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### Board Meetings

February Meeting  
will be Wednesday Feb 7

Instead of the  
Second Wed. of the Month  
Conference Call

Notify your GMO Liaison if you  
want to attend

Your ideas are welcome

## Editors Notes

Hello Readers,

**Welcome to the first digital ONLY NODA News!** It is packed full of information, upcoming events, and Year - end Celebration photos! When it's digital, we can make the newsletter as long as we like and all in color. So we did!



**NOTICE! NODA's February board meeting will be Wednesday, February 7** because the regular meeting date falls on Valentines Day. If you'd like to join us please contact your NODA Liaison to attend this virtual meeting

**Spring events open on February 1** including the March 9 Working Equitation Clinic with Emily Gill at Kachina Farm (page 4) and the Lendon Gray Adult Clinic on April 5th at FLOW Equestrian Center (page 28). Go check out these events and register early!

**Sincere appreciation to the 2023 NODA Year End Celebration Committee and Set - up Crew.** Another fun brunch and awards celebration is in the books. Page 8 includes overall banquet photos and award photos begin on page 12. NODA congratulates each of you for your hard work and dedication to the sport of dressage whether you are a celebration volunteer or a competitor!

**Want to know if the upcoming Working Equitation Clinic is right for you and your horse?** Read "Why Working Equitation for Dressage Riders?" on page 10. **Right: Mosie and Alaska in their first recognized Working Equitation Trial in June 2024 crossing the bridge in the Ease of Handling phase.**



**Are you interested in finding funds to extend the dollars you use for Classical and Western dressage education and instruction, or to become a USEF official?** Check out our monthly The Dressage Foundation News on page 15 put together by Karen Puchalsky as well as her article on setting goals and grant writing on page 26.

**NODA's recognized shows are just around the corner and there are sponsorships available.** Class sponsorships are popular and a cost effective way to honor or remember a special person or horse. Please take a look on page 26 and 27. Please, encourage friends, family, and businesses you know to sponsor dressage in NE Ohio.

**How can I get my articles and photos into the NODA News?** Members who send photos with captions or articles ARE welcome. Articles can be about any aspect of your dressage training, cross training, overall equestrian journey, programs you manage or support, a challenge in your journey, or tell us about those that support you. **And you will earn NODA bucks!**



As I write this, it's bitter cold outside. I hope everyone is staying warm, healthy, and planning for the warmer weather that will eventually come our way. For now, there's no mud and I'm grateful for that.

**Sending XXX OOO's to all your horses!**

Mosie Welch, Editor

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**Cover: Happy Award winners celebrate together at NODA's 2023 Year End Celebration and Brunch!** Photo by Suzanne Sherbundy Groselle

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All members of NODA are USDF group members.  
For USDF participating membership, apply directly to the USDF at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)



### Working Equitation Clinic

with Emily Gill  
USDF gold medalist and  
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**Saturday, March 9**

**Kachina Farm**

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**Working Equitation Clinic Opens February 1**

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**The 2024 Schooling Show Series Prize List**  
is live on the NODA Website! Access it here [Prize List](#)

Entries thru Horse show Office

**Save the Dates!**

Click below for a  
[Link to year end award photos](#)

Available for viewing and  
for download  
through February 2024

### SAVE THE DATES!

**NODA Dressage 2024 & NODA Dressage 2024 Encore**  
**May 11-12, 2024 Chagrin Valley Farms**  
Judges Adrienne Pot "S" Sandi Chohany "S"

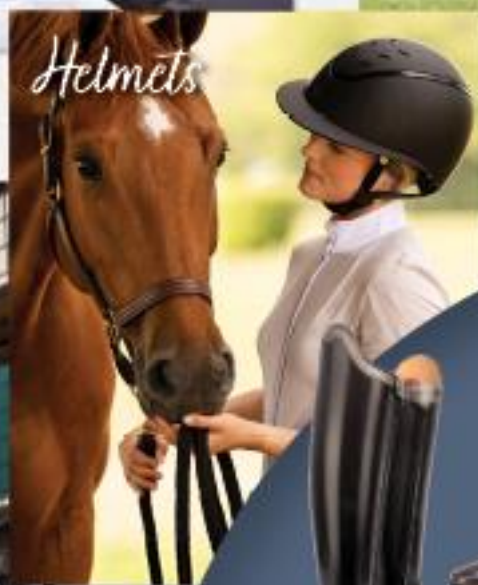
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Entries thru Horse Show Office



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Feb. 10-19, 2024

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# 2023 NODA Year End Celebration Volunteers and Set - up Crew

Photos by Suzanne Groselle and Mosie Welch



Above: Volunteers chatting before set-up.

Above center: Dee Liebenthal goes over the program with Regina Sacha-Ujczko who took over MC duties at the last minute.



Above: Sally Burton and Kirk Morehead setting up the Silent Auction.

Below: Suzanne Groselle setting up the photo station.



Val Grava and Janeen Langowski - Grava setting up the awards.

## Thank You to Our Year-end Celebration Committee

Kirk Morehead Chair and Silent Auction  
 Dee Liebenthal  
 Kathy Kirchner  
 Danielle O'Donnell  
 Suzanne Groselle  
 Fran Cverna  
 Patti Valencic  
 Mosie Welch  
 Patty Keim

## Thank You to Our 2023 Year-end Awards Committee

Janeen Langowski - Grava  
 Anne McClintock  
 Sally Burton



Left: from the left, Regina Sacha-Ujczko, Janeen Langowski - Grava, Val Grava, and Anne McClintock hand out awards.

Right: Membership Chair Fran Cverna accepts 2024 NODA Memberships.



Left: Sally Burton greets attendees at the registration table.



Patti Valencic accepts donations for the Geauga County Animal Shelter.



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# Northern Ohio Dressage Association Year End Celebration 2023!



Dear Members,

For over 50 years, NODA has been committed to educating the community about the sport of dressage and providing you, our members, with a broad range of opportunities to enhancing your experience in the practice of dressage. NODA annually sponsors clinics and symposiums including the four day Dressage Adventures with cross training, the two day Dressage Professional Initiative, a Ride-a-Test, both recognized shows and a schooling shows series including traditional and Western dressage which culminates in a championship show. Because we are committed to education, NODA provides a scholarship program for Junior/Young Riders and Adult Amateurs and a Grant Program for NODA professionals so our members can tailor an education experience to their needs. NODA continues to expand its offerings and stay in touch with you through our award winning website and newsletter, as well as email blasts. But we cannot do any of this without you. **We appreciate your participation and your volunteerism. On behalf of the NODA Board, thank you for being a part of NODA in 2023. We are looking forward to 2024!**

Sincerely,

Danielle O'Donnell, President

[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**Thank You**  
to every member who participated in NODA's  
recognized shows, schooling show series,  
clinics and seminars  
as a participant, a planner, or a volunteer.  
**NODA ONLY** exists because of your  
support.

Here's to a Productive 2024!



