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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.



Kathy Rowse

USDF "S" Judge

USDF "L" Faculty Member

USDF Bronze, Silver & Gold Medalist

Grand Prix Rider, Instructor &

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Teaching Beginners thru Grand Prix



Also available to teach at Silverleaf Farm:

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SVDA 2024 Calendar Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
03/24/24	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Donna Gatchell 'L'*	02/26/23	03/11/23
04/21/24	Seahorse Run	Sandy Toby 'L' *	03/25/23	04/08/23
05/19/24	River Birch Farm	Margetet Little 'r'	04/22/23	05/06/23
06/23/24	TBA	Robyn Nunnally 'L*',**	05/27/23	06/10/23
07/07/24	Peace Haven Farm	Jane Kelly "L"	06/10/23	06/24/23
07/28/24	Seahorse Run	Kat Sepka 'L'	07/01/23	07/15/23
08/25/24	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Annmari Ingersoll 'L'*	07/29/23	08/12/23
09/29/24	River Birch Farm	Elise Enoch 'L'*	08/26/23	09/16/23
10/27/24	SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	TBA TBA TBA	@C @B Ring 2	09/30/23 10/14/23

Sanctioned schooling shows

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Northwest River Park

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1-11-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Karen Rice (Fred'burg), Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Christina Arrington (Central); and member Diane Boyd

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$201,000. That includes some of the year end award expenses. Tina reported that the profit from GAIG was approximately \$60,000. She also said that for regionals this year, the kid's equitation class fee will be going up to \$50 as the USDF has started charging and the fee has to be paid even for scratched rides.

Membership Report: Sheli reported we currently have 209 members.

2025 Clinic: We will proceed with a Lilo Fore clinic at Morven Park on the 3rd and 4th of May 2025. An organizing committee will convene in the fall.

Year End Banquet: The date is Sunday, February 4th at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. January 22nd is the final date to submit a reservation. Chapters are encouraged to submit a donation.

Gafford Award: Laura Nelson is collecting the chapters votes. They are due back by January 19th. The winner will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

2024 Election: The same board will continue in their current positions for 2024.

New Business: As you have your elections for 2025 officers, please make sure you send Alison Douglas the chapter reps, website/newsletter chair and President. Alison also needs the chapter's picks for VADA Vol of the Year for their Chapter.

Nancy Doody reported that the 2024 sponsorships for DAL/GAIG are up and running. There is the same chapter bundle as in previous years.

Sheli will be organizing a committee for the preparation of the electronic version of the Purple Book. There is no hard paper copy this year.

USDF is raising the GMO membership fee by \$1 beginning in December for the 2025 competition year.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE. It's free advertising for any shows and clinics you're holding.

Central- Year end awards banquet will be January 28th in Glen Allen. Nutrition clinic January 23rd with Doug Leavitt at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- Year end awards banquet will be February 18th at Michie Tavern.

Fredericksburg – Year end awards banquet will be January 14th at 6 Bears & A Goat Brewing Co.

NEVADA –

NOVA – Judges round table with Lisa Schmidt on Feb 19th at 6:00.

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Year end awards banquet will be January 27th at Airfield 4-H Conference Center.

SWVADA- March 2nd, at the VA Tech Arena, they are holding a working equitation clinic with Holly Linz that is open to the public. March 3rd is their banquet.

NEXT MEETING Thursday February 22nd at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

Old Mill Dressage



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WESTERN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

BASIC 3&4 -four scores of 60% or better same rider & horse combination

Darla Holbrook & No Doubt Shez a Chip

Level 1 1&2 -four scores of 60% or better same rider & horse combination

Barbara Felton & Smoke

Level 1 3&4-four scores of 60% or better same rider & horse combination

Barbara Felton & Smoke

2023 SVDA AWARDS PRESENTATION

ADULT AMATEUR SCHOOLING INTRO LEVEL

Champion	64.828	Mary Barczak	Spicy
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OPEN SCHOOLING INTRO LEVEL

Reserve Champion	68.708	Jennifer Cobb	Ringaroundthemoon
Champion	71.729	Jennifer Cobb	Lotsnlotsofchrome

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER SCHOOLING TRAINING LEVEL

Champion	70.399	Addison Henkle	Fox Valley Eventing Star
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ADULT AMATEUR SCHOOLING TRAINING LEVEL

Reserve Champion	65.097	Linda Cannon	Prince Ali
Champion	67.704	Suzanne Tagliaferri	Golden Rifle

OPEN SCHOOLING TRAINING LEVEL

Reserve Champion	67.690	Jennifer Cobb	Love Your Buttons
Champion	72.418	Sandy Toby	Veerle fan stal Bellefleur

