Meet PVDA Member
Beth Collier

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Leonardo and Beth Collier at USDF Region 1 Adult Team Championship. Photo by Joe Diachenko.
You’re Invited! Join us for our exciting 2011 Calendar of Events

February 14 - Long Lining Clinic with Bo Jenä
March 19 - Create Your Winning Strategy, with Olympic Judge Linda Zang
* April 16-17 - Training with Michael Klimke
  May 14-15 - Training with Charles deKunffy
* August 13-14 - Training with Steffen Peters
* November 19-20 - Training with Debbie McDonald

Hassler Dressage encourages you to join us throughout the year at our world-class equestrian facility, Riveredge. We’re offering a line-up of top educational events, clinics, and seminars, in a setting of comfort and grandeur.

Quality education is our passion and commitment. Please check our website for current and upcoming events.

www.hasslerdressage.com
New Finance Committee on PVDA Menu

The PVDA Board created a new finance committee at the February board meeting. Treasurer David Geyer heads up the committee that also includes board members Shari Packard and Carolyn Del Grosso. Each PVDA committee will create its own budget and be responsible to outline their a la carte needs for the year and give a dollar figure for the expenses they expect to incur. From this information PVDA can get a global picture of its general needs and create new programs for 2011.

Have You Ever Considered Writing an Article About A Dressage Experience?

You might have noticed that every month, like clockwork, the newsletter comes out with interesting articles and nice photographs of our members. We are lucky to have wonderful members who like to write!

So, how about you? Whether it’s a couple of paragraphs or a detailed description of one of your latest dressage endeavors, we’d like to have your thoughts! Don’t worry if the grammar is not perfect, we can edit it so that you will sound great.

Dressage Training Online and Nutrena Support PVDA in Innovative Ways

Did you know you can get USDF University credits by signing up and watching videos from Dressage Training Online (DTO)? The good news is that DTO will donate a percentage of your sign up fees to us if you mention PVDA when signing up. Also, our friends at the Nutrena horse feed group have been big supporters of PVDA and the Ride for Life. If you save your feed tags when you buy Nutrena products and send them in, they will donate money to PVDA. They would love to come visit you at your barn and set up a feeding program for you at no cost. See www.pvda.org for more information.

Britch Switch and Tack Sale on April 16

The Southern Maryland Chapter will present a Britch Switch and Tack Sale on Saturday, April 16, at Blue Bird Farm, Friendship, Md., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your britches, saddle and horse wares to sell. Admission is $20. For more information, contact Linda McDowell at 908-451-7827 or Julie Gross at 301-503-7709. R.S.V.P. by April 13, 2011.

The President’s Window

The “Tea Is for Training” event was held on a very rainy day, but no worries, we were indoors at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Maryland. It was fun to have so many active and interested members getting together, old friends and new faces. We all learned, and did I mention the good food and tea? The talk was about showing, and the jobs at our shows, so the time for getting into those white show pants is coming. But the cookies, scones and other tempting sweets were beautiful, and who can resist? Our March Board of Directors meeting was the following evening at the same location and I knew there would be good food left over for us. I looked forward to it all day! Thanks to all who organized and took part

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Congratulations to Our 2010 PVDA Rider Achievement Award Recipients

See the ad on back cover for a list of the 2010 PVDA Rider Achievement Awards. If you are interested in working toward your award please go to the PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org, for more information. Congratulations to all the achievers!

Inaugural GMO Challenge at Ride for Life

Now is the time to start raising donations for High Pledge awards and rider raffle entries for the Ride for Life, June 25 and 26. Donations benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center and ultimately improve the quality of life of those battling breast cancer and those who are survivors.

This year PVDA will offer a new program called the GMO Challenge. USDF GMOs from all over the country are invited to participate even if they can’t attend the Ride for Life event. The GMO winning the Overall High Pledge category will be awarded a one-day clinic with Dr. Cesar Parra of Piaffe-Performance. The GMO winning the Per Capita High Pledge category will be awarded a one-day clinic with Betsy Steiner. For more information about the GMO Challenge see pages 20 and 21 of this newsletter.

The 2011 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule*

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Send 2011 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.
May Deadline: APRIL 10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar

April 2011
2 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
3 Competitors’ Dressage Clinic with Mary Flood at Wildfire Farm, Lovettsville, Va. See www.wildfirefarm.com/clinics
3 Dressage Schooling Show at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Celia Vornholt (r). Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849
4 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Kate Burgy, 301-580-9903 for information.
8-10 Cedar Rowe Lusitanos presents a 3-day mounted clinic with Isabelle von Neumann-Cosel in “Your Classical Seat.” For more info go to www.cedarowre.com or call Linda Densionton at 301-447-6240 or email: CRQHF@aol.com
9-10 VADA Licensed Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. www.vadanova.org
10 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com
16 Britch Switch and Tack Sale sponsored by Southern MD chapter, Blue Bird Farm, Friendship, Md., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendor space $20. Contact Linda at 908-451-7827 or Julie at 301-503-7709. RSVP by April 13.
16 Morven Park Winter Benefit Schooling Show, Leesburg, Va. See www.morvenpark.org
16 Equestrian Fleamarket, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1600 Old Liberty Rd. W, Sykesville, Md. For information email to halfhal17@gmail.com
16-17 Training with Michael Klimke (registration open online) hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com
17 Charles County Chapter Fix-a-Test with judge Beverly Fields at El Anmal Farm, Charlotte Hall, Md. $45 per rider. Closes April 10. Contact Kelly Rose at kyleshyde@aol.com
17 Columbia Horse Center Schooling Show, Judge: Betty Thorpe. Contact Kate Miska at kmiska@mac.com, 301-257-8417
17 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Jaclyn Socoli. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com
17 Linda Zang New Test Clinic, hosted by VADA/Nova at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Auditors contact Bettina Longaker, vadvirag8@gmail.com or www.vadanova.org
23-24 “Equine Positional Release II” with Zarna Carter, Moon Rising Farm, Boyds, Md. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com
27-May 1 FEI World Cup Dressage and Showjumping Finals, Leipzig, Germany. www.FEI.org
30-May 1 “Equine Positional Release III” with Zarna Carter, The Plains, Va. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com

