

**NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION  
GRANTS FOR DRESSAGE  
INSTRUCTORS Offered by The  
Dressage Foundation**

The Dressage Foundation announced today that a series of new continuing Education Grants for Dressage Instructors is available starting in 2008. USDF GMO/chapters may apply for \$1000 grants to conduct continuing education programs for Dressage Instructors that best fit their needs. An Instructor Advisory Committee, consisting of Anne Gribbons, Maryal Barnett, Cindy Sydnor, Gerhard Politz, Melanie Tenney and Sarah Geikie, have developed three suggested program modules. Funding is available from The Dressage Foundation to provide ten programs at \$1000 each annually, starting in 2008. Grants will be awarded to the first ten GMOs who apply, and whose applications are approved by The Dressage Foundation's Instructor Education Advisory Committee.

"This new grant program is being made possible with funding donated by Maryal Barnett (MI), who has conducted some Estate Planning with The Dressage Foundation," said John Boomer, President and CEO. "Maryal is a long-time premier US Dressage Instructor, and The Dressage Foundation is pleased and honored that she has arranged to "give back" to her beloved sport in this special way," said Boomer.

Maryal states, "**The future of dressage and the welfare of our horses is dependent on the quality of education that our professionals obtain. There were people in my life such as Violet Hopkins and Lowell Boomer who were instrumental in making education possible for me, and many others through their generosity and foresight. Lowell Boomer along with many others saw the importance of education; and they founded the United States Dressage Federation to unite and educate Dressage enthusiasts. Violet Hopkins gave her farm, time and wisdom each summer to make the Vi Hopkins Seminar for Dressage Instructors possible for those of us hungry for more knowledge. Now, it is my desire to give back to the sport that has given me such a rewarding and happy life. That is why I want to help to make it possible for other present and future dressage instructors/trainers to be able to obtain quality education through The Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Grants.**"

Maryal Barnett's funding will be administered through the Founders' Endowment Fund at the Dressage Foundation, established by an anonymous Donor in 1998 to provide grants and

scholarships for Dressage Instructors and Adult Amateurs.

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The Dressage Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation [IRS Code Sec. 501(c)(3)], whose mission is, "to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage." For more information contact the Dressage Foundation, Wells Fargo Center, Suite 732, 1248 'O' Street, Lincoln NE 68508. Phone: 402-434-8585; Fax: 402-436-3053, email to [john@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:john@dressagefoundation.org). Visit our website at: [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).

**Eventing Magazine.** Eventing, the official publication of the United States Eventing Association, had a great article about a 70-year-old man named Stayner Haller. He started riding at age 50, and between the ages of 56 and 70, he has completed over 100 horse trials, most of them at Training Level. He has competed the same horse – a 24 year old Morgan gelding, and they have amassed an amazing number of double clear stadium rides (no rails, no time faults) and clear cross country rides. At an event last year, he was presented with a special award for completing his 100<sup>th</sup> event. We can hope that all of us can take good care of both ourselves and our horses so that we, too, can have fun in our 'senior years.'

**Look at Your Coggins**

For Dressage Competitions, any documentation such as negative EIA certification that is required for entry to a competition must list the same horse name and description as is listed on the entry blank and on the USEF horse identification or recording documents. Effective 12/01/07

**Entry Forms in this  
Newsletter**

**Hutchinson Recognized Dressage Show**

**KDEA Spring Schooling Show**

**Hutchinson Dressage Show.** Don't forget about the KDEA show in Hutchinson this year. We will need many volunteers, and of course we'd love to see you ride in the show! Below are many ways you can help out - even if you are planning to show that weekend:

- Right now: Follow up on sponsor letters that were sent out in February
- Right now: Find people/businesses to donate product
- Before the show on Memorial Day weekend – stuffing packets with programs, numbers and sponsor flyers, gathering all raffle items (this is a good way to see the items before the show!), putting together the sponsor flyers/goody bags, making the stabling chart, making stall cards and much more! This is a big day over at Susan's house.
- Friday May 30th- Day before the show: Put up stall cards and stall chart, deliver bedding to stalls, stabling courtesy (help people find stalls), set up arena, set up raffle items, help with check in, set up sound system, pick up officials from the airport.
- Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st - Day of the Show: Warmup arena, ingate, scorer, scribe, runner, raffle tear down, stabling courtesy (deliver shavings, walk stabling for problems), office work, judge/TD courtesy (to airport on Sunday and to/from bed and breakfast), take down arena, pack up show office.

