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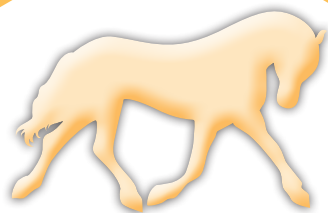
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Volunteers needed for the Jersey Fresh (May 9-12) and Memorial Day Weekend Dressage Show (May 23-26). Come on out and support your friends!

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Sneak Peak!

OUR WEBSITE IS GETTING A FACE LIFT

...and not a regular tidy-up like Joan Rivers, but more like a complete overhaul – think John Travolta in Hairspray! The new website will not only be more colorful and easier to navigate, but it will boast great new features, such as:

- Online membership renewal
- Online updating of your profile (name, address, email address, etc.)
- A comprehensive online calendar that you can subscribe to with your gmail or iCalendar
- Online classified section where members can list classifieds for \$5 for 60 days
- Resources, like membership, trainer and officials directories
- FAQs: answers to our most commonly asked questions
- And still more!

Of course all of our regular content will still be there. You will still be able to access the newsletter, year-end award listings, rules, important news, and information about our big shows.

Look for the new website launch in the next 30-60 days! Of course, your feedback on the new site will be welcomed.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's here!

Our new, state-of-the-art web site is launching this month and you are all in for a "at-your-fingertips" experience when perusing the ESDCTA website for information.

This was a long time in the making. We started out more than a year ago – in 2011, to be exact. We researched website designers, put it out to bid and signed a contract. But most importantly, we listened to you and what you wanted from a website.

The website committee started out as Lynette McMoran, Gary Maholic, Debbie DelGiorno, and me. As we determined the framework and foundation of what the site should look like, we brought in everyone on the Board and Committees to review and give their thoughts and input. The Committee grew to include Terry Masters, Beth Ann Adams, Carol Connor, Lisa Toaldo, and Julia Peterson. The Board and Committee members were able to review repetitively to provide input.

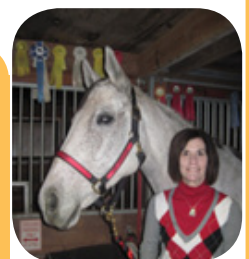
Then the Board approved a Webmaster – Jessica Kuc, whose education and background fit perfectly.

Finally, we have decided that it is time to launch it and let you use and enjoy it. There may be some tweaks soon and down the road. That's the beauty of this site. Not only is it interactive and has all kinds of bells and whistles to bring us into the 21st century, it can continue to evolve into something better and better as we meet the evolving technology of the times.

I want to thank everyone who has given of their time and effort to this endeavor. Gary Maholic has spent countless hours on this for about six months as we fine-tuned and fine-tuned (and fine-tuned) to address everyone's opinions and find consensus at the same time.

Technology is an ever-changing entity. It can be difficult to keep up with it, making sure our organization is offering the best venues to bring information to you. With this new web site, along with all of our social media, we think we have a good foundation to keep moving forward and bringing you the best.

"The first rule of any technology used in a business is that automation applied to an efficient operation will magnify the efficiency. The second is that automation applied to an inefficient operation will magnify the inefficiency." – Bill Gates



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ESDCTA Statement of Purpose

Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association (ESDCTA) was founded in June 1969 and incorporated in 1970 as a nonprofit educational organization under the laws of the State of New Jersey. ESDCTA with membership open to all interested in dressage and combined training, has the following stated purpose: *"Whereas it is the desire among many equestrians in the United States to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in the hope that this may ultimately benefit the United States Olympic Team in its international competition, this organization is established as a nonprofit educational organization."* Its further purposes are to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in general, to educate, conduct clinics and hold dressage shows and combined training events.

GET SOCIAL!

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CROSS COUNTRY... New Across our Region

COMMUNITY NEWS

- NJ Western Dressage Association has been formed. Their first clinic is scheduled for April 13 with Barbara Ebner. If interested in learning more, check out <http://njwesterndressage.com>.
- If your farm was affected by Super Storm Sandy (or any snowstorm, Nor'easter, drought, or other act of nature that occurred between June 28 and Nov 8, 2012) and need some help getting back on your feet, contact the USDA. A natural disaster was designated for 14 counties in NJ and help is available.
- Spring is in the air. That means horse show and trail riding season is gearing up, the bugs are emerging, and the mud is everywhere. Be prepared. Get your horses vaccinated and keep an eye on their health, and take a look around your farm for falling down fences, loose shingles, and the like.

