

Western New York Dressage Association

# Highlights Newsletter Your USDF Group Membership Organization

**ISSUE SPRING 2024** 



## Houghton University - Arena Footing Support

Our good friends at the Houghton University Equestrian Center need our help to raise \$55,000 to upgrade their outdoor competition arena base



and footing. This important project involves taking the arena down to its base, fixing drainage issues, and releveling the footing to ensure the arena can continue to support top-quality competitions moving forward.

If you are interested in making a gift to this important project, please give directly to Houghton University through an online gift: https://community.houghton. (click "Other" and then write: Equestrian Outdoor Arena Project.) The goal is to have funding in place by Friday, April 19 so the work can be completed ahead of the upcoming show season (including the first recognized show in late May/early June).

If you have any questions or need additional information about making a gift, please contact Larissa Ries (814.932.0185, or email Larissa.ries@houghton.edu). Thank you for your consideration!

## 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

Check WNYDA.org for complete event information & additional events!

3/30

Art Contest Entries Due ljdembkoski@yahoo.com

4/21

WNYDA ProBono Youth Clinic najohnson75@yahoo.com **WAITLIST ONLY** 

4/27

Challenge Series Show #1 Houghton College Equestrian Center

4/27 & 4/28

Ida Norris Clinic kreeddressage@gmail.com 5/4 & 5/5

Lisa El-Ramey Clinic reneques@yahoo.com

5/31 & 6/1

Houghton Spring Dressage 1 & 2, USFF/USDF

Contact:

6/29

Challenge Series Show #2 Cobblestone Equestrian Center

7/13

Chestnut Ridge Summer Schooling Show - Combined Test, Dressage, and Horse Trials

Text Sue Williams: 561-707-8050

7/20 & 7/21

WNYDA Summer Festival 1 & 2

USEF/USDF

Contact:

8/13

Twilight Dressage/ Challenge Series #3 Hideaway Farm

8/24 & 8/25

CDCT - Dressage In Wine Country 1 & 2 Horseheads, NY

9/14

Saddle-up for Roswell at Chestnut Ridge Schooling Dressage and Horse Trials Text Sue Williams: 561-707-8050

## FALL SYMPOSIUM 2024 with Krysti Wysocki

"How To Address Different Conformations When Training The Dressage Horse" October 19/20, 2024

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WNYDA SUMMER FESTIVAL I&II

July 20th & 21st, Hosted by Houghton College Equestrian Center

**Judges:** Judy Downer (S) and Gwen Ka'awaloa (S)

Competitor Party is Saturday Night, July 20th, including our Ice Cream Social and Fun Awards

#### **EXCITING NEW ADDITIONS FOR 2024!**

Saturday: Materiale Classes, National Pony Cup Classes, Lead line Exhibition Class

Both Days: USEF/FEI Eventing Test of Choice, Breed High Point Awards



## WNDYA FALL SYMPOSIUM 2024 with Krysti Wysocki

"How To Address Different Conformations When Training The Dressage Horse" October 19/20, 2024

Kristi Wysocki's deepest passion is horses. She loves sharing her knowledge with others, no matter their experience. Her understanding and dedication of dressage are unparalleled. Kristi left her engineering career in the oil industry over 25 years ago to pursue her passion as a dressage rider. She is an international FEI 4\* dressage judge and FEI 5\* para dressage judge. She is also a USEF licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breed Judge. She has a reputation as being both empathetic and fair when judging at any level. She has been appointed to the 2024 Paris Para Olympic Dressage Judge's Panel. She has judged CDIs and CPEDs in the U.S., Europe, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Mexico, Canada, and Central/South America. This includes two World Championships for para dressage.

She has judged the U.S. Dressage Festival, Young Horse Championships and USDF National Championships on numerous occasions along with many USDF Regional Championships over the years. She has officiated at many of the USDF Breeder Series Finals including Devon since 2002.

She has trained and taught dressage since 1989. For several years she also ran an equine rehabilitation center for horses recovering from injuries. Kristi teaches clinics, symposiums and seminars both in the U.S. and internationally. She also teaches both lessons and seminars via virtual options. She has a passion for education for herself, her students, and the horses.

Her engineering background, sport horse breeding and rehabilitation experience make her uniquely qualified to analyze training, soundness and developmental issues related to the horse's individual conformation and movement. She can help riders work through otherwise limiting factors to excel in the sport. She also specializes in helping riders work through fear, self-confidence and self-doubt issues that often arise in riding. Through her extensive training in this area, she is better able to help her students in the "heat of the moment". One of her students recently stated "She doesn't just teach me how, she also teaches me Why!"

