

COLLECTED NOTES



MAY 2022

FROM CDCTC'S CO-PRESIDENT:

Spring is here, the ground is finally drying up, and the snow is flying a little less frequently. Some of us recently got a blizzard and 80 degree weather in the same week. Spring in upstate NY is a wild thing. Hopefully you've been able to swing a leg over and enjoy some rides, even if the weather has made consistent training a bit hard. May marks the start of a new horse show season in our area and if you aren't ready or don't show, please consider volunteering! It's very rewarding and a lot of fun!

Speaking of volunteering, we need more volunteers for both our casual and recognized shows! Our CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show will be held June 19th at Asbury Equestrian Center. Many of our past wonderful volunteers are showing this year and they deserve the same smoothly-run, fun showing experience that they curated last year. If you or a friend would like to volunteer, please contact Tina Matejka. Our CDCT Dressage in Wine Country recognized shows on August 27th and 28th at the Chemung County Fairgrounds are also looking for more volunteers to fill numerous jobs. Please contact Norm Johnson if you are interested.

Volunteering is fun and you learn a lot. But did you also know you can earn year-end awards from CDCT AND get national recognition from USDF? It's true! Our year-end awards, presented at our November meeting, always reward the dedication and problem solving skills of our *(continued)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5: Book club: 7:00 pm. A zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

May 18: Monthly meeting, 6 pm, Fallen Tree Center for Sustainable Living, 128 Muriel St., Ithaca, NY. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass.

June 5: Unmounted Biomechanics clinic with Michelle LaBarre, Healing Rein Farm, Freeville, NY.

June 19: Keepin' It Casual Show, Asbury Equestrian Center, Ithaca, NY.

August 27 & 28: Dressage in Wine Country I & II, Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY.

EMILY URBAN WINS GRANT FROM THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Emily for winning a Karen Skvarla Fund Grant for Young Professionals! We are very proud of you!

Read the story and learn of Emily's plans on The Dressage Foundation's [website](#).

wonderful volunteers. Our awards committee is hard at work creating new award categories for both volunteers, service, and competition accolades for 2022. In addition, USDF has created the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program in which GMO members can log certified volunteer hours to reach various milestones. And also don't forget about the GMO-nominated Volunteer of the Year (VOY) for each region!

Looking ahead for the month, we are planning to have our first real in-person meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 18th at 6PM at Fallen Tree Center for Sustainable Living, 128 Muriel St., Ithaca, NY. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass along with any new ideas, horse updates, or friends who may want to join our cool club! We will be having an in person meeting for our recognized show committee (or anyone else who wants to join!) on May 4th at 6:30PM, also at Fallen Tree. And our CDCT Book Club wraps up Dressage Masters: Techniques and Philosophies of Four Legendary Trainers on May 5th at 7PM. We will be taking the summer off again for book club and resuming in the fall with Janet Foy's Dressage for the Not-So-Perfect Horse. In addition to our casual show, CDCT is hosting an unmounted biomechanics clinic with Michelle LaBarre on June 5th at Healing Rein Farm in Freeville, NY. Please stay tuned for more info!



Spring is a time of growth and a breath of fresh air after a long, cold and dreary winter. On behalf of horses everywhere, I encourage you to plant some carrots this month! Pick a good spot of well-draining soil or even a big container, direct sow some carrot seeds, and in about 12-18 weeks, you'll have some extra special treats to give to your favorite equines.

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

Dressage in Wine Country



USDF REGIONAL SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM

All non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions are invited to participate in this program. To participate, simply submit the [online application](#) and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 days prior to the start of the competition. The program year will be December 1 through November 30.

An online competition calendar will list participating competitions on the USDF website. Participating competitions must submit a copy of their prize list to USDF no later than 14 days prior to the competition and competition results must be submitted to USDF within 21 days of the end date of the competition.

Feel free to contact [Cristen Brown](#) if you have any questions. Complete [program rules](#) are available on the USDF website.

CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2022

PLEASE LET [SHANNON](#) KNOW WHICH ONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON!

RECOGNIZED SHOW: Jane-Marie Law (Chair) Dinah Guarino Sarah Hepler Norm Johnson Tina Matejka Carol Morris Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Jana Wagner	COMBINED TRAINING: Jennifer Hagadone Sarah Hepler Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Emily Urban	EDUCATION: Carol Morris (Chair) Prin Furst Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Jana Wagner
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		YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Emily Urban (Pony Club Liason)
		WESTERN DRESSAGE: Tina Matejka (Chair)

Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.

We disavow discrimination and intolerance.

CLASSIFIEDS

Dressage saddle for sale: Custom Wolfgang Constanze, monoflap, buffalo hide with grey piping. 18" seat, 17" flap, set at MW but can be adjusted. Newer tree. Good condition, small rip under panel is concealed by tape and does not affect use. Asking 1800. Local trial can be arranged. Please contact Carol at cmorris1050@gmail.com



CALENDAR

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Other local events: <https://bit.ly/31Ry1ZS>. ***This list is a work in progress and will be updated as dates are announced. Event dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Please visit the host's website for the most current information.***

Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups

[Carriage House Arena](#)

[Central NY Dressage and CT Association](#)

[Eastern NY Dressage and Combined Training Club](#)

[Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)

[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)

[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

WHO TO CONTACT:

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