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT??

Let us know what you would like to help us with in 2013. All skills and interests wanted. Have an idea? We want to hear about it. Remember, this club is what YOU make it. Contact Susan Lax: chivalryhillfarm@aol.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TBA Board Meeting	Contact: Susan Lax 609-466-4178
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Meredith Rogers, Diane Engler,
Susan Lax & Rebecca Kuc

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All submissions are due by the 10th of the month

Due to space considerations, the editors reserve the right to edit submitted articles. If possible, the articles will be returned for review of the editing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 10** NJ 15th Annual Emergency Working Group symposium. Westhampton, NJ. 9am-3pm.
For more information call 609-984-4389.
- April 13** New Bolton Center Animal Lovers Lecture Series: Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases in Our Pets. 10-11:30am. **See <https://www.vet.upenn.edu/CalendarandEvents/UpcomingEvents/AnimalLoversLectureSeries/tabid/1667/Default.aspx>** for more information.
- April 25** Penn State Extension: Tools for Equine Health & Soundness lecture. 9am-3:30pm, Bethlehem, PA. **Contact Donna Foulk** at 610-746-1970.

May 9-12 (NJ Fresh 3-day Event) If you're not planning on competing, please consider volunteering as it truly takes a village to make these shows a success. **Contact Terry Masters ASAP** to reserve the best jobs (no experience necessary) at terrymasters@verizon.net

May 23-26 (ESDCTA Memorial Weekend Show)

ESDCTA welcomes proposals
from vendors for goods and services.
Please contact the appropriate committee.

Send your Cross Country Information to
newsletter@esdcta.org

2013 ADVERTISING RATES

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBER
FULL PAGE	\$100	\$130
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CARD FOR 3 MONTHS	\$45	\$65
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(per 35 words)

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CENTERLINE Dressage News



Rule changes approved by USEF 1/17/2013

Competitors are responsible for knowing the rules of their sport.

You can find the complete RULE BOOK on the USEF web site: select the Rules and Regulations menu, then select Rule Book on the sub menu. Web link: www.usef.org/_IFrames/RuleBook/rulebooks.aspx

For newly approved RULE CHANGES select the Rules and Regulations menu, then select Rule Change on the sub menu. Then under Completed Rule Changes, select 2013 Competition year. Web link: www.usef.org/_IFrames/RuleBook/ChangesSearch.aspx

Some important highlights for competitors and management are listed below but everyone involved in the sport is encouraged to obtain a USEF Rule book and learn the rules governing your discipline. Rule books are available in hard copy or in downloadable formats for PC / MAC or Flash Drives.

1. Clarifications on movements including the halt, the walk on long rein, the rein back, the correct place for changing the diagonal in the rising trot, and lateral work. These clarifications can affect your score.
2. Clarifications on the judging and scoring of tests
3. Dress (DR 120) has several modifications. PLEASE READ THE FULL DRESS /SADDLERY RULES
 - Riders in Level 1 competitions and opportunity class in Level 2 and Level 3 competitions are allowed to wear any color of breeches and shirt as specified in DR 120, Jackets and vests of any type are allowed but not required, the rider may wear neckwear if they are wearing a jacket, however, boots and protective headgear are required. See DR 126.2 for a description of the different levels of Dressage Competitions.
4. Expanded protective headgear ruling:
 - From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI(Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.
5. FEI rules apply to CDI classes: Top hats and bowlers are allowed in CDI dressage classes, and in the warmup immediately preceding the class and going back to the stable after the class, at all other times, riders are required to wear protective headgear.
6. Fly Hoods: Now allowed in outdoor competitions. They must be discreet in design and must be removed by the rider or representative for inspection by the ring steward during the routine bit and saddlery check following the test.

This is only a partial list of the rule changes. You should review the rules in the rule book annually and specifically familiarize yourself with the rule changes before the competition season starts. Best of Luck to all our ESDCTA Dressage riders! Have a great competition year!

THE START BOX

Eventing News

Things To Do Before Starting Your Eventing Season

We've had a few warm days. The sun shines longer. You're anxious to go out and have fun at a horse trials. Whoa, partner! There are some things you should do first.

