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## Letter From the President April

Thanks to our AVDA member Joanne Kagan, from New Mexico for sending us her bio this month! We appreciate that she has connected with us, and that we can put a face and story to a name on our roster.

Our Virtual Show is coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Marion Patterson's place. I hope that many of you are planning to attend. If you cannot join us that day, you can ride your test of choice anywhere and on a day of your choosing! Please check our website and Face Book page for more information on registration for the show, closing date, how to video, and where to send in your video test. We think this will be a fun and innovative way for our club to make some money and engage members and non members alike. You can register on line through our website and pay through PayPal.

Also, please remember that our AVDA scholarship IS available for 2024!

If you are a member of AVDA, an Adult Amateur, or Jr/Yr, you are each eligible for a \$200.00 scholarship to be used this year. Opening date for applications is May 1<sup>st</sup> and closing date is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Information and application forms are on the AVDA website.

The 2025 scholarship application period is October 1 through 31. Scholarships are generously funded and chaired by Sarah Murphy. We now have 33 members and are growing! If you have not joined our club yet, please consider doing so. You can find the form under membership on the RMDS website. Please be sure to mark AVDA on the form.

Our beautiful and diverse membership keeps our club moving forward.

Thank you for your support of AVDA! I wish you safe and successful riding!  
Sandy Vernon

**Please consider  
volunteering for  
AVDA 2024 EVENTS**

## 2024 AVDA Board of Directors

- President:** Sandy Vernon  
**V. President:** Renee McMillen  
**Secretary:** Debbie Hood  
**Treasurer:** Sarah Murphy

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### Committee Chairs

- Awards - Kim Godfey  
Education - Debi Stevens  
Events –Sandy Vernon  
Marketing - Sandy Vernon  
Western Dressage -  
Debby Hood

Member At Large– Katie Knight

Jr/yr Riders to be filled

**Contact Information:**  
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### AVDA APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Call to order: April 9, 2024 at 6:20p.m.

In Attendance: Sandy Vernon, Renee McMillen, Karen Elliott, JoElyen Newcome  
Debi Stevens, Brenda Haley, Debbie Hood, Sarah Murphy (by phone)

Presedents Report: None

Vice Presedents Report; Renee expressed her appreciation to the show committee on the progress that was made at the last meeting.

Treasurer Report: Checking \$2208.00 Savings \$2525.59

Show Committee: September show will be discussed at the May meeting.

The practice virtual show on April 13 is filling up.

Renee made a motion to pay Brenda Haley \$20 per rider and Marcy Wadlington \$10 per rider for the practice virtual show. Karen Elliott second it, all in favor.

Discussion of limiting the number of entries for the Virtual show on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A review of the website for information on the show and application form along with payment processing.

Education: Brenda had members do a simutation exercise.

Betty Fey's fun day on April 28<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Murphy is taking names of those wanting to ride in drill team. Betty Fey is the contact for the fun day sign up.

Scholarship fund: Needs applications. A reminder will be postd on Facebook and an email blast.

Old Business: Reminder to members to send volunteer hours to Sarah Murphy.

Working on gathering AVDA inventory and documentation of it.

New Business: Swag reminder in the newsletter. (embroidered AVDA logo on clothing).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting will be at Katie Knights house, 264 Camino de los Ranchos S., Pueblo West. Social 5:30. Meeting 6:00



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MEMBER BIO

**Joanne Kagan**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

"Born in Montana, with a restless father the family lived there, Wyoming, California and Wisconsin. I then attended college at the University of Washington in Seattle, earning a degree in Atmospheric Science. After a long career as a meteorologist, and over a decade in the Washington DC area, I retired and finally moved back west where my heart always belonged. We settled in Santa Fe in 2016, and my lifelong dream of owning a horse finally crystallized in 2017.

She was supposed to be an 18 year-old gelding. But, the 3 year-old unstarted Arab-Friesian and I bonded immediately and have been together ever since. Her name is Rococo Arabesque, I just call her Miss Bess. We've done Natural Horsemanship and Dressage, and ride a lot of trails. Spunky and opinionated like her Mom, I feel beyond blessed to have her.

We're branching out into Working Equitation this year, and doing our first NATRC ride at Ghost Ranch in mid April."





