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Continuing Education in Freestyle Judging Program

Event by [Wendy Wilde](#), [Charlene Jensen](#) and [Southeast Virginia Dressage Association](#)

4301 Pughsville Rd, Suffolk, VA 23435-2431, United States

A 1-day USDF accredited Continuing Education Program is open to all judges, L program graduates and auditors. This Continuing Education in Freestyle Judging Program has been approved by USEF to count as advanced education for Judges. Judges who attend this program will be eligible to earn the "Judges Freestyle Designation" upon completion and passing the online exam. This one-day program follows a structured curriculum and format on Musical Freestyle. The curriculum is taught by an L Faculty member and will include the following lecture topics: Music, Choreography, and Judging Information. Audio and audiovisual components will complement the lecture. There will be No live demonstration of horses.

Auditors are encouraged to attend, but questions from auditors will only be taken if time allows. Anyone currently enrolled in the L Program, but not yet graduated, may sign up to AUDIT the clinic. CLOSING DATE: 01/27/2024, no refunds after closing date.

February 3, 2024 8:30-2:30 Lecture and Classroom Study
VFW, 4301 Pughsville Road, Suffolk, VA. 23435

Licensed Judges and L Program Graduates: \$120 includes Lecture, and all course materials

Auditors and L Program Enrollees: \$60 includes Lecture

Boxed lunch may be ordered for \$15 per person. Choice of classic sandwich (roasted turkey, baked ham, roast beef, classic chicken salad) or salad (Cobb salad, Wedge Salad, or Chicken Cesar salad); includes small chips and fresh baked giant cookie or dessert bar. Please complete online REGISTRATION FORM. Any questions, contact Charlene Jensen at charlene.jensen@riverside.edu or 757-469-3587

Joan Darnell USEF S Dressage Judge

Joan Darnell is a USEF "S" Dressage Judge and a member of the USDF "L" Faculty, USDF Judges Committee, USDF Freestyle Committee and USEF Licensed Officials Working Group. Joan has been active in USDF for many years having earned her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals as well as the USDF Diamond Diploma for Continuing Education in the study of Dressage. Joan resides in Olympia, WA with her husband Greg and their 3 dogs, 1 cat and 3 horses. She continues to ride and train her 18 yo Oldenburg, Cooper. Joan and her husband enjoy working around their 5-acre farm and traveling and gardening.

Don't forget 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 cannot 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.

We now have an online shop for SVDA logo items:

<https://southeastvda.itemorder.com/>

You can place orders directly to the shop, pay, and items will ship right to you.



SUDA AWARDS BANQUET

January 27, 2024

Annual Awards Banquet

Awards | Silent Auction | Raffles | Lunch | Cash Bar

Reception Starts Between 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Lunch at 1:30 PM followed by Awards Ceremony

*Soup & Salad Bar, Taco Bar Buffet, Deserts &
Non-Alcoholic Beverages*

\$40 Adults

| \$25 Children 12 & Under |

*Airfield 4- Ft Conference Center
15189 Airfield Road, Wakefield, VA*



Kathy Rowse
USDF "S" Judge
USDF "L" Faculty Member
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to play music in freestyle classes are entered. There are no minimum requirements for Level 1 competitions.

7. Movements

a. In FEI Level Freestyles, the competitor must include all gaits and movements required on the FEI score sheet at the level shown. Current FEI rules apply. See current FEI Freestyle directives and handouts.

1. Once a movement has been included in the tests of the Freestyle level declared or those below, it can be shown at any location in the arena (exception: mandatory halts).

8. When two or three judges officiate in a class, they may be located either on the short end of the arena (i.e. H/C, C/M, or H/C/M) or one may sit on the long side (i.e. C/B, E/C, H/C/B or E/C/M).

9. a. **With the exceptions noted below**, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels **in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level. For the FEI levels, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% at the declared freestyle level or any test at a higher level. Scores must be received at a Federation /USDF Licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage**

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class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. **The 63% minimum qualifying score applies to all Training through Fourth level Freestyles, even if an FEI test is being ridden as a qualifier. For example, a horse/rider combination competing in PSG or the FEI Young Rider test must obtain a score of 63% or higher in order to ride a Fourth Level Freestyle and a horse/rider combination riding the FEI Pony Rider test must obtain a minimum score of 63% to enter a Second Level Freestyle.**

b. To enter an FEI Para Dressage Freestyle class, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in any FEI Para Dressage test (Para Novice Test, Para Intermediate Test or Para Grand Prix Test) at the rider's classified Grade. This score may be earned at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI

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VADA Annual Meeting and Year-End Awards Luncheon