1. Consider your horse's fitness. Maybe you don't have an indoor, so you haven't been riding much, or maybe you have had an indoor and you've been getting on. But, have you really been working or has it been a case of an hour comprised of walk a bit, stop and chat, lazily trot, chat some more and so on? I hate to say it but that life of leisure has not prepared your horse for properly executing the three phases of an event.
2. Consider your horse's mental fitness. He's probably been seeing the same sights for months now. Have his travels been limited from stall to ring or stall to turnout paddock only? Chances are that with frozen footing followed by mud bogs, your horse has chosen self-preservation and has done little more than stand around. Start refreshing his mind by getting him out as much as possible. This may be as simple as walking on the driveways around your farm after you ride. If traffic and surfaces permit, consider a road hack. If possible, see if you can ship over to another farm to use their rings.
3. Evaluate your own fitness. So you're really good at sitting the trot now. You can keep that backside of yours securely planted in that cozy dressage saddle, but can you get it out and keep it there? Your horse won't be happy during the jumping phases if you collapse on his back. Practice your two-point position. Pull out your jump saddle and ride in it. Play with your stirrup length. Spend some time riding with them at a shortened length. Your legs will appreciate that the first jump school you go to.
4. Pull out the rest of your tack that has been sitting, and examine it closely for any signs of wear or weakness. Put it on your horse and evaluate the fit. Does it really suit her well? Contact a qualified fitter if you have any doubt about the saddle. Reflocking is relatively inexpensive and can make a significant difference in your horse's happiness and performance. Make sure your girth is the right size. It shouldn't be so big that it can buckle into the top billet hole on both sides. Nor should it be so small that you get hand cramps trying to make it to the first hole. Look at the bridle and make sure it avoids generating uncomfortable pressure points. Discuss your bit choice with your trainer. She may recommend a change as you enter the new season.
5. Check your show clothes. Are they ready to go? Has your build changed over the winter? You don't want to go to an event to find that you can't get your boot over your calf or button your jacket. If your jacket hasn't been to the dry cleaner since the last show, get it there ASAP. No one wants last year's odors coming to life this year!
6. Consult your farrier. Let him know what your plans are and have him watch your horse move. Consider having him put stud holes in your next set of shoes and discuss the role of studs with



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Eventing News

your trainer. Remember to use stud hole plugs or you may find that the hole has been stripped when you try to insert a stud at an event. Get in the habit of keeping the shoes just removed from your horse until you replace them after the next shoeing. Bring them with you to your events. The time between phases is limited and the show farrier may not have enough time to customize a replacement shoe if you lose one. You may be able to continue if you have a shoe that can serve as a quick fix.

7. Get a checkup for your trailer. Annual maintenance is important for safety and for extending the life of the trailer. Don't assume that everything is fine just because you had it serviced at the end of last season. How do you know that a mouse didn't snack on your wiring, or that your tires didn't go soft over the winter unless you check?

Did you skip the last paragraph since you hitch rides with a friend? If so, this one's for you. You may think you're being very generous by paying for the gas burned on your road trips. Your driver, probably your friend, is likely bearing a bigger burden than you realize. There are many costs associated with trailering and your gas money doesn't cover them. Responsibilities of trailer ownership are not just financial and you can help out here. Want to be a friend? Offer to help her give the trailer a good spring cleaning. Buy some goodies for it. A broom with effective bristles, a stocked grooming tote, or a hanging organizer are thoughtful, yet inexpensive, ideas. You can bring an extra smile to her face by customizing the items in her colors by using duck tape or spray paint.

8. Really read your omnibus (don't just skim it), including the rules and requirements. Select events and divisions that are good choices for you and your horse. Don't go somewhere just because it's close and don't select a level just because it will probably be run at a desirable time of the day. If your horse has only been working on flat terrain, don't select an event that is run over hills. Ask other competitors for their experiences at particular events. You may also reach out to organizers if you have questions. Pencil your selections on the family calendar. Avoid using ink because there's a good chance your plans will change over the season. Use the family calendar so that domestic conflicts over scheduling are minimized. Use permanent marker for blocking off October 5th and 6th – those are the dates of the ESDCTA Horse Trials at the Horse Park of New Jersey, and your participation is strongly encouraged!

While you have your omnibus out, look for opportunities to volunteer. Volunteering is a great way to learn, and hours are needed for year-end awards. It also provides a chance to meet new friends. Additionally, by volunteering you are instrumental in providing for the continued existence of the activities in which you wish to participate. Events can't run without volunteers, and ESDCTA needs you.