May
2 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108 for information.
7 Catocin Chapter sponsors Sport Horse In-Hand & Dressage Schooling Show, Plantation Valley Stables, Middletown, Md. Open date: April 8. Close date: April 29. Judge: Jaclyn Socoli. Contact Leslie Raulin at RAULINL@yahoo.com.
7-8 CDCTA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.cdcta.com
7-11 Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For info contact: www.EquilibriumHorse.com/clinics.html
8 Dressage Schooling Show at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Marija Trieschmann (L). Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849
14 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
14 VADA Schooling Show at Kingland Farm, Lovettsville, Va. See www.vadanova.org
14-15 Training with Charles de Kunffy hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com or www.hasslerdressage.com
20-22 Heike Kemmer Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. For more information visit www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174.
21-22 Henk Van Bergen Symposium hosted by NCDCTA, North Star Training Center, Chapel Hill, NC. www.ncdcta.org
21-22 PVDA Annual Spring Show at Morven Park. See www.pvda.org
22 Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deripiaffe@aol.com
28 Columbia Horse Center Schooling Show, Judge: Aviva Nesbyes. Contact Kate Miska at kmiska@mac.com, 301-257-8417

June
3-5 VADA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org
5 Fun Show (Equitation, Jumping & Games) at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Ann Newton. Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849
6 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Shari Packard, 301-498-4972 for information.
9 CDCTA Evening Series, Dressage Schooling Shows, 4 p.m. onward, Warrenton Show Grounds. See www.cdcta.com
11 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
11-12 “Equine Positional Release II—Fusion for Horse and Rider” with Zarna Carter, Moon Rising Farm, Boyds, Md. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com
12 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Aviva Nesbyes. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com
18-19 “Equine Positional Release III—Fusion for Horse and Rider” with Zarna Carter, Clifton, Va. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com
25-26 PVDA Ride for Life at Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. Information on volunteering, contact volunteers@pvda.org, www.pvdarideforlife.org
25 VADA Schooling Show at Compass Rose, Haymarket, Va. See www.vadanova.org
26 Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deripiaffe@aol.com

July
10 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Hilary Moore. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com
11 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call David Geyer, 443-745-6766 for information.
23 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
23-24 USDF Jr/yr Region 1 Team Competition, Morven Park, Va. Contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, wspeier@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore at info@mooredressage.com
30-31 VADA/Nova Breed Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org

August
13 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
The Mountain Harmony Quadrille (MHD) Invites You to Come Ride with Them

The Mountain Harmony Quadrille prides itself as a diverse group of people who enjoy horses. The objective is to initiate involvement on the ground as well as on the horse. Join us! Our chapter is open and we encourage participation from all ride levels. Our ride schedule varies so check out the discussions on Facebook. We cover many topics as well as informing each other of individual goals. MHD Chapter rides at Celebration Farm in Frederick; you are most welcome to come check out the facility or go to the farm Web site. For more information contact Janet Geyer at 443-745-0207.

The Shore Chapter Enjoys a Luncheon and Prepares for the 2011 Show Season

Shore Dressage held its annual 2011 Planning Meeting and Luncheon at Sunset Bay Farm in Onancock, Va., on Sunday, February 13. Twenty-one people came! Many thanks to Kerra Johnson for bringing so many of her students. My deep regrets to those of you who called to let us know you were unable to come. We always appreciate your thoughts and ideas, so keep them coming via e-mail.

Thank you to Cheryl, Karen, Mary and everyone who brought delicious salads, crab dip and more.

We began by going around the room introducing ourselves and sharing a little bit about our horses, background and interests. We have a wide variety of different breeds and levels of training in the group.

The new officers for 2011 are Co-Chairs: Maureen Lawrence and Deri Jeffers; Treasurer: Cheryl Carpenter; Newsletter Editor: Karen Clark. Allison Turner has again volunteered to be our Points Tabulator for Year-end awards, something she has done well for many years. Deri Jeffers suggested that everyone feel free to post notices of coming events at local feed and tack stores, etc. The information is on our Web site, but not everyone reads it there. Some people still like the old fashioned way of looking for horse ads, lessons, upcoming shows, etc., on feed store bulletin boards. Not everyone knows Shore Dressage exists or even what we are all about. We welcome all breeds, disciplines and levels of riding, so get out there and share the news about Shore Dressage!

Deri Jeffers talked about 2010–Year in Review. The most popular and filled events were Kathy Rowse’s 10 dressage clinics. So as not to exclude our Salisbury Chapter News continued next page
members we had planned on four schooling shows; two in the Salisbury area and two in Virginia. Only the first show in Virginia brought in enough entries to pay the Judge, so the other three were canceled. We tried to start a second series of shows, “Mock Dressage” shows where a rider could ride anywhere from one to three classes for $25. The Judge would only charge a small fee, but it was too late in the season to start something new, so the idea was dropped.