**4 February 2024 | Greencroft
Club, Charlottesville, VA**
575 Rodes Drive, Charlottesville, 22903

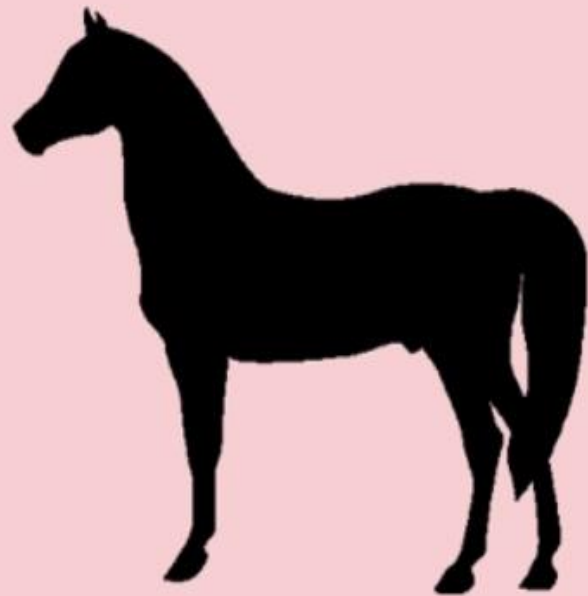
The 2023 Annual Meeting and Year-End Awards Luncheon will be held at Greencroft Club, Charlottesville, VA, starting at 11:00 am and conclude around 2:00 pm.

Come at 11:00 am to mingle with friends and do a little shopping at the auction. Wonderful items to take home! Unfortunately, we cannot accept debit/credit cards, so bring your check book!

Hope Hughes Horse And Pet Care

Taking care of your horses while you are on vacation, sick, or at a show.

- Feeding and turnout
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- Mucking stalls
- Feed and Hay pickup
- Horse grooming and bathing
- Blanketing
- Misc barn/pet chores
- Minor first aid treatment



Go visit family or go to a show knowing your loved ones are taken care of!

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Licensed Show schedule for 2024

Dates as of Dec. 31, 2023

March

02/03 Raleigh Winter Dressage – Raleigh, NC
09/10
16/17
23/24
30/31

April

06/07 VADA/NOVA Spring April – Leesburg, VA
15/16
18/21 Tryon Spring Dressage I – Mill Spring, NC
27/28 Dressage at Deep Run I & II – Manakin- Sabot, VA

May

04/05 Tryon Spring Dressage 2 – Mill Spring, NC
10/11/12 Dressage in the Sand Hills – Pinehurst, NC
11/12 Raleigh Spring Dressage – Raleigh, NC
16/19 Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival &
Lexington CDI 3* Dressage – Lexington, VA
25/26 Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
Mayday Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

June

01/02 Capital Dressage Classic – Raleigh, NC
08/09 VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
15/16 VADA-CH Isabel F De Szinay Dressage – Culpeper, VA
22/23 Dressage at the Park I & II – Raeford, NC

July

01/02
08/09
12/13/14 Dressage at Lexington – Lexington, VA
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
13/14 Rise 'n Shine - Pinehurst, NC
20/21 Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
27/28 Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II – Raleigh, NC

August

03/04 Early Morning Blues – Pinehurst, NC
10/11 Tryon Fall Dressage 3 & 4 – Mill Spring, NC
17/18
24/25 VADA/NOVA Summer Wind down I & II – Leesburg, VA
30/01 NCDCTA Labor of Love I
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

September

30/01 NCDCTA Labor of Love II
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst, NC
07/08 ???VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania, VA
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
13/15 CBLM & NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage – Raeford, NC
14/15 *Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC
21/22
28/29 Pinehurst Fall Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

Advertise with SVDA

- *All ads must be submitted as they are to appear*
- *in the newsletter.*
- **SIZE PER ISSUE PER YEAR**
- *FULL PAGE per issue \$15.00, per year \$150.00*
- *HALF PAGE per issue \$10.00, per year \$100.00*
- *QUARTER PAGE per issue \$7.50, per year \$75.00*
- *BUSINESS CARD per issue \$5.00, per year \$50.00*
- *CLASSIFIEDS per issue \$5.00, per year \$50.00*

Make checks payable to SVDA

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.

October

05/06
10/13 **Great American Insurance Group** – Lexington, VA
19/20
26/27

November

01/03 **NCDCTA Autumn Leaves & 2024 NCDCTA
Championship** – Reaford, NC
09/10

From the VADA Calendar

Southeast Virginia Dressage Association
Continuing Education in Freestyle Judging Program
3 February 2024
Suffolk, VA

VADA/Nova Schooling Show
17 March 2023
Morven Park Equestrian Center. Leesburg, VA

VADA/NOVA Licensed Spring Dressage Festival
6 & 7 April 2024
Morven Park, Leesburg. VA

VADA-Central
**Dressage at Deep Run, Deep Run Show Grounds,
Manakin-Sabot**
Dressage at Deep Run I
27 April 2024

Dressage at Deep Run II
28 April 2024

VADA/NOVA Midweek May Meet
8 May 2024
Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

VADA/NOVA
Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez
9 & 10 May 2024
Windswept Farm
Waterford, Va

Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI 3*
16-19 May 2024
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA



New goals for SVDA members at our schooling shows: earn bronze, silver, gold, and ebony charms with scores of 70% or higher! 🏆🥈🥇🖤 Celebrate with a little bling ✨

