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Happy Labor Day



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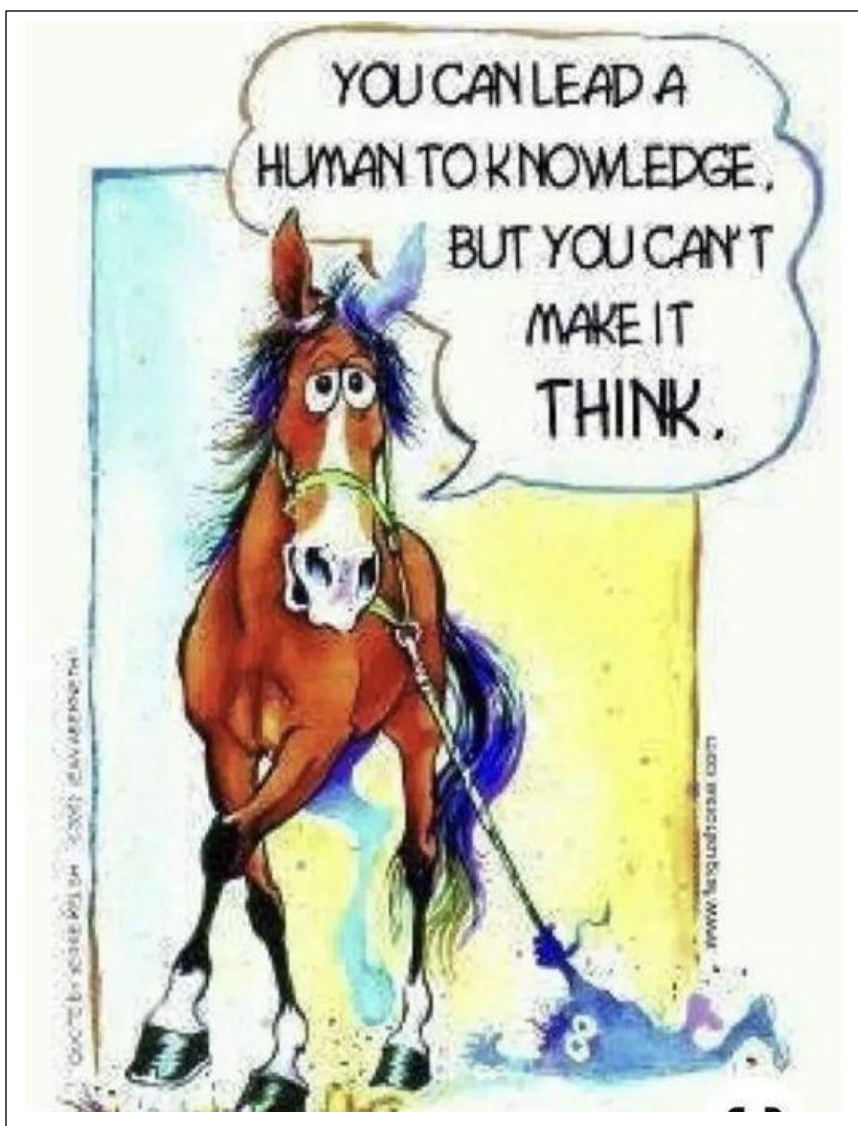
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SVDA Volunteer of the Day program

SVDA is implementing a Volunteer of the Day program at schooling shows. All volunteers' name will be placed in a hat (one time for half day volunteers, two times for whole day volunteers) and one name will be randomly drawn. The winner can select their choice from a variety of gifts and gift cards, each with a \$25 value. Available choices are gift cards from Chik Fila, Wawa, Starbucks, SmartPak, Sugar Shack at the Mingle, and a gift bag from Cypress Saddlery. At the first 3 shows, we also have vouchers for free Chik Fila sandwiches for some randomly selected volunteers.

Please be aware that for all schooling shows and clinics sponsored by SVDA - a CURRENT negative coggins must be received or you will not be allowed to participate. SVDA must submit a report listing all horses, owners and coggins accession numbers to the Va Dept of Agriculture for every sponsored event. We can not make exceptions. So please get your coggins drawn early to allow processing time so that we don't have to refuse your participation on the day of a show or clinic.



VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8/18/22 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Anne Draine (North East); Alison Douglas (Central); Lisa Beckwith (NEVADA); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sherri Booye (C'ville); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Alex Jeffers (Central); Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Anna Simmons (Fred); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); and member Dianne Boyd.

Minutes: Anne Draine made the motion and Sherri Booye seconded that we approve the June minutes, and everyone concurred.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reported that we had \$109K in our treasury. There are still a few items from DAL that need to be reconciled. DAL had sponsorship money of \$3585 plus the \$6000 Peta Jean Wylie donated for the Maestro Cup. The facility alone was \$42,473.

DAL Wrap-up: Dianne reported that we had good participation in the SHAC. There was good participation in the awards ceremonies with riders using the saddle pads they won. Debbie Rodriguez was there to present the Trainers Award to Lauren Sprieser. Sheli had feedback that the breed show competitors liked the move of location from the coliseum to the back barn.

GAIG: Diane reported that we will need more stewards as physical equipment checks are mandatory again. We will also need to control the warmups to ensure that they are limited to people warming up for classes. We will have the Doggie Costume Contest again this year. The competitors party will be Friday night (Taco Bar) up in the mezzanine. Participation in awards ceremonies is still optional. Having the horses dressed in advance really helps them run faster and smoother. We will not need gatekeepers. There is a rule change for next year making gatekeepers optional i.e., up to show management. Please volunteer. There is a link on the VADA website with a form or you can email Rachel at volunteervada@gmail.com.

Chapter Challenge Exploratory Committee: The committee will be sending a survey out to members in September asking for feedback regarding the types of events they'd participate in, how far they are willing to travel and how much they are willing to spend.

2023/2024 VADA EVENT: The most logical location is VHC East Complex. We will find out open dates for 2023 and 2024 and then go after a clinician. Possible clinicians- Adrienne Lyle, Sabine Schut-Kery, and Ali Brock. Anyone with other suggestions, please email Tina.

USDF Convention: Convention is November 30th through December 3rd in Lexington, KY. We need GMO reps for the convention and that also means you are the rep for the Region Meetings until November of next year. We currently have 557 members, which allows us two reps. If we get to 600 members by September 1, we can send three reps.

CHAPTERS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS HAVE SUBMITTED ALL NEW MEMBERS TO BETH RIPPLE IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN TRY TO GET TO THAT 600 MEMBER NUMBER.

New website: Nancy Doody has given us a brand-new website. Check it out. Same address. Contact her with any suggestions you have.

Chapter Updates:

Central- Schooling show at Chestnut Oaks November 5th, Bruno Greber clinic November 20th at Old Raptor Farm in Louisa

Charlottesville- They are having a clinic September 7th at Old Raptor Farm for the residents of the Colonnades Senior Living Community. They are also planning an "Up the Levels" clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests April 1-2. The first day will be for levels 1-4 and the second day will be FEI. The clinic will be in Afton and open to everyone.

Fredericksburg - Their LS will be at Rosemount September 10-11 and the following weekend 17-18 a riding clinic with Michael Bragdell. They are also planning a yoga clinic on horseback for some time in October.

NEVADA – September 1st will be the last of their Thursday night schooling show series under the lights at Edgehill Farm. They are having a schooling show on September 18th and another at the State Fair September 28th.

NOVA – Two one day licensed shows August 27-28. Their schooling show championship will be November 5th.

ShenVADA -They are having a schooling show on 9/17 at Cedar Creek. Nancy Lowey will be the judge. And their holiday pageant on 12/3.

SVDA- Will be having schooling shows one a month all summer. They will also have a new test clinic with Debbie Rodriquez next year.

Southwest- Has a schooling show (held jointly with a combined test) on 10-16 at Greenhill Park.

