

NODA News



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It's TIME to RENEW Your Membership for 2024!
Mail in OR bring the [membership form](#) to the celebration on November 19 to use your NODA Bucks!
You may also [join online](#).



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Second Wed. of the Month
Conference Call

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want to attend

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Editors Notes

Hello Readers,

The 2023 Annual Celebration and Brunch is upon us and you can [find the mail in form here](#) in case you want to use NODA Bucks ! Otherwise you can [use the online registration](#). November 19 is the big day! Have you sent in your reservations yet? You can do it by mail and online and don't forget, if you mail in your reservation, you can always use your NODA Bucks! *This years program includes 2024 "Save the Dates" for many upcoming events.*

Our Membership Chair, Fran Cverna wants to remind you that November begins the 2024 NODA Membership Drive and that fees have NOT gone up! Mail in OR bring the [membership form](#) to the celebration on November 19 to use your NODA Bucks! You may also [join online](#). Out membership year mirrors the USDF membership year which us December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024. *If you Join by November 19 your name will be put in a drawing for a FREE 2025 membership.*

We have three great member articles in Issue 11. Meghan Kelley [thanks her special horse show person](#). Pam White shares her NODA Schooling show [Rider Medal journey](#). And Charma Fargo shares her [love affair with an Arabian stallion, Allemar+//](#). Thanks to each of you for taking the time to write up your experiences to share with your fellow NODA members. We are ALWAYS looking for member articles.

Karen Puchalsky, NODA's The Dressage Foundation Liaison wants you to find out about all the grants that the TDF offers. You can find out more on [page 10](#). There's money out there to support your dressage habit...go after it!

Hope to see you on November 19 at the Annual Celebration and Brunch!

Kind regards,
Mosie Welch, Editor mosie-editor@nodarider.org



Lea Wojtkiewicz on Winter Sky getting last minute tips from Bonnie Gray at the NODA October 7 schooling show at CVF. Submitted by Sally Burton.

Cover: Pam White warming up Casey's Artful Treasure, "Cat, owned by Dale Lappert at the October 7 NODA schooling show.

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NODA News You Can Use



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The Northern Ohio Dressage Association is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization.

All members of NODA are USDF group members.

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

Membership News

Fran Cverna, Membership Chair

Membership@nodarider.org

USDF/NODA 2024 Membership Year

12/01/2023– 11/30/2024

What Are We Celebrating?

Halloween? Thanksgiving?



**No! For Us Dressage People,
November means getting ready for 2024!**

The USDF and
NODA membership years
starts December 1.

You should have received member-
ship renewal
information in the USPS mail.



How to RENEW!

At the Annual Celebration & Brunch
Bring your Membership Form/letter with
check, cash, or NODA Bucks

*Mail your check, cash, or NODA Bucks
with the Membership Form/letter*



REMEMBER!

You may use your NODA Bucks
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OR Join online at

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Join before or on November 19
and you will be entered in a drawing
for a free 2025 membership!

Dues Remain at 2023 levels for 2024!

membership@nodarider.org with questions

NODA Annual Celebration and Brunch November 19, 2023

Holiday Inn, Independence

Registration open through November 16

\$35.00 for Adults and \$25.00 for Children 12 & under

Advance Reservations Only

Online reservations and payments at this link on the
NODA website www.nodarider.org/event-5384804

To use your NODA Bucks, you MUST mail
your reservation form on page 11 and send
payment to:

NODA Bucks

Kirk Morehead

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Questions? Call or email Kirk 440-336-1311 or Kmore@en.com

Full information and registration form on [page 11](#)



Reservations must be postmarked no later than November 10th
(unfortunately we cannot accept walk in registration)

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Group Member Organization (GMO)**



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.nodarider.org or 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:

- NODA By-Laws, club information, newsletters, details about shows, awards and events, and online registration are all available at www.nodarider.org.
- Online sign up fees are \$2.00 more because of processing fees
- **Two ways to join:**
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Date _____ Renewal New

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It Takes a Village: A Tribute to My Person

By Meghan Kelley

Horse showing is an arduous sport which takes hours of preparation regardless of whether you are a junior, amateur or professional rider. It takes hours in the saddle along with a team of people supporting you along the way. Having a well-trained, educated veterinarian, farrier and trainer is key, however, having friends and family supporting you is just as vital.

