



Western New York Dressage Association

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Greetings to All!

With the Summer well underway, we are proud to report that we are slowly getting back to some semblance of normalcy. Riding clinics are starting to pop up all over Western New York and out-of-town Clinicians are starting back into their regular lesson programs as well as many area barns now that most interstate travel restrictions have lifted. Please check out the WNYDA Calendar for information on participating in or auditing lessons with these outstanding teachers. Our first big show of the season, the Houghton College Recognized Dressage Show under new manager, Hannah Williamson, went off beautifully. Houghton's hospitality made everyone feel welcome and the sense of comradery among all of the competitors was apparent for all that attended. The hub of all the action is now at the almost completed "Welcome Center" which is part of the new Houghton College Equestrian Complex. This IS the meeting place where competitors can meet to chat after picking up their ribbons and tests or sit down for some coffee and have a bite to eat in a comfortable setting.

Please check out the winners of the Inaugural WNYDA Sponsored Sweepstakes Classes for Open riders and the Educational Grant winners for Junior/YR and Senior Amateur Riders. Keeping to WNYDA's mission of promoting dressage education, we thought it important to encourage riders to enter these classes to support the USDF Learner Judge Program to promote the dressage education of our Youth and Amateurs.



Kathy Kwiatkowski and Kochanie

Sweepstakes Winners

HOUGHTON COLLEGE SPRING RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE SHOW - JUNE 4TH, 2021 WESTERN NEW YORK DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION SPONSORED - SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS -OPEN

Training Level Test 3

\$150 First Place -Robin McNabb riding Chandelle Hi Tess: 67.931%
\$75 Second Place - Claire Coffin riding Mint Julep: 66.034%
\$45 Third Place - Karen Rossen riding WVS Flame Burne: 65.517%

First Level Test 3

\$150 First Place - Amy Winnen riding Galatea HIJ: 66.667%
\$75 Second Place - Karen Rossen riding WVS Flame Burne: 65.883%
\$45 Third Place - Prin Furst riding Supremely Lit Ima: 65.417%

Second Level Test 3

\$150 First Place - Rachel Newcomb riding Summer Solstice: 65.476%
\$75 Second Place - Holly Parker riding Filomina: 65.119%
\$45 Third Place - Diane Carroll-Jacoby riding Liberte: 62.875%

HOUGHTON COLLEGE SPRING RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE SHOW - JUNE 5TH, 2021 WESTERN NEW YORK DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION SPONSORED - EDUCATIONAL GRANT WINNERS

Training Level

\$100 First Place Jr/YR – Karina Jentsch riding Velartijin: 57.586%
\$100 First Place AA – Sarah Averill riding Samwise: 69.828%

First Level

\$100 First Place Jr/YR – Karina Jentsch riding Velartijin: 60.345%
\$100 First Place AA – Amy Winnen riding Galatea HU: 69.028%

Second Level

\$100 First place Jr/YR – Taylor Wittrock riding Carbondale Cole: 63.649%
\$100 First place AA - Rachel Newcomb riding Summer Solstice: 67.027%



President's Letter, Con't.

We are looking forward to the WNYDA Summer Festival on July 24th and 25th at the beautiful Houghton College Equestrian Center. Cheer on friends, horse watch, or people watch in a friendly, serene setting. Even if you aren't a competitor or a "watcher," please join us on Saturday, July 24th for a free Ice Cream Social after the last class (around 3:30 pm) and awarding of the "WNYDA Fun Awards." These are awards for anybody at the show. We are still looking for sponsors. Anyone can sponsor a fun award for any reason that you'd like. Check out the flier in this mailing for details on how to be a sponsor for a fun award. WNYDA will also be sponsoring the WNYDA Sweepstakes Classes and Educational Grant prizes. Good luck to all of the competitors!

Sue Williams will be doing her Century ride at Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center on July 24th. Please come out and support Sue on this momentous occasion! See the additional page here for further details.