Two educational events were offered; one with Gina Parelli, a saddle fitter from County Saddlery; and a Scoring, Scribing, Judging clinic where the participants learned to scribe, score and learn why a Judge gives the score that they do and what they look for.

Special Recognition was presented to Outstanding Volunteers of the Year and were awarded gift certificates from Dover Saddlery. These wonderful people are: Maureen Lawrence, Karen Clark, Cheryl Carpenter, Deri Jeffers, and Mary Dahlke (who set up her coffee bar and home baked goods for everyone at Kathy’s clinics). Special recognition was presented to other Shore members who contributed their time and helpfulness at various events and they were: Cony Needels and Cynthia Walton for setting up wine and cheese for some early clinics, Melanie Gravenor for donating her farm for shows and educational events, and Kathleen Kurgan for making the Show Program for the first show.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELPFULNESS and to those of you who will be supporting Shore Dressage in 2011.

The luncheon meeting ended with plans for 2011 to include four schooling shows and monthly clinics with Kathy Rowse. Our next event is a Clinic with Kathy on March 27. Auditors are welcome at no charge and we always serve refreshments. Please come and have fun with us at Shore Dressage!
Fix A Test Series

April 16th
Morgan Run Stables • 801 Bloom Road • Westminster, Md 21157
Opening date – Now

Closing date: April 12th - times available April 14th
Judges: March : TBD
April : Heidi Berry 'R'

Format: 30 minute time slots. Ride the test of your choice and get judged.
Afterwards, receive a 20 minute lesson on how to improve that test.
Cost: $50 per ride. Checks made payable to Morgan Run.

A great way to practice and get feedback on the new tests before show season!

From USEF RECOGNIZED judges!
Clinic dress, weather appropriate. No dogs allowed.
Must have copy of current Coggins test (please mail with entry).
Must sign a release waiver at check-in. Water available.
Stabling available for a small fee for the day if needed. Please inquire.

Mail Entries to: Evelyn Pfoutz • 2613 Stone Road • Westminster, MD 21158
Questions: (717) 422-6203 or email: coolbreezedressage@gmail.com

Name of Rider: ___________________________ Age if a Junior: __________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________ E-mail: __________________________
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Name of horse: ___________________________ Age: __________
Breed: ___________________________
Is there a particular time that would be better for you? Morning Afternoon
Please include a copy of your horse’s Coggins test.
Signature: ___________________________
Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18: __________________________
Peters Steals the Show at 2011 World Dressage Masters in Wellington

By Pam Link

It is funny how some things have a pattern. The past Masters’ have had rain and cold, very cold for Florida. This year’s Masters started out with lovely warm weather in the high 70s. Then just as the Grand Prix 5 star was about to start the temperature dropped 30 degrees and it started to rain. This did not dampen the amazing riders that we saw on March 11 in the covered arena at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Steffen Peters and Ravel won everything! You must watch his Grand Prix test on YouTube. Amazing! When Tina Konyot and Steffen Peters were warming up in the brand new footing of the FEI warm-up ring with other riders, it became clear that this was the Tina and Steffen show. The other riders started to drift off to the outside of the warm up as Anne Gribbons came into the ring to watch and help.

Hans Peter Minderhoud of the Dutch gold medal WEG team gave a clinic and a riding demo as the spectators at the tables ate their lovely dinner catered by the Polo Club. At 8:20 Todd Flettrich started the rides for the Freestyle. He and Otto are getting much stronger as a partnership. They received a 70%. Anja Ploenzke from Germany came in to great music and a strong performance when the Judge at C, Wim Ernes, rang his bell. He had noticed blood on Le Mont d’Or’s mouth. Immediate elimination. Christa Laarakkers of Holland on Ovation rode to very beautiful music, earning a 72.6%. Anne van Olst of Holland rode Exquis Clearwater and had a lovely ride.

After a 45-minute break, for dessert, Tina Konyot came into the covered arena riding Calecto V with amazing energy and power. A few bobbles, but she ended up with a personal best of 76.7%. Ashley Holzer of Canada and Pop Art came in for a lovely test of 74.5%. Tinne Vilhelmsson Silfven of Sweden and her horse Favourit had a strong test earning them a 77.9%. When Steffen and Ravel rode into the arena the place exploded. Oh, we love our California boys! As the music started you could hear the collected inhale of the audience, no one breathed until the magic was finished. You must watch it on YouTube, it was so lovely and through—a personal best for them at 84.5%. The audience was in rapture as Ravel walked out on a long rein and was totally cool. Steffen won the class, with Tinne second and Tina third, splitting the prize of 425,000 euros.

After the awards presentation there was a press conference with the sponsors, organizers and top three riders. Sponsors who made it happen were Antonia Ax:son (yes, it is spelled like that) Johnson, the chairman of the Axel Johnson Group, Akiko Yamazaki of Yahoo and John Goodman of the International Polo Club Palm Beach. I happened to be standing next to Anne Gribbons and Akiko Yamazaki and I asked Anne what it had been like to get the show going on such short notice. She said it was like herding cats, but very classy cats.

Kudos to Mason Phelps, Jr., and his crew who organized this spectacular World Dressage Masters. They pulled a rabbit out of a hat on very short notice. The venue was gorgeous, the food and wine delicious and the rides were wonderful. Maybe next year we will have warm weather. You know, anything over 70 degrees!
“Tea Is for Training” Prepares Volunteers for PVDA’s 2011 Season

By Jaclyn Sicoli

This was my first year organizing PVDA’s annual “Tea Is for Training,” and I am pleased to report that it was a big success once again. The training was on March 6 at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. The event delivered five hours of learning and fabulous food. Last year, as an extra hand for Pat Artimovich, I was introduced to the educational format of the event and took a big gulp when raising my hand to lead the efforts this year. Pat’s shoes were big shoes to fill!