To some riders, this support means having their trainer going to every show and standing ring side before their event. To others it means their horse show friends, who over the years, have become like family. Many include their parents or guardians, husband, wife or significant other in their support group. Everyone has at least one person whether from home or ring side that is cheering them on and encouraging the rider to perform at their best.

Throughout my many years of showing, my support system has taken on many different forms. Early in my career, I had my trainer and parents ringside, but as my career has progressed, it has slowly evolved into my boyfriend being ringside for every single competition.

He has not missed one event! Initially, he was my official videographer and photographer. With each subsequent show, he has morphed into an amazing groom and best cheerleader.

My significant other would tell you that the following items are "must haves" at each and every show:

1. Photography and Videography. Use a phone with a pop socket, you can really get all the angles. When videoing, it is best to take 749 pictures, that way at least two or three are bound to be deemed usable for social media. He does not apologize for the thousands of screenshots on other people's phones when he videos for them. He believes a thank you is in order.

2. Horse Show Bag. The preferred bag is a Carhart backpack that has a cooler bottom section. However, a tote, bucket, grooming bag, or regular backpack are all acceptable. The bag must contain, at minimum, fly spray, water and towels.



Meghan Kelley and Zach

3. Horse Show Towels. There must be a set of towels only used for shows. See above for acceptable "bags". If a bag is not available, the towel must be hanging out of the pocket and ready for quick use at all times.

4. The Cooler. The cooler must contain at least one full case of water. Horse shows are always held on the hottest weeks/weekends of the summer. The cooler must also be so full of "other" beverages that it barely closes.

5. Horse Show Trunk. I know what you are thinking, and no. This is a specific "grooms" trunk. The preferred brand is

Rigid, rolling and stackable tool box. Found inside is every size and shape of zip tie on the market. As well as a multitude of battery-operated Ryobi tools you never thought you would use. (We have used every single one).

6. Treats. There must be new treats purchased before every show. These are known as "moofins". Better known as The German Horse Muffin. Or "crunchy treats". Better known as Mrs. Pastures'-Cookies for Horses.

All joking aside, many of you know my horse show person, Zach by name. He talks to absolutely everyone and will be anyone's cheerleader. He recognizes how truly difficult this sport can be, but also how rewarding. I have been asked many times how I get him to come to every show? The answer is Zach wants to come. He unconditionally supports my love for riding and competing and I do not for one second take that for granted.



Hand walking with Zach

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As of January 1, 2024 NODA News will be published six times per year (Issue 1 February, Issue 2 April, Issue 3 June, Issue 4 August, Issue 5 October, and Issue 6 December) in digital format.

Two publications per year will also be in grayscale print, Issue 2 April and Issue 6 December.

NODA's executive board, advertising and classifieds editor, webmaster, and lead newsletter editor are working together to make this a smooth transition.

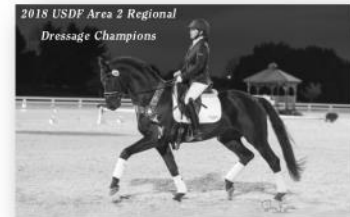


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The Dressage Foundation News

1) **TDF is announcing a new grant today!** The **P.R.E. Grant Fund** is to celebrate and promote the Pure Spanish Horse/ P.R.E. as upper-level dressage horses because of the breed's natural abilities, talent, and disposition. Thanks to generous donors, one annual \$2,500 grant will be given to a professional, adult amateur, or a Young Rider (over the age of 16) competing at Prix St. Georges (or Young Rider equivalent) or higher. Applications for this grant are due November 10. If you know of anyone who fits these criteria, please share this information with them and encourage them to apply!

2) **Fall Silent Auction:** Our silent auction is coming together. We have some AMAZING items with a good variety of price points. Thank you to those who have donated an item or service! We are so grateful! If you are interested in donating something, there is still time! Just send me a quick email. Our auction will go live next month, and we would love to have you help us share and promote it. It is an incredibly important fundraiser for TDF.