WNYDA will be holding our Probono Youth Dressage Clinic at the Houghton College Equestrian Center on Saturday, August 7th. The youth DO NOT have to be WNYDA members to participate! Youth between the ages of 8-21 are welcome to apply for a "free lesson" with area dressage instructors. There will be a fun free raffle for participants and free snacks and lunch for all provided by WNYDA. The Youth can have background in any riding discipline and as long as they can walk, trot, steer and stop, they are welcome to attend. See attached information to hold your lesson.

Our crowning jewel, the Fall Adult Symposium with Janet Foy, is on October 16th and 17th at the Houghton College Equestrian Center. It is so exciting to get a World Class Clinician and Five Star Judge to Western New York to discuss how balance and collection change through the levels. We are currently taking demo riders and auditor applications for this momentous event. This event is partially subsidized by the WNYDA Ida Mizelle Joseph Educational Fund. Advance reservations are required for this event. (No walk-ins will be accepted).

Meet new dressage friends, direct events and shows during 2022!

WNYDA will be looking for a:

Vice President, Secretary and
Members at Large for 2022.

Interested?

Contact Debbie Kondoff, President
to get your name on the ballot for the
December vote.

So much is going on in Western New York, please consider taking advantage of some of these events that are happening right in our own backyard.

"We are small, but we are mighty" thanks to the many great and dedicated people that live in Western New York.

Happy Riding!
Debbie Kondoff, WNYDA President



*Barb Hyams and Honey Locust Rembrandt
at the June 2021 Houghton Show*

2021 ProBono Youth Clinic

2021 Pro Bono Jr/Young Rider Clinic

Saturday, August 7, 2021

Houghton College Equestrian Center, Houghton, NY

Registration Opens: July 7, 2021/Closes: August 4, 2021

Created and offered by WNYDA through the Ida Mizelle Educational Fund to offer a

FREE 45 minute, private dressage lesson to ANY rider between the ages of 8 and 21 with an interest in trying dressage on their horse, in a low-key, supportive environment, held at the beautiful Houghton College Equestrian facility. The clinic will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 5:00 p.m. The instructors are all expert competitors, instructors and coaches who are donating their time for the day. Riders do NOT need to be current members of WNYDA, although all WNYDA youth members are welcome! Any interested youth rider who desires access to dressage instruction is eligible for this event.

Two lessons will be able to take place simultaneously in Houghton's brand-new 100' x 240' indoor arena, complete with wireless mic systems for the instructors and receivers for the riders, and one lesson in the 60' x 145' indoor arena.

To boost the learning experience for all attendees, selected instructional videos will be shown in one of the Equestrian Center classrooms for all riders and auditors that would like to take advantage of the extra learning opportunity. Auditors of any age are welcome at this event with a \$5 auditing fee required.

If overwhelming interest occurs, riders will be scheduled or waitlisted in the order entries are received. 27 spots are available with a \$25 deposit upon sign up to hold the time slot; the deposit will be returned to the rider upon arrival and check-in. If a rider needs to cancel due to illness/lameness, the deposit will be returned if cancellation occurs at least 48 hours ahead of time with doctor's and/ or veterinarian's signed note; otherwise full deposit will be considered a donation to the WNYDA educational fund.

WNYDA is providing the liability insurance to cover the event with Houghton College and the instructors volunteering their time and expertise named as an additional insured. Each participating rider and auditor is required to sign and date the liability release statement on the registration form. A limited number of stalls are available in the new, climate-controlled indoor at \$30 per stall for the day (participants must provide their own bedding and strip the stall before leaving).

Please contact Sarah Averill for more information: sarahlorax@gmail.com.

Registration form is available on WNYDA.org.



**WNYDA Pro Bono Junior/Young Rider Clinic
Houghton College Equestrian Center
Saturday August 7, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Registration Opens: July 7, 2021 Registrations Close: August 4, 2021

Registration: To reserve a spot, include a check for \$25 rider deposit fee (to be returned at clinic check-in) and/or \$5 audit fee made to WNYDA.