Over the past few years, Kristi has expanded her local training program, by developing comprehensive day clinics where she



works with riders and trainers as a team. Through this ongoing training program, Kristi works in partnership with these teams so they can reinforce the lessons between training sessions. The program has been extremely well received by both riders and trainers in her area.

Recently, Kristi has developed a comprehensive online education platform that is geared to provide dressage and equine enthusiasts with greater access to education from their own homes at their own convenience. With her wealth of expertise and experience, she enhances her students' abilities to give them greater insights with their equine partners. Her first online course "Why Conformation and Movement Matter when Buying, Breeding and Training Dressage Horses" has been a huge s uccess. She has also presented a Master Class on the Training Scale, and interviews with Stephen Clarke, Sabine Schut-Kery and Hilda Gurney. Her fun, short training videos on facebook have been a big hit for entertainment, but more important - education.

> "Kristi's biggest focus is to help the horse and rider dance together as partners, having fun along the way."

#### **WNYDA YEAR END AWARDS 2023**

#### Rider Achievement Awards

Amy Winnen- Second Level Lucien Rouse-Third Level

#### Rider of the Year Winners

Overall Rider of the Year

Champion- Lucien Rouse & Stravinsky 68.25% 3rd Level Reserve Champion- Carrie Wehle & Dorado 66.111% 1st Level

#### **Professional Rider of the Year**

Champion- Carrie Wehle & Dorado 66.111% at 1st Level Reserve Champion- Kait Webster & Rhonalia RF 64.2 % at Training

#### **Adult Amateur Rider of the Year**

Champion- Lucien Rouse & Stravinsky 68.25% 3rd Level Reserve Champion Kimberly Blaszak & Gintaras - 66.029% Intermediate I

#### Vintage Rider of the Year

Champion- Deborah Kondoff & Ivette 61.765% at Intermediate I Reserve Champion-Lucien Rouse & Stravinsky 68.25% 3rd Level

#### Junior Rider of the Year

Champion- Mia Kerl & Skeets Mad About You 64.722% at 1st Level Reserve Champion-Taylor Wittrock & For Pete and Silvers Sake – 62.361% at First Level

#### Horse of the Year Winners

Training Level Horse of the Year

Co-Champion- Devious with Amy Winnen & PatriciaWeir 68.0% Co-Champion- Cosmic Saint with Taylor Dailey – 65.600% Reserve Champion- Rhonalia RF with Kait Webster - 64.200%

#### First Level Horse of the Year

Champion- Dorado with Carrie Wehle 66.111% Reserve Champion- Skeets Mad About You with Mia Kerl – 64.722%

Third Place-Taylor Wittrock & For Pete and Silvers Sake – 62.361%

#### Second Level Horse of the Year

Champion- Galatea HU with Amy Winnen 60.143%

#### Third Level Horse of the Year

Champion- Stravinsky with Lucien Rouse 68.250%

#### FEI Level Horse of the Year

Champion- Gintaras with Kimberly Blaszak – 66.029% (Int I) Reserve Champion-Rock My Lady with Carrie Wehle 64.13% Grand Prix

Third Place- Ivette with Deborah Kondoff 61,765% at Intermediate I Fourth Place- Summer Solstice with Rachel Newcomb 60.441% (PSG)

Fifth Place- Coral Beach with Kait Webster PSG

Sixth Place- Wysteria Giana with Lauren Adelizi Grand Prix

**Musical Freestyle Horse of the Year** 

Champion- Gintaras with Kimberly Blaszak 70.475% (Int I)

#### Materiale Horse of the Year

Champion- Perilleux with Carrie Wehle 68.500% (3-year-old)

#### **Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Horse of the Year**

Champion- D'Artagnan with Amy Winnen 85.725% (Colt of Current Year)

#### **Darla Trophy**

Champion- Gintaras with Kimberly Blaszak - 68.676% (Int I)

#### Joint Upstate High Point

Champion- Carrie Wehle & Dorado 67.269% at First Level

#### Flying Change Winners

Flying Change - Senior

Champion- Suzanne Chang & Brogan 65.97% at Second Level Flying Change – Junior

Champion- Mia Kerl & Skeets Mad About You 64.165% at First Level

#### **OTTB Incentive Award**

Champion- Taylor Dailey & Cosmic Saint 67.115% at Training Level

#### **Challenge Series Winners**

Challenge Series Overall

Champion- Suzanne Chang & Brogan 65.510% at Second Level Reserve Champion- Annabel Carr & Le Dame Noir et Blanche 63.944% at Training Level

