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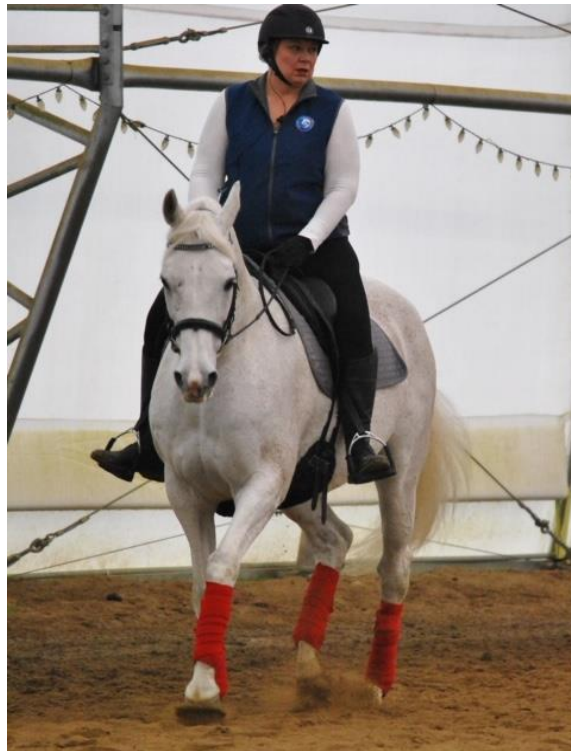
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## Welcome to 2020!!!

A note from the new incoming President



It is an honor and privilege to have the trust of my fellow members to lead this outstanding organization. As in the past, we have faced some challenges, but we always seem to overcome those obstacles. I have already started making some changes such as having the website redesigned to be more user friendly and am looking forward to your feedback as to how well it is working. I want each and every one of you to know I have an open-door policy for all members. I'm always open for suggestions, compliments or complaints.

My goals for this year are to promote camaraderie, good sportsmanship, and encourage more youth to be involved. We give out scholarships and there is a Foundation Fund for those that are in financial need. We have a great group of members and I hope to have record growth in membership this year as this is a great organization.

We ended last year with a wonderful Championship Show at Wakefield with a super positive vibe, so let's continue that vibe and make this year even better!!!

Thank you for letting me serve as your President. I hope I do as well as my predecessors. I look forward to leading this group with nothing but excellence.

Cheerfully yours, Cookie

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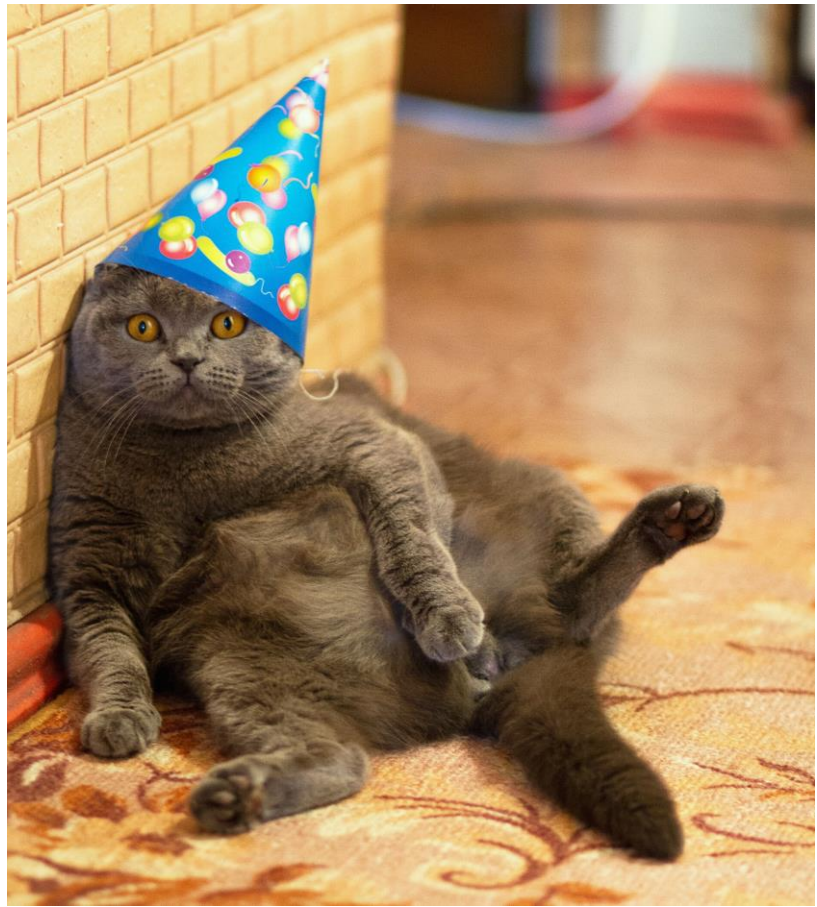
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**Please be aware that for all schooling shows and clinics sponsored by SVDA - a CURRENT negative coggins must be received or you will not be allowed to participate. SVDA must submit a report listing all horses, owners and coggins accession numbers 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.**