Mail to: Sarah Averill, 27 Milford St, Buffalo, NY 14220 / (716) 400-8126 / sarahlorax@gmail.com
Email registrations are accepted, but a check to hold spot must be received within 48 hours!

Name _____ Age as of 1/1/2021 _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parent/Guardian name: _____
Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____
CHECK ONE: RIDER (\$25 refundable deposit) _____ AUDITOR (\$5 Fee) _____
Ride Time Preference (AM or PM) - Check One: AM _____ PM _____
Name of Instructor you currently ride with _____
List any previous dressage experience or education: _____

All lessons are 45 min privates. Riders will be assigned a lesson time as close to your preference as possible. All riders must be a minimum of 8 years old and able to walk, trot, and steer independently.

Limited number of stalls available for \$30 for the day. Send separate \$30 check made to “WNYDA” to reserve a stall. Stall fee is non-refundable; provide your own bedding and stall must be stripped before you leave.

Complimentary beverages & baked goods available at the clinic for participants & registered auditors. Lunch may be purchased at the Subway, 3 Bums Pizza, or China Star restaurants in town in Houghton. WNYDA logoware will also be available for purchase at the clinic.

Upon clinic arrival your registration fee check will be returned to you. If due to illness or injury to you or your horse you must cancel your lesson, a written statement from your doctor or veterinarian must be received at least 48 hours prior to the clinic in order for your registration check to be returned to you. If you do not show up for your lesson and do not follow the above described process, your registration check will be considered a donation and will be put into WNYDA’s Education Fund.

2021 ProBono Youth Clinic

RELEASE OF LIABILITY – PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

It is understood and agreed that as a condition of riding in or auditing this clinic, that the undersigned, each and all, assume any and all risks of injury and loss, release and hold harmless, and indemnify the Western New York Dressage Association, LTD, staff, volunteers and associates, the organizer, the organizing committee, the instructors, all volunteers, the host and property owners, from legal and financial liability for injury or damage to any horse, rider, family member or spectator. The Release from all legal and financial responsibility is made willingly by the undersigned, from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my participation in or attendance at said activity, or otherwise, whether or not injury or loss result directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of the Western New York Dressage Association, LTD, its staff, volunteers or associates, the organizer, the organizing committee, instructors, all volunteers, the host and property owners (Houghton College). The undersigned does hereby waive, release, and forever discharge the Western New York Dressage Association, LTD, its staff, volunteers or associates, the organizer, the organizing committee, the instructors, the host and property owners (Houghton College). I agree that I will never prosecute or in any way aid in prosecuting any demand, claim or suit against the Western New York Dressage Association, LTD, the instructors, the volunteers, nor the property owners (Houghton College) for any loss, damage, or injury to my person, persons, horses, or property that may incur from any cause whatsoever as a result of taking part of this activity.

RIDER OR AUDITOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT SIGNATURE (parent or guardian if rider or auditor is under 18)

DATE

OWNER OR AGENT SIGNATURE

DATE

(Adult responsible while on ground for horse ridden in clinic)



Enter To Win During the Summer Festival

WNYDA Summer Festival I Fun Awards

July 24, 2021 (Saturday Show Only)

We hope everyone is looking forward to getting back into the show ring this summer! To add to the fun of being back in 2021, WNYDA is hosting an Ice Cream Social after the show on Saturday, where there will be additional fun awards to present to the winners!



These awards can be sponsored by anyone and for any award category that they would like to recognize. The awards value is typically \$50-\$75 per award.

Here are some awards categories that have been sponsored in the past

- Highest Scoring Mare
- Youngest Rider to Complete a Test
- Highest scoring Bay
- Highest Scoring Paint
- Highest Scoring OTTB
- Lowest Score of the Day
- Highest Scoring Draft/Draft x
- Highest Scoring Arabian

At the end of the day on Saturday, everyone will then get together for an ice-cream social where we can cheer on all of the winners with some delicious, cold dessert!



