



April 2020 Editor's Notes...

And so here we are – ordered to stay at home, a lot of us away from our horses, away from our friends and loved ones, and what feels like a million years from the show ring. There is nothing easy about any of this. Our nation is facing a tremendous crisis and it seems like wherever we turn on our computers or turn to our phones, we are a nation divided. Our communities are being tested and sadly, divided over what are appropriate measures to take – legally and ethically. I think that one thing that we can all agree on is that there is no completely right answer. There is no completely correct solution. And the other thing we can agree on is that those who are out there working in the medical field treating our friends and loved ones who have contracted this terrible virus have become the heroes of this battle. They are not the only ones – those who work in the shadows that we don't always think about like grocery store employees, agricultural workers, linemen and line clearance workers, pharmacy staff and so many others who must be out there. And another group of people who you know but often do not group with those listed above? Barn owners. For those of you who board your horses, you no doubt are frustrated that you don't have access to them because of the mandatory shut down. You are

angry, worried, and need comfort. But for those who are entrusted with your horses' care, it is equally frustrating and frightening. Not only are barn owners and trainers losing income in all of this, but they are still having to go out to stores to buy feed. They are still working as hard as they ever did – but now with a drastically reduced income. They are still caring for their equine charges – and trying to comfort owners at the same time. The battles that barn owners and trainers are currently fighting are not being seen. They're not making the news. No one is writing stories about them. But they're there doing their jobs in a situation that they never expected to be in. So while we are out there struggling to find common ground – to support and encourage – think of our trainers, barn owners, and others in the equine industry. They work in the shadows and are struggling to find light in all of this.

-Allison

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Rescheduling Our Lives...

A List of Revised Schooling Show Dates and Other MDA Events

Due to the complications that Covid-19 has brought to our country, many shows and educational events have had to be cancelled or rescheduled. The Midwest Dressage Association follows the guidelines put forth by the United States Equestrian Federation and the United States Dressage Federation. Therefore there will be no points awarded for shows that take place before or on May 31. This includes the USDF Schooling Show program. As the Covid-19 situation is continually evolving, the MDA will strive to keep everyone updated on any changes through our website and Facebook page. As of this writing, all schooling shows scheduled in April and almost all of May have been cancelled. Events and shows also affected are as follows:

-The MDA Bootcamp that was scheduled for May has been rescheduled for October 2-4, 2020. Those interested can use the same registration form.

-The clinic scheduled with Bill McMullin for the end of May has been cancelled.

-The Instructor Certification Program workshop scheduled for the end of May has been rescheduled for the fall.

-The June schooling shows at Rattlewood Farm have been cancelled.

-The May 9/10 schooling show at Wyn Farm has been cancelled.

Temporary Rule Changes to Year-End Qualifications

The MDA Board of Directors has decided that since the ongoing pandemic has shortened our show season, we will adjust the requirements for year-end awards. For 2020 only in order to qualify for year-end awards riders must have two scores, ridden in two different shows, and received those scores from two different judges. One of those scores must be from the highest test of that level (Test 3.) This applies to both schooling shows and recognized shows. Scores obtained from recognized competitions held between October 1 and March 16 still count.

Previously the qualifications were three different shows, three scores, from three different judges. Please note that this change is for this season only.

US Equestrian Announces First Webinar in Series...

Webinar 1: Planning for a Safe Return to Competition

Monday, May 4, 2020 at 3:00pm EST

Learn how USEF is planning to facilitate a safe return to competition following the COVID-19 suspension. This is a good opportunity for trainers, exhibitors and competition managers to understand how to work together to create the safest possible environment for everyone as we look ahead to restarting 2020 competitions early as June 1 with a phased regional approach in line with local and state government restrictions. USEF Guidelines for Competitions will be shared. These guidelines have been developed by Dr. Mark Hart, USEF's Team Physician and Chair of the FEI Medical Committee, with input from competition management. Panelists will include USEF CEO

Bill Moroney, Dr. Mark Hart, USEF General Counsel Sonja Keating, ESP President Michael Stone, and trainer John Madden.