3) **Upcoming Grant Deadlines:** November 10: P.R.E. Grant Fund

4) **TDF has a new staff member! We are pleased to welcome Kimberly Tebrugge as our Director of Donor Relations.** In this newly created position at TDF, Kimberly will help donors realize their philanthropic goals through the support of TDF, its grants, and its programs. Kimberly may reach out at some point to introduce herself and to learn more about the needs of the dressage community.

5) **The Dressage Foundation List of Grants**

Some of the grants are taking applications to be awarded in 2024. Now is a good time to look into the qualifications for these grants and apply.

Youth and Young Adult Riders
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Dressage Breeders
Dressage Technical Delegates
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6) **The Dressage Foundation New Fund Raiser**

The Dressage Foundation Publishes Dietmar Specht's Classic Treatise on Judging Dressage Competitions
Dr. Dietmar Specht, Germany, presented "The View from C" in lecture form to an American Horse Shows Association's International Level Judges Forum, at Linda Zang's Idlewilde Farm in 1981. "It electrified the audience, and many remember it vividly even today," said Lowell Boomer, a founder of USDF and The Dressage Foundation. Boomer personally purchased the publishing rights from the Specht family and donated them to The Dressage Foundation, so that this classic treatise on judging dressage can now be published in book form. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to The Dressage Foundation's Edgar Hotz Judges Fund, to help develop promising dressage judges. Axel Steiner wrote the foreword and he praises the book as a true classic on judging dressage competitions. "All riders, judges, owners, and other interested horse people should pick up this little book and read it again and again, for they might find something new each time," said Steiner. Cost of book is \$12.50.

Check Out the TDF Grant Calendar - Don't leave \$\$\$ on the table!

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt, donor-driven organization that is dedicated to educating, supporting, and advancing the sport of dressage. The organization solicits contributions, appropriately allocates the donations, and awards grants and scholarships to dressage riders, judges, instructors, breeders, high performance teams, and nonprofit equestrian organizations. For more information, please visit

For more Information go to www.dressagefoundation.org

Submitted by NODA's The Dressage Foundation Liaison, Karen Puchalsky TDFRep@nodarider.org



The Northern Ohio Dressage Association

Invites you to its Annual Year-End Celebration and Awards Brunch
Celebrating a year of competition, accomplishment, and fun!

Festivities begin at 11:00 am (w/Cash Bar)

Sunday, November 19, 2023 Holiday Inn, Independence OH

6001 Rockside Road Brunch at 12:00 noon Independence, OH 44131

\$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 on the NODA website <https://www.nodarider.org/event-5384804>

To Register by mail or to use NODA Bucks, you MUST mail your reservation form below
and send payment to: Kirk Morehead 9701 West Moreland Rd Cleveland, Oh 44129

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Reservations must be postmarked no later than November 10th (unfortunately we cannot accept walk in registration)

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NODA Banquet Reservation Form



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Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Enclosed Amount (\$35/Adult; \$25/Child under 12): _____ Checks (payable to NODA), cash, and/or NODA Bucks.

Additional Information

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 at the Banquet

Membership 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. Each person who brings something for the shelter will get a free raffle ticket. 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 <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH272.html>

NODA THANKS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Raffle tickets for membership and dog shelter donations
will be used for special drawings throughout the evening.

The Hunt for a NODA Schooling Show Rider Bronze Medal

By Pam White

I've always looked forward to the NODA October Saturday show. It marks the end of the season for me and the end of summer. This year, the day after I sent my entry in, my horse, Flash In the Knight, developed an abscess in her hind hoof. Sadly, she was lame without a chance she would be better by show day.

Flash is an OTTB. We have been going to NODA schooling shows for several years. When NODA began offering the Schooling Show Rider Medal Program, we were so excited! Flash and I began trying to earn the Bronze Medal in 2020. Flash loves to do hard work and was upset with me for going back to the easy tests at Intro level. But we got our 4 scores and then concentrated on Training Level. We got 3 Training Level scores in 2022 and this year we had only 1 more to go.