AA SCHOOLING FIRST LEVEL

3 rd	61.101	Linda Cannon	Prince Ali
Reserve Chamption	61.756	Deb Sweetman	Newsboy MEAS
Champion	68.083	Morgan Burton	Princess Leia

OPEN SCHOOLING FIRST LEVEL

3 RD	66.589	Jennifer Cobb	Greeley's Dude
Reserve Champion	68.418	Caroline Needham	Mia
Champion	68.504	Bethany Nichols	Sonnen Night

JR SCHOOLING SECOND LEVEL

Champion	67.853	Alyssa Henkle	Wiley Coyote
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AA SCHOOLING SECOND LEVEL

Champion	63.985	Katherine Gardner	Homerun
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OPEN SCHOOLING SECOND LEVEL

Champion	62.826	Amanda Britton	Catalina of Deer Haven
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ADULT AMATEUR SCHOOLING WDAA INTRO

Reserve Champion	73.749	Stephanie Walker	Fancy
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Champion	73.941	Stacey Hayden	Rooster
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ADULT AMATEUR BASIC LEVEL

Champion	67.359	Darla Holbrook	No Doubt Shez a Chip
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OPEN LEVEL 1

Champion	70.417	Barbara Felton	Smoke
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WDAА SCHOOLING INTRO MFS

Reserve Champion	72.867	Stacey Hayden	Rooster
Champion	73.928	Stephanie Walker	Fancy

LICENSED SHOW AWARDS

Jr/Yr LICENSED TRAINING LEVEL

Reserve Champion	63.4	Olivia Stallings	Adaire
Champion	64.225	Ava Miller	Whispering Keepsake

OPEN LICENSED TRAINING LEVEL

Champion	71.956	Sandy Toby	Veerle fan stal Bellefleur
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JR/YR LICENSED FIRST LEVEL

Champion	59.212	Olivia Stallings	Adaire
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ADULT AMATEUR LICENSED FIRST LEVEL

Reserve Champion	65.092	Charlene Jensen	Cayman
Champion	65.880	Katherine Gardner	Home Run

OPEN LICENSED FIRST LEVEL

Champion	69.907	Bethany Nichols	Sonnen Night
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JR/YR LICENSED SECOND LEVEL

Reserve Champion	62.539	Dahlia Jensen	Diesel Impulse
Champion	64.802	Alyssa Henkle	Wiley Coyote

AA LICENSED SECOND LEVEL

Champion	60.563	Katherine Gardner	Home Run
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OPEN LICENSED SECOND LEVEL

Champion	67.973	Elise Enoch	High Roller
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OPEN LICENSED THIRD LEVEL

Champion	68.592	Bethany Nichols	Trinity van Dream Gait
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AA Small Tour Dressage- PSG

Champion	62.182	Katie Miller	Wildwynn Wesley
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OPEN LICENSED INTERMEDIATE 1

Champion	64.829	Kate Knick	WF Just My Style
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LICENSED MFS

Champion MFS First Level	66.472	Charlene Jensen	Cayman
Champion MFS 2nd Level	65.079	Alyssa Henkle	Wiley Coyote
Champion MFS 4 TH Level	66.704	Katie Miller	Wildwynn Wesley

BRED IN SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA INTRO LEVEL

Intro Level 67.291%	JMA Starrlight	Ridden by Morgan Burton	Bred by James & Mary Dahling
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SVDA ADULT AMATEUR LICENSED HIGH POINT AWARD

First Level	Charlene Jensen	Cayman	68.75
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SVDA AA SCHOOLING HIGH POINT AWARD

	72.083	Morgan Burton	Princess Leia
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SVDA MEDAL AWARDS

BRONZE(Training&/or First Levels)- 4 scores of 60% or higher from 4 different judges, at 4 different shows, 2 of which must be recognized shows-This is a rider only award.

Suzanne Tagliaferri, Morgan Burton, Bethany Nichols

SILVER(Training&/or First Levels)- 4 scores of 60% or higher from 4 different judges, at 4 different shows, 2 of which must be recognized shows-This is a rider only award.