**November  
17  
2023**

**Holiday Inn  
Independence**





## USDF News

### USDF Partnering with Black Horse One to Develop New 2024 Judge Education Initiative

For Immediate Release Monday, December 11, 2023

The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is excited to announce the development of a new judge education initiative, in partnership with Black Horse One (BHO) and with funding support provided by The Dressage Foundation's Mary Anne and Walter McPhail Judge Education Fund, to be launched in 2024. This new initiative will provide enhanced education opportunities for USEF judges and USDF L Education Program candidates, through the well established virtual and interactive technology capabilities of BHO. While these programs will consist of three types of educational sessions (online, virtual interactive, and live interactive), the intent is not to replace, but to complement and supplement the live L Program and USEF judge training sessions already conducted by USDF.

In addition to supplementing the existing education and training offerings, these programs will allow USDF to offer more in-depth education sessions and modules for designated and non-designated specialties, such as Freestyle, Young Horse, Para, and Dressage Seat Equitation, to utilize these sessions for compulsory education while also broadening the offerings of non-compulsory education, and to provide even more online and virtual education from a judging perspective to the entire USDF membership and dressage community.

When speaking on the exciting new initiative, USDF President George Williams had this to say, "Black Horse One, whose platform is currently being utilized as an enhancement to the FEI's judge education and development, is already well established as the premier source for online, virtual, and interactive education for judges, specifically through their BHO Masters Symposiums. So, partnering with them to further enhance and develop our existing USEF and USDF training opportunities was a no-brainer. The combination of their tech savvy and proven success in this virtual arena makes them the perfect partner to move our judge education into the future. And none of this would be made possible without the generous funding support of The Dressage Foundation's Mary Anne and Walter McPhail Judge Education Fund."

To access current judge education available through USDF, or to learn more about Black Horse One and their full lineup of offerings, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and [Blackhorse-one.com](http://Blackhorse-one.com), respectively. Also, for more information about grants and other opportunities available through The Dressage Foundation, visit their website at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), email [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

## Membership News

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USDF/NODA 2024 Membership Year  
12/01/2023– 11/30/2024

**NODA currently has 167 members!**

Welcome

**Welcome (or welcome back after an absence)**

### New Members

Julie Beatty, Julie Blair, Suzanne Coleman, Carrie Anne Fiorucci, Nicole Gerami, Lisa Wheeler Neely, Elizabeth Ortner, Gail Patton, Patty Saunders, Winifred Spisak, Heather Strawn



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Congratulations!

**Winner of the 2025 NODA Membership Drawing is  
Viktoria Sargeant**

If you have not yet renewed, I hope you will do it NOW.  
Mail membership form or renew online at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org).

# Why Working Equitation for Dressage Riders?

By Mosie Welch

**The Discipline of Working Equitation (WE) is an international sport based on dressage for all horses. It promotes trust between a horse and rider combination, develops rideability over time, and is just good fun.** Horse and rider pairs may compete or participate in clinics and fun days. No matter how you participate, WE will make you a better rider and your horse more rideable. There are four phases in Working Equitation which include the Dressage Test, Ease of Handling or obstacle phase, the Speed Trial which is an obstacle course which you may ride as fast as you choose, and the Cattle Trial for those who choose to participate. Unlike classical dressage, working equitation tests require riders to back their horse and canter at the novice levels and backing is required in all of the four phases. **NODA is offering a WE Clinic on March 9 with WE Master Level Rider and USDF Gold Medalist, Emily Gill which will focus on the Ease of Handling phase. But no worries, there will be no cattle involved!**

**Ease of Handling focuses on specific obstacles as well as how the pair moves from obstacle to obstacle.** The objectives for the Ease of Handling Trial, "... is to show both the rider's and horse's capacity for calmness, precision, style, and regularity in performing the obstacles, providing evidence of harmony between the horse and rider. This trial is not timed." (USA Working Rules Equitation Rules Section 6.1)

**Ease of Handling stresses dressage basics** such as relaxation, impulsion, straightness, contact and connection, quality of the gait in all movements, the horse's rhythm, transitions within and between the gaits, bend, the effectiveness of the riders aids at all gaits, geometry of movements, immobility at the halt, and working, lengthened, and collected gaits. Sound familiar?

**Are you wondering what a WE Ease of Handling Clinic with Emily Gill will be like?** Encouraging! While you and your horse work at the level you are comfortable with and capable of, Emily make it fun, positive, and enlightening!



**Above: Emily and Kahlua compete at classical Grand Prix Dressage.**

**Below: Emily and Kahlua compete at Masters Level WE dressage. Masters Level requires the rider to ride one handed in all phases.**



**Rider and horse pairs of all levels are welcome! You will be riding in groups of four.** If your horse has not experienced obstacles before or there is some aspect of the course that is a challenge for you or your horse, hand walking and introducing your horse in a positive manner before mounting is encouraged. After a warm up period each obstacle is explained along with the steps to achieving the obstacle. Then it's time for you to give it a try. If your horse balks or hesitates at any step of an obstacle, Emily has patience, solutions, and may even recommend a building block approach taking it one step at a time. Every horse and rider pair may not complete every obstacle in the first clinic, however you will leave with tools to work on the obstacles you and your horse find challenging

**For more experienced WE riders or those whose horse takes to obstacles like a duck in water,** you'll have plenty of time to practice

while Emily is working with other riders. When it's your turn to go through the obstacle Emily will focus on your dressage basics and point out what you can do to improve your execution. You'll get competition tips too!

**Your group ride ends with each horse and rider pair that chooses to participate putting it all together by going through a WE course.** WE is a mental break for your horse while you work on everything you need to complete an accurate and well executed classical dressage test.

**Want to give Working Equitation obstacles a try? NODA's Working Equitation Clinic Opens February 1 at [www.nodarider.org/event-5555999](http://www.nodarider.org/event-5555999)**

**Find out more about USA Working Equitation,** the national organization for Working Equitation in the USA by going to <https://usawe.org/>

**Find out more about Emily Gill at her website <https://emilysequestrian.com/>.**

See you at the WE Clinic!