I thought we would have 2 chances at the October Saturday show. And then Flash came up lame. It's horses, and we always do what is best for them, but I was so sad. Then I got some positive news!

My trainer, Dale Lappert, generously offered me the



Pam and Cat Warming up at the October Schooling Show.

opportunity to ride her horse, Casey's Artful Treasure, "Cat" for short. So Cat and I thought we would go to the show and give it a try.

Show day dawned, a cold, windy, rainy morning and Cat was full of excitement. But soon she settled down, went to work and we had great rides, earning the last 65% I needed for my Bronze Rider Medal as a team! Now I can't wait until the banquet when I get to see my medal I've worked so hard for! And I have Flash and Cat to thank for it.

Flash is starting to feel better, so maybe I can ride her soon. I hope so, because life just isn't the same when you're not riding your horse. AND I'm working hard now to hopefully introduce my 3 1/2 year old filly, Baby Star, to a schooling show next year. There is so much to do!

How to Earn a Rider Medal

Members are able to earn Schooling Show Rider Medals at NODA Schooling Shows. Find out more on the schooling show page on NODA's website. Or click this link [NODA Schooling Show Rider Medal Program](#)



The Convention Experience

Each year, USDF members from around the country come together to celebrate, network, and take their stake in dressage. With the future of USDF and dressage in the US in the balance, these passionate and dedicated ambassadors of the sport spend a week each fall analyzing and debating the hottest topics in the sport, attending uniquely curated education sessions, connecting with longtime friends from around the country, and celebrating the best and brightest USDF and dressage have to offer!

More at www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp



A Love Story

By Charma Fargo, first printed in USDF Your Dressage, July 16, 2021

PART ONE

Have you ever watched an elegant rider and powerful horse complete a graceful dressage test and marveled about the amount of work and preparation involved? Sleek and shiny hair coats, polished boots, the precise movements of the dance unfolding before you all add up to a monumental dedication.

But what does that expression on the rider's face mean? A brilliant smile of accomplishment? Eyes roll with relief? Are the tears marking a path down dusty cheeks caused by disappointment or joy? For breast cancer survivor Charma Fargo the tears flowing after her completion of a brilliant fourth level ride in the Spring Of 2006 were just one more step in the progression of her love affair with an Arabian stallion, Allemar+//.

The love affair began in the foaling stall in 1994. "My mare decided to foal standing up," said Fargo.

"My friend Jan Sharp hurried over to help and Fargo said "What should I do?" "Catch him!", Jan yelled. The slick, almost black, big eyed colt slid from his Mother's womb straight into the willing arms of Fargo. She was there for him at the beginning, many years later he would be there for her, as well.

Fargo, of Ashtabula, Ohio, always loved horses but didn't begin riding seriously until the age of 40. "I didn't want to get old and say gee, I wish I would have ridden," Fargo explained. Amateur rider Fargo chose the discipline of dressage. "I just thought dressage was more interesting and would be something I could do." In her late 30's, Fargo

was single with two children, working hard to support herself, her children and still nurture her riding enthusiasm. She rode her first horse, Major Goal a National Show Horse, who was raised and trained by Fargo. He was not interested in dressage, so she turned her attention to training the scraggly colt that fell into her arms several years earlier.



Charma and Allemar+//

The three year old Allemar+// was beginning to show the quality and promise of his outstanding lineage. Fargo produced Allemar by breeding her Arabian mare CA Sweet Dreams to six-time National Champion Arabian stallion Allience+// after watching him wear the championship rose blanket yet again at the Arabian National Championship Show in 1992. The kind and gregarious Allemar+// was a willing student of Fargo's training efforts. Fargo explains, "I thought that if we were keeping him a stallion we should get him started right away." He soon found himself inside the white fenced dressage rectangle at both schooling, Arabian and rated

shows.

The training of Fargo and her handsome young protégé progressed steadily and accolades began to accumulate on their show record. "What a good horse he has been for an amateur", said Fargo. "He loves to go to horse shows and he loves people. He also has moments when he is full of himself." In 2002 exactly ten years after Fargo first saw National Champion Allience+// at the Arabian National show, she returned to Louisville Kentucky's famous Freedom Hall. This was her first trip to the Nationals and she won a National Top Ten in First Level Dressage Amateur-to-Ride with Allemar+//.