#### Introductory Level - Senior

Champion- Jennifer Powell & Martini Margarita 61.86%

#### Challenge Series – Training Level Junior

Champion- Annabel Carr & Le Dame Noir et Blanche 65.510%

#### Challenge Series – Training Level Senior

Champion- Kait Webster & Rhonalia RF

Reserve Champion- Allison Vidro & Foolish Actions

#### Challenge Series – First Level Junior

Champion- Taylor Wittrock & For Pete and Silvers Sake - 63.610% Reserve Champion- Karina Jentsch & Velartijin HBC - 62.778%

#### Challenge Series – First Level Senior

Champion- Debbie Warren & The Murph - 63.525%

#### Challenge Series – Second Level Senior

Champion- Suzanne Chang & Brogan - 65.510%

#### **Opportunity Winner**

Champion- Eli Tremblay & Spero at Introductory Level 65%

Congratulations to all the Winners!



# Western New York Dressage Association presents:

# 2024 Challenge Series Shows



April 27, 2024

Challenge Series @ Houghton Equestrian Center, Houghton, NY

June 29, 2024

Challenge Series @ Cobblestone Equestrian, Mendon, NY

July (tentative)

AHANY / Challenge Series @ Stagecoach West, Irving, NY

August 13, 2024

GVRDC Twilight Dressage / Challenge Series, Hideaway Farm, Geneseo, NY

September 1, 2024

Silver Spur/ Challenge Series @ The Showplex, Hamburg NY.

September 28, 2024

Challenge Series @ Houghton Equestrian Center, Houghton, NY

November 23, 2024

Challenge Series @ Houghton Equestrian Center, Houghton, NY

The W.N.Y.D.A. Challenge Series shows are an offering of quality Dressage schooling shows to promote the sport in the Western New York region.

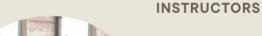
For more information visit www.wnyda.org or contact Jen Powell at jlpowell2675@gmail.com





# Pro Bono Youth Clinic

Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:00a.m - 5:00 p.m. Niagara County Fairground 4487 Lake Ave. Lockport, NY 14067





FREE 45-minute private dressage lessons given by professional instructors who are all expert competitors. Each instructor is graciously volunteering their time to promote the sport of Dressage.



#### **RIDERS**

A low-key supportive learning environment will be provided for youth, ages 8 to 21. Riders do not need to be a WNYDA member to apply. All applicants must have their own horse. Auditors of all ages are welcome to attend the event for a \$5 fee. FULL! PLEASE WAITLIST YOUR RIDER

FOR LAST MINUTE FILL IN WITH

NICOLE OLIVERO.



#### JOIN THE FUN!

WNYDA members will be preforming demo test rides for all to enjoy. A basket raffle will be ongoing with some great equine items. The Dirty Bird Chicken n' Waffle food truck will be onsite during the lunch hour.

For more information visit www.wnyda.org or contact Nicole Olivero at najohnson75@yahoo.com

## 2024 Election Results Recap:

President - Kait Webster

Vice President - Jen Powell

Treasurer - Lauren Adelezi

Corresponding Secretary - Amy Winnen

Recording Secretary - Betsy Doyle-Levy

Member at Large - Bobbie Kerr

Member at Large - Nicole Olivero

Member at Large - Larissa Ries

**WNYDA Summer Festival** Fun Awards and Ice Cream Social Saturday July 20th, 2024

This event celebrates all the victories of the day and gives everyone an opportunity to socialize over something sweet. Join the fun and sponsor an award!

> To get involved - contact Kait at equineexposure@gmail.com

Fun awards have ranged from specific breed awards, to youngest entry, to "I won the warm-up but it all went downhill from there."

Feel free to be creative and come up with something new!

## **GRATITUDE**

A huge Thank You goes out to our generous donors who have aided the efforts of the educational events in our area.

Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club (CDCT), our sister GMO, graciously donated \$1,000 towards our fall Symposium with Jaqueline Brookes.

Amy Winnen generously covered all of the overnight accommodations for our clinician.

Deb Kondoff, DVM, who donated rider welcome bags and raffle bags for the symposium, and;

Our numerous volunteers who helped to make this all happen. We also would love to thank all of our membership for those who donate in any capacity, large or small. We cannot fund these events without the efforts and generosity of many.

Thank you!

- Kait



## WNYDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



#### **WNYDA Membership Benefits Include:**

• WNYDA News • WNYDA Awards Program • Discounts on WNYDA educational programs • Free classified advertising on our Web site • United States Dressage Federation GMO Membership\*

Individual \$65.00 — For members over 21 years of age as of 12/31/2023. These members receive all the above benefits, they may vote and hold office, register for the WNYDA Awards Program, and participate in all WNYDA activities.