# NODA 2023 Year End Award Recipients

## Recognized Awards

Trophy	Name	Horse	Owner	Place	Percent	
Alessandria Memorial Trophy	Meghan Kelley	Holo Holo	same		68.088%	
Jane Grey Trophy	Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same		66.925%	
Musical Freestyle (NODA)						
		Horse		Level	Place	Percent
	Cassandra Hummert Johnson	Dianella		4th	1	73.246%
	Meghan Kelley	Holo Holo		1-1	2	71.346%
	Lauren Wade	Lord Burberry CESH		3rd	3	69.213%
	Lauren Wade	Lord Burberry CESH		2nd	4	65.932%
Michael von der Nonne Trophy	Kate Poulin	Der Kline Earl	Jennifer Carr		74.440%	
Richard Gascoigne Trophy	Lauren Wade	Lord Burberry CESH	same		64.954%	
Richter 5 Trophy	Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same		68.875%	
Sindarin Trophy	Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same		70.845%	
<b>Recognized and Unrecognized Awards</b>						
Joan Rapp Trophy	Valerie Grava	RRF Minit	same		67.782%	
The Grethen Singleton Award	Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same		70.845%	
Gallant Lad Trophy	Valerie Grava	Capricious	Janeen Grava		68.696%	
The Moody Mare Award	Barbara Hartmann Sasak	KC's Lil Cherry Bomb	same		67.501%	
Full of Grace Award	Kimberly Zemba	Odin	same		67.065%	
Cattail Run Trophy	Allie Davison	Dun It By Midnight	Alyssa Moran		64.765%	
Vintage Western Dressage Rider Trophy	Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same		72.740%	
Western Dressage Trophy	Anne McClintock	French Braid	Margo Schildhouse		71.639%	

## Recognized Show Scholarships

Jr Yr	Name	Horse	Owner	Place	Percent
				Training Level	
Jr Yr	Valerie Grava	RRF Minit	same	1	62.502%
AA	Heather Soones	Charming Cosmo	same	1	69.850%
	Tracy Browne	Payback Beacon	same	2	66.200%
<b>First Level</b>					
Jr Yr	N/A				
AA	Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same	1	67.570%
	Tracy Browne	Payback Beacon	same	2	60.425%
Open	Kate Poulin	Der Kleine Earl	Jennifer Carr	1	74.537%
	Sabine Walker	Wynstan GET	same	2	65.884%
	Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same	3	64.941%
<b>Second Level</b>					
AA	Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same	1	66.925%
	Jennifer Carr	Der Kleine Earl	same	2	65.506%
<b>Third Level</b>					
AA/Jr YR	Zoe Deems	Jewels	Janeen Grava	1	65.107%
	Lauren Wade	Lord Burberry CESH	same	2	64.953%
	Allison Ray	Bella Ragazza	same	3	63.811%
<b>Fourth Level</b>					
Open	Cassandra Johnson	Dianella	same	1	68.646%
	Sarah Freeman	Worth The Wait	same	2	64.201%



### Recognized Show Scholarships, continued

Prix St. George				
AA/Jr YR Linda Toll	Fantasia same		1	60.787%
Intermediate 1				
Open Meghan Kelley	Holo Holo	same	1	68.088%
Dressage Seat Equitation	Valerie Grava	CapriousJaneen Grava	1	72.333%



### Unrecognized Awards NODA's Volunteer of 2023 Kirk Morehead

The Edy Ujcz Horse Partnership	Anne McClintock			
The Fox Smith Trophy	Zoe Deems	Wrensselaer	same	77.667%
Laddie Andahazy Trophy	Jennifer Nagy			71.534%
The Sweeter Award	Valerie Grava	Capricious	Janeen Grava	67.205%
The Rowdy Memorial Trophy	Jennifer Nagy	Johnny	Patti Valencic	71.937%
The Giving Spirit Award	Valerie Grava	Capricious	Janeen Grava	69.138%

### Unrecognized Show Scholarships

Intro - Open Level Rider Professional				
Barbara Hartmann Sasak	K.C.'s Lil Cherry Bomb	same	1	67.502%
Rachel Jelen	Grazia Who	same	2	65.878%
Alyssa Moran	Tracking Gold	same	3	64.297%
Intro - Open Level Rider AA				
Jennifer Nagy	Johnny	Patti Valencic	1	71.438%
Intro - Open Level Junior Rider				
Mikaela Rainer	In Your Dreams	same	1	66.875%
Emily Croson	Dark Lady	same	2	65.469%
Quinn Gallagher	Legacy's Traveller	Tracy Gallagher	3	64.922%
Allie Davison	Dun It By Midnight	Alyssa Moran	4	64.766%
Adeline Timko	Evermore	April Woodward	5	62.922%
Open Training Level Professional				
Alyssa Moran	Easton	same	1	71.255%
April Woodward	Evermore	same	2	62.956%
Alyssa Moran	Bellamy	same	3	61.920%
Open Training Level AA				
Katelyn Gerber	Risibile	same	1	67.567%
Allison Ray	Chrome	Derby of Thistleridge/Laurie Szuter	2	66.504%
Jennifer Nagy	Adante	Janet Thompson	3	66.179%
Open Training Level - Jr Rider				
Valerie Grava	Capricious	Janeen Grava	1	68.067%
Valerie Grava	RRF Minuet	Valerie Grava	2	66.702%
Isabella Beamer	Two Tall Jigs	Amanda Getto	3	64.600%
Quinn Gallagher	Legacy's Traveller	Tracy Gallagher	4	63.510%



## Unrecognized Show Scholarships, continued

First Level Professional					
Sabine Walker	Wynstan	same	1	66.843%	
Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same	2	65.037%	

First Level - AA					
Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same	1	71.372%	
Danielle Struna	Famous Mr. Jones	same	2	68.476%	
Allison Ray	Little Star of PVAMD	Jan Milo	3	65.313%	
Kimberly Zemba	Odin	same	4	64.653%	

Second Level Professional					
Sarah Freeman	Odin	Kim Zemba	1	65.953%	

Second Level AA/Jr					
Bitsy Gascoigne	Awkward Silence	same	1	70.173%	
Allison Ray	Little Star of PVAMD/	Jan Milo	2	64.857%	
Lea Wojtkiewicz	Winter Sky	same	3	62.708%	

Third Level - AA/Jr					
Kathy Kirchner	Bacardi CB	same	1	65.176%	
Agatha Smithers	Fizzical Therapy	same	2	64.418%	
Jennifer Tulleners	Crossed Sabres/Taya Workum-Byers		3	62.748%	

Fourth Level Professional					
Sarah Freeman	Worth The Wait	same	1	65.242%	

Dressage Seat Jr					
Isabella Beamer	Two Tall Jigs/Amanda Getto		1	73.667%	
Valerie Grava	Capricious/Janeen Grava		2	71.000%	



### Western Dressage Scholarships

Western Intro Level - Professional					
Anne McClintock	Siesta Bee Nifty	Emily Devey	1	75.281%	
Anne McClintock	French Braid	Margo Schildhouse	2	70.438%	

Western Intro Level - AA					
Emily Devey	Siesta Bee Nifty	same	1	65.542%	

Western Basic Level - Professional					
Anne McClintock	French Braid	Margo Schildhouse	1	70.216%	
Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same	2	69.760%	
Anne McClintock	Siesta Bee Nifty	Emily Devey	3	68.750%	

Western Basic Level - Jr/Yr					
Madalyn Trend	Out Of The Blue	same	1	68.752%	

Western Level One - Professional					
Anne McClintock	DD Afire Marshal	same	1	66.508%	

Achievement Certificates	Pam White	Flash In The Knight		Dale Lappert	
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To  
All  
NODA's  
Award  
Winners



## Horse People - A Unique Breed Getting Grants to Support Your Habit!

NODA's Dressage Foundation Liaison, Karen Puchalsky

[TDFRep@nodarider.org](mailto:TDFRep@nodarider.org)

**We are truly a special breed! I've been called a horse person by many people including family, non-horse friends, and even my Chiropractor!** How many times have we needed a new pair of paddock boots, but our horses needed new shoes, or a vet treatment and we made our paddock boots last a little longer so our horse could get what they needed? Many times, we joke that if we knew that buying a horse was the least expensive part of owning a horse, would we rethink our decision? I don't know about you, but my answer is NEVER!! But, don't you wish you had a Fairy God Mother who would magically give you money to advance your Dressage education? Well, there is—The Dressage Foundation!