Mastering the art of an elegant tea service that can deliver both practical training and a fabulous social networking opportunity was the goal. This year’s event drew 30 participants, some of whom drove more than two hours. Participants and staff enjoyed some gourmet goodies—scones, cakes, cookies, and a full lunch. The day began with simultaneous lectures in three different classrooms. Participants interested in learning the basics of scribing, scoring, running, equipment check, and stewarding all convened in the upper viewing room, while a hands-on demonstration of setting up a regulation dressage arena commenced in the indoor. In the lower viewing room, serious show aficionados learned the ins and outs of being a show secretary or a show manager for schooling and licensed shows.

Three informational seminars followed the morning classes. An interactive and scientifically based presentation by experts from Nutrena explained how to determine and accommodate a horse’s nutritional needs. The discussion presented examples for different feeding requirements based on a horse’s age, work load, and breed. Many participants brought questions related to their struggles to find the perfect diet solutions for their horses. Feed options for regulating protein, fiber, sugar,
and mineral content were discussed as well. During lunch Hilary Moore and I offered advice, anecdotes, and strategies for planning your show calendar, meeting goals with your horse, and tips for show preparation to ensure a positive show experience for you and your horse.

Each of our attendees went home with a bag full of information and gifts. In order to give everyone a handy reference for each of the day’s classes and seminars the bags included a Tea Is for Training manual, show calendar and awards sheet, show preparation article, PVDA contact and member benefit information, Tea Is for Training questionnaire and Nutrena tape measure and coupon. An additional benefit to all PVDA members was extended from Nutrena. All members are eligible for a nutritional evaluation and farm call with Nutrena experts to make sure that their horse’s weight and body condition is optimal.

I want to thank each person who helped make this day possible. The support from our PVDA Board and members was phenomenal throughout the planning process. This speaks to the team spirit of our organization and promises to ensure well run and friendly competitions all season long. I hope to see all of you at our shows!

Thank you to our gracious host Linda Speer who offered her wonderful facility once again for this event. Thank you to all our knowledgeable instructors including Betty Thorpe, Linda Speer, Michele Wellman, Camilla Cornwell, Carolyn Del Grosso, Hilary Moore, Jaclyn Sicoli, Shelly Cargill; Bakers and Chefs: Kate Burgy, Julie Kingsbury, Gail Joyce, Jaclyn Sicoli, Hilary Moore, Camilla Cornwell, Pat Artimovich; Registration and Documents: Tim Lewthwaite, Jocelyn Pearson, Hilary Moore, Lindsay Jensen, and Dave Ridgway.

Betty Thorpe teaches a class on her specialty, “Scribing,” while Michele Wellman educates her group on “How to Set Up a Ring.”
**Horses for Sale**

† APHA red dun, 11 yrs, 16.1H, flashy, honest, sweet & calm dispo, always willing. Good 1st horse. Sound, prof. training, shown at training level, schooling at 1st level, frequently ribbons. Wonderful PC and trail horse also. Has competed in lower level Eventing classes. Sadly rider is out of state college bound this Fall, asking $7,500. Charleen Van Steenberg, 410-531-9771 or email: mevcmv@comcast.net

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**Equipment for Sale**

† All American 2H BP horse trailer w/dressing rm. WB-size, in exc. cond., 4 saddle racks, blanket and clothes bars, tack hooks, $5,500, Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873

† 1) 17.5" blk. Trilogy dressage saddle “Debbie McDonald” model, wide tree, long flaps, 1.5 yrs old, in exc. cond., asking $2,900. 2) 18.5" blk. Custom Saddlery dressage saddle “Royal Star” model, med. tree, V-billets, long flaps, in good condition, asking $750, Margarete DePamphilis, 301-570-0887

† 18" Lovatt & Ricketts blk. Berkeley dressage saddle, wide tree, in exc. cond. Purch. new only 2 yrs ago, no marks or scratches on saddle, billets in exc. cond., asking $2,500, Susan Bradley, 410-956-4042 or email: sebanna@myway.com

† PRICES DROPPED!!! 1) 18” Waldenhausen German-made blk. dressage saddle, 31 cm tree (seems to fit wider—used on my 17+ lg built Old), V-billets, wool flocked, sm. thigh block, in exc. cond., asking $700 2) 18” Swiss-made Courbette Luxor blk. dressage saddle, 31/32 cm tree, v-billets, water repellant, pre-shrunk leather, narrow twist, low pommel & recessed safety stirrup bars on spring tree w/wool flocking. Long billets rec. replaced, asking $650. Willing to entertain fair offers and can take Paypal, Karen Jacob, 410-489-6083

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† Pvt. training barn near Purcellville, VA offers 2 stalls (12’x12’) w/sawdust bedding, 60’ round pen and lg. outdoor sand dressage arena, pvt. or group t/o; $200/mo. self care (own feed, hay, work), $450/mo. full care. No trails but close to Morven Park to ride out. Owner on premises. Lay-ups, broodmares, retirees welcome. Jacki Holland, 540-338-4506 or email: hollandjacki8@gmail.com

† One stall available at pvt. dressage facility in Thurmont, MD. 12x14 stalls with pvt. barnyard runs, pvt. pasture t/o, ind/outdoor arenas, mirrors/sound sys., whirlpool. Consultations with Vets, Farrier, Dentist. Ginny Class, 443-299-7623 (call or text) or email: christinaclass83@gmail.com