Alyssa Henkle, Bethany Nichols

VOTED SPECIAL AWARDS

Excellence in Sportsmanship Award (voted by SVDA Membership) 2023 winner- Wendy Wilde

**Most Improved Rider (voted by SVDA Membership)
2022 winner- Stacey Hayden**

**Horseshow of the Year Award Sponsored by Pinky and Ed Hipp
Membership Voted.....The Winner is.... Airfield 4-H**

**Robert Snyder Memorial Award: Volunteer of the Year (Voted by Board
Members).....2022 Winner – Skip Gardner**

**Captain Andrew DeSzinay Trophy Award(Junior/Young Rider Single High Point
Award)2023 Winner.....72.586 in Training Level Addison Henkle & Fox Valley
Eventing Star**

**Cherokee Night Prowler Silver Whiskers Award
Sponsored by Cathy Couch...The senior horse with
the highest average.....With a 70.441 in First Level... 22 year old Princess
Leia and Morgan Burton.**

RECOGNITION of SPECIAL AWARDS

USDF Bronze Medal Award....

Karen Barnard

**Winnie Maddox Steel Magnolia Award-
-goes to Deb Sweetman**

Overcoming Adversity Awards

Sponsored by LBD farm/Lisa Darden.....**Western schooling Show with an
increase of 11.135% goes to Stacey Hayden & Rooster!!!**

**Traditional Dressage with an increase of 14.1% goes to Jennifer Cobb and
Lotsnlotsofchrome !!!**

Peserverance Awards

Sponsored by Cookie Parsons...**Second level or higher and Level 2 in Western Dressage with a 2% increase in score within Level same horse/rider Combination....**

Amanda Britton & Catalina of Deer Haven Second Level

Alyssa Henkle & Wiley Coyote Second Level

Sarah Miller & B-17 Bombadier PSG

Purefun "Seahorse Run"

Sponsored by Laura Gladden... **Peyton Connolly & Yoshi**

with an average score of 72.279 in Intro, Morgan Burton and Princess Leia with an average score of 70.441 in First level and Amanda Britton & Catalina of Deer Haven 63.878

Absolut Charm "The Little thoroughbred that couldn't"

Sponsored by Cookie Parsons.....**Schooling shows Highest is 73.604 Jennifer Cobb and Lotsnlotsofchrome, Second Highest Schooling shows is 71.666 Jennifer Cobb and Ring around the moon, Third highest Schooling is 69.311 Jennifer Cobb and Love Your Buttons**

Silverleaf Open Schooling Show High Point Award Sponsored by Kathy & Mike Rowse....**Sandy Toby & Veerle fan stal bellefleur with a score of 75.6 Training Level**

Silverleaf Open Licensed High Point Award Sponsored by Kathy & Mike Rowse.... **Sandy Toby & Veerle fan stal bellefleur with a score of 75.517 Training Level**

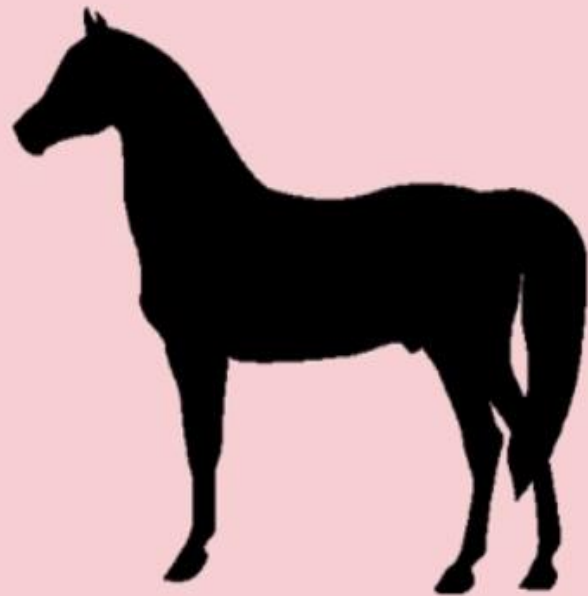
Sanctuary Farm Western Dressage High Point Award In honor of Janice and memory of Joe Mumford, Sponsored by B-Leaf Stables.....**Stacey Hayden & Rooster with a score of 79.09 WDAA Intro.**

Sanctuary Farm Pony Dressage High Point Award In honor of Janice and memory of Joe Mumford, Sponsored by B-Leaf Stables ...**Peyton Connolly & Yoshi 73.4%**

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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
Summertime Blues – Pinehurst, NC
22/23 Dressage at the Park I & II – Raeford, NC