This is a great way to watch the show, and to meet new people! Please call Maribeth at 776-9725 to indicate your interest in helping us out at the show! **Thanks to those who have already volunteered!**

**Remember that you have a 2 hour volunteer requirement this year to be eligible for KDEA awards...get your volunteer hours in now!**



## Upcoming KDEA Functions

### **KDEA Paint Party ... April 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm to 3:30pm at Windermere.**

Come help us paint the jumps and make them look bright and snazzy for this year. If you have any paint to contribute, please let Susan know at 634-6738. We could use all the paint we can get...in all colors. We do

have plenty of rubber gloves.

Please RSVP to Kathy Massey at 788-4896. **This is a volunteer opportunity!**



### **Upcoming KDEA Dressage Clinic – June 29<sup>th</sup> at Windermere – with Peggy Blair.**

As a result of the education committee survey, Peggy Blair is coming for a dressage clinic. Peggy has been a popular judge for us in prior years, and she will judge the KDEA schooling show on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and do a clinic on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There may be limited spots on June 28<sup>th</sup> (after the show) so if you are coming from out of town and want to clinic, that might be possible on Saturday. What better way to get input about your ride...ride in the show, and then clinic the next day. Cost will be \$50.00 per ride. Watch for an entry form coming out in late May.

**Would You Like to Host A Meeting?**  
Please consider hosting the next KDEA meeting – it will be  
**August 4.....**Providing food/drink not required...if interested,  
**contact Susan at 634-6738**



USDF Region 4 members (as a KDEA member, you are a Region 4 member) are invited to join the Region 4 Yahoo Groups at <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/USDFRegion4/> to learn more about Region 4 activities.



If you would like to suggest a topic for our upcoming Mini Educational events before the KDEA meetings, please contact Nancy Harvieux, Education Chair, at 776-9962.

## Briar Fox Show Calendar 2008

### Apr. 19-20 Spring Dressage

*Judges: Gail Hoff-Carmona 'S and Charlotte Trentelman 'S  
High Performance Classes, NAYRC/NAJC*

### May 24-25 Spring Horse Trials

*New Fences*

### Jun 14-15 Summer Dressage

*Judge: Dr. P. Chopra FEI-I and 'S  
Central USA Dressage Championship*

### Aug 30-31 Fall Dressage

*Judge: Fran Dearing 'S  
I-35 Series Finals*

*Sep 1 - Labor Day Clinic with Judge Fran Dearing*

### Nov. 1-2 Fall Horse Trials

*New Track and Fences*

*Event TEAM Challenge*

**Coming this June 27-29 - Horse Trials & Training Level 3-Day Event**

Briar Fox Farm  
9718 SW Hwy 54  
Augusta, Kansas 67010 – 316-775-5512  
[www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)

**Wanted: Schooling Show Managers and Secretaries.** Thank you to Bekki Moore and Jolene Mick for stepping up to secretary the May 10<sup>th</sup> KDEA Schooling show! We still need managers and secretaries for the June 28<sup>th</sup> and September 20 shows! The secretary is the one who gets all the entries and schedules the show (and we provide you with a handy worksheet for handling all the money) and the manager is the one who deals with volunteers and the actual set up of the arena and jumps. You can co-secretary or co-manage...and KDEA members will provide you with assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful educational opportunity, please call Susan at 634-6738 or email [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com).





**Look for this Wanted Sign...and find volunteer opportunities!**

As you know, KDEA now requires two hours of volunteer time in order to be eligible for year-end awards (not the medals). Below is the form to be used when you complete your time. You can also write an article for the newsletter to fulfill some of this time; please contact Susan Lang, newsletter editor, about the nature and length of your article before you submit it.

**Please do not wait until you have qualified for an award to fulfill this! There may not be enough volunteer activities late in the year!** There are many ways to help KDEA and if you need some ideas, please feel free to contact Pam Wrona at [metaphor929@hotmail.com](mailto:metaphor929@hotmail.com). Please use the form below to document your volunteer hours, and then send the form to Pam Wrona, Awards chair.

**KDEA Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if family member fulfilling hours for member, list both names)

Date volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

KDEA Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson/Show Manager  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

KDEA Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson/Show Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep a copy for your records and turn the original into:**  
Pam Wrona, Awards Chairperson, 1680 Tiara Pines Circle, Derby, KS 67037

**Members Who Have Completed their Volunteer Hours:**

*Marie Maloney, Barb Deenihan, Pam Wrona, Karyn Feltner*

All officers and Board members exempt from volunteer requirement, as they volunteer much MORE than the 2 hours.