† One stall available at pvt. dressage facility in Thurmont, MD. 12x14 stalls with pvt. barnyard runs, pvt. pasture t/o, ind/outdoor arenas, mirrors/sound sys.,
exc. footing, open land to ride on. Unlimited hay/feed, wash stall h/c water. Bring your trainer. $450/mo. Becky Boardman, 301-898-8723 or email: coverqueen@earthlink.net

**WANTED**

✦ Working student to assist in exercising several Andalusian dressage/exhibition horses. Prof. trainer/owner will coach every ride, so the opportunity is there to improve your seat and become a fabulous rider while enjoying exceptional horses. Must be able to ride at least 3x/wk. Mt. Airy. Diana Beuchert, 301-829-5048 or email: dianabeuchert@comcast.net

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April 17, 2011

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El Ammal Farm, Charlotte Hall, Md.
$45 per rider
45 minutes per rider
Open date: March 10. Close date: April 10

For more information, contact: Kelly Rose
240-682-2761 or kylieshyde@aol.com

The Southern Maryland Chapter Presents

**Britch Switch & Tack Sale**

Saturday, April 16, 2011
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Blue Bird Farm, Friendship, Md.
Bring your Britches, Saddles and horse wears to sell.
Vendors: reserve your space for $20.

Call Linda McDowell 908-451-2087 or Julie Gross 301-503-7709

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in the day. It was another great success.

All the committees in PVDA that report to the Board, and that spend money during the year are, for the first time in a long time, putting together a budget. When Treasurer David Geyer assembles all the pieces we will get a clearer view of where our money goes. It would seem that we have a healthy checking account total, but for an organization of our size it is necessary to have it so that our programs can all work. We are in respectable financial shape, and with this budget we should be able to make sure we stay that way.

The Ride for Life may not be until June, but all of the committees are already busy laying the groundwork for that busy weekend. At our board meeting Michele Wellman handed out tickets to each board member to sell for the Dancing Horse Challenge on Saturday night, June 25. Our goal is to have all the seats at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center filled for this amazing show. The $20 admission goes entirely to Johns Hopkins. Michele has tickets for anyone to sell. Contact her at kyebay@yahoo.com and watch the Web site for information on all the famous people who will be appearing for the show.

PVDA is an organizational member of the Maryland Horse Council and is entitled to a seat on their Board of Directors, as well as a vote. We do not currently have anyone in this capacity so if any PVDA member would be interested in attending the Maryland Horse Council meetings and reporting to the PVDA Board, please let me know at bsthorpe@aol.com.

Our membership is growing as it should at this time of year. We are near, or have passed, 800 members and it’s interesting to note where they live. According to where our newsletters are sent we have 558 members in Maryland, 57 in Virginia, 13 in D.C., 17 in Pennsylvania, 9 in Delaware, plus a few members in Florida, Michigan, North Carolina West Virginia and Washington.

Finally, we are getting to the most beautiful time of the year in this part of the country. At the barn, this is the worst time to wear chapstick while grooming with all that shedding hair flying around. We can finally wash those crusty blankets and pack them away.

On to the 2011 show season!

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

Attention Junior/Young Riders

PVDA wants you for the Region 1 Team Championship, JULY 23-24!

PVDA will send teams again this year to the USDF Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Team Championship on

We will send a team in every division, starting with
USDF Introductory Level.

PVDA will pay for all team tests and stabling.

Requirements:
1. Must be a PVDA member.
2. Send three tests judged by two different judges from any rated shows, or any PVDA schooling shows, at the level you would like to show (see application).
3. Volunteer for one day at any PVDA event.
4. Deadline for application is June 14, 2011.

Candidate Application

If you would like to be considered for the Team Championship, fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 14, 2011, to: Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Road, Clarksville, MD 21029 OR Hilary Moore, 15612 Marathon Circle, #402, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. This is NOT an entry!

Name______________________________________Age_________________________
Address________________________________________________________________
Phone_____________________________
Level you intend to compete at this season________________________________
Horse’s name and age_____________________________________________________

For more info contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, wispeer@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108, info@mooredressage.com.
By Pam Link

If you think Wellington, Florida, is Disneyland, then the Lusitano Collection from Brazil is Magic Mountain. The group puts on a show and an auction at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center that will make you want to raise your hand to buy a Lusitano.

So what happens? First you show up and watch the horses during the week preceding the auction. You can ride any horse that you like as long as you have registered with the Lusitano Collection office. The staff is kind and helpful. They will give you a bound book with all the horses and their bloodlines. They also give you a notebook that has the horses listed with blank pages after each horse for your notes.

Then comes Friday evening and the cocktail party with glittery lights, great wine, fabulous food and those beautiful horses. The horses are brought in two at a time. The announcer tells you about their temperament and favorite foods. There are huge TV screens placed near the tables with the particular horses running free and their manes flowing, and a voiceover tells the viewer about the bloodline and the horse’s career to this point.

The Lusitano Collection staff really knows how to build up the anticipation for the auction to a fever pitch. It was way too much fun.

Saturday evening arrives with a Samba band and lovely Brazilian dancers, more delicious wine and more scrumptious food. The horses are brought in one at a time, the announcer/auctioneer comes with numerous helpers and starts the bidding. The real fun begins.

I believe that it could be the most fun one can have buying a baroque horse.

I was fortunate to sit with Mac and Judy McGaughan from Maryland. It was a huge help to have the benefit of Judy’s eye and experience when it comes to looking at horses. And those of you who know Mac know we had a time trying to keep him from raising his hand for all of the pretty horses.

