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2026 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/vablondede25aolcom/form2/index.html>.

2026 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.

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:

Whitney Kelso, Scholarship Chair

horsegalwhit@gmail.com

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

VADA YEAR END AWARDS PROGRAM

Follow link for VADA Year End Award Recipients:
<https://www.virginiadressage.org/vada-state-year-end-awards>



Year End Awards Luncheon

1 February 2026

Greencroft Club, Charlottesville, VA

11:00am - 2:00 pm

Adult: \$40.00 Child: \$18.00

Plated Luncheon

Reservation Closing Date:

19 January 2026

Payment Online

Reservations are required

Reserve online:

<https://www.virginiadressage.org/contact-4>

News from VADA:

No board meeting held in December
Next meeting Wednesday, January 22

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Reg 1
Championships and VADA Fall Competition,
Lexington VA

1-4 October 2026

*"A Qualifying Competition for the 2026 US
Dressage Finals presented by Adequan"*

UPCOMING SVDA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES!

2025 YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

January 24, 2026 - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Towne Hall - 137 Mt. Pleasant Boulevard
Chesapeake, VA 23322

This will be a potluck event. Please select an item to bring and share for the group. Cold cut sandwich trays and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided!

Please RSVP online:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/ghwtaptinc/index>

LOW COST CLINIC WITH KATE MASON

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Address to be announced

SVDA Members: \$60

Non-Members: \$70

Enter online:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/gov0qmaihg/index>

SVDA FALL CLINIC WITH DONNA GATCHELL & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sat-Sun, November 7 & 8 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Clinic Location, details and costs are forthcoming so mark your calendars!!

Member Notice - Upcoming USEF changes:

Beginning December 1, 2025, administrative fees (formerly \$8) will increase to \$10. Show passes (formerly \$45) will increase to \$85.

Beginning April 1, 2026, the following fee changes will apply:

- Competing Membership Fee will increase from \$95 to \$115
- Subscriber Membership Fee will increase from \$25 to \$35
- Annual Horse Recording will increase from \$95 to \$115
- Lifetime Horse Recording will increase from \$300 to \$500
- Individual Lifetime Foal Recording will increase from \$35 to \$50

You can save on your competing membership by enrolling in a three-year membership for \$285



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Please note: In accordance with Safe Sport guidelines, all Juniors should be accompanied to SVDA events by their parent or legal guardian. In cases where a parent or legal guardian cannot attend, the parent or legal guardian should complete and sign a waiver, which is available at www.southeastvirginiadressage.org

SVDA 2026 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

Date	Facility	Location	Open	Close	Judge
3/15/2026	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Virginia Beach, VA	2/16/2026	3/6/2026	Robyn Nunnally, L Grad w/Distinction & USEF R
4/12/2026	Weeping Oak Farm	Shawboro, NC	3/23/2026	4/3/2026	Elise Enoch, L Grad w/Distinction
5/24/2026	Harmonia Equestrian	Suffolk, VA	4/27/2026	5/15/2026	<i>Margaret Little, USEF R</i>
6/14/2026	White Acres Farm	Chesapeake, VA	5/18/2026	6/5/2026	Kat Sepka, L Grad w/Distinction
6/28/2026	Gryphon Run Farm	Chesapeake, VA	6/1/2026	6/19/2026	Donna Gatchell, L Grad w/Distinction & USEF "r"
8/30/2026	Seahorse Run	Suffolk, VA	8/3/2026	8/21/2026	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad w/Distinction
9/20/2026	RiverBirch	Courtland	8/24/2026	9/11/2026	Jane Kelly, L Grad w/Distinction
Championship TBD	TBD				

ENTER ONLINE: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/q6gtyzjfb/index.html>

2026 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

March 28-29 March Magic Dressage, Raeford, NC
April 4 VADA/Nova Spring April - Leesburg, VA
April 17-19 Tryon Spring Dressage - Mill Spring, NC
April 18-19 Prime Time Dressage - Raeford, NC
April 25-26 Dressage at the Deep Run - Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 2-3 Tryon Spring Dressage - Mill Spring, NC
May 2-3 Whispering Miracles, Spring Opener, Virginia Beach, VA
May 5-8 Dressage in the Sandhills, Pinehurst, NC
May 14-17 Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & CDI3, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
May 23-24 Mayday Dressage, Pinehurst, NC
May 30-31 Whispering Miracles by the Beach, Virginia Beach, VA
June 20-21 HITS Commonwealth Park Dressage, Culpepper, VA
July 10-12 Dressage at Lexington, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
July 18-9 Whispering Miracles Summer Festival, Virginia Beach, VA
Oct 1-4 GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA

Partial list - 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>



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