With a little advance planning, you can increase your chances of having a successful and fun-filled season. Whether you earn the blue or no ribbon at all, you can have a great time trying.



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<i>Promotional Benefits</i>	<i>\$5000 Presenting Sponsor</i>	\$2500	\$1000	\$500	< \$500
		Sponsor listing in show program	X	X	X
Sponsor listing with links on ESDCTA website	X	X	X	X	X
Promotional announcements over PA throughout show	X	X	X	X	X
Sponsor Name and Logo in promotional ad	X	X	X	X	
Participation in awards ceremony of sponsored class	X	X	X	X	X
Corporate name included in show title and in all advertising	X				
Corporate name on all CDI awards (where possible) and on all CDI championship ribbons	X				
8 tickets to competitor party	X	X			
Your company promotional material made available to the competitors	X	X			
Sponsorship of CDI Jog Party	X				
Partial sponsorship of competitor party	X	X			
Show Program Advertising	X				
Full color inside front or outside back cover	X				
Full page b & w		X			
1/2 page b & w			X		
1/4 page b & w				X	
Vendor Space	X				
Triple sized 10 x 30 vendor space	X				
Double sized 10 x 20 vendor space		X			
10 x 10 vendor space			X		
Banners in high visibility areas, including competition arena	X				
Up to 3 banners	X				
Up to 2 banners		X			
One banner			X		

SALUTE...

ERIN SCELBA JOHNSON

By: Rebecca Kuc

Whether it is seeing her at shows riding and coaching, or hearing her name being announced for year end awards or at competitions, many people probably are familiar with Erin's name. She rides, trains, and is the full-time manager at Suddenly Farm in Lumberton, NJ. Her parents have owned Suddenly Farm for over thirty years and her grandparents had before that. Erin grew up with horses in her life and has been riding for as long as she can remember. Throughout her riding career, she has done a little bit of everything. As a kid, Erin did local hunter shows, 4-H shows, and was a member of Pony Club. It wasn't until high school that she got into dressage when she wanted to try something different.

At the time, Erin was riding a TB mare, who was the last TB born on the farm when her grandparents had Suddenly as a TB racing farm. The mare wasn't quite as thrilled about trying dressage and so the pair ended up eventing some. Even while eventing, Erin really enjoyed the dressage and flat work best.

In 2002, Erin began training with Jane Landau of West Windsor, NJ and began taking clinics with Leif Sorensen of Denmark. Dressage really stood out for Erin, as there is always something to learn and you learn something new almost every day, whether that be for you or your horse. Erin also teaches lessons and learns from teaching and watching her students' progress through the levels. Currently, she has around ten students competing from starter level at schooling shows to third level at recognized competitions. They're like a second family and everyone is very supportive of each other; in fact they all feel each other's accomplishments and have fun seeing each other's hard work pay off!

Currently, Erin has two main horses, both Danish Warmbloods. Erin has had Lennox for nine years and he is her main focus for the 2013 season. She hopes for them to have a successful year at Fourth Level this year and to try PSG before 2013 is over! Erin also has Ashiroh, her 20-year-old schoolmaster. Together, the pair has competed Grand Prix for three seasons and were the 2012 ESDCTA Champion at Grand Prix for ESDCTA Year End Awards. With both horses, Erin has competed at numerous GAIG and CBLM Championships and has earned her ESDCTA and USDF bronze, silver, and gold medals!



Best of luck to Erin and her students in the 2013 season!

Salute



HORSE TREATS

By MEREDITH ROGERS



We are not the only ones who sing the praises of our horses. Songs about equines run the genre gamut from folk to rock to pop, and of course, country. So, plug in your MP3 player and enjoy some of these hits.