The Lusitano Collection International Horse Auction is an annual event that takes place during the Winter Equestrian Festival in West Palm Beach, Florida. The 2011 event was held February 23-26 at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center.
Birthday: March 20, 
In the Year of The Tiger in 
Syracuse, New York

Marriage: to Burt 
Collier, May 27, 1989

Education: Graduated 
1983 from the University of 
Maryland, College Park, with 
a B.A. degree in French 
Literature and Art History

Employment: Archives 
Manager, St. Mary's County 
Government, Maryland

First Dressage Show: 
Full of Bull placed fifth in a 
Training Level class in 1986. 
I was judged by Doris Ferris. 
(She smoked while she 
judged.)

Equestrian Disciplines: 
Dressage, Hunter, Horse 
Trials, Hunter Pace, 
Combined Training, 
Foxhunting

Horse I Rode The 
Longest: For over 20 years I 
rode a schoolhorse, Leonardo, 
who retired with private 
owner Judy Rand. At the end 
of May 2010 he was put down at age 30+.

Favorite Contribution to PVDA: For the PVDA 
Dinner when George Williams was the guest speaker I had 
a cake made with a photo of his Grand Prix horse Rocher.

Grand Prix Horse I Would Like To Ride: 
Moorland Totilas, currently ridden by Edward Gal 
(Netherlands)

Grand Prix Horse I Did Get To Ride: Houdini, 
owned and trained by Kathi Harjess, Equilibrium Horse 
Center

First Dressage Rider Autograph: Robert Dover, 
1995 World Cup Final

Latest Dressage Rider Autograph: Edward Gal, 
2009 European Dressage Championship

Favorite Dressage Exhibition: Juvel and Robert 
Dover, 1988 Washington International Horse Show, 
Landover, Maryland

Favorite Grand Prix 
Freestyle: Matador and 
Kyra Kryklund, 1991 World 
Cup Finals winner. She did a 
walk pirouette into a canter 
pirouette; it is no longer 
allowed under FEI freestyle 
rules

Olympic Games I’ve 
Attended: 1996 Atlanta

Favorite Equestrian 
Performances: Spanish 
Riding School of Vienna, 
Cavalia, and Zingaro

Person Who 
Recommended Me As A 
Dressage Writer to The 
Equiery in 1998: PVDA 
member Sigrid Thomas, who 
was the first editor to print 
dressage articles by me in The 
PVDA Newsletter.

Journalism: Contributor 
to The PVDA Newsletter 
since 1993. Volunteer editor 
of the USDF Region 1 
Contributor to The Equiery, 
Sidelines, The Chronicle of 
the Horse, USET News, and U.S. Eventing Association 
Area 2 Newsletter.

Favorite Dressage Show: USDF Region 1 Youth 
Team Championship—those small ponies are just so darn 
cute!

Favorite authors: Classical dressage trainer Erik 
Herbermann author of “Dressage Formula” and Dr. Deb 
Bennett, who has a Ph.D. in vertebrate paleontology—the 
articles are available on www.EquineStudies.org

Best General Horse Book: “Happy Horsemanship” 
(1966) by Dorothy Henderson Pinch

Favorite Horse Movie: “The Black Stallion,” (1979) 
I saw Cass Ole live in person at the Washington 
International Horse Show, Landover, Maryland

Favorite Online Blog: www.3daze.com/wordpress 
Canadian event rider Chelan Kozak travels from northwest

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Canada to the U.S. east coast twice a year to compete

**Favorite Barn Task:** Cleaning tack

**Favorite Shopping Websites:** www.
BitofBritain.com

**Favorite Discount Shopping Website:** www.
VTOSaddlery.com

**Favorite Saddle:** Karl Niedersuss Symphonie Dressage
Saddle with short billets—soft leather, long flaps

**Favorite Riding Boots:** Ariat dressage boots w/zipper

**Favorite Horse Poem:**

“Where in this wide world can man
find nobility without pride,
Friendship without envy,
Or beauty without vanity?
Here, where grace is served with muscle
And strength by gentleness confined.
He serves without servility; he has fought without enmity.
There is nothing so powerful, nothing less violent.
There is nothing so quick, nothing more patient.”

—Ronald Duncan, “The Horse,” 1954

To see the rest of Beth Collier’s “Meet A Member” article, go to the PVDA Web site at www.pvda.org. If you would like to be featured in a future “Meet a Member,” please let us know and send an e-mail to news@pvda.org.

**Beth Collier’s Member Highlights**

- **2009:** Received the Chairman’s Award for contributions to The PVDA Newsletter
- **2007:** Volunteered for PVDA Media Relations Committee
- **2007:** Received PVDA Southern Maryland Chapter Exalt Farm High Point Trophy for scores earned at chapter schooling shows riding “Prince of Thieves,” owned by Equilibrium Horse Center
- **2002:** Received PVDA “Behind The Scenes” Award
- **1993** and **1997:** Awarded training scholarship by PVDA based on volunteer contributions
- **1992–1999:** Volunteered for the U.S. League Final to decide who would represent the U.S. at the FEI World Cup Dressage Final. The U.S. League Final was held during the Washington International Horse Show at its old location at the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland
- **1988:** The year that Beth first joined PVDA
It's Time to Raise Pledges for the 8th Annual PVDA Ride for Life

By Michele Wellman

Will you just ride, or will you RIDE FOR LIFE this year?