**It wasn't until I became The Dressage Foundation Liaison for NODA, that I learned what was available in grants to help.** Whether you are a Youth/Young Adult, Adult Amateur, Trainer, or involved in show management, there are grants available to you. Many of these grants are created in memory of people that spent years in the dressage world and wanted to help others continue their journey in the sport of Dressage. The Carol Lavell's Fund named in remembrance of her great dressage horse "Gifted" is to "give permission" to adult amateur riders to set aside quality time to concentrated on training. Up to nine \$1,500 grants are available each year (one in each USDF Region), plus two additional \$1,500 wild card grants. Wouldn't an extra \$1,500 help toward your training?

**There are so many grants available that you can apply for in 2024 in the following categories:**

- Youth and Young Adult Riders
- Adult Amateurs
- Breed Specific Funds
- Dressage Judges
- Dressage Instructors
- Educational Events
- FEI/High Performance Dressage
- Dressage Breeders
- Dressage Technical Delegates
- Para-Equestrian Dressage
- Show Management
- Western Dressage

**Don't Leave \$\$\$  
on the table!**

**Research and find a grant  
That works for you!**

**Also, don't forget about The Dressage Foundation's Century Club.** Riding doesn't have to stop when you reach a certain age, and The Dressage Foundation celebrates the riders that continue to ride despite their age. The Century Club recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a test of any level at a show (schooling or recognized) or event and are scored by a dressage judge or professional. Western Dressage riders are also welcome to join the Century Club. An application (found under the "Join the Century Club" heading) should be completed and sent to the Foundation at least two weeks prior to the ride. The Dressage Foundation (TDF) will send a beautiful black and gold ribbon to be presented to the team at the show. Following the ride, TDF sends a Century Club plaque to the new team.

**Grants are awarded throughout the year and have different application deadlines. So don't wait until it is too late.** Start planning today by going to The Dressage Foundation's website at <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/> to learn more about the grants and how to apply.

# Northern Ohio Dressage Association Year End Awards

## Schooling Show Rider Medal Recipients - Classical Dressage

Photos by Suzanne Sherbundy Groselle



Above left: Pam White – Bronze, classical dressage.



Above right: Bitsy Gascoigne – Bronze, classical dressage.  
Below right: Sarah Freeman – Gold, classical dressage.

### Schooling Show Rider Medal Program

The NODA Schooling Show Rider Medal Program allows competitors to set long term goals to achieve long-term rider goals. Rider scores do NOT expire beginning with the 2020 competition season forward. Scores earned prior to the start of the 2020 shows will not be considered.

Riders earn scores at any test of the level and may earn their medals in any order. Riders may earn scores on any horse, but if they choose to return to lower levels with your current horse, to show for a medal score 2 or more levels below where you currently show, you must show Hors Concours (HC). For example, a 1st level rider returning to Intro for a medal score will need to ride HC. You do not have to earn your medal in one year. Medals are awarded at our annual banquet in November. To receive your medal(s) at the banquet, please submit your application by November 1st.

#### Rider Medal Levels and Score Requirements

##### Bronze Medal Requirements

Classical Dressage riders must earn at least 65% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Intro level and earn at least 65% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Training Level. Western Dressage riders must earn at least 65% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Intro level and earn at least 65% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Basic Level.

##### Silver Medal Requirements

Classical Dressage riders must earn at least 62% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at 1st level and earn at least 62% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at 2nd level.



Western Dressage riders must earn at least 62% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Level One and earn at least 62% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Level 2.

##### Gold Medal Requirements

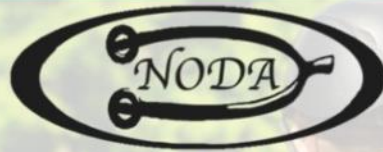
Classical Dressage riders must earn at least 60% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at 3rd level and at least 60% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at 4th level.

Western Dressage riders must earn at least 60% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Level Three and at least 60% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows at Level 4.

##### FEI Medal Requirements

Classical Dressage riders must earn at least 60% at 4 separate NODA schooling shows. Scores must be earned in two or more FEI levels (Prix St. Georges through Grand Prix).

Find out more at: [www.nodarider.org/Schooling-Shows](http://www.nodarider.org/Schooling-Shows)



*Northern Ohio Dressage Association  
2023 Celebration & Awards Brunch*

*11:00 am Social Hour with Cash Bar*

**Bid on Silent Auction Items**

**Friends and Family Photos in Photo Area**

*11:30 am Welcome and Announcements*

*Danielle O'Donnell, President*

*Noon Brunch Buffet*

*12:30pm Awards Presentations with MC Regina Sacha-Ujcz*

for the NODA Competition Year October 16, 2022 through October 15, 2023

[www.nodarider.org/awards](http://www.nodarider.org/awards)

2023 NODA USDF Group Member Organization Award Winners and Honorable Mentions

[www.usdf.org/awards/service/gmo.asp](http://www.usdf.org/awards/service/gmo.asp)

NODA's Volunteer of the Year

NODA Lifetime Achievement Award

NODA Schooling Show Medal Recipients

Junior Young Rider and Adult Amateur Scholarship Awards

Ribbons and Scholarships for Recognized Show Awards

Ribbons and Scholarships for NODA Schooling Show Series

Trophies and Other Awards

**Raffles**

**Silent Auction Closes; credit card, check or cash accepted**

*Closing Remarks and Announcement*

*Danielle O'Donnell, President*

*Congratulations to All of Our Members!*

*Thank You for Celebrating a Successful Year With NODA!!*

[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)



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## The Dressage Foundation News

Grants are awarded throughout the year and have application deadlines. Don't wait until it is too late, go to The Dressage Foundation's website at [www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/) to find out more!

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is pleased to announce new grant application deadlines for TDF's Group Education Grant Funds. TDF offers a variety of grants to help fund educational events across the country and typically awards over 25 grants per year. The deadline to apply has been reduced to 75 days prior to the event.

"TDF hopes to encourage more groups and organizations to apply for TDF's many grants. The Group Education Fund grants are a wonderful way to help educate dressage riders and trainers across the country more affordably. We hope these new deadlines will make it easier for organizers to apply," said Sara Weiss, TDF's Director of Grants and Programs.