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This was just the beginning of a stellar show career which encompasses more than 170 awards including the highly coveted USDF Bronze Medal and multiple USDF All Breed Awards, Arabian Horse Association Region 14 Championship, Reserves or Top Five's at First, Second, Third, and Fourth Levels, Legion of Honor, Legion of Supreme Honor and Legion of Excellence. Perhaps Fargo's favorite award was a fifth place out of twenty-seven at the ABIG/USDF Region 2 Championship. The other twenty-six horses were warmbloods. The championships and awards were fabulous, but Allemar+// would soon give of himself in a more urgent way.

A day like any other day in late June of 2005 changed Fargo's life. She found a lump in her breast. After 15 years of regular, negative mammograms, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Surgery and chemotherapy at Cleveland Clinic suddenly took up her riding time. "I couldn't ride for 6 weeks. My friends helped with lunging and riding Allemar+// so I could keep him in shape." "then in August", Fargo said "I had Al's shoes pulled on the day entries closed for the Arabian Sport Horse National Championship show. I couldn't go. I just cried and cried." But the crying didn't last for long. The once lithe and athletic Fargo collected her devoted gaggle of friends around her and went marching forward.

The Doctor advised her to stay out of the barn and away from mold and dust. "I can't get through this without going to the barn," Fargo told her husband, Larry. He supplied her with a special dust mask and off she went to the barn. Chemo treatments lasted for 16 weeks, every other week. During the week of chemo she didn't ride, but on the off week she did. "I wanted to ride as much as I could, but I had to be careful", Fargo related. "I didn't want to sit and dwell on the cancer. My riding was a big part of my life – I didn't want to make the cancer a big part of my life. Allemar+// kept me going." The fancy, charismatic dark stallion was there for her and the love affair reached an even deeper level.

Fargo's last chemo treatment was just before Thanksgiving 2005. That winter she worked with her trainer. April 2006 found Fargo competing at 4th level with Allemar+//, smiling, crying and cancer free. Allemar+// was treated like a rock star, as usual, by his admiring fans at the horse show. The fan club lined the ringside, holding their breath and riding each step with the elegant duo. They counted strides for the changes, pushed for the extensions and cheered them on. Perhaps the fans wondered why Fargo cried after such a beautiful presentation. She beat the dark shadow, she was back.

"When I bred Allemar+//, said Fargo, "I though I could make money selling him and use the money to put my kids through school. My kids are now through college and I still have the horse", laughs Fargo. Allemar+// has sired several successful offspring. His first foal, a black Anglo Arabian named Ruby Toosday, has already been named a National Top Ten winner in Western Pleasure at Youth Nationals. Fargo and Allemar+// will debut at Prix St. Georges in 2007. "I'm scared to death", she said. Not to worry, Allemar+// will be with her every temp change of the way.

PART TWO

After receiving my Bronze and Silver medals and one score toward my Gold medal Allemar+// was retired due to a tendon tear and advancing age. He is now 27 years old. He has been a fabulous horse to learn from and help me through some tough times.

Now in my 70's I am still actively riding SRC Gabriella, an Arabian/Friesian cross. She has been shown at Arabian, USEF/USDF open and multiple Sport Horse Nationals, with many wins to her credit. I still take regular lessons and care for my horses. I have my own barn and indoor arena. Arabian horses have been a big part of my life and made my childhood dream come true even at a later time in my life. Don't let your dreams pass you by, make them happen!



ALLEMAR+//

March 16, 1994/August 13, 2023

Al was full of personality and charm and tested my limits every day. He carried me to my bronze and silver medals and one score toward my gold when I didn't have a clue. He was born and died in my barn. He was truly one of a kind. Rest in peace buddy....

The first part of this story is dedicated to Wendy Gruskiewicz who passed away from cancer in 2020. She was a skilled journalist and wrote part one of my story several years ago. She was also a lifelong Arabian breeder, Arabian judge and my friend.

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