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2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you have not already done so, please plan to renew your membership. Membership period is January 1 - December 31. You can renew and pay online: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form2/index.html>.

2025 Rates:

Senior Member \$57

Youth Member (21 and under) \$47

Farm/Family Membership \$110

(Farm/Family includes two members - additional members can be added at \$50 each-maximum four members)

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ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

SVDA Volunteer of the Day Program

In addition to receiving volunteer hours for volunteering at a show, SVDA is implementing a Volunteer of the Day program at schooling shows. All volunteers' names 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 Chick-fil-A, 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 Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for some randomly selected volunteers.

NEWS FROM VADA:

Year End Awards Luncheon
2 February 2025
Greencroft Club Charlottesville, VA



PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS HERE:
<https://www.viriniadressage.org/contact-4>

Luncheon: \$40.00 Adult and \$18.00 Child

Reservation Opening Date: 17 December 2024

Closing Date: 20 January 2025

Buffet Serving Station

The 2024 Year End Awards Luncheon will be held at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville, VA. It is set to begin at 11:00 am and should end by 2:00 pm. We strongly encourage you to make your reservation early and not wait until the reservation closing date. Once we reach maximum capacity, (regardless of reservation closing date) we will no longer accept reservations.

Lilo Fore Clinic: Will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. There will be a min 8 riders max 10. Riders Interested will submit an application that includes a video of a test at the level they are riding. We hope to get representation through the levels among the different chapters. The clinic will be auditor oriented. The price for auditors will be the same for VADA and Region 1 GMO members. We need volunteers to help run. Lilo has agreed to do a judges education session on Friday afternoon. It will be open to L grads, L candidates, and licensed judges as participants but will also be open to members to audit. L Program.

For more information please visit: viriniadressage.org

VENDOR UPDATE:

Kingsley Boot fitter Crystal Miller has agreed to attend our January 25 Awards Banquet for private Kingsley fittings. Fittings are \$150 (which will be applied to the purchase price at time of order) All appointments must be scheduled and paid in advance. Boots start at \$800.
<https://configurator.kingsleyfootwear.com/>



Contact Robynunnally@gmail.com for more information or to schedule an appointment.



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PERFECT ITEMS FOR 2025 SHOW SEASON!

Visit our 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.

SVDA 2025 SHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

SHOW DATE	OPEN DATE	CLOSE DATE
March 23, 2025	2-24-25	3-13-25
April 13, 2025	3-17-25	4-04-25
May 11, 2025	4-07-25	4-25-25
May 25, 2025	4-28-25	5-16-25
June 22, 2025	5-26-25	6-23-25
August 24, 2025	7-28-25	8-15-25
September 21, 2025	9-01-25	9-12-25
CHAMPIONSHIP-Oct 26, 2025	9-29-25	10-17-25
November 23, 2025	10-27-15	11-07-25

Locations and Judges to be determined, check website for updates

ENTER ONLINE: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/q6gtyzijfb/index.html>

2025 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

March 1-2	Raleigh Winter Dressage, Raleigh NC
March 29-30	March Magic Dressage, Raeford, NC
April 19-20	Primetime Dressage – Raeford, NC
April 26-17	Dressage at the Deep Run - Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 15-16	Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI, Lexington, VA
May 31-June 1	Whispering Miracles Dressage by the Beach, Virginia Beach, VA
July 11-13	Dressage at Lexington - Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
Oct 2- 5	GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA

See USDF website for full schedule of shows - follow Region 1 -

<https://www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp>

IMPORTANT SHOW REMINDER:

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. Please upload at time of show entry or upload at: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form1/index.html>

Come Join SVDA for our Annual

Awards **BANQUET**

Celebrating our award winners

SATURDAY, 25 January, 2025

4:00 PM

Riverstone Chophouse
8032 Harbour View Blvd
Suffolk, VA 23435

\$43 per person

RSVP BY JANUARY 17, 2025

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SVDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Each year, SVDA members are eligible to apply for Scholarship and Foundation funds to further their advancement in dressage.

The SVDA Board of Directors votes on the applications received and can award up to two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$400. If less than two (2) scholarships are given out in one (1) year, or there are additional funds, the Board may vote to give out additional scholarships that year.

See website for eligibility requirements or contact for details:

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<https://southeastvirginiadressage.org/wp/scholarship-program/>

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Please submit articles, content or images to lorahowgib@gmail.com for publication in future newsletters.

***earn 2 volunteer hours or article submission**