This webinar event will be open to USEF members with 1000 spots available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration will open April 30. The virtual webinar will be held via Zoom. We encourage participants to submit questions in advance when registering. There will be a Q&A session afterwards. The recorded event will be posted on the USEF Network at the conclusion of the session.

Eleanor Millerschin Awarded the Karen Skvarla Fund Grant for Young Professionals



The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2020 Karen Skvarla Fund Grant for Young Professionals has been awarded Eleanor Millerschin of Rochester Hills, Michigan. She plans to use the \$1,000 grant to train with Lauren Sprieser.

Eleanor, a member of Midwest Dressage Association, has been a professional instructor for three years and teaches beginners up to 2nd Level, including students at a local hunter/jumper barn where she teaches the fundamentals of dressage. In 2018, Eleanor and her horse, Galassia, were MDA's year-end champions in the open division for Training and First Levels. In 2019, they were the 2nd Level champions. Additionally, Eleanor was honored with MDA's 2019 Jean Brown Memorial Award in recognition of her strong work ethic, sportsmanship, and volunteer work.

Eleanor shared, "I am so grateful to be receiving the Karen Skvarla Fund grant and continuing my riding education with Lauren Sprieser throughout 2020. This opportunity wouldn't have been possible without the support of The Dressage Foundation. Thank you to the donors and TDF for giving me, and many other equestrians, the opportunity to pursue learning opportunities we wouldn't be able to participate in otherwise. With this grant, I look forward to improving myself and using what I learn in my training to help other horses and riders."

The purpose of the Karen Skvarla Fund is to provide grants enabling dressage professionals to pursue training or educational opportunities. Grant applicants should be in the beginning stages of their dressage careers as instructors and/or trainers. The Karen Skvarla Fund Grant selection committee will especially look for applicants who are eager to grow and improve, and who are fair and respectful to both students and horses.

TDF Awards Carolyn Van Cise Fund Grant to Nina Neumann



The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2020 Carolyn Van Cise Memorial Sportsmanship Fund Grant has been awarded to Nina Neumann of West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Nina has been riding since she was a young child and is a member of the Midwest Dressage Association. Nina currently trains with Liz Snoblen at Equinox Farm in Highland, Michigan, and competes at local schooling shows with her rescue horse, Mouse. Her goal for 2020 is to continue building a relationship with Mouse and move up to First Level. Nina is also pursuing a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Psychology at Wayne State University. She works as a student researcher in a cancer research laboratory at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Nina intends to use the \$500 grant to ride in a clinic with John Lassetter later this year.

She shared, "I am beyond thankful to The Dressage Foundation for awarding me the Carolyn Van Cise Fund grant! It will allow me to participate in a clinic taught by FEI dressage rider, John Lassetter, and offer me insights into my riding that are beyond any level of training I

have ever received. I am more than excited about this opportunity since it will allow me to fulfill a long-time training goal of riding in a clinic with my heart horse, Mouse. I adopted Green Mouse 6 years ago, fresh off the racetrack as a 4-year-old. After giving him the time he needed to be physically and mentally ready, we started competing together last year. This horse has so much potential and determination in him! I am thankful to Carolyn Van Cise's family and friends for their generous donations to support this grant, which will allow me to further my training and let my horse shine!"

Carolyn Van Cise was active in Michigan's dressage community for many years as a trainer, instructor, judge, and mentor. Dressage was her passion and she served as a role model for those she knew. The Carolyn Van Cise Memorial Sportsmanship Grant is awarded annually to a rider under age 25 who is a current Michigan resident and best exemplifies the qualities that Carolyn found most important in life, including the characteristics that demonstrate positive sportsmanship principles.

Recipients of this grant will receive \$500 to be used towards expenses associated with attending a specific educational Combined Training event or dressage event of their choice.

Cool Things!!!