NEXT MEETING September 29th AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

SVDA 2022 Calendar

Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
09/25/22	*Harmonia Equestrian-Suffolk	Annmari Ingersoll, "L"	08/29/21	09/12/21
10/30/22	*SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	Carol Bishop @C Kris Hamillton @B Heather Hamillton Boyer Ring 2	10/03/20	10/17/21

*USDF Recognized Schooling Shows

Sanctioned schooling shows

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

Sept. 3, Judge: April Rivers

Sept. 4, Judge: Jane Kelly

Oct. 29

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Northwest River park

Oct. 2 Judge: Robyn Nunnally

Deep Creek Stables

Licensed Show 2022

September

03/04 NCDCTA Labor of Love I & II

10/11 VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania, VA

17/18 Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC

24/25 SVDA Schooling show

Wakefield Airfield – Wakefield, VA

October

08/09 Pinehurst Fall Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

Judges: Margaret Freeman 'S' NC, Jennifer Benoit 'r' FL

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Number	Rider	Class	Test	Horse	Dressage Score	Points	Placing
182	Bethany Nichols	O	3-1	Trinity Van Dream Gait	68.649	254	1
40	Alyssa Henkle	JR	2-2	Wiley Coyote	63.649	256.5	1
97	Barbara Felton	O	WDAA 1-3 Gaited	Smoke	62.000	195	1
182	Bethany Nichols	O	3-3	Trinity Van Dream Gait	66.001	264	1
912	Kim Bliefernich	AA	2-3	Rodeo SS	56.786	238.5	2
40	Alyssa Henkle	JR	2-3	Wiley Coyote	62.143	261	1
97	Barbara Felton	O	WDAA Basic 4 Gaited	Smoke	66.346	172.5	1
77	Hannah Stohr	AA	1-1	Crunchie	59.310	172	3
227	Mackenzie Smith	JR	1-1	Caymen	63.448	184	1
47	Kylie Behrns	JR	1-1	American Jones	62.759	182	2
100	Darla Holbrook	AA	WDAA Basic 3	Nodoubtsheszachip	74.545	164	1
61	Caroline Needham	O	1-2	Skys the Limit	66.286	239	1
77	Hannah Stohr	AA	1-2	Crunchie	64.143	224.5	1
182	C. Elizabeth	AA	1-2	Romance LBA	63.286	221.5	2
14	Michael Lovejoy	AA	1-2	Pinchazo	62.286	218	3
71	Lorna "Cookie" Parsons	AA	1-2	Absolut Charm	60.714	212.5	4
76	Brooke Decant	JR	1-2	Rock the Sun	67.571	236.5	1
95	Stephanie Walker	AA	WDAA Intro 1 Gaited	Fancy	74.091	163	1
80	Stacey Hayden	AA	WDAA Intro 1 Gaited	Rooster	67.721	149	2
61	Caroline Needham	O	1-3	Skys the Limit	66.250	238.5	1
82	Charlene Jensen	AA	1-3	Caymen	66.528	239.5	1
182	C. Elizabeth	AA	1-3	Romance LBA	64.167	231	2
71	Lorna "Cookie" Parsons	AA	1-3	Absolut Charm	61.389	226	3
14	Michael Lovejoy	AA	1-3	Pinchazo	59.583	214.5	4
76	Brooke Decant	JR	1-3	Rock the Sea	69.028	248.5	1

Number	Rider	Class	Test	Horse	Dressage Score	Points	Placing
95	Stephanie Walker	AA	WDAA Intro 2 Gaited	Fancy	68.889	124	1
100	Darla Holbrook	AA	WDAA Intro 3	Nodoubtsheszachip	70.000	140	1
80	Stacey Hayden	AA	WDAA Intro 3 Gaited	Rooster	67.500	135	2
76	Brooke Decant	JR	Musical Freestyle 1	Rock the Sea	66.833	200.5	1
48	Morgan Burton	AA	T-1	Ginger	69.615	186	1
88	Libby Colon	AA	T-1	Romance LBA	66.538	173	2
917	Ava Miller	JR	I-A	Whispering Keepsake	66.875	107	2
97	Amanda Leahy	AA	I-A	Callie	72.813	116.5	1
191	Mckinley Smith	JR	I-A	Alexander Hamilton	69.375	111	1
68	Bethany Nichols	O	T-2	Sonnen Nacht	72.241	209.5	1
91	Mckinley Smith	JR	T-2	Alexander Hamilton	67.069	194.5	1
89	Caroline Needham	O	T-2	Trimmed In Gray	62.759	182	1
79	Kaitlyn Peterson	JR	I-B	Charming Billy	64.063	102.5	2
49	Sandy Toby	O	I-B	Veerie	70.000	112	1
97	Amanda Leahy	AA	I-B	Callie	66.875	107	1
917	Ava Miller	JR	I-B	Whispering Keepsake	65.938	105.5	1
89	Caroline Needham	O	T-3	Trimmed In Gray	63.966	185.5	2
68	Bethany Nichols	O	T-3	Sonnen Nacht	70.862	205.5	1
48	Morgan Burton	AA	T-3	Ginger	66.897	194	1
227	Mackenzie Smith	JR	T-3	Caymen	65.172	189.5	1
191	Mckinley Smith	JR	T-3	Alexander Hamilton	65.345	189	2
11	Kylie Behrns	JR	T-3	American Jones	64.828	188	3
49	Sandy Toby	O	I-C	Veerie	71.500	143	1
79	Kaitlyn Peterson	JR	I-C	Charming Billy	65.000	130	1
23	Hope Hughes	JR	I-C	Bally Cassidy	60.259	120.5	2