Awards categories are limited only by your imagination! If you are interested in sponsoring a special award, please reach out to:

Kait Webster (equineexposure@gmail.com) or Kim Blaszk (kimberlyblaszak@yahoo.com)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THIS SUMMER!



*Annabelle Carr on Prince Pongo
WNYDA Challenge Series at Newstead
Equestrian Center*



*Michelle Nufer and Gotchur Six at Houghton
College Recognized, June 2021*



*Zoe Gilson and Siglavi Aga at Houghton
College Recognized June 2021*

WNYDA FALL SYMPOSIUM WITH JANET FOY (FEI 5* DRESSAGE JUDGE)

Building Better Balance: Development of Balance, Collection, and Self-Carriage through the Levels

October 16-17, 2021 at Houghton College Equestrian Facility, Houghton, NY

Save the Date! WNYDA is excited to host Janet Foy the weekend of October 16-17, 2021 as our clinician for this year's Fall Symposium. This symposium will showcase how balance develops as you work your way up through the levels of dressage by highlighting the increasing degree of uphill balance, collection, and self-carriage required as your horse progresses. The goal is to create an experience that is beneficial for riders, but ultimately geared toward the auditors' education.

About the Clinician:

Janet Foy's interest in dressage started when she lived in Oxford, England, and she passed several British Horse Society Instructor Exams. She is currently an FEI5* judge, USEF S Dressage Judge, and USEF Sporthorse R Breeding Judge. She has judged at all major shows in the United States, as well as national championships and CDI***/W in Guatemala, England, Colombia, Costa Rica, Barbados, Canada, Poland, Australia, and Mexico, and the FEI World



Cup League Finals for the United States, Canada, and Australia. Janet is a former member of the USDF Executive Board and the USA Equestrian Board of Directors, and a current member of the Federation Dressage Committee and the International High Performance Dressage Committee. She is also on the USDF L Faculty and instructs federation judges training programs throughout the United States for dressage and sport horse breeding.

Interested (Who wouldn't be?!):

Keep an eye on the WNYDA website for more information, including demo rider applications and auditor registration forms.

Demo Rider Applications will only be accepted from July 15th-August 31st. Early applications will not be considered. Those selected to ride will be announced on September 15th.

Auditor Registration Forms will be available on the WNYDA website no later than June 1st, and will be accepted from June 1st-October 1st, or until full (whichever is sooner).

We anticipate interest in this clinic to be very high, especially since the Ida Mizelle Education Fund will be subsidizing a portion of the demo rider lesson fees. Demo rider applications will require video and the level each rider is applying for. If multiple applications are received for one level, the individual's history as a WNYDA member and Volunteering Record will also be considered when awarding spots.

Janet Foy Fall Symposium

COST INFORMATION:

Auditing available for WNYDA members at \$30/day, or \$50 for both days.

Auditing available for non-WNYDA members at \$40/day or \$75 for both days.

Demo rider lesson cost for WNYDA members at \$150*/lesson (must ride both days if selected).

Demo rider lesson cost for non-WNYDA members at \$200*/lesson (must ride both days if selected).

Demo rider lesson cost includes: Lesson with FEI 5* Judge (\$100) + Facility Fee/Stall Fee (\$50)

Our auditor and lesson fees are able to be offered at these affordable costs thanks to partial subsidization from the Ida Mizelle Educational Fund

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

Auditor applications will be accepted with payment to hold spot until spots are filled per facility and COVID-19 requirements. Once full, a waitlist will be started.

Demo rider applications will be accepted from July 15-August 31, 2021 with payment to hold spot. If not selected, payment will be returned to applicants.

A total of 8 lessons will be held per day, with approximately one rider selected per level (multiple riders *may* be selected for one level if there are levels without applicants).