Individual 5-year membership \$265.00 — For members over 21 years of age as of 12/31/2023. These members receive all the above benefits, they may vote and hold office, register for the WNYDA Awards Program, and participate in all WNYDA activities. Membership is valid for 5 years.

Individual Junior/Young Rider \$50.00 — A JR/YR must be under age 22 as of 12/31/2023. This membership offers junior/Young Rider members all the benefits and responsibilities of an Individual membership, EXCEPT: they may not vote or hold office. Those Jr/YR's who wish to vote and hold office, should join as an Individual member (above) but notate their date of birth for awards purposes.

Family \$90 includes primary member and one family member. Add \$25.00 for each additional family member regardless of existing USDF membership. All members must be listed below. Members of a single household receive all the benefits of an individual membership EXCEPT: only one USDF Connections magazine received as published. Only one parent may vote and hold office; All paid family members receive USDF GMO membership. Jr/Yr must be under age 22 as of 12/31/2023.

Group \$90.00 + \$35.00 per Individual — Members of an institution or organization may join as a Group and receive all the benefits of WNYDA Individual membership. Each individual within the Group has WNYDA voting rights and may hold office and will receive a USDF GMO Membership. For more information on group membership, contact Jo-Anne Young at (716) 698-8708 or joanne.young@houghton.edu.

\*All WNYDA members are automatically enrolled as USDF Group Member Organization members. \$24.00 of your membership dues go directly to USDF for this GMO membership which includes: USDF Connections Magazine, eligibility for USDF Rider Awards and University programs including a USDF GMO membership rider number that can be used to compete in USDF Recognized Competitions, USDF Group Membership does not include all benefits of a USDF Participating Membership

WNYDA survives and thrives on its volunteer base. Your contribution of your time to WNYDA is invaluable. Please review the many volunteer opportunities available for you to help make WNYDA the best possible organization. Please check each area where you would be willing to offer assistance.

CHALLENGE SERIES SHOWS  Houghton College Spring Schooling GVRDC Twilight Dressage Cobblestone Dressage Schooling Show Silver Spur Dressage Schooling Show at Hamburg Houghton Fall Dressage and CT Schooling Show RECOGNIZED HORSE SHOWS Houghton College Spring Dressage I & II WNYDA Summer Dressage Festival I & II	Horse Show / Event volunteer opportunities:  Scribing Scoring Announcing Runner Ring Steward Show Awards Show grounds setup/teardown
PROBONO YOUTH CLINIC WNYDA YEAR-END AWARDS WNYDA AWARDS BANQUET WNYDA NEWSLETTER WNYDA WEBSITE WNYDA FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM WNYDA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	Photographer WNYDA merchandise Ribbon Coordinator Trophies Food

For guestions about the WNYDA volunteer opportunities, please contact the WNYDA at email: wnyda.membership@gmail.com



#### New England Dressage Association

#### Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show III & Northeast USDF Breeders Championship

September 2024 at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties NY

#### SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES FOR THE NEDA DSHB SHOW:

**Show Supporter**: \$30 Benefits: Announced during the Competition

Listing with Link on NEDA Breed Show webpage

Social Media Shout-out

Class Sponsor: \$ 60 Benefits: Social media shout-out

Listing with link on NEDA Breed Show webpage

Announced with Class at the show

**Group Sponsor**: \$ 90 Benefits: Social media shout-out

Listing with link on NEDA Breed Show webpage

Announced with Class at the show Listed in NEDA Tip issue after the show

**Division Sponsor**: \$ 300 Benefits: Social media shout-out

Listing with link on NEDA Breed Show webpage

Announced during Division at the show

Banner displayed at the show

Listed in NEDA Tip issue after the show

**Grand Champion**: \$ 500 Benefits: Social media post with Facebook or Website link

Listing with link on NEDA Breed Show webpage Announced during Championships at the show Banner prominently displayed during the show Listed in NEDA Tip issue after the show

**Title Sponsor**: \$4,000 Benefits: Named in all press and announcements for the show.

Social media post with Facebook or Website link.

Banner displayed in Competition arena. Brochures distributed to competitors. Vendor space during the competition.