**Southeastern Virginia Dressage**  
**Association Annual Awards**  
**Banquet**



**January 25, 2020**

**Hilton Garden Inn, 100 East Constance Road, Suffolk, Virginia, 23434, TEL: 1-757-925-1300**  
Closing Date: January 15, 2020. Please mail reservations early.

***RESERVATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THE 15<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.***

**Organizer: Debbie Bowden, 14123 Foursquare Rd, Smithfield, VA 23430**  
email: [vawest@exis.net](mailto:vawest@exis.net) Please make checks payable to SVDA

**Please make sure Debbie knows how many people in your party and how many tables you will need. Tables seat approximately 10 people.**

Reception starts between 5:30- 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. There will be assorted salads, several main courses, seasonal vegetable, dessert, tea & coffee.

**A cash bar is available \$30 adults/\$20 children under 12**

**During the reception please browse the SILENT AUCTION – benefit the Junior Young Rider Fund.**

We are having a 50/50 RAFFLE - winner gets ½ of Raffle money.

**SVDA Awards include:**

- Schooling show & Licensed show awards
- High Score for Schooling and Recognized shows
- Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medal Awards
- Achievement Awards
- Excellence in Sportsmanship (you voted for)
- Most Improved Rider Award (you voted for)
- Captain Andy Award for the Junior Rider High Score (Recognized or Schooling shows)
- Steel Magnolia Award
- Silver Whiskers Award
- Bred in Virginia Award and several new awards – check the SVDA website for details

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***2020 SVDA Banquet Reservation - PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY-***

Attending Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will be in your party? \_\_\_\_\_

How many tables will you need? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total  
Total Number of Children under 12 attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

*Guest names must be on reservation form.*





*Save the Date*

# ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2020

11:00 A.M. - RECEPTION AND CASH BAR

12:00 P.M. - LUNCH BUFFET AND BANQUET PROGRAM

\$35.00 PER PERSON

GREENCROFT CLUB  
575 RODES DRIVE  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22903

For further information, visit the VADA website.

[viriniadressage.org](http://viriniadressage.org)

VADA  
Annual Awards Banquet  
Sunday, February 9th, 2020  
Greencroft Club  
575 Rodes Dr.  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
434-296-5597

Reception starts at 11 am with buffet lunch beginning at noon  
\$35 per person  
Banquet reservations must be received by **January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

More information and a complete list of awards are available on the VADA website.

Name(s) of attendees \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Important in case of inclement weather)

Total number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35 = Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteering at the banquet? YES/NO

**Make checks payable to VADA**

Send your check and reservation form to:

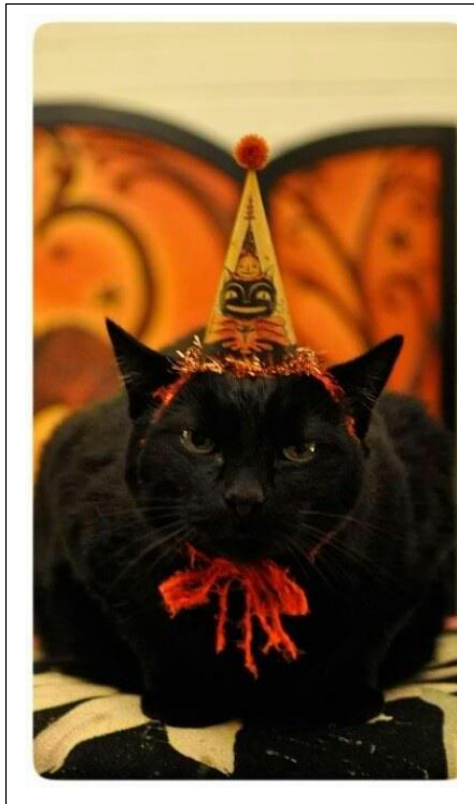
Alison Douglas 11909 Halcyon Way Prince George, VA 23875