Bring on the Dancing Horses – Echo & the Bunnymen

Beer for My Horses – Toby Keith and Willie Nelson

One Trick Pony – Paul Simon

Live Like Horses – Elton John

Tennessee Stud – Johnny Cash

Three Horses – Joan Baez

Black Horse and the Cherry Tree – KT Tunstall

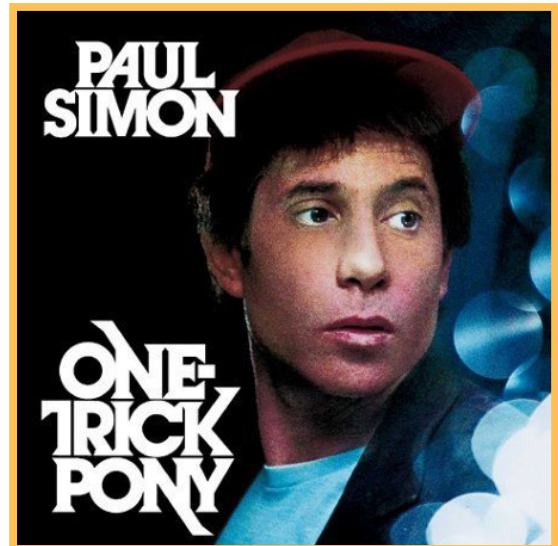
Pony Boy – Bruce Springsteen

I Ride an Old Paint – Arlo Guthrie

Heavy Horses – Jethro Tull

Horse with No Name - America

Wild Horses – The Rolling Stones



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FOALIN' AROUND

Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

Winter Youth Educational Seminar

Our second annual Winter Youth Education Seminar was well attended and very informative. Dr. Daniel Keenan of Keenan-Mcalister Equine presented a three-part seminar on emergency first aid, routine health care, and prepurchase exams. He also gave away to one lucky person a complete first aid kit! You can check out Keenan and Mcalister's website (<http://www.keenanmcalister.com/>) to see what other presentations they have available and to schedule them to come to your farm or group.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge for providing the classroom; Dr. Keenan for donating his time and knowledge (and first aid kit); Michelle Hauser for the wonderful homemade candies, cookies, and chocolate covered pretzels; and the many volunteers who made this event possible.

We are planning another educational event in August in Ringoes, NJ, focusing on chiropractic and massage for horses. We will have more detailed information in the next newsletter.

Youth Raffle at Banquet a Success!

Thanks to the generous donations of this year's raffle prizes: \$446 was raised to help fund our ESDCTA youth programs.

The items raffled off were: an equestrian painting created and donated by ESDCTA member Melodie Higgins, a "Treat Yourself Tray" donated by Horsemen's Outlet, and an "Odor No More" basket donated by Burgundy Hollow Farm.

A huge thank you to our wonderful donors!

Fix-a-Test Clinics

Our first fix-a-test of the season was held March 9 at Rhythm and Blues Stables in Allentown, NJ. Amy Gimbel "r" did a super job helping the eight horse/rider combinations improve their test riding skills and addressed issues in their training that would help to increase their scores. Thank you Amy for donating your time to us!

Our next fix-a-test is on May 4 at Hidden Creek Equestrian Center in Kunkletown, PA, with the clinician Ann Forer "R".

Please see the omnibus or ESDCTA website for more detailed information. We are finalizing the date for the clinic in Ringoes at Beaver Creek Equestrian Center.

Rider fee: **ESDCTA Members \$40 Non-Members \$50**
Auditor fee: Free (nominal fee to join in the pizza lunch)

Be a Part of an ESDCTA Youth Team!

Team applications are available on the ESDCTA website: esdcta.org. All applicants must have 8 volunteer hours and have met the criteria outlined in the ESDCTA Omnibus. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the youth co-chairs.

Deadlines for Team Applications:

London Gray's Youth Dressage Festival, Saugerties, NY (July 12-14) May 15
USDF Region 1 Youth Team Competition, Leesburg, VA (July 27-28) May 15
Millbrook Horse Trials Team Competition, Millbrook, NY (August 1-4) June 1
Team Challenge at Burgundy Hollow Horse Trials, Northampton, PA (Oct. 27) Sept. 15

WOW CAMP 2013

The USEA and the New Jersey Region of the U.S. Pony Club will again be offering this incredible camp opportunity to young riders at the New Jersey Horse Park from July 1-4. Youth bring their horses for the 4 days and participate in dressage, cross-country, and jumping clinics with world-renowned trainers, while also receiving instruction on horse care and management! The USPC and USEA has again, generously, opened this camp to ESDCTA youth members. Definitely an opportunity to take advantage of. Contact Patricia Lutfy at yogaandhorses@gmail.com for more information. We will post details and applications on the youth page of the website as soon as they are available.

*****Remember to read the Youth Section of the omnibus! There are scholarship opportunities and dressage and event team sponsorships available!