You might think it's a little early in the year for that question! Show season has barely started in Region 1. Don’t let that fool you, those shows are right around the corner. Even more important, it’s time to start thinking about if you and your horse will compete at the PVDA Ride for Life licensed competition on June 25 and 26. Why might you ask?

Now is the time to start raising donations for High Pledge awards and rider raffle entries. Remember, these donations benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center and ultimately improve the quality of life of those battling breast cancer and those who are survivors. It takes time to track down donors, ask friends and family, find sponsors, and for some, time just to build the courage to ask! Don't fret; the worst that can happen is that someone will say "no thank you."

What if I end up not being able to ride in the show for some reason? Don’t worry yet again! Even if you end up not riding in the show, you can participate by volunteering, attending the DHC and Dancing in the Dirt or the Gala dinner. And the best part? Your donations still count toward High Pledge awards and rider raffle entries. All you need to do is enter the Phantom Horse class as a non-riding participant. Not only will you still have a lot of fun, you will earn your volunteer hours for year-end awards while continuing to help those impacted by breast cancer. It’s the best of all worlds, a weekend with horses, time with friends and family, and fantastic entertainment and help for those who need it.

Think about it and help us reach our goal of $100,000 this year for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Whether you ride or not, if every rider and volunteer committed to raising a minimum of $100 for the cause, it would add over $30,000 toward our goal. That doesn't sound too hard, does it? Historically, only 25% of riders participate in the fund raising, so we could really make an impact this year by working to make that number 100% at $100 minimum. As an added bonus this year, riders raising a minimum of $100 will each receive one additional ticket to the DHC evening entertainment.

Stay tuned for next month’s article featuring our Dancing Horse Challenge line up, special guests, and details on all the other great activities we have planned for this year. Remember, why just ride when you can Ride for Life? Visit www.pvdarideforlife.org for more information, program details and how to get started.

The Dancing Horse Challenge performances (top) and Silent Auction (above) raise money for John Hopkins to fight breast cancer.
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Win a Clinic with Dr. Cesar Parra or Betsy Steiner

USDF GMOs from all over the United States are invited to compete for the high pledge award clinics by raising donations for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. Now you can participate in the PVDA Ride for Life even if you can’t be there!

Awards:
GMO High Pledge – One-day clinic with Former Olympian and FEI Trainer Dr. Cesar Parra
GMO per Capita High Pledge – One-day clinic with Renowned Clinician and Author Betsy Steiner

Other ways to participate and help your GMO:
Form a GMO Phantom Team – For horseless riders and survivors or teams just too far to travel.
Form a GMO Riding Team – Come to the Ride for Life and ride to music or just a test, raise donations and improve your team score.

Win great prizes donated by our sponsors while making a difference in someone’s life.

Additional Ride for Life activities:
Competitor BBQ, Friday June 24th, 5-7p.m., meet some of our special guests
Meet and Greets with Debbie McDonald and Courtney King-Dye, Saturday June 25th, Times TBD
Dancing Horse Challenge, Saturday June 25th, 6-8:30p.m.
Dancing in the Dirt, Saturday June 25th, 8:30-11:30p.m.
Ride for Life Black Tie Gala, Saturday June 25th, 5-11:30p.m.
Silent Auction, Closes Saturday June 25th, 9p.m.
Rider Raffle (open to riders and phantom entrants) throughout the weekend
Children’s Activities, Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th
GMO Challenge Awards, Sunday June 26th, Noon

Visit our website at www.PVDARideforLife.org for current news, more information, other ways to participate and to sign up for the GMO Challenge.

About the Ride for Life:
What started off as a one-day licensed show has become a two-day licensed competition with over 200 riders participating in both the competition and fund-raising, having raised over $320,000 for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. 2011 with be the 8th year for the competition which now includes a Saturday evening performance including upper level riders performing freestyles, additional entertainment, a Silent Auction and Gala Dinner. The Ride for Life is an opportunity for all to enjoy horses, participate in a licensed competition and raise money for a cause that is near and dear to many of us through family, friends and even our own life experiences.
PVDA Ride for Life

GMOs to Compete for Clinic with Cesar Parra or Betsy Steiner at GMO Challenge

By Michele Wellman

At this year’s Ride for Life, PVDA will offer an innovative program called the “GMO Challenge.” USDF GMOs from all over the country are invited to participate in this program even if they can’t attend the Ride for Life event. Each GMO has a chance to win a clinic with a top FEI clinician while raising donations for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. There are two high pledge categories in which GMOs can compete—Overall High Pledge and Per Capita High Pledge. The Overall High Pledge is awarded to the GMO raising the most in overall donations. The Per Capita High Pledge is awarded to the GMO raising the most donations per person (per capita) based on GMO total membership. This category is geared toward smaller GMOs, essentially “leveling” the playing field, allowing those smaller GMOs to compete against larger GMOs.

The GMO winning the Overall High Pledge category this year will be awarded a one-day clinic with Dr. Cesar Parra of Piaffe-Performance. Dr. Parra is a former Olympian and top FEI level trainer and instructor. His instruction has helped many individuals, including many young riders, work to and be successful at the FEI levels. The GMO winning the Per Capita High Pledge category will be awarded a one-day clinic with Betsy Steiner. Betsy is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist, FEI trainer and instructor, renowned author and pioneer of Equilates. The winning GMOs can schedule the clinic at the convenience of the clinician and GMO at a facility local to the GMO membership, making this award rewarding for the membership who worked hard to raise donations.