(804) 339-7495 cell

# SVDA 2020 Calendar

## Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
01/25/20	SVDA Banquet			
03/22/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	02/17/20	03/09/20
04/19/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	03/23/20	04/06/20
05/17/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	04/20/20	05/04/20
06/07/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	05/11/20	05/25/20
06/21/20	SVDA Schooling Show Make up show			
07/05/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	06/08/20	06/22/20
07/19/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	06/22/20	07/06/20
08/23/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	07/27/20	08/10/20
09/20/20	SVDA Schooling Show	TBA	08/31/20	09/14/20
09/27/20	SVDA Schooling Show Make up show			
10/18/20	<b>SVDA Championship Show</b>	TBA@'C' TBA@'B'	09/21/20	10/05/20



### Sanctioned schooling shows

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Epps Farm Supply

Deep Creek Stables

### Licensed Show 2020

March 28/29 – March Magic, Williamston

- 4/11.12 Williamston Spring Dressage, Williamston NC
- 5/1.2.3 Dressage at the Meadow I & II, Doswell, VA
- 5/23.24 Isabel F. DeSzinay Memorial, Culpeper, VA
- 6/13.14 VA. Summer Dressage , Culpeper,VA
- 7/11.12.13 Dressage @ Lexington - VADA





# SILVERLEAF MESSAGE



**Kathy Rowse**

*USDF "S" Judge*

*USDF "L" Faculty Member*

*USDF Bronze, Silver & Gold Medalist*

*Grand Prix Rider, Instructor & Trainer*

*Teaching Beginners thru Grand Prix*



*Also available to teach at Silverleaf Farm:*

*Kate Knick, USDF Bronze & Silver Medalist*

[www.silverleaffarm.org](http://www.silverleaffarm.org)

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**Suffolk, VA 23432**

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# What your horse's hair whirls and whorls may mean

Research shows that the direction of a horse's "cowlicks" provides clues to how he will behave when he spooks.

MICK MCCLUSKEY, BVSC, MACVSC JAN 11, 2019

New research suggests there's a surprisingly simple way of predicting whether a spooking horse will turn to the right or left: Check out his facial whorls.

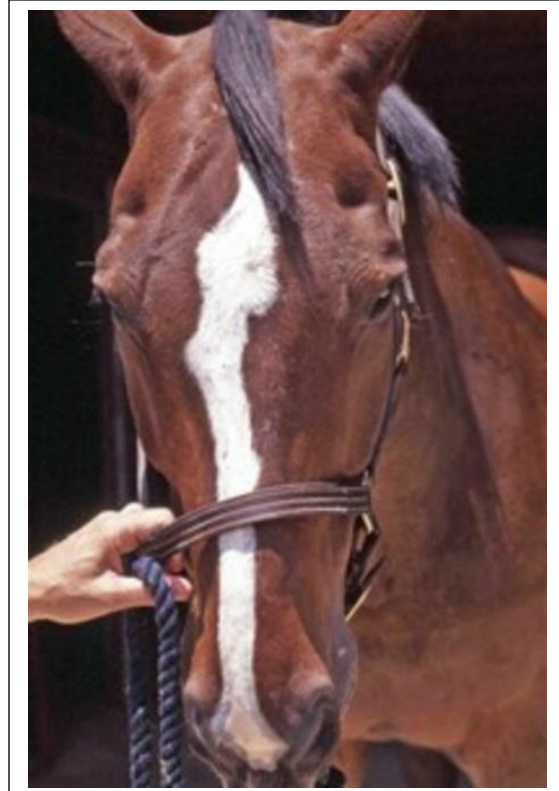
The equivalent of "cowlicks" in people, whorls are swirling patterns of hair; they are commonly seen on the forehead but can appear anywhere on a horse's coat. The location and direction of whorls in humans are linked to early fetal brain development. In fact, abnormal whorls are common in children with developmental disorders.

In a recent pilot study, Colorado State University researchers set out to determine whether the orientation of a whorl—clockwise or counterclockwise—indicates a horse's propensity to favor his right or left side. CSU researchers categorized facial whorls on 19 riding horses based on height, location and orientation.