Thanks to the many generous donors throughout the years, TDF has been able to support a variety of educational opportunities for riders, instructors, and judges of different levels and in areas throughout the country. Grants are available year-round for USDF Group Member Organizations (GMOs), non-profits, and other equestrian organizations to host events in 2024 and beyond. Applications for these grants are due to TDF at least 75 days prior to the event.

**Dancing Horse Fund:** For non-profit groups to hold musical freestyle clinics and seminars or to purchase sound systems to use for freestyle events.

**Dreizler International Clinician Fund:** Provides financial support for equestrian organizations, dressage clubs, and owners of private facilities who are hosting educational events with clinicians from countries outside of the United States.

**Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund:** Provides support to USDF GMOs for the "Continuing Education for Judges and L Program Graduates" program. *(Apply through USDF at least 60 days prior to the event.)*

**Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund:** The goal of this Fund is to provide grants for equestrian groups to host affordable, high-quality Western Dressage educational events.

**Max E. Gahwyler Instructor Education Fund:** Grants are available for equestrian organizations, dressage clubs, or owners of private facilities who are hosting educational events for dressage instructors, including the USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program.

**Michael Poulin Dressage Fund:** For non-profit groups or individuals to host an event that will improve the quality of dressage in their area through riding, training, instructing, and/or judging. Applications should be bold, creative, and collaborative.

**Oregon Dressage Society Linda S. Acheson Fund:** Provides grants to ODS, ODS Chapters, and ODS Committees that are organizing educational events that will benefit the Oregon dressage community and help further the mission of the Oregon Dressage Society.

**Sally Swift Fund for Centered Riding Clinics:** For non-profit groups to organize a Centered Riding© clinic.

**Violet Hopkins Fund for GMO Events:** For USDF GMOs to host a variety of educational events, such as camps, symposia, and seminars for riders of all ages and levels.

**An overview of these Grant Funds can be found at:**

[https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/educational\\_clinics\\_seminars\\_symposia/](https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/educational_clinics_seminars_symposia/)

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## Education Report for January/February 2024

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Education Co-chair Sally Burton  
440-221-7544 sabcampisme@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to a busy spring in NODA Education!

**Saturday, March 9: Working Equitation Clinic at Kachina Farms in New Franklin, Ohio.** Emily Gill, USDF gold medalist and Master level rider in Working Equitation will be teaching this fun, exciting clinic. Emily will be weaving her love of dressage with her love of W.E. into a rewarding two hour session for riders. This clinic is for anyone- mounted or on the ground- experienced at WE or just beginning! Riders will be put into groups of 3-4 with a two-hour time slot. Emily is very gifted at making every rider feel comfortable and accomplished. Her enthusiasm and energy are contagious and you will leave feeling successful as she turns all obstacles into positives from which to grow.

The Working Equitation Clinic opens February 1. Sign up for this clinic will be through the NODA website on the [Events calendar](#). The cost is \$50 per member and \$60 for nonmembers, with a \$30 haul in fee per trailer (so share a trailer and reduce the cost). All releases and additional information are on the website. No stabling is available. Auditors are welcome.

**Saturday, May 18: Ride-a-test at Chagrin Valley Farms Ride-a-tests are a great way to get the show season started. Ride a test, of your choice, and then meet with Danielle O'Donnell, L\*, to discuss the finer points of test riding.** You can take a "mini-lesson" to fix a problem or two, or just get some advice and try the test again. Feel free to sign up for two different tests to get maximum benefit. Get more information and registration by clicking [here](#).

**Thursday, June 13- Sunday, June 16: Dressage Adventures and More at Brecksville Stables.** Have you ever wanted to go away with your horse in a noncompetitive atmosphere, learn and have fun, with similar horse crazy friends? This is your chance! **Two formal dressage lessons; one with Barb Soukup and the other with Carrie Woost, a Working Equitation session with Emily Gill,** lectures, potlucks, fun-games, give aways, trail rides, pizza party, and a combined event (dressage test/WE test) to finish the weekend. In between all the planned events is plenty of time to bond with your horse, make new friends and just relax. A horse crazy dream come true! Details and registration are [here](#).

**And don't forget the Adult Clinic with Lendon Gray, on Friday, April 5 with 10 rides available!** The clinic will be held at Flow Equestrian Center, 9269 Stafford Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH and it opens on February 1. Find out more [here](#). This clinic is organized by NODA's Junior/Young Rider Liaison Jennifer Cooper and you can contact Jen with any questions at 216-469-3920 or Jr-YR@nodarider.org.

# SAVE THE DATES! 2024!

## Adult Clinic with Lendon Gray

April 5 Flow Equestrian

## D4K Clinic with Lendon Gray

April 6 & 7 Flow Equestrian

## NODA Recognized Shows

May 11 Dressage 2024

May 12 Dressage 2024 Encore  
at Chagrin Valley Farms

## NODA Schooling Shows

\*qualifier for the NODA Championships

May 19 \*Chagrin Valley Farms

June 23 \*Chagrin Valley Farms

July 28 \*Chagrin Valley Farms

August 18 \*Chagrin Valley Farms

September 8 \*Brecksville Stables

October 5 Chagrin Valley Farms

October 6 Championship Show

Chagrin Valley Farms

## Ride-a-Test Clinic

May 18 Chagrin Valley Farms

## Dressage Adventures and More

June 13-16 Brecksville Stables

## Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of the Month  
6:45 pm via ZOOM All are Welcome!

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# How to Design a Dressage Musical Freestyle in 6 Easy Steps

## 1 Review the Requirements

The USDF and WDAA both have score sheets and rules for musical freestyles available on their websites. Before you start review the requirements for the level you are trying to compete. If competing in a recognized competition, there are additional requirements prior to competing.



## 2 Learn your Horse's Tempo

Videotape yourself riding your horse at the walk, trot, and canter in a full-size arena for at least two minutes in each direction, right and left. Then, use this video to determine your horse's beats per minute (BPM) for each gait.



## 3 Find your Music

Listen to lots of music to identify which songs are close to your horse's tempos at the three gaits. Keep a list of your favorites and then test them to make sure your horse shakes its groove thing to the beat.



## 4 Chart out your Choreography

Put together the test that you will ride that meets the requirements of the level you are riding. Remember it's YOUR test to highlight your horse's strengths and just meet the requirements for any weakness.



## 5 Practice Putting it Together

Video your pattern with the music playing in the background. Get the timing of each movement so that you can splice the walk, trot, and canter music with the amount of time you will need to get from movement to movement. Think about artistic expression and which pieces of music highlight you.



## RIDE, RIDE, RIDE

Once your music is put together to match your choreography - RIDE! Practice the timing, and how things hit, and try riding in as many rings as you can. No two freestyles will ride the same in a ring, but remember only you know your test! Most importantly **HAVE FUN!**



## The 2023 NODA Awards Banquet is in the books!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this banquet successful: **Janeen Langowski - Grava** and **Anne McClintock** with awards and trophies, the generous members who donated items to the silent auction, and **Suzanne Groselle** for taking the awards photos and putting together the year in review slide show.