Volunteer Hours

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	Total
Barczak	Mary	16
Barnard	Karen	12
Behrns	Erin	4
Behrns	Kylie	5
Bliefertich	Cory	6
Bliefertich	Kim	43
Bliefertich	Paul	6
Bouvier	Kate	8
Bowden	Debbie	8
Burton	Morgan	16
Cannon	Linda	5
Celia	Laura	8
Christiansen	Dave	8
Corrice	Wendy	50
Craney	Linda	1
DeCant	Brooke	4
DeCant	Sharon	4
Edmundson	Reeta	6
Ellis	Carrie	2
Felton	Barbara	24
Hall	Harriett	3
Hatter-Forrester	Susan	8
Hipp	Pinky	32
Holbrook	Darla	6
Gardner	Katherine	29
Gardner	Skip	6
Gaskins	Nola	16
Gibson	Lora	56
Gladden	Laura	16

Grimes	Evelyn	8
H	Rachel	3
Hall	Harriett	3
Harper	Amanda	8
Hayden	Stacy	20
Hehl	Alexis	1
Henkle	Addison	9
Henkle	Alyssa	9
Hipp	Ed	6
Hipp	Pinky	20
Holbrook	Darla	4
Hughes	Ben	2
Hughes	Hope	6
James (Moore)	Tammy	18
Jamison	Melissa	0
Jensen	Charlene	13
Jensen	Dahlia	6
Johnson	Betty	14
Johnson	Trent (Bretty J grandson)	1
Golden	Preston (Betty J grandson)	1
Kaitbenski	Jenna	10
Kelso	Whitney	62
Knick	Kate	24
Leahy	Amanda	10
Leslie	Rachel	8
Lovejoy	Ken	9
Lovejoy	Michael	11
Meeks	Holly	5
Meranda	Toni	12
Metz	Christine	11
Miller	Sarah	10
Miller	Katie	29.5

Miller	Ava	8
Mumford	Janice	8
Needham	Caroline	25
Nunnally	Robyn	28
Ortiz	Victoria	8
Owens	Katherine	8
Padilla	Kelley	7
Parsons	Cookie	61
Payton	Mary	8
Perryman	Amie	6
Peterson	Kaitlyn	8
Petroski	Amanda	24
Pettet	Nancy	14
Raymos	Jennifer	4
Rouse	Kathy	8
Reid	Taunia	8
Slimak	Kaitlyn	8
Smith	Jen	8
Smith	Joanne	8
Smith	MacKenzie	14
Smith	McKinley	5
Stallings	Jessica	16
Sweetman	Deb	12
Toby	Sandy	16
Vandenburg	Kathleen	2
Walker	Stephanie	15
Wiggs	Autumn	5

SVDA Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2022

Call to Order: 8:05pm

Roll Call: Cookie, Kim, Charlene, Joanne, Robyn, Lora G., Sandy, & Toni

President:

Many schooling shows are adopting a "Rise and Shine" division or policy.
Riders aged 40 or over may sit or post the trot at any level.
Robyn checked with USDF since we hold regional schooling shows.
USDF won't allow it right now so NO RISE AND SHINE AT THIS TIME FOR SVDA.

Everyone is doing a great job!

Amanda will hopefully step in as Awards Chair.
Carol Gonyo will delete awards forms but leave criteria, so people don't use forms for different awards in the manual.

Possibly move membership meeting, due to cold weather in October.
Suggest having an educational meeting in November instead of a riding clinic.
Possible topics are trailer safety or bridle/bit fitting class.
Please make suggestions to the Clinics Chair Laura Ceilia.