Facing the horses straight on, the researchers then exposed them to a frightening stimulus—the sudden opening of an umbrella. They found that horses with counterclockwise whorls were more likely to spin left when spooking, while those with clockwise whorls turned to the right.

The researchers conclude that "facial hair whorls may be used as a noninvasive method to predict turning response in horses."

**Reference:** "Behavioral laterality and facial hair whorls in horses," *Journal of Equine Veterinary Science*, September 2016





## STAY ON TOP OF THE DRESSAGE COMMUNITY'S MINDS THE 2020 PURPLEBOOK



The Purplebook is VADA's annual directory, which is mailed to all 750 members of the Virginia Dressage Association in February of each year. Contact information for individual Chapter Board Members and key activities for each one of our eight Chapters is included in addition to a listing of each member's address, phone number and email address.

Consider listing your business in this Membership Directory to make sure that your business gets noticed throughout the year. This publication has a long shelf life and at the prices indicated below, that's certainly an excellent and cost effective way to stay top of mind with the Virginia dressage community!

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|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Listing (up to 6 lines of print)      | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Card (Black and White)                | \$30  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (Black and White – 3 ½" h x 4 ½" w)  | \$70  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Page (Black and White – 7 ½" h x 4 ½" w) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Cover (Color – 7 ½" h x 4 ½" w)   | \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover (Color – 7 ½" h x 4 ½" w)    | \$125 |

Business Listing Text:

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**CHECK TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Made payable to VADA)**

Ad can be sent by snail mail (hard copy) or via email. Email ads can only be accepted in .pdf, .jpg, Word or Publisher. Please do not send using a smartphone as the quality of the file is greatly diminished.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you advertised in 2019 and want to use the same ad \_\_\_\_\_

Send ad, check and form to: Robin Dannels, 7044 Covingtons Corner Road, Bealeton, VA 22712  
540/439-0994; [reigndear01@aol.com](mailto:reigndear01@aol.com)

***All ads must be received by January 31, 2020 to be included in the Purplebook!***

## 2020 calendar

3/1	
3/7.8	
3/14.15	
3/22	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
3/28.29	<b>March Magic, Williamston NC</b>
4/4.5	
4/11.12	<b>Raleigh Spring Dressage, Raleigh, NC</b>
4/19	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
4/25.26	
5/1.2.3	<b>Dressage at the Meadow I &amp; II, Doswell, VA</b>
5/9.10	
5/17	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
5/23.24	<b>Isabel F. DeSzinay Memorial, Culpeper, VA</b>
5/30.31	<b>Raleigh Capital Classic, Raleigh, NC</b>
6/6.7	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
6/13.14	<b>VA. Summer Dressage , Culpeper,VA</b>
6/20.21	<b>SVDA Schooling Show Make up show</b>
6/27.28	
7/5	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
7/10.11.12	<b>Dressage @ Lexington - VADA</b>
7/18.19	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
7/25.26	<b>Raleigh Summer I &amp; II, Raleigh NC</b>
8/1.2	
8/9	<b>VADA – CH @ Culpeper, VA - SVDA Schooling Show</b>
8/15.16	
8/22.23	<b>SVDA Schooling Show Make up show</b>
8/29.30	<b>NCDCTA Labor of Love I &amp; II, Raleigh NC</b>
9/5.6	
9/12.13	
9/19.20	<b>SVDA Schooling Show</b>
9/26.27	<b>SVDA Schooling Show Make up show</b>
10/3.4	<b>SVDA General Membership Meeting</b>
10/8.9.10.11	<b>GAGs Lexington, VA</b>
10/17.18	<b>SVDA Championship Show</b>
10/24.25	<b>CBLM Williamston, NC</b>
10/31-11/1	
11/7.8	
11/14.15	
11/21.22	
11/28.29	

## 2020 Volunteers

	<u>Totals</u>
Krista Bryant	8
Laura Celia	8
Wendy Corrice	8
Evelyn Eidem	8
Melissa Evelyn	8
Lora Gibson	8
Carol Gongo	8
Pinky Hipp	8
Charlene Jensen	8
Whitney Kelso	8
Toni Meranda	8
Sarah Miller	8
Janice Mumford	8
Robyn Nunnally	16
Lorna Parsons	8
Ray Penland	8
Beth Rippel	8
Kathy Rowse	16
Joanne Smith	8
Sandy Toby	8