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**Joanne Kagan**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**





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## May 19 AVDA Virtual Show

Registration Form will be found AVDA website.

The Virtual Show is scheduled for May 19th at Marion Patterson's property. Alternatively, riders can video their tests at a venue of their choice. Riders need to video their tests on their own cell phones. Videos must be submitted to the judge by closing date **May 20th**. Fees will be \$30.00 per test. Office fees \$20.00. *Payments made via PayPal will have a \$5.00 service fee.* We will transcribe the tests from Michelle Velasco's templates for participants, and ribbons will be awarded through 6th place, handed out at the next General Meeting, or mailed for an additional fee.

Scores from the V Shows WILL be eligible for AVDA year end awards.

Instructions for setting up your own YouTube channel, filming and submitting your test to the judge will be found AVDA website.

**PRIZE LIST FOR MAY 19 VIRTUAL SHOW:  
Arkansas Valley Dressage Association  
2024 Virtual Dressage Show**

AVDA is launching the first of it's Virtual Shows on May 19 th at Marion Patterson's Ranch (or venue of your choice). The option is yours—join us on the 19 th and enjoy the company of your fellow equestrians, or video your test in a dressage arena and upload it to be judged. If you join us, we will provide assistance in videoing your tests, and help you to upload it.

Entries may be emailed to [avdaddressage2019@gmail.com](mailto:avdaddressage2019@gmail.com) and payment via PayPal, or mail your entries and payment to 1881 Grand Avenue, Canon City, Colorado 81212. Our goal is to make dressage accessible and fun!

Show DATE: Sunday, May 19, 2024

ENTRIES OPEN: April 13, 2024

CLOSING DATE: May 20, 2024

MANAGER/SECRETARY: Sandy Vernon (970)531-0055, [ponywinners@gmail.com](mailto:ponywinners@gmail.com). Entry applications are emailed to [avdaddressage2019@gmail.com](mailto:avdaddressage2019@gmail.com) and payment via PayPal. Hard copies of your entry and payment may be sent to 1881Grand Avenue, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

JUDGE Michelle Velasco, WD r—USEF, L graduate with distinction—DR

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TOC – Test of Choice, Special class (Working Equitation, Para)  
*Please note: All tests are ridden in the 20x60m arena.*

USEF/USDF Dressage Classes 2023

1. Intro A 2. Intro B 3. Intro C 4. Training 1
5. Training 2 6. Training 3 7. First Level 1 8. First Level 2
9. First Level 3 10. Second Level 1 11. Second Level 2 12. Second Level 3
13. Third Level 1 14. Third Level 2 15. Third Level 3 16. Fourth Level TOC
18. Any Intro – 4th level TOC 19. Any Intro-4th Level TOC

WDAA Western Dressage Classes (2022)

20. Intro 1 21. Intro 2 22. Intro 3 23. Intro 4
24. Basic 1 25. Basic 2 26. Basic 3 27. Basic 4
28. Level 1,1 29. Level 1,2 30. Level 1,3 31. Level 1,4
32. Level 2 TOC 33. Level 2 TOC 34. Any Western TOC 35. Any Western TOC

USEA Eventing Classes (2022) – all ridden in 20x60 m arena

35. Eventing TOC 36. Eventing TOC

Specialty Class

Any Freestyle TOC

Awards ENTRIES:

All classes are not qualifiers for RMDS Championships, however, any volunteer hours may be used. (Riders or their representative must have a minimum of 4 recorded volunteer hours in the current competition year to be eligible for year-end awards) Inquire about volunteer opportunities! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Leonard at (719)371-0703.

FEES: \$30 for each class (\$25 for AVDA members). \$20 non-refundable Office Fee. No USEF drug fee, bridle tag deposit or change fee. Show committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

REFUNDS: The office fee is nonrefundable. Up until the day of the show, class fees minus office fee will be refunded. No office fee refunds due to acts of nature and God.

AWARDS: Ribbons to sixth place.

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**WAITLIST:** A waitlist will be maintained after competition is filled and will be maintained until the final close.

**REQUIRED FOR RIDERS:** Anyone on horseback must wear protective headgear with harness-secured. WDAA rules apply for western dressage riders.