Listing with link on NEDA Breed Show webpage 1/2 -page AD in 10 issues of the Tip of the Hat

**Vendor Space:** \$150 Space to set up your Tent/Table at the showgrounds

**Vendor Space:** \$250 Space to set up your Truck/Trailer at the showgrounds

**Donations:** Any amount To support the Breed Show: can dictate the use of the funds

(ie., competitor party, hotel/food, awards, grounds fees)

Can be with recognition or anonymous

Tax deductible

NEDA is a volunteer, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation started in the late 1960s and incorporated in 1972.

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September 2024 at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties NY

#### CLASSES & DIVISIONS OFFERED AS PART OF THE NEDA DSHB SHOW:

#### Class Sponsor (53):

- Broodmares with/without Foals 4 & over
- 2. Maiden/Yeld Mares 4 & over
- 4. Stallions Not Currently at Stud 4 & over
- Stallions Standing at Stud 4 & over
- 8. Fillies- 3 years old
- 9. Fillies- 2 years old
- 10. Fillies- yearling
- 12. Fillies of Current Year
- 13. Colts/Geldings of Current Year
- 15. Colts/Geldings- 3 years old
- 16. Colts/Geldings- 4 years old
- 17. Colts/Geldings- yearling
- 21. 4-year-old Mare Sport Horse Prospect
- 22. 4-year-old Stallion/Gelding Sport Horse Prospect
- 24. Produce of Dam
- 25. Get of Sire
- 26. Breeders Group
- 27. Amateur & Jr/YR Handler
- 28. Materiale: Fillies- 3 years old
- 29. Materiale: Colts/Geldings- 3 years old
- 30. Materiale: Mares- 4 & 5 years old
- 31. Materiale: Stallions/Geldings- 4 & 5 years old
- 33. Under Saddle: Fillies- 3 years old
- 34. Under Saddle: Colts/Geldings- 3 years old
- 35. Under Saddle: Mares- 4 & over
- 36. Under Saddle: Stallions/Geldings- 4 & over
- 37. Suitability to become a Dressage Horse

#### Group Sponsor (13):

- 3. Mare Group Championship
- 6. Stallion Group Championship
- 11. Filly Group Championship
- 14. Foals of Current Year Group Championship
- 18. Colts/Geldings Group Championship
- 23. 4-year-old Sport Horse Prospect Championship
- 32. Materiale Championship

#### Division Sponsor (4):

- 7. Mature Horse Championship
- 19. Young Horse Championship

#### Grand Champion Sponsor (2):

20. Grand Champion (Open/Horse)

- IBC- Oldenburg/GOV
- 40. IBC- KWPN
- 41. IBC- RPSI/Westfalen
- 42. IBC- Connemara
- 43. IBC- North American Sport Pony
- 44. IBC- ISR/Oldenburg
- 45. IBC- Trakehner
- 46. IBC- Holsteiner
- 47. IBC- Welsh Pony or Cob
- 48. IBC- Arabian
- 49. IBC- Morgan
- 50. IBC-Lippizan
- 51. IBC- Hanoverian
- 52. IBC- Danish Warmblood
- 62. Pony Broodmares with/without Foals 4 & Over
- 63. Pony Maiden/Yeld Mares 4 & Over
- 65. Pony Stallions Not Current at Stud 4 & Over
- 66. Pony Stallions Standing at Stud 4 & Over
- 69. Pony Fillies- 3 years old
- 70. Pony Fillies- 2 years old
- 71. Pony Fillies- yearling
- 73. Pony Fillies of Current Year
- 74. Pony Colts/Geldings of Current Year
- 76. Pony Colts/Geldings- 3 years old
- 77. Pony Colts/Geldings- 2 years old
- 78. Pony Colts/Geldings- yearling
- 38. Under Saddle Championship
- 64. Pony Mare Group Championship
- 67. Pony Stallion Group Championship
- 72. Pony Filly Group Championship
- 75. Pony Foals of Current Year Group Championship
- 79. Pony Colts/Geldings Group Championship

68. Mature Pony Championship

80. Young Pony Championship

81. Grand Champion (Pony)

We appreciate your supporting the NEDA Breed Show, and are happy to discuss



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# Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show III & Northeast USDF Breeders Championship September 2024 at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties NY

#### SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISMENT AGREEMENT FORM FOR THE NEDA DSHB SHOW:

Sponsor/Donor:				
Contact Person:				
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Email for Invoicing:				
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Options	Cost	Subtotal	1st Choice (Class/Div)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice (Class/Div)
Show Supporter	\$30			
Class Sponsor	\$60			
Group Sponsor	\$90			
Division Sponsor	\$300			
Grand Champion	\$500			
Sponsor				
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Vendor Space-Tent	/Table	\$150		
Vendor Space-Truck/Trailer \$250				
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