**Raffle Items...Raffle Items...Raffle Items...Raffle Items**

If you have any raffle items for this year's dressage show, now is the time to contact Susan Lang at 634-6738 or [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com). We are starting to take inventory of what we have...and if you have an item to donate, please do so!

## Used Tack Sale - Coming May 10

At our Schooling Show at Windermere Stables

Start gathering that unused tack, price it and bring it to Windermere Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> or early Saturday morning. We will have a crew of volunteers to help sell it for you while you show or watch the show. Of course, you are always welcome to join us in the barn aisle to sell your things. This is a free service to all KDEA members; nonmembers pay a small fee of \$5.00. At the end of the day, you must gather your unsold items or donate them to KDEA. For more info, or to help the day of the sale, call Pam Wrona at 788-3591 or [metaphor929@hotmail.com](mailto:metaphor929@hotmail.com)

### **Top Reasons Dressage Arenas are Lettered the Way they are...submitted by Elizabeth Morrow from an unknown web source...**

8. After riding 500 20m circles in rapid succession, who can remember the alphabet?
7. The letters are consecutive and in alphabetical order, in a now extinct language spoken only by early 18th century Hanoverian carriage horses.
6. The very first dressage arena was designed by the lowest-bid contractor.
5. The letters were originally laid out by beleaguered riding pupils to facilitate pranks on their instructors, in which the pupils would pretend to be schooling various movements and figures while actually spelling out slanderous curses, in German, against their cruel and heartless instructors, their diabolical horses, and whatever silly person invented this dressage thing in the first place.
4. The letters are actually advertising billboards paid for by Sesame Street (This piaffe-passage transition was brought to you by the letter G!).
3. Well, the letters are supposed to be in alphabetical order, but somebody's Trakehner keeps getting out at night and rearranging them.
2. The other letters in the alphabet are there all right, they're just invisible--what do you think your horse has been spooking at all these years?
1. What, you mean they're NOT in alphabetical order? Hey, that would explain why nobody else seems to understand how I've organized the office files...

Don't forget to check out the KDEA Website at [www.kdea.org](http://www.kdea.org). If you have suggestions for improvement, contact Lisa Bryant at [wildside.ks@prodigy.net](mailto:wildside.ks@prodigy.net). We are going to be updating the website soon, and would like your input. Also available on the website is an Area Calendar with KDEA events as well as other local clinics.

### **Ride A Test**

Thank you to Lisa Sutherland and Briar Fox Farm for the Ride A Test opportunity on April 12<sup>th</sup>. KDEA members Missy Malone, Tricia Kaufman, Maribeth Willard, Marilyn Lee, Jennifer Grossi and Barb Deenihan took the opportunity to ride a test for L graduate Bonnie Griest.

**Watch for the return of Dressage Trail at the June 28<sup>th</sup> Schooling Show!!**

**Condolences and Well Wishes:** As you are most likely aware, long time KDEA member Patty Gardner died in March and our thoughts are with Larry Bumgartner in his loss. We also had several members in the hospital in the last month...Ranee Lipman and Charlotte Pinkall. Both are doing well now and we hope to see them back at KDEA functions!

**KDEA Classifieds:**

**For Sale:** Hyperlink - aka Click, Jockey Club registered "Labeeb's Petite", 2000 16.0+ h Dark Bay Thoroughbred Mare, \$3000. Lovely versatile mare with a sweet, quick temperament, excellent ground manners and soft, kind eye. Click is a proven broodmare who has evented successfully through Novice, shown 2'6 hunters, competed in hunter hack, jumpers and training level dressage. Will go safely on the buckle on the trail. Best suited for dressage, hunter hack, trail, minimal lower level jumping or broodmare. Located in Miller, MO, 30 minutes west of Springfield. Contact Cynthia Wiseman at [cynthiadvn@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiadvn@yahoo.com) or 417-880-4567.

**For Sale:** 52 ACRE HORSE FARM\_ Located on Santa Fe Lake Rd, with 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. Barn with 8 oversized stalls, automatic waterers, 80x20 with ability to drive through barn. 80 x 210 covered arena (clear span steel). 5 acre lake. This beautiful property is being offered at \$649,900. Call today for more information on other amenities and a private showing. Ann Staples 316-648-2561

**American Dressage Idol – Philesa Chandler.** While in Florida the month of March, Allyson Wilson and I had dinner with Philesa and her grandmother (who was visiting). I know that Trish Kaufman also visited Philesa later in the month, and we are happy that she is doing well. I asked her some questions about her new life:\

What is a typical day? A typical day for me is a dream come true. I get to see rider after rider, and horse after horse work with Robert Dover. My day usually begins with preparing the barn for Robert's arrival, and making sure the day will follow the schedule I have set for that particular day (lessons, which horses are being ridden, veterinarian calls, farrier calls, contact with owners/clients). Throughout the day, I may ride 1 to 4 horses in front of Robert. I also manage the barn, so I'm in charge of the facility running smoothly. I am just beginning to build up my lesson program, and I hope to see that flourish over the summer.