CLINIC SCHEDULE

May 4, 2013

Hidden Creek Equestrian Center
Kunkletown, PA

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 27

Clinician: Ann Forer (R)

Contact: Jill Kuc – esea@ptd.net



THE MEMORIAL WEEKEND DRESSAGE AND

CDI 3*/1* Y/J ALLENTOWN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

ESDCTA is proud to be able to present our 4th CDI to run in conjunction with the Memorial Weekend Dressage (MDW) show, while striving to make our MDW show far more accessible and friendly to our members. This year we've added Intro classes and the new Rider tests. There are classes for FEI Ponies, Young Horses, Developing Horses, Juniors, Young Riders, Adult Amateurs and Open classes from Intro to Grand Prix, as well as the CDI 3* and 1* classes. This show truly has "something for everyone".

In order to showcase, encourage, and reward our adult amateur riders we're offering you two opportunities to compete against other adult amateurs and win prize money. We're continuing the Adult Amateur High Score Challenge (AAHC), sponsored by Blue Moon Dressage to include Training thru Fourth Level.



A totally new concept for this year is the introduction of the CDI 1* Adult Amateur Sweepstakes for those adult amateurs riding at the FEI levels.

How to enter? Obtain your FEI Rider and Horse Registration numbers and then complete the USEF National Passport application. There are links to these quick and easy applications on the ESDCTA CDI show page website. www.esdcta.org/CDI/index.html. Your horse will need the double Equine Influenza vaccinations and then you're good to go. Check out the instructional flyer on the website.

While all these exciting options are available for competitors we hope that the entire membership will become engaged and help us make the show a huge success.

Other ways to be involved include:

- Volunteering: contact Terry Masters: terrymasters@verizon.net
- Placing an ad in the show program: contact Carol Conner: bluemoonfarm@comcast.net
- Promote your business with a vendor booth: contact: Beth Ann Adams: baakaa68@gmail.com
- Sponsoring a class: sponsorships start at only \$25 contact Dr. Lisa Toaldo: dentist2.lt@gmail.com

Don't be left out of this exciting event!!

Connect your business with our Membership New business membership package: \$150/year: A listing in the newsletter, Collective Remarks, the web site (with link) and in our Omnibus. Renew now to market your business to our equine community. Need an application? Go to www.esdcta.org

ESDCTA Supports Our Business Members

	<p>Concord Acres Ruth DiDonato 27 Concord Lane, Yardley PA 19067 Home: 215-321-6942 Cell: 215-208-5589 concordacres@hotmail.com • www.concordacres.com</p>		<p>The Barn Equestrian Center Jane Lucrezi - Instructor/Trainer 1143 Keller Road, Wind Gap, PA 18091 610-746-9148 Instr. Avail. in: Dressage, Hunters, Jumpers, Equeitation</p>
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	<p>Nancy Clarke Dressage Training & Instruction Castlegate Farm 908-996-6152 424 Kingwood-Locktown Road, Flemington NJ 08822 www.castlegatefarm.com</p>		<p>Rhythm & Blues Stables Phone: 609-758-4918 12 Hill Road, Allentown, NJ RBLstables@aol.com www.rhythmmandbluesstables.com</p>
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	<p>Country Haven Earlen Haven: earlen@countryhavenfarms.com 290 East Lake Road, Woodstown, NJ 08098 856-769-1916 Fax: 856-769-3957 www.countryhavenfarms.com</p>		<p>Burlington Farm Robert Meli, Jr. <i>General Manager</i> Phone: 732-462-0414 260 Burlington Road, Freehold, NJ 07728 info@burlingtonfarm.net • www.burlingtonfarm.net</p>



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ESDCTA SHOW CALENDAR

Please refer to the ESDCTA Omnibus for details
All ESDCTA-registered shows are eligible for volunteer hours



APRIL

6	Saddlebrook Ridge	Dressage Schooling Show & CT
7	NJ Region Pony Club	Dressage Schooling Show at the USET
7	Golden Gait Farm	Dressage Schooling Show
12	HPNJ Spring Series	Dressage Schooling Show
13	High Point Equestrian	Dressage Schooling Show & CT & HT
13	Whiskey Lane Farm	Dressage Schooling Show
14	Willow Creek	Dressage Schooling Show
14	High Point Equestrian	Dressage Schooling Show & CT & HT
20	Heart's Journey Stables	Dressage Schooling Show
21	Burlington County Young Rider	Dressage Schooling Show
21	Fidler Run Farm	USDF/USEF Dressage Show
21	Oxbow Stables	Dressage Schooling Show & CT
27	Orange County Dressage	Dressage Schooling Show
28	HPNJ Spring Series	Dressage Schooling Show