Genevieve had just started competing in recognized shows and wanted to travel to Florida to train and watch FEI-level para-dressage riders because, as she told us, "I hope that one day I will be one of them." She had big goals back then and was working hard to make her dreams a reality.

Genevieve's first trip Wellington set her goals in motion, and she continued to work hard over the next couple of years.

Then in 2021, Genevieve (just 13 years old!) showed TDF how far she had come in two short years and was awarded a TDF Para-Dressage Fund Grant. "This grant is special because I am going to my first CPEDI in March 2022 in Wellington. I have dreamed about it for so long, and it's finally here. TDF is helping make it happen!"

As with any rider's journey, there were some bumps in the road for Genevieve when she arrived in Florida, but she was determined make the most of the opportunity. And she sure did. "The minimum I wanted to do in Wellington was get my FEI classification, which I did, and show at the CPEDI3*, which I also did. I learned so much, and sometimes when things don't work the way you plan, it's even better and you learn more than you would have otherwise."

But there's even more to this amazing story. When Genevieve achieved her FEI classification in March, it made her the youngest classified para-dressage rider in the world. "Lots of people have helped me, and it always takes a lot of people, not just one, to achieve your goals."

You can be one of those people today! Your donation will help more riders like Genevieve who have big goals and need a little bit of help to reach them.



What's next for Genevieve? "My biggest goal is the 2024 Paralympics. I am really looking forward to representing the U.S. on Team USA one day, and being in Florida gave me a little peek into what's coming later. Training with Kate Shoemaker is a dream come true and being in front of all the elite riders and coaches will get me started on the experience I need to move toward my goals."

This is what it's all about. Thanks to generous donors, Genevieve received financial help for training that has changed her life and made big dreams possible, and your gift today can help another rider just like her.

Would you consider a donation to The Dressage Foundation? Secure online donations can be made at www.dressagefoundation.org/support/donate.html

OR checks can be mailed to The Dressage Foundation 1314 'O' Street Suite 305 Lincoln, NE 68508

I look forward to sharing the next update from Genevieve, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if she reaches her goal of the 2024 Paralympics! In the meantime, we would love to have your support to help more riders like her.

Gratefully,

Jenny Johnson, Executive Director (402) 434-8585 jenny@dressagefoundation.org

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage in the United States.

Call the Dressage Foundation at (402) 434-8585.

www.dressagefoundation.org



Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2023 Membership Form

NODA membership runs 12/1/2022 through 11/30/2023

NODA is a United States Dressage Federation Group Member Organization (GMO)

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A portion of your NODA membership dues goes towards your group membership in USDF. A USDF Group Membership (GM) makes you eligible for USDF Rider Awards. Group Members may participate in recognized shows without the payment of USDF non-member fees, are eligible to earn university credits, receive member discount rates for USDF events, and receive the *USDF Connection* magazine. (Supporting Family members do not receive a subscription to the *USDF Connection* – one magazine per "family.") See www.usdf.org for eligibility to qualify for USDF regional and national championships. Note that Participating Membership in USDF is needed to compete in USDF Regional Championships.

Important INFORMATION:

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- → NODA By-Laws, club information, shows, awards, newsletters, and events are available at www.nodarider.org.
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- 3. aguar, 17.5 seat, medium or medium-wide tree. \$650.

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If you are a professional-NODA would love to have you share your wisdom with our members!

Articles are eligible for NODA bucks and USDF Annual GMO newsletter awards! Contact Mosie-editor@nodarider.org with your article or story ideas!

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Please include your name and the photographers name, horse's name, breed, hands, age & a description of the activity

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Photographs enhance your article - see Photo **Submission Guidelines**

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For USDF participating membership, apply directly to the USDF at www.usdf.org

NODA Board Meetings, Second Wednesday of the Month - Your Ideas are Welcome NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 11, 2022, 6:45 PM - Virtual Meeting

NODA welcomes member comments, concerns, ideas, and questions regarding NODA activities, shows, and policies. Please contact your member liaison (page 3) to get a link to the board meeting

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Calendar of Events

Full calendar at EVENTS tab at www.nodarider.org

October 2 CADS Fall Fun and **Halloween Dressage Schooling** Show

Brecksville Stables www.cadsdressage.org

Oct 8 NODA Dressage **Schooling Show Chagrin Valley Farms**

www.nodarider.org

Oct 9 2022 Summer Schooling **Show Series Championship Show, Chagrin Valley Farms** Horse and rider combinations MUST Qualify and will be sent a link to register.

Nov 3 and 4 NODA Dressage **Professional Initiative, Session Three with Richard Williams** Flow Equestrian, 9269 Stafford Road, Chagrin Falls OH www.nodarider.org/event-4967998

with Richard Williams

Flow Equestrian, 9269 Stafford Road, Chagrin Falls OH Riders use this link www.nodarider.org/event-4968014

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Nov 6, Chagrin Valley Farm **Dressage Schooling Show** https:// chagrinvalleyfarms.com/ shows/

Nov 20 NODA Year-end **Celebration and Brunch ONLINE Reservations here** www.nodarider.org/event-4968050

Nov 27, Chagrin Valley Farm **Dressage Schooling Show** https:// chagrinvalleyfarms.com/ shows/

December 1 Renew **YOUR NODA Membership ONLINE** www.nodarider.org/ event-4926017

Dec 3 & 4 Dressage Schooling Nov 5 & 6 NODA OPEN Clinic Show and Combined Test Weekend at Creekside.

Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday. Creekside Eventing Complex, Brunswick

Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129

January 1 **HAPPY New Year!**

Jan 7, 2023, 9am New Test Clinic with Margaret Freeman Bainbridge Public Library www.nodarider.org

Jan 7 & 8 Dressage Schooling **Show and Combined Test** Weekend at Creekside.

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Jan 29 Chagrin Valley Farm **Dressage Schooling Show** https://

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Feb 4&5 Dressage Schooling **Show and Combined Test** Weekend at Creekside.

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Feb 26 Chagrin Valley Farm **Dressage Schooling Show** https:// chagrinvalleyfarms.com/ shows/

March 26 Chagrin Valley Farm **Dressage Schooling Show** https:// chagrinvalleyfarms.com/ shows/

April 23 Chagrin Valley Farm Dressage Schooling Show https:// chagrinvalleyfarms.com/ shows/

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