**ARENA:** Outdoor 20 x 60-meter arena with groomed sand footing; warm-up in large outdoorsand arena.

**LOCATION:** Marion Patterson's Ranch, 4479 Garden Park Road, Canon City, Colorado 81212 (or venue of your choice).

**VIDEO GUIDELINES:**

Martingales of any kind, side or running reins are not allowed.

Horse boots or bandages of any kind are not allowed.

Fly masks are not allowed.

Bareback riding is not allowed.

The test must be videotaped from C, where the judge would normally be. The test may be called. The caller is positioned at B or E. Coaching during the test is not allowed. If coaching is heard on the audio, the test will be eliminated. In these circumstances, no refund will be offered. A video of a test/ride from another competition that has already been judged will be eliminated. Any video which is suspected of having been filmed during another competition will not be accepted. In these circumstances, no refund will be offered.

The video must be uninterrupted, with no editing. Any tests found to be edited will be eliminated. In these circumstances, no refund will be offered. The sound for the test must be audible. Videos that are submitted with no sound will be rejected. No music may be incorporated into the video. Natural sounds must be audible (i.e. wildlife, horse sounds, etc)

The judge's decisions are final. She will not enter into any communication or discussion with the competitor.

Results will be completed within two weeks of the show. Ribbons will be handed out at the next

General Meeting in June 6th, or mailed.



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*Get well soon Cat, we miss you.*



**Cat Siemiet is one of  
AVDA's founding members.**





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**Here is how to order our logo embroidered clothing  
SWAG (Stuff We All Get)**

Go to:

[www.embroiderypluspueblo.com](http://www.embroiderypluspueblo.com)  
catalogs  
casual corporate wear  
San Mar



What ever item you are looking for vests, caps, jackets, and on and on. There are literally thousands of choices.

Then call Donna at Embroidery Plus at 719 542 0234. Ask specifically for Donna.

## **Arkansas Valley Dressage Assoc.**

### **Margaret A. Murphy Scholarship**

*AVDA is happy to announce our scholarship program will May 2024!*

The program is based on two scholarships being offered: one in adult amateur and one in junior/young rider.

Details:

- \*Each scholarship will be \$200 for 2024.
- \*Applicants must be a member of AVDA/RMDS.
- \*Application period is May 1st to June 1st, 2024.
- \*Applicants should be knowledgeable of the AVDA Scholarship Policies.
- \*Recipients will be chosen in June 2024
- \*Funds will be available by July 2024.



# 2024 APRIL AVDA NEWSLETTER MARKETPLACE

Karen Elliott

719-221-5417

[k.egirl@outlook.com](mailto:k.egirl@outlook.com)CP

Custom ordered from Black Country, 2018 Eloquence.

Like new. Rode off and on for a year.

Have different horse now that is not the same size.

It is medium-wide tree and 18inch seat.

\$2700.00





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BREAST COLLAR, AND 4 DRESSAGE SAD-  
DLES. DRESSAGE PADS (NEW), BOOTS,  
SHOULDER RELEASE GIRTHS, ETC. ETC.  
ETC. .**

**HEAVLY DISCOUNTED.**

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CHECK WITH ME FIRST.**



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### 2024 AVDA CLUB MEETINGS

Katie Knights house May 14, 264 Camino de los Ranchos S., Pueblo West. Social 5:30. Meeting 6:00  
Locations and time for all other meetings will be announced  
on the website and facebook. Meetings are held on the  
**2nd Tuesday of each month.**

May 14  
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8

November 12 (elections and volunteer of the year).  
December 14th - Awards Banquet and Christmas Party.

### 2024 AVDA SHOWS

***Registration and Details will be posted on our website at [avdaddressage.org](http://avdaddressage.org)***

**April 13th** - Ride-A-Test / Practice Virtual Show: Judge Brenda Haley.  
Ride the test of your choice. Your test will be judged and scored by Brenda. Then she will give you a 20 minute lesson to help improve your performance. Bring your phone and we will video your ride. We will help you upload the your video to your YouTube channel. This is a members only event. Cost: \$30. Location: Brenda Haley's. More info on the AVDA website.

**May 19th** Virtual Schooling Show Judge Michelle Velasco.

**Sept. 7th** Schooling Show Judge Kathy Daly



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