And a big thank you to the NODA board members who helped set up and check people in: **Sally Burton** who stepped in at the last minute at the welcome/registration table, **Fran Cverna** who handled NODA membership, and **Patti Valencic** who accepted donations for the Geauga County Animal Warden.

Thanks to **Dee Liebenthal** for checking out all our silent auction winners. This year's fantastic program was well received and designed by **Mosie Welch**. NODA is grateful to **Regina Sacha-Ujcz** for flawlessly stepping into the MC role, helping to pull this whole celebration off on short notice.

And of course, thank you to the **NODA Membership** who make the annual celebration a fun and memorable event.

Look for **ALL** the details and award photos in **Issue 1, 2024, NODA NEWS**.

**Kirk Morehead**  
Banquet Chair



Janeen Langowski - Grava, who has been managing awards for over a decade, sets up the ribbon table with daughter, Val Grava. Photo by Mosie Welch

## North Crest Equestrian Center



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Dear Member, Friend, and Supporter,

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association (NODA), with a membership of between 275 and 300, has organized and hosted Recognized horse shows in our area since 1988. This year our shows, Dressage 2024 and Dressage 2024 Encore, will be held on May 11 and 12 at Chagrin Valley Farms in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. We know that the success of these shows is the direct result of continued and generous support from sponsors, patrons, advertisers, and competitors. We invite you to join us for this exciting weekend as a competitor, sponsor, or spectator.

Dressage 2024 and Dressage 2024 Encore are licensed by the USDF and the USEF, and bring competitors and spectators from Ohio, New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. Competitors have an opportunity to qualify for Regional Championships. For many, the highlight of the weekend is the fabulous Saturday evening Musical Freestyle rides and annual competitors' party.

**How can you help?** We have many options, starting with a very affordable Class sponsorship which allows an individual or small business to sponsor a class in your own name, your barn's name, or in honor or memory of a beloved horse or friend. Or consider NODA's Gold, Silver, or Bronze sponsorships, which provide ongoing high visibility as they reach NODA's membership and other horse enthusiasts long after the competition is over.

If you know an individual or business that may have an interest in sponsoring or advertising with NODA we would greatly appreciate your help in sharing this letter with people with whom you regularly do business, and asking for their support.

**We count on your support!** Not only does this support go toward these horse shows, it also helps us provide year-round educational opportunities to our members in the form of free or reduced-cost educational programs, plus scholarships and grants that can be used for NODA as well as non-NODA educational programs, clinics, or lessons. Our grants have helped many members achieve their goals for certification with the national organizations.

Thank you for your efforts in continuing to help NODA grow!

Sincerely,  
Dee Liebenthal, Treasurer  
Patty Keim, Webmaster  
Recognized Shows - Sponsors & Advertising  
Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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Recognized Show Sponsorship Opportunities  
Online  
OR  
on pages 26 and 27 of this newsletter



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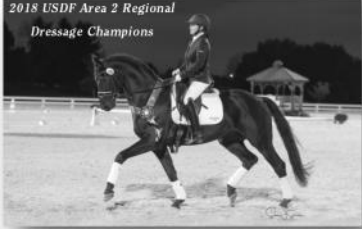
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 Or visit our website at [www.blueridgefarmeventing.com](http://www.blueridgefarmeventing.com)

Find NODA's Calendar of Events at  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)



# Congratulations, NODA's 2024 Amateur Scholarship Winners!

**Jen Nagy, AA**  
**Allison Ray, AA**  
**Heather Soones, AA**

## Jen Nagy Shares her Appreciation to NODA

Thank you to NODA for the scholarship! I've been wrapped in warmth as I've entered this dressage world. I'm so incredibly grateful for all of those who have supported me as I've been learning a new discipline. I grew up riding hunter/jumpers. While my own children were young I struggled to find time to ride and was lucky to get a ride in once a week. Sarah Freeman was kind enough to give me my once a week jumping lesson but eventually encouraged me to jump into the dressage arena. My teenagers and husband are very supportive as I am now riding as much as possible while working, as a math teacher, full time. I have two horses that I'm blessed to ride.

Adante is a 22 year old, 16 hand, bay Holsteiner. Adante has done it all but due to some back issues, cannot do the upper levels of dressage anymore. He has been my professor throughout this journey. He is as quirky as they come and will not give you anything for free but is a fabulous teacher. I cannot thank his owner, Jan Thompson, enough for allowing me to build a partnership with her sweet horse.

Johnny is a 7 year old, 16.2, bay Clydesdale/Gypsy cross. That sweet face says it all, it was love at first sight. My mom, Patti Valencic, bought Johnny at the end of the summer after losing her horse, Tony, to colic. I'm very lucky that my mom shares so well. We are both having the time of our lives with this incredible horse!

My goal for 2024 is to keep learning. I want to emerge myself in any educational (dressage) opportunities that arise and take as many lessons as I can. This scholarship is very helpful in funding some of these lessons. I am so thankful to NODA and I look forward to another great year!



**Adante and I with his owner, Jan Thompson (left) and Trainer Sarah Freeman .**

## Applying for Amateur \$250 Scholarship Open to Adults and Youth

**The education of our Amateur members (Junior, Young Rider and Adult) is very important to NODA as riders, horse owners, and possible future trainers.** Each year NODA offers four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$250 each. Two (2) are designated for Junior/Young Riders, and two (2) are designated for Adult Amateurs. An amateur member may be awarded a scholarship once every three years. If you apply and are not awarded a scholarship, please re-apply the following year.

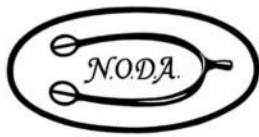
**Scholarship Use:** Scholarships may be used for any educational dressage event. This includes all dressage clinics, seminars, symposiums, lessons, and other dressage education events. Scholarship funds may not be applied to show fees, board bills, or leasing costs. At the time of application, applicants are not required to have detailed and specific plans for the money.

**Application Deadline October 1 of the Year PRIOR to the Scholarship Award.** For example, if you wish to receive money for an event taking place in the year 2024, you must submit your Application Packet to NODA by October 1, 2023

**Application Review:** A scholarship committee will review and evaluate all applications received by the October 1st deadline according to the Scholarship Evaluation Rubric. Application Receipt & Award Notification NODA will acknowledge receipt of applications. Scholarship Recipients announced at the annual November Year-End Awards Banquet. All applicants will be notified by November 30th of the current year whether or not they will be awarded NODA scholarship.

**Scholarship Funds Request:** When a scholarship recipient determines an education event for which to use his/her scholarship funds, he/she is required to submit a Check Request Form in order to receive scholarship money. Funds will be reimbursed in the form of a check made payable directly to the clinician or host of the event. Scholarship recipients may use their scholarships toward more than one educational dressage event.