Plan for a New test clinic in January possibly with Debbie Rodriguez.
Message to Debbie to let her know we are interested in doing one just looking for an indoor venue and dates.

Vice President:

Schooling Shows are filling/overflowing, so an effort will be made to cap entries at 60 rides.
Check with the entry secretaries on number of paper entries and close the online entry form at the point the show is full.
Added the coupon option to the online entry form.

Treasurer:

Annual insurance and USDF fees paid.

Current cash balance in Wells Fargo checking is \$21,582 less \$775 of outstanding checks for the upcoming show and Eure leaves us with a \$20,807 cash balance.

Secretary:

January 27, 2022, meeting minutes were emailed to SVDA board on April 15, 2022.

VADA Rep:

Minutes from the most recent VADA TC (Mar 16) emailed to board.
Current topics of discussion are the upcoming shows (DAL and the fall show).
Do we want to sponsor classes at one/both shows?

VADA will be doing a "big clinic" next year and is researching possible locations and clinicians.

The Purple Book will be discontinued after 2023.

The Chapter Challenge shows are most likely over with.
A committee has been formed to discuss and come up with ideas for the future.

Scholarships:

We extended the scholarship deadline to April 15 so I will send those out to everyone prior to our meeting.

Outstanding from previous years:
2021 - Kim Bliefernich has \$265 remaining (has been notified)

2020 - Lora Gibson has been fully paid but still owes us the article (has been requested)

2020 - Melissa Jamison - still has \$400 (has been notified)

2022 applicants, all scholarship applications approved:

A - joined in 2017; not received a scholarship previously; Volunteering - 10 hours each in 2020 and 2021 and has done much fundraising for the Championship show each year; plans to use half of the scholarship money for a local trainer and the other half on clinics.

B - joined in 1996; received a scholarship in 2011; Volunteering - 30 hours in 2021 and 28 in 2020; plans to use scholarship funds for lessons with Jim Koford and George Williams. Applicant B is a current board member.

C - joined in 2016; not received a scholarship previously; Volunteering - 11 hours in 2020 and 24 in 2021; plans to use scholarship funds for lessons with Donna Gatchell.

D - joined in 2019; not received a scholarship previously; Volunteering - 12 hours in 2020 and 12 hours in 2021; plans to use scholarship funds for local dressage clinics or Dressage for Kids clinic. Applicant D is a junior member.

Juniors:

We possibly have 12 Juniors interested in participating in the Region 1 Team show.

Having a meeting for the Junior Team April 23rd at 7pm at Bridlewood Equestrian Estates. I will purchase pizza for the meeting, and we will solidify the teams, shirt color and decoration themes.

Kim Bliefernich and Kate Knick have agreed to help coach and I will ask Hannah Walters to coach again. I have already booked the hotel rooms for the coaches.

SVDA hosting of the USDF "Know the Movements course" has been a great success, there are 65 total registrations (33 of those are L Grads and the rest are auditors). We will earn about \$4000 for the Junior Team, and this will help cover the expenses of the team show combined with the silent auction funds. Thank you everyone for signing up for the course or blasting it out to fellow equestrians. The response was better than expected.

I would like to host a JR/YR clinic in the fall and plan on Asking Bonnie Gruber or Kate Knick to be the clinician unless there are other suggestions. Also, we will still be having an 50/50 raffle and basket auction and the SVDA Championship show.

Would SVDA be interested in hosting an award for the Region 1 show or just providing a sponsorship to offset the costs of running the show?

On another, Dahlia Jensen qualified with her IEA dressage team for IEA Nationals!!! We will be travelling to Harrisburg, PA for IEA National April 29-May 1.

Membership:

89 members as of April 4.

Membership numbers have provided all data to Beth (Rippel).

Website:

Added the SVDA coupon option to the online entry form.

Schooling shows:

Still seeking a covered or indoor location for the August (8-28) show.

Other judges and locations are set, and porta johns have been pre-ordered for the season. Wendy working to limit number of entries to keep show more manageable for all.

First show started with a bang at Wellington (3-27); high attendance!

Bridlewood all set for Sunday (4-24).

Championship Show:

Cookie will manage the SVDA Championship Show this year (2022).

October 30, 2022, date booked with the Airfield Conference Center in Wakefield.