If multiple applications are received for one level, the following will be taken into consideration when awarding demo slots:

- (1) Suitability for the level (based on application video),
- (2) Breed of Horse (to encourage diversity and inclusion of multiple breeds)
- (3) History as a WNYDA member including attending and/or volunteering for WNYDA events.

Demo riders and reserves for each level will be selected and notified by September 15, 2021. Reserve riders will be given a free audit for the weekend if the riding slot for their level does not open as compensation for keeping their weekend open.

Unfortunately, due to space limitations we will be unable to offer free audits for grooms.

Janet Foy Symposium Application

Western New York Dressage Association
2021 Fall Symposium featuring FEI 5* Judge, Janet Foy

Application Information:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

WNYDA Member (Circle One): Yes / No (May join as a member online to take advantage of discounted rates)

(Circle One): Auditor – Saturday / Auditor – Sunday / Auditor – Both Days / Demo Rider

Amount owed: \$ _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Additional Demo Rider Application Information:

Horses Name: _____ Horses Breed: _____

Horses Age: _____ Horses Height: _____

Current Level Schooling: _____ Current Level Showing: _____

Youtube URL address*: _____

Please include a youtube video demonstrating current level for the horse/rider pair. This will be reviewed by a selection committee along with the criteria indicated on page 1.

Emergency Contact Name/Number (Horse): _____

Emergency Contact Name/Number (Rider): _____

WNYDA Membership/Volunteer/Program Attendance History (may be used to aid selection in the event multiple qualified applications are received for the same level):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Please complete this form and mail with check made payable to WNYDA to:
Kimberly Blaszak - 128 Woodlawn Avenue - Depew, NY 14043

Achievements

Upcoming Century Club Ride on July 24, 2021

The Century Club was established by The Dressage Foundation in 1996. It honors senior dressage riders and horses that are still actively riding and competing. To become a member of The Century Club, the ages of the rider and horse must add up to 100 or more years! The pair may ride any level dressage test and be scored by a judge.

We are very pleased to announce that Sue Williams and Marie Lou will be riding Training Level Test 2 for their Century Club membership at the Chestnut Ridge Summer Dressage Show on Saturday July 24, 2021.

Sue felt that the Century Club Ride would be most meaningful if ridden on an offspring of their stallion, Abdullah. Last fall, she learned that the Abdullah daughter, Marie Lou was now 25. Megan Gamin, her owner was generous enough to loan Marie Lou for the ride.

Abdullah is most famous for his team gold and individual silver medals in show jumping during the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Sue would like to dedicate this ride to her husband, Terry, who was always working behind the scene to create the adventures they had at Williamsburg Farm and Chestnut Ridge.

Anyone attending is welcome to join in celebrating this milestone with Sue and Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center. Have a beautiful ride, Sue!



Abigail Mullen on Ben Jammin at the WNYDA Challenge Series at Newstead Equestrian Center



Carlie Mahoney on Major League at the WNYDA Challenge Series at Newstead Equestrian Center



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out our page for the latest club
updates and reminders and share your
photos of dressage happenings from
WNYDA shows and events.

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Summer Calendar of Events

Check WNYDA.org for complete event information, as well as additional events!

August 7

ProBono Junior/YR Clinic
Houghton College Equestrian Center, NY

August 14 & 15

Dressage Clinic with Vera Kessels
Fox Run Equestrian, East Aurora, NY

August 17

Twilight Schooling Show & WNYDA Challenge
Series Show, Geneseo, NY

August 21 & 22

GVRDC Trials, Geneseo, NY

August 28 & 29

Cayuga Dressage in Wine Country, USEF/
USDF, Chemung Co. Fairgrounds, Horseheads

September 4 & 5

Dressage Clinic with Vera Kessels
Fox Run Equestrian, East Aurora, NY

September 11

Saddle Up for Roswell Horse Trials and
Dressage Schooling Show
Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center

September 18, 19, 20

Anne Gibbons Dressage Clinic
Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center

October 16 & 17

WNYDA Fall Symposium with Janet Foy
Houghton College Equestrian Center