***We are so excited that the Jockey Club is now one of the breed associations that is part of the All Breeds Awards Program with the United States Dressage Federation! If you're Thoroughbred is registered with the Jockey Club, it is now eligible for a year-end award from the USDF!**

****Great British Equinery of Indiana has generously offered all MDA members a 15% discount when you shop online at www.greatbritishequinery.com. Simply use the promo code "MDA" at checkout to get your savings!**



Did You Know You Can Get MDA Swag?

Well you can! Go to the MDA website at www.midwestdressage.org or visit www.companycasuals.com/MidwestDressageAssoc/start.jsp to customize your apparel and show your support for MDA!



2020 Calendar

May

31 – Woodbine Farms Dressage Schooling Show. Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com ***Not Participating***

June

7 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show. Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

12-14 – Dressage at Waterloo June I and II Recognized Show. Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com.

20 – Rattlewood Farms Participating Two Day Show. Rattlewood Farm. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI. Contact Will Davis at (810) 287-2011 or willdavis@aol.com

July

5 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show. Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

10-12 – Dressage at Waterloo July Recognized Show. Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

18 - Rattlewood Farms Participating Two Day Show. Rattlewood Farm. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI. Contact Will Davis at (810) 287-2011 or willdavis@aol.com

25 – Michigan Summer Dressage Recognized Show. Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

August

31-2 – Dressage at Waterloo August Recognized Show. Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

15 – USDF Pre-Certification Workshop Hosted By MDA. 8:00am-5:00pm. McPhail Equine Performance Center. 1131 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48824.

13-16 – Dressage at Waterloo Summer Finale I and II Recognized Show. Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

22 – Rattlewood Farm Participating Two Day Show. Rattlewood Farm. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI. Contact Will Davis at (810) 287-2011 or willdavis@aol.com

23 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show. Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

30 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show. Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

September

5 – Rattlewood Farm Participating Two Day Show. Rattlewood Farm. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI. Contact Will Davis at (810) 287-2011 or willdavis@aol.com

13 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show. Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

25 – Great Lakes Regional Championship Show Hosted By Rattlewood Farm. Rattlewood Farm. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI. Contact Will Davis at (810) 287-2011 or willdavis@aol.com

October

18 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show. Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

November

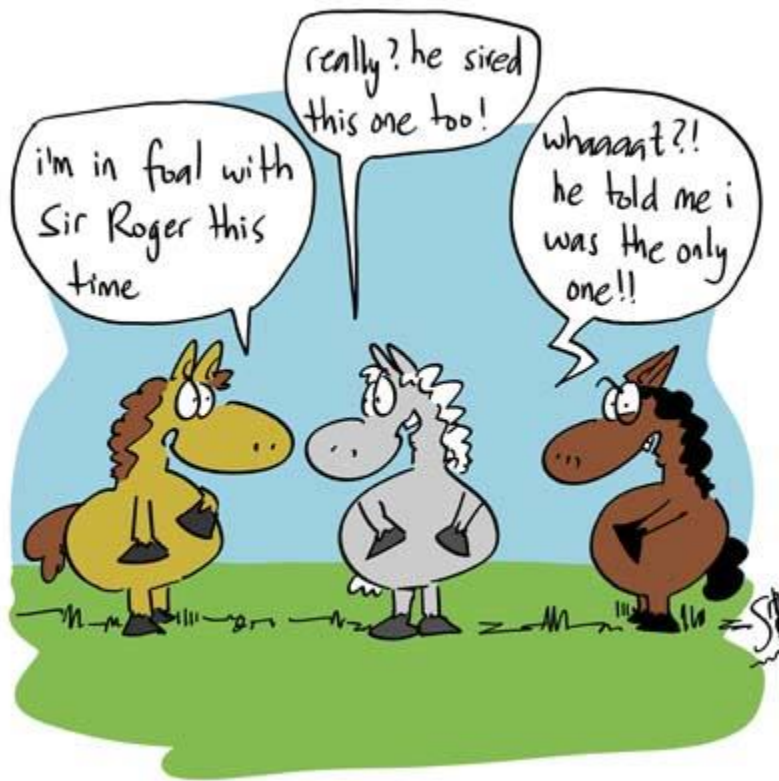
9 – USDF Instructor Final Certification Hosted By MDA. 8:00am-5:00pm. McPhail Equine Performance Center. 1131 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48824.