Contract pending.

Licensed Schooling Shows:

2022 USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program:

Competition Scores for the March 27 show at Wellington were submitted to USDF.

Reminder to Show Secretaries and SVDA Representatives - The scores and total points on the Secretary Score sheet must match the score and total points on each competitor's test.

The following shows are scheduled as SVDA participating shows for the 2022 USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program:

March 27 at Wellington, Robyn Nunnally & Sandy Johnson-Toby judging

May 8 at Peace Haven, Nancy Lowey judging

July 24 at Seahorse Run, Donna Gatchell judging

August 28 at TBD, Margaret Little judging

September 25 at Harmonia, Annmari Ingersoll judging

October 30 at Wakefield 4H, TBD judging

Awards:

Amanda Petroski will help. Cookie has called Carol to have her take forms out of membership manual and just leave descriptions.

Clinics:

No scheduled clinics as there are too many ongoing clinics in area.

If we are going to have a clinic, it will be a low cost with a local clinician.

Working on fall Membership clinic and New Test clinic.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37pm

Submitted, August 12, 2022, by Toni Meranda

Old Mill Dressage



Suffolk, VA

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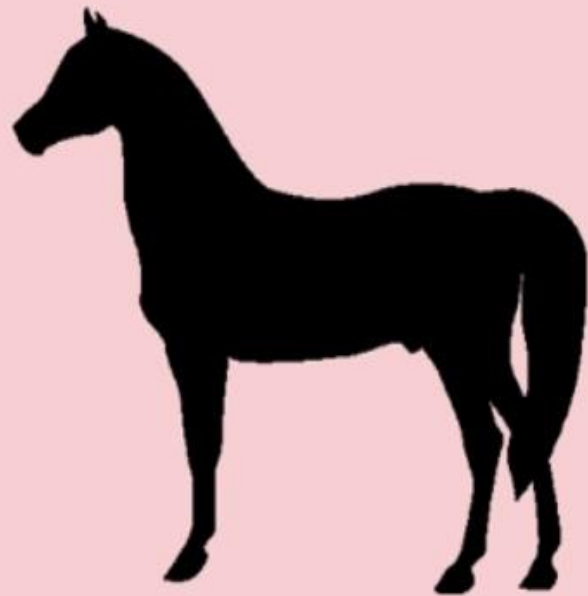
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Show schedule for 2022

September

- 03/04 **NCDCTA Labor of Love I & II**
Wakefield Airfield – Wakefield, VA
- 10/11 **VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II** – Spotsylvania, VA
- 17/18 **Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2** – Mill Spring, NC
- 24/25 **SVDA Schooling show**
Wakefield Airfield – Wakefield, VA

October

- 01/02
- 08/09 **Pinehurst Fall Dressage** – Pinehurst, NC
Judges: Margaret Freeman 'S' NC, Jennifer Benoit 'r' FL
- 15/16
- 23/24
- 29 **Wakefield Airfield** – Wakefield, VA
- 30 **SVDA Schooling show**

Show schedule for 2023

March

- 04/05 **Raleigh Winter Dressage** – Raleigh, NC
- 11/12
- 18/19
- 25/26 **March Magic Dressage** – Williamston, NC

April

- 01/02 **Springtime Dressage** – Raeford, NC
- 08/09
- 15/16
- 22/23 **Prime Time Dressage** – Raeford, NC
SVDA Schooling show
- 29/30 **Dressage at the Meadows I & II** – Doswell, VA

May

- 06/07
- 13/14 **Raleigh Spring Dressage** – Raleigh, NC
- 18/21 **Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI2* Dressage** – Lexington, VA
- 27/28 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA

June

- 03/04 **Capital Dressage Classic** – Raleigh, NC
- 10/11 **Summertime Blues** – Pinehurst, NC
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
- 17/18 **VADA-CH Isabel FSzinay Dressage** – Culpeper, VA
- 24/25 **Dressage at the Park I & II** – Raeford, NC

July

- 01/02
- 08/09
- 14/15/16 **Dressage at Lexington** – Lexington, VA
Wakefield Airfield – Wakefield, VA
- 22/23 **Summer Breeze Dressage** – Raeford, NC
Whispering Miracles Dressage – Va. Beach, VA
- 29/30 **Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II** – Raleigh, NC