Who in the horse world have you met that you have found interesting? I have met so many amazing people since I've been in Florida. It is just a great experience.

From what horses/lessons that you watched have you learned the most? At Romance Farms, we have a lot of highly respected riders come for lessons, and I have learned a lot from every one of them. I also enjoy the amateur's lessons, because they are usually learning something new, so the movements get broken down to the beginning. It is incredible to watch people learn a different way to go about their training routine, and see the changes in their horses immediately.

What do you do that is NOT horses? My life is completely horses. I LIVE, BREATHE, AND SLEEP horses. I have one day off a week, and I still end up doing something that has to do with horses on that day. A million people wish they were in my shoes, so I can't complain. Submitted by Susan Lang

### **Windermere Stables...**

#### **Now an Official Distributor of Paper Shavings Animal Bedding**

Clean...Dust Free...Suitable for all Animals...Readily Available....Highly Absorbent...Disease Free Material...Reduces Barn Odor....Biodegradable...Economical  
12 cu ft of loose paper shavings press packed to 3.5 cu ft that expands to 12 cu ft.  
\$7.00 per bag. Check the website for more information. Contact Amy Staples at 316-393-3903 or [www.windmerestables.com](http://www.windmerestables.com)

## Next KDEA Meeting – June 9th

June 9 at the home of Marilyn and Bill Lee (the SECOND Monday of June)

Educational Session: 6:15 to 7:00 and meeting starts at 7:00

Address: 2523 Plumthicket, Wichita, KS. Phone 631-3779

Directions: From 21<sup>st</sup> St North and Webb road, go north on Webb road. Turn left on the first street (which is Plumthicket). One in housing addition, turn right, then immediate left onto the first cul-de-sac. House is on right.

Educational Topic: Proposed “Performance Standards” for dressage competition (see information below...)

### **Performance Standards: We want to hear your opinions and suggestions!**

Discussion of the proposed USEF/USDF Performance Standards will be on the agenda for the next KDEA meeting - June 9, 2008. USEF extended the deadline for the vote on the implementation of the standards for USDF to gather more input from their members, and various USEF Dressage Committee members are taking comments from the dressage community. Let's get our thoughts compiled and have it ready to send to USDF.

Maribeth Willard has volunteered to be the compiler of KDEA's members opinions and suggestions. Please have your thoughts written out, and email'd to Maribeth before or at the meeting. We will allow everyone a few minutes to voice their opinions at the meeting, and a written copy of that would help ensure your ideas are correctly recorded. Maribeth will compile our

thoughts, publish them in the KDEA newsletter and also send them to USDF and the appropriate people.

For those of you who have not seen a copy of the Performance Standards, please email Maribeth at [mbwillard@live.com](mailto:mbwillard@live.com), and she will forward a copy to you.

Now is your chance to be heard. So following the training scale - take a couple of deep breaths (relaxation), think of the pros and cons (suppleness), reach for that pen and paper(contact), mold your thoughts into coherent sentences (straightness), don't forget a dash of passion (impulsion) and gather those thoughts into a concise statement (collection)! Ta-Da! You've communicated!

Send you opinions to [mbwillard@live.com](mailto:mbwillard@live.com) (Maribeth Willard) and please come to the meeting on June 9 to give voice to them as well.

**April KDEA Educational Pre-Meeting.** The pre-meeting presentation by Nancy Harvieux, overviewed the variety of trainers who look at horses in a variety of ways. She provided a handout with links to [www.naturalhorsetraining.com](http://www.naturalhorsetraining.com) and [www.markrashid.com](http://www.markrashid.com) as reference providing a wealth of information. The trainers Nancy discussed tend to look from the perspective of the horse. Mark Rashid emphasis' on passive leadership and the connection between rider and horse from the horses perspective. Sylvia Scott of Natural Horse Training empathizes with horses providing support information on her website and through her training programs. Other notable trainers where discussed. Nancy mentioned that each has their own approach, but it is important to take out what works best for your situation. A question was asked about emphasis of the trainers... was it ground work or horse back. Nancy explained that it involved both, depending on the need of the circumstance. Nancy had a variety of books, tapes, and magazines by the various trainers for review. Nancy agreed to provide a list in the future with information on opportunities to borrow, similar to the library program.