**All Scholarship Winners had the opportunity to send a small write up and a photo.**



*Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2024 Recognized Shows*  
*Sponsorship and Advertising Opportunities*  
*Dressage 2024, May 11 and Dressage 2024 Encore, May 12*

Sponsorship Level	Show Program Ads	Ring Sponsorship Ring named for sponsor	Banner(s) Displayed on Show Days	Vendor Spot Show Days	Sponsor's Promo items for Competitor's bags	Announcement(s) Show Days	Ad Feature NODA News July Issue	Links & logos NODA Recognized Shows Webpage	Feature on Social Media or "Thank You" from NODA	Logo on Volunteer T-Shirts
<b>Gold \$1500</b>	Full Page	2 Rings Available to 1st 2 sponsor requests	3	Yes	Up to 5	X	Full Page	Yes	3 ads	Yes
<b>Silver \$1000</b>	Full Page	N/A	2	Yes	Up to 4	X	Full Page	Yes	2 ads	Yes
<b>Bronze \$500</b>	Half Page	N/A	1	Yes	Up to 3	X	Half Page	Yes	1 ad	Yes
<b>Blue Ribbon \$250</b>	1/4 Page	N/A	1	N/A	Up to 2	X	1/4 Page	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Red Ribbon \$150</b>	Bus. Card	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	X	Bus. Card	Yes	N/A	N/A
<b>Swag Bag Short Program Sponsor \$100</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/2 Page Ad in Swag Bag	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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**Postal Service**

For those preferring to use the postal service, you will find the registration form on the [Recognized Show Page](#) of the NODA website. Mail completed form and payment to: Dee Liebenthal—address below

**Didn't see a package that works for you? Please contact us to get a customized package.**

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**Contacts:**

Dee Liebenthal, [treasurer@nodarider.org](mailto:treasurer@nodarider.org) Phone: 216-534-1911 , 738-3 Claridge Lane, Aurora, OH 44202  
Patty Keim, [webmaster@nodarider.org](mailto:webmaster@nodarider.org) Phone: 330-350-2775

*NODA 2024 Recognized Shows—Sponsorship & Advertising Information*  
*Dressage 2024 May 11 & Dressage 2024 Encore May 12 2024*

## Ad Requirements, Due Dates and Contact Information

### Ads and Logos must be received by **April 22, 2024**

- ◆ Submit color ads electronically in "JPG" or photo format, 300 dpi or higher resolution by e-mail to [treasurer@nodarider.org](mailto:treasurer@nodarider.org) in a copy & drop condition.
- ◆ Ads may be returned for rework if not sized in (300 dpi or higher) format.

### Ad Sizes

- ◆ Full page ad size with bleed: 8.7639 x 11.2639
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  - ◆ Quarter page ad size: 3.6389 x 4.8889

### Sponsor's literature & banners: received by **May 8, 2024**

#### Contact Information

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Patty Keim, 330-350-2775, [webmaster@nodarider.org](mailto:webmaster@nodarider.org)

## Sponsorship/Advertising Selection & Payment Form & Options

- ◆ **Checks** make payable to: NODA, mail to: Dee Liebenthal, 738-3 Claridge Lane, Aurora, OH 44202
  - ◆ **Credit Card** Payment through PayPal link [Northern Ohio Dressage Association - Recognized Show](#) or email Dee Liebenthal at, [treasurer@nodarider.org](mailto:treasurer@nodarider.org) to request an invoice sent to your email.

### Choose from Sponsorship & Advertising levels below

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## RECOGNIZED SHOWS USEF & USDF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS SIMPLIFIED

By Mary Lou Gallagher

**Recognized shows can be an expensive proposition so I am going to offer 3 approaches to meeting USEF and USDF Membership Requirements: an inexpensive way, a reasonable way, and a “let’s go for it all” way. We’ll start in the middle, the way most riders take. This article hopefully will answer many of your own questions.**

1. For riders who plan to attend two or more Recognized Shows, but are not interested in qualifying for the Regional Championships, here’s what you need to do.

a. Join USEF. Annual membership fees for the USEF have dropped in the last few years to \$55 while USEF non-member fees per show have risen to \$30. Simple math will tell you that two non-member fees will cost more than the membership itself. An added bonus for amateur riders is that the USEF Amateur Card comes free with the membership—and you must have an Amateur Card to enter any class designated as “adult amateur.” NOTE: As of 2014, only active USEF members may obtain Amateur status.

b. Join NODA (or any of the other Group Member Organizations of the USDF). Part of your NODA membership fees pay for a USDF Group Membership (a USDF requirement). This group membership allows you to participate in USEF/USDF recognized shows without paying a USDF non-membership fee (\$25 per show). Group members can still submit their scores for the USDF Rider Award programs such as Rider Performance awards or the Bronze Medal.

c. Get a USDF HID. A USDF HID (Horse Identification Number) is needed to enter all recognized dressage shows. If your horse already has a USDF HID or lifetime number registered in your name, you do not have to do anything more. If your horse has never been registered with the USDF, you can file the HID application online. It is a one-time fee of \$25 and the number will stay with the horse for its lifetime. If, however, your horse has already been registered by a previous owner, you will have to transfer the ownership to your own name after providing some proof of the new ownership. (Go to the USDF website and search for the “Transfer of Ownership” form. It might take over a month to get the HID certificate back, so plan on doing this early.)

d. Get a USEF HID. Although you do not need a USEF HID number for your horse at a dressage show, I would still suggest getting one. When you enter a recognized show, you need to provide proof of all your memberships. The simplest way is printing out a USEF/USDF master verifica-

tion sheet—and it is much easier if your horse has both USEF and USDF numbers. If your horse has not been registered already with the USEF, you can apply for a USEF HID online for free. If your horse has been registered already by a prior owner, you may not use that number until you have registered a transfer of ownership with the USEF. (More on the master verification sheet at a later date!)

e. Owners and Riders. If you are not the owner of the horse you are showing, then the owner must have the same USEF/USDF memberships listed above (or pay the non-member fees) and the horse must have a USDF HID in the name of the actual owner. One word of advice, only the owner may sign a Transfer of Ownership form. If two or more people own the horse, only one of the owners must be a member to avoid paying the non-member fees. When filling out an entry form, make sure you list the owner who is the member.

2. For those riders who plan to ride in the Regional Championships, things become more complicated and expensive.

a. Join the USEF. Non-members may not attempt to qualify for Regionals.

**NODA Dressage 2024  
And Dressage 2024 Encore  
May 11-12 at Chagrin Valley Farms**

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HERE**

b. Apply for a participating membership in the USDF. A group membership does not make you eligible to qualify.

c. Get a USDF lifetime registration for the horse. If your horse already has a HID, then you only have to pay for the upgrade. The horse number itself will remain the same—just the status has changed.

d. Get either a USEF Annual or lifetime recording for the horse. The free USEF HID above is not valid for regional championships.