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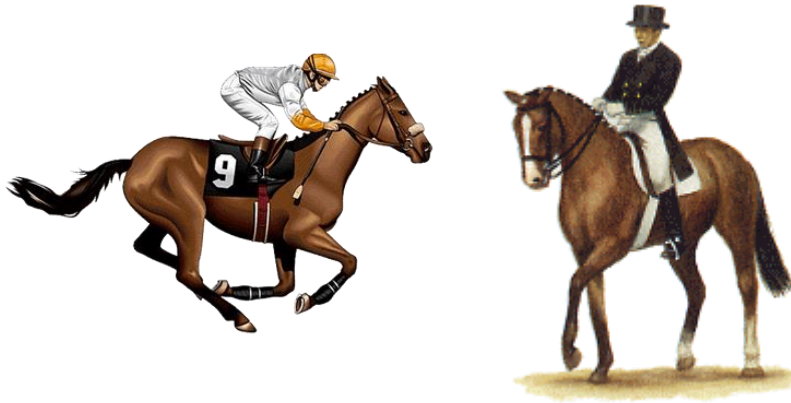
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MDA Participating Schooling Dressage shows marked as “Participating”

USDF Recognized Dressage Shows marked as “Recognized”



The Encore Award



This award recognizes the achievements of Off-The-Track Thoroughbreds in the sport of Dressage. This is a year-end high-point award that will be given to an OTTB competing at any level that has achieved the highest overall percentage for the competition season. Owners/Riders must provide a copy of the horses' Jockey Club papers or a picture of a verifiable lip tattoo and three tests ridden under three different judges at any one level from a recognized or schooling show. Rider and/or owner must be a current MDA member. This award is sponsored by Allison McKenzie.

**Please send the application and paperwork to:
Allison McKenzie
9867 Sharon Hollow Road
Manchester, MI 48158**

Horse Name: _____

Owner/Rider Name: _____

Owner/Rider Address: _____

Owner/Rider Phone: _____

Owner/Rider Email: _____

Questions? Contact Allison at 734-276-8967 or amsporthorses@yahoo.com

Tribute Partners Program



The Tribute Partners Program allows MDA to earn money for educational events. Every proof of purchase tag (found on the bottom of the feedbag) is worth \$.25. Invoices for bulk feed are also eligible for this program. In the first year of participation, MDA earned over \$500 because members contributed their feed bag tags!

Instructions:

Please forward your Tribute Horse Feed proof of purchase (off the bags) or photocopies of invoices for bulk Tribute purchases. If you are submitting photocopied invoices, please black out any sensitive information like name, phone, credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:
Midwest Dressage Association
C/O Kathy Monaghan
284 South Tilden Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kathy Monaghan at 248 342 3687.

Classifieds...

Horses for Sale or Lease –

Several experienced dressage horses available for partial or full lease at Brilliant Reflection Farm in Ortonville, MI. Contact us for more information at blondmane@yahoo.com or 248-670-9031.
<http://www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com/horses-available-for-lease.html>

FEI Pony wants to bring another child through the levels! Easy care loves to show, no issues, never needs tuning. Brought current rider from beginner to Festival of Champions in 3 years with many Pony Cup championships. 2004 mare 13.3. Call Jayne Ayers for info 414-313-4146
or jayne@dressagehorse.com



Saddles/Tack For Sale

2014 17" Bruno Delgrange medium tree with silver accents on cantle and flap. Medium flap length.
\$3000. Please contact Leslie Richardson at (810) 287-0053

The following items are for sale from Nancy Bryant. Items located in Clarkston, Ortonville, or Oxford, Michigan. Phone (248) 632-2045

Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Signature Solo 17.5 Black Short thigh block saddle. Ridden in for four months on one horse. Excellent condition. Comes with cover, new stirrup leathers, new stirrups and two new girths. Fitted to a narrower horse but the beauty of a Custom saddle is that it can be fitted on site to your horse same day, no shipping out your saddle to be adjusted. \$2700 new plus \$300 in fittings. Asking \$2200 firm. Comes with bonus schooling saddle pads.