July

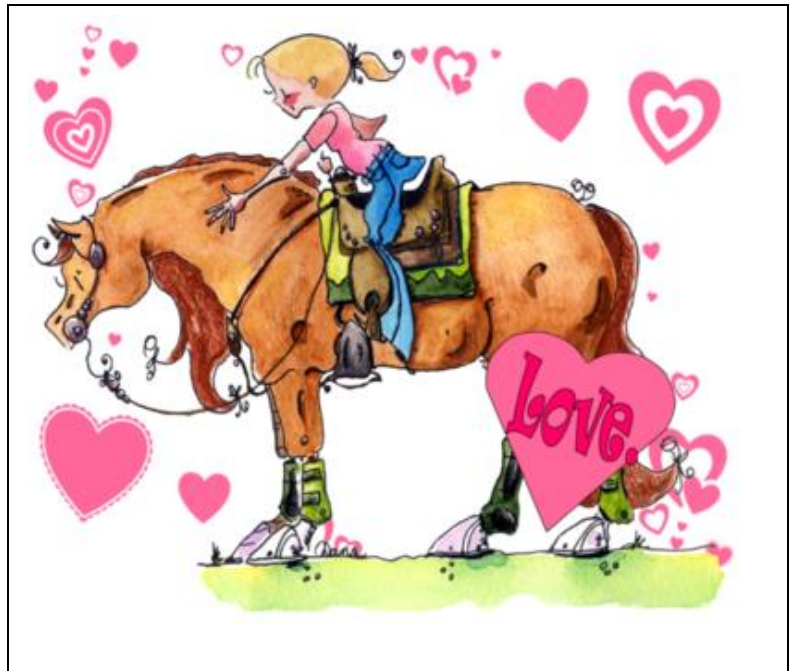
01/02
08/09
12/13/14 Dressage at Lexington – Lexington, VA
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
13/14 Rise 'n Shine - Pinehurst, NC
20/21 Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
27/28 Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II – Raleigh, NC

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
14/15 *Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC
NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage – Raeford, NC



21/22
28/29

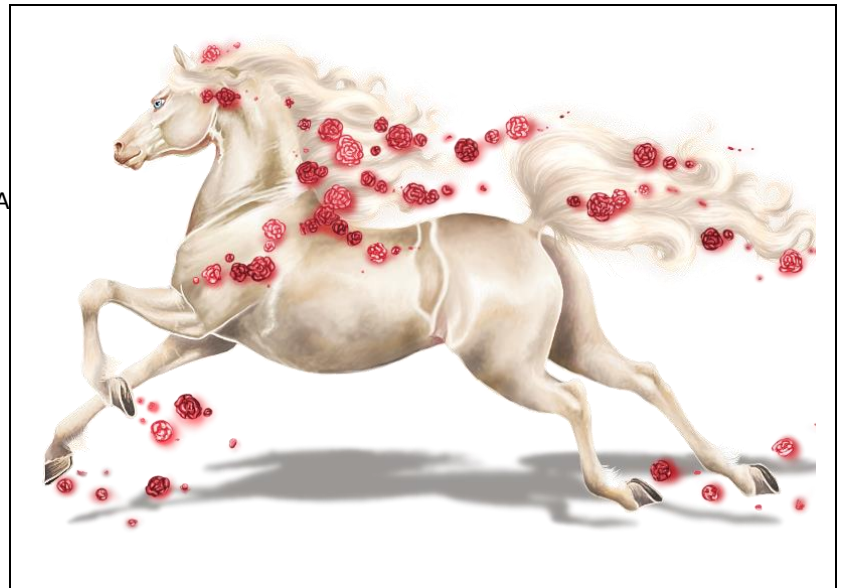
October

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

**ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**



TRAINING LEVEL TESTS 1&2- four scores of 60% or better-same rider& horse combination.

Addison Henkle & Fox Valley Eventing Star
Ava Miller & Whispering Keepsake
Suzanne Tagliaferri & Golden Rifle
Jennifer Cobb & Love Your Buttons
Kaitlin Menzies & Magnolia

TRAINING LEVEL TESTS 3- four scores of 60% or better-same rider& horse combination.

Addison Henkle & Fox Valley Eventing Star
Ava Miller & Whispering Keepsake

FIRST LEVEL TESTS 1&2- four scores of 60% or better-same rider& horse combination.

Deb Sweetman & Newsboy MEAS
Jennifer Cobb & Greeley's Dude
Bethany Nichols & Sonnen Night
Morgan Burton & Princess Leia

FIRST LEVEL TEST 3 - four scores of 60% or better-same rider& horse combination.

Jennifer Cobb & Greeley's Dude
Katherine Gardner & Home Run
Morgan Burton & Princess Leia

SECOND LEVEL-four scores of 58% or better-same rider &horse combination.

Katherine Gardner & Home Run
Alyssa Henkle & Wiley Coyote
Amanda Britton & Catalina of Deer Haven

THIRD LEVEL-four scores of 58% or better-same rider &horse combination.

Bethany Nichols & Trinity van Dream Gait

SMALL TOUR DRESSAGE (PSG & INTERMEDIARE)- four scores of 58% or better-same rider &horse combination. PSG Kate Knick & WF Just My Style