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# Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2024 Membership Form

NODA membership runs  
12/1/2023 through 11/30/2024

## NODA is a United States Dressage Federation 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](http://www.nodarider.org) or [www.usdf.org](http://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](http://www.nodarider.org).

→ Online sign up fees are \$2.00 more because of processing fees

→ Two ways to join:



Mail this form along with a check or cash,

Sign up ONLINE from the MEMBERSHIP page at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**Sign Up Online!**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  Renewal  New

### Approval to release your contact information to Big Dee’s Tack and Vet Supplies?

(Big Dee’s reimburses club 5% on members’ purchases.) Yes, I approve \_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not approve \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Amateur

Professional

Youth, birth date required: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth is a NODA membership category that includes both Juniors (JR) and Young Riders (YR). Sign up for YOUTH membership unless you turn 22 or older in 2024. If you turn 22 or older in 2024, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

(Must live at same address; includes ALL benefits except for USDF magazine and NODA newsletters)

Adult Amateur  Professional  Youth, birth date required: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

(Must live at same address; includes ALL benefits except for USDF magazine and NODA newsletters)

Adult Amateur  Professional  Youth, birth date required: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

To add more family members, use other side of form, or contact [membership@nodarider.org](mailto:membership@nodarider.org)

### Membership Dues (Check or cash)

Adult Amateur or Professional \$49.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golden-Ager (at least 75 years old) \$24.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Must be 75 years old or older as of December 1, 2023

Additional Family Member \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full membership, must live at same address

Additional Family Member \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full membership, must live at same address

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtract NODA Bucks enclosed.....-\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to NODA.

Mail to:

Fran Cverna  
NODA Membership  
12212 Snow Rd  
Burton, OH 44021

### QUESTIONS?

Membership questions: Contact Fran Cverna  
440-834-1774 or [Membership@nodarider.org](mailto:Membership@nodarider.org)

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**Renew Your NODA Membership for 2024 TODAY!**

# Classifieds

## Classified Ads Info

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 60 words or less FREE  
 60- 80 words \$10.00  
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## Tack/Equip for Sale

2000 "EXISS EXTREME" 2 horse bumper pull trailer. Straight load, anti slip ramp. 7'6 high. All aluminium, fully insulated, Dressing/ Tack room. Carpeted, insulated. Saddle racks. Horse-compartment full divider, removable for box stall. Many more extras. New tires and rims. Excellent condition. Always stored inside. \$12,500. Contact Ursula at 216-215 4981

17 inch, Adjustable Tree Ovation Monarch saddle with interchangeable gullet system, moveable knee/thigh block, and buffalo hide leather. Comes with all the gullets so you can make a custom fit. Asking \$1,000 OBO Contact [rec4488@gmail.com](mailto:rec4488@gmail.com)

## Events

Come one Come all! Miracle Farm Rescue is have a Night At The Races 2024 fundraiser!! Sponsor a race, be a horse owner, come watch the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby!!! Learn more at [www.miraclefarmrescue.org](http://www.miraclefarmrescue.org)

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Dale Lappert  
 "R" Dressage Judge

Garrettsville, OH  
 Cell 440-813-4009

Bonnie Gray  
 Instructor/Trainer

Find NODA's Calendar of Events at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)  
 Send submissions to [mosie-editor@nodarider.org](mailto:mosie-editor@nodarider.org)

e. Owners and Riders. If you are not the owner of the horse, then the owner must have the same USEF/USDF memberships that you have. The owner must also have the horse listed with both the USEF and USDF.

f. Region Championships If you had not originally planned to qualify for the Regionals and later change your mind, you can always apply for the USDF participating membership on line as well as upgrade your USEF and/or USDF HID numbers. Another way is to contact the show secretary about filling out the necessary forms when you get to the show. Remember though - if a transfer of ownership must be filed at the show, then the owner must be present to sign the form.

3. Opportunity Classes One relatively inexpensive choice now exists for the riders who do not want to spend lots of money this year but want the chance to participate in the recognized shows. The way to avoid membership and/or HID fees would be to sign up for only Opportunity Classes. These classes must have the word "Opportunity" in the title. When you enter only Opportunity Classes, you are exempt from all non-member and horse registration fees. The downside of the Opportunity classes is that the results will not count for any USEF or USDF award programs. The NODA Board, however, has voted to allow these score to be used for schooling show awards. USEF Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions are permitted to offer a limited number Opportunity Classes from Introductory to Second Level, including Rider Tests (new in 2017). The Level of USEF Competition determines which Levels/Tests may be offered.

**This is a simplified version of all the USDF and USEF requirements for competing at Recognized Shows.**

**If you have a specific question that cannot be answered from the information above, please refer to the USEF Rulebook and/or the USDF website.**



**NODA is Proud to Host  
a Youth**

**D4K TEAM Event  
April 6 and 7, 2024  
with Lendon Gray**

**at FLOW Equestrian Center  
9269 Stafford Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH**



**D4K  
OPEN  
NOW!**

**D4K TEAM events are \$250,  
payable directly to D4K**

**Interested Youth MUST go to the TEAM page  
on the D4K website**

or follow this link to the TEAM page;

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/team-program.html>

then click on how to register.

**Youth already in the D4K system, [register here](#) at our event!**

**Stabling:** \$25 each day and \$50 overnight, payment is due to Tracy Browne, owner of FLOW, complete this form [FLOW Equestrian Center](#) or contact Tracy at 440- 384-3225. **NODA will pay \$50 per NODA Member Youth for Stabling - contact Jennifer Cooper before paying for stabling.**

**Stabling NOTE:** All youth MUST stable onsite during clinic hours on both Saturday and Sunday. Overnight on Saturday into Sunday is \$50. You have the option to haul in Friday night, arriving after 6, so that the adults can haul out first; this will allow your horse to be fresh if you have a morning ride time (\$100). All horses must be on the property with riders ready for opening remarks by Lendon at the start time on the first day (usually 8 am) and horses and riders MUST remain onsite through the hours of the event each day for auditing other riders' lessons, guest lecturers at lunch and after/before rides.

**LUNCH: Provided to Youth Participants. \$10/day** for auditors, grooms, friends, family, or trainers who would like to have lunch onsite, add any of the three days lunches through the NODA website. [www.nodarider](http://www.nodarider)

**Auditing is FREE - all are welcome!**

**Lendon Gray Adult Clinic  
Friday April 5th, 2024 at FLOW Equestrian Center  
9269 Stafford Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023**

**Rides: \$200 Opens February 1 on NODA's website  
[www.nodarider.org/event-5454980](http://www.nodarider.org/event-5454980)**

**Stabling:** \$25/day Complete this form [Flow Equestrian Center](#)

**Auditing is FREE**

**LUNCH: \$10** for auditors, grooms, trainers - order thru NODA's website.

**Questions or concerns can be directed to Jennifer Cooper at  
216- 469-3920 or [Jr-YR@nodarider.org](mailto:Jr-YR@nodarider.org)**

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