Stubben bridle style 3200, new with tags. Black flash noseband with leather stop stud reins. Horse size. Red chain link browband insert. New \$175, asking \$100.

Neue Schule Turtle Tactio with Flex Loose ring snaffle bit. 16mm mouthpiece, 70mm rings, 5.75. Worn 2 weeks. New \$217. Asking \$200.

Dover Black Sheepskin Lined Saddle pad. Used one season. New \$80. Asking \$50. Good condition.

Brown leather and elastic side reins used a few times. Asking \$25

Weatherbeeta Navy fleece cooler – size 78 with cute colorful hedgehog pattern. Worn 4-5 times.
Clean. New \$65. Asking \$55.

Horseware Mio Turnout Sheet. Size 78. Navy with tan trim. New condition. Asking \$40.

Horseware Mio Combo Flysheet. Size 84. Neck attached. Has snags from Velcro but in usable
condition. New \$60. Asking \$40.

Amigo Bravo 12 Plus Deluxe 84” Black Heavyweight Winter Blanket, 400gm with detachable 200gm
hood. Worn one season. Clean and waterproofed. Fixtures to attach to any compatible Rambo liner.
Allows you to increase weight with one blanket. New \$250. Asking \$200.

Shoofly Horse Leggings. Set of 4 large bright orange. Never search for boots in the pasture again!
Like new. Worn two weeks. New \$50. Asking \$40.

Dressage Sport Boots. All in New/Good condition.

DSB Silver Patent Gloss with black fleece lining. Two large, Two extra-large. Four boot set. Good
condition. New \$110. Asking \$70.

DSB White Patent Gloss with white fleece lining. Two medium. Two large. New condition. Four boot
set. New \$110. Asking \$90.

DSB Black Dressage Sport Boots with black fleece lining. Two large, two extra-large. Good condition.
Four boot set. New \$100. Asking \$60.

ASB White All Sport Boot Set. Two medium. Two large. \$110 new. Great condition. Asking \$70.

PRI Dressage Pads. Wool lined – no foam. Assorted colors. \$20 each.

Employment/Working Student

Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC and Tonya Grant have an amazing opportunity open.
We are looking for a dedicated local horse lover who aspires to become a professional someday. We
have a full-time working student position currently open.
Must have transportation, riding clothes, and a very good work ethic. Opportunity to show and travel
and lots of opportunity to ride. Must be hard-working and willing to do a lot of grooming in exchange for
riding. Applications will be accepted by email or phone.

Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC - www.visualequestrian.com

Tonya Grant (248) 219-0410



Stable Listings-

Allison McKenzie Sporthorses

Training, Lessons, Breeding, Boarding

Manchester, MI 48158

amsporthorses@yahoo.com

www.allisonmckenziezsporthorses.com

734- 276-8967

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Brian and Barbra Reis

Ortonville, MI 48462

248-670-9031

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Stalls cleaned daily

Lesson plans available

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jenmaull@yahoo.com

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The Levy Farm

Shawn Ozker Ragsdale

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248-318-0725

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Novice-FEI

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******In order to have your facility listed in the newsletter, please email Allison at amsporthorses@yahoo.com You MUST be an MDA member to have your facility listed!***

Midwest Dressage Association Membership Application

Membership Information: Renewal (MDA #): _____ New Member: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family Memberships: Only the primary member will receive yearly directories.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Rider Status: Open Adult Amateur Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2019*)

If a rider status is not selected, applicant will be considered as Open for all MDA purposes including year-end awards. Adult Amateur status is limited to riders who meet the guidelines of USEF GR808,

I would like to be listed in the MDA Services Directory: (Must be received by Feb 1 of the current year)

Boarding Facility Training Facility Trainer (will travel) Judge Other: _____

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All information is also available on the MDA Website

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