Winners of the Education Survey drawing: Bekki Moore – gift subscription to Practical Horseman and Karyn Feltner – gift subscription to Dressage Today.

## Calendar of Events - 2008

If you have anything to add, please contact Susan at [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com)

- April 21-22 Stephan Kiesewetter dressage clinic, Stillwater, OK. Contact [robin@stillwaterdressage.org](mailto:robin@stillwaterdressage.org)  
Apr 19-20 Briar Fox Farm Spring Dressage, Augusta, KS. See [www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)  
May 2-3-4 Sarah Martin clinic at Kaufman Farm. Contact Barb at [halfpass24@yahoo.com](mailto:halfpass24@yahoo.com)  
May 3-4 Kansas City Dressage Society Spring Show, Longview Horse Park.  
May 3-4 ODS Dressage Show, Shawnee, OK. See [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)  
May 10-11 Dallas Dressage Show. See [www.region9.org](http://www.region9.org)  
**May 10 KDEA Spring Dressage and Combined Test Schooling Show at Windermere, 1818 S 127<sup>th</sup> St E, Wichita, KS. Contact Susan at [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com). Entry form in newsletter**  
May 10-11 Rebecca Rigdon dressage clinic. Contact Marie Maloney at [Marie.Maloney@hotmail.com](mailto:Marie.Maloney@hotmail.com)  
May 17-18 Wild West Dressage, Tulsa, OK. See [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)  
May 24-25 Briar Fox Farm Spring Horse Trials. See [www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)  
May 24-25 Bara Trak Dressage Show, Mason City, IA.  
**May 31-June 1 KDEA Spring Dressage Show, Hutchinson, KS. Contact Susan at [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com). Entry Form in newsletter. Judge: Bonnie Griest**  
June 6-7 St Louis Area Dressage Assoc Dressage Show, ST Louis, MO  
June 11-15 Wheat State Regional Morgan Show (dressage 6/11), Kansas State Fairgrounds. For dressage info, contact Susan at 634-6738.  
June 14-15 Briar Fox Farm Central US Championships Dressage show. See [www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)  
June 21-22 Dressage Lite, Mason City, IA.  
**June 28 KDEA Summer Schooling Dressage show and Combined Test. Judge: Peggy Blair**  
**June 29 KDEA Dressage Clinic with Peggy Blair. Entry form for show and clinic coming out the end of May**  
Aug 1-2 Bara Trak Dressage, Mason City, IA  
Aug 23-24 Lazy E Arena Dressage Classic, Guthrie, OK. See [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)  
Aug 30-Sept 1 Briar Fox Farm Labor Day Dressage, Augusta, KS. See [www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)  
Sept 4-7 Region 4 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships and Midwest Championships, Mason City, IA. See [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)  
Sept 12-14 Tina Cope dressage clinic at Klarmond Trakehners. Baldwin, KS. Contact Jami at [jcnixonku@gmail.com](mailto:jcnixonku@gmail.com) or [klarmondtrakehners.com](http://klarmondtrakehners.com)  
Sept 13-14 Dallas Yellow Rose Dressage, Irving, Tx. See [www.region9.org](http://www.region9.org)  
Sept 13-14 Rebecca Rigdon dressage clinic  
**Sept 20 KDEA Fall Schooling Dressage show and Combined Test. Judge: Robin Hessel**  
Oct 17-19 Region 9 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships, Guthrie, OK. See [www.region9.org](http://www.region9.org)  
Nov 1-2 Briar Fox Farm Fall Horse Trials, Augusta, KS. See [www.thehorsefarm.com](http://www.thehorsefarm.com)  
Nov 8-9 Stephan Kiesewetter dressage clinic at Stillwater, OK. Contact [robin@stillwaterdressage.org](mailto:robin@stillwaterdressage.org)  
Dec 3-7, 08 USDF Convention in Denver, CO. Includes a Symposium on Sat/Sun.  
Dec 2009 USDF Convention in Austin, TX.  
2010 World Equestrian Games, Lexington, KY

More dates and competitions shown on the KDEA website at [www.kdea.org](http://www.kdea.org) and [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)

Coming Next Newsletter: A compilation of all the dressage clinicians coming into the Wichita area, with contact name/number for the person and barn hosting the clinics. Please email this information to Susan at [smlang2@juno.com](mailto:smlang2@juno.com) before June 1. As many of the dates for these clinics change over time, it seems a better idea to list the contact person so that you can call for dates which may not be available for newsletter publication.

**Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association is a USDF Group Member Organization  
All KDEA members are automatically USDF Group Members.**