GMOs that would also like to participate or ride in the Ride for Life event can form teams to help their GMOs while competing for prizes donated by County Saddlery, Dover Saddlery and others. Three team categories allow for maximum participation—GMO Phantom, GMO High Score and GMO Dancing Horse Challenge for musical freestyles. The Phantom category is especially for teams that cannot ride in the show, are too far away, or are a mix of riders and non-riders, so that they can participate, win prizes and raise donations for the cause. The riding categories allow both riders and phantom entrants participate on the same team. Riders can team with survivors or family who may not be able to ride, but who want to help raise donations and experience the Ride for Life with friends and family. Both the GMO High Score and GMO Dancing Horse Challenge have extra incentives built in with bonus points for raising donations. In addition to the GMO Challenge, every entrant in the show or phantom class is included in the Ride for Life high pledge awards and rider raffle, giving them the opportunity to win more prizes.

The GMO Challenge offers something for everyone. Let your love of horses and learning help your GMO win a clinic with one of these fabulous trainers while raising donations for a very worthwhile cause. Your help and participation with this event helps the 3+ million Americans who are diagnosed with and surviving breast cancer, live through the battle and gives them the resources to continue life with quality, dignity and hope. For more information, complete rules and guidelines and entry forms, visit www.pvdarideforlife.org.
Publication Deadlines

The PVDA Newsletter is published monthly by the Potomac Valley Dressage Association. The deadline for submissions is (usually) the 10th of the month for distribution the following month. **NEXT ISSUE: MAY 2011; DEADLINE: APRIL 10; DISTRIBUTION: early May 2011**

Send materials to the appropriate editor below. Late materials may be published in a subsequent newsletter as deemed appropriate. Editors reserve the right to edit all material. All submissions are subject to editorial approval.

**Send your submissions to the appropriate editor:**

✦ Display Ads (checks payable to PVDA), Chapter News and Photos: newsletter@pvda.org or michelestinson@earthlink.net (Michele Stinson, PVDA Newsletter Editor, 3409 Farragut Ave., Kensington, MD 20895)

✦ News/Articles/Flying Changes: news@pvda.org (Jocelyn Pearson, News Editor)

✦ The Classifieds: classifieds@pvda.org or shari.glickman@comcast.net (Shari Glickman, GoodNess Ridge Farm, 13979 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771; 301-351-5530)

✦ Show Results: showresults@pvda.org (Lindsay Jensen, Show Results Coordinator)

✦ Calendar of Events: calendar@pvda.org (Jocelyn Pearson, Calendar Editor)

✦ Change of Address/Membership Renewal & Information: membership@pvda.org (Michele Wellman, Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791; 301-873-3496)

✦ PVDA Web Site: webmaster@pvda.org

**Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2011**

**PVDA is a USDF Group Member Organization and PVDA members are automatically USDF Group Members.**

**THE PVDA MEMBERSHIP YEAR RUNS FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.**

**I wish to apply for the following:**

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<td>$35</td>
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**Each additional family member (over two) is $10 each extra (1 yr. USDF) or $20 each (2 yrs. USDF)**

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**I have previously been a member**

• yes
• no

**Name**

__________________________

**Family PVDA Members**

__________________________

**Street**

__________________________

**City/State/Zip**

__________________________

**Telephone**

__________________________

**E-mail**

__________________________

**USDF Membership No.**

__________________________

**Primary GMO**

__________________________

* If under 21, give birth date (for special USDF awards)

* Do not list my phone no. in the PVDA Membership Directory.

* I would like to donate an additional amount for a trophy $________

**I would like to volunteer:**

• show scribe
• show manager
• show scorer
• show ring steward
• show runner
• set up/breakdown
• show (other)
• education projects
• computer skills
• advertising/marketing
• write articles
• anything

**Please check the following that apply:**

• dressage judge (grade) ______
• dressage trainer ______
• USEF technical delegate ______
• dressage instructor (level) ______
• breeder (breed) ______

☐ Do not send me a printed newsletter.

(Newsletters are available online at www.pvda.org).

Please complete the membership application and mail with your check payable to PVDA. Regular first class mail only. No certified mail will be accepted.

**Send to:**

Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership Coordinator
9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791
For more information about becoming a PVDA member, contact Michele Wellman at membership@pvda.org or call 301-873-3496.
MARCH PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: March 7, 2011; Meeting #501
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, Carolyn Del Grosso, Jackie Sicoli, Hilary Moore, Linda Speer, David Geyer, Tim Lewthwaite, Jocelyn Pearson, Camilla Cornwall, Michele Wellman, Kate Burgy, Jen Funk, Kathryn Tedford
Members Absent: Lindsay Jensen

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Calendar: Jocelyn Pearson is looking for a PVDA volunteer to assist with updating the online calendar of events.
Education: PVDA’s annual Tea Is for Training, organized by Jaclyn Sicoli and held on March 6 at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. was a great success. There were 30 participants for the educational seminars, which was followed by a scrumptious tea, sandwiches and sweets. Jaclyn Sicoli is also organizing the annual PVDA Clinic in November 2011 with an as yet unnamed clinician. Any ideas are appreciated.

NEXT MEETING: April 4, 2011, at Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md. For more info: Kate Burgy, 301-580-9903.
Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.
Congratulations to Our
2010 PVDA Rider Achievement Award Recipients

PVDA’s Rider Achievement Program recognizes scores earned at either schooling or licensed shows, with attractive pins for each of four levels. There are separate awards for schooling and licensed show scores—you can’t mix the two. For the schooling show awards, scores must be earned at PVDA schooling shows (not chapter shows). For the licensed show award program, scores can come from any licensed dressage show. In either program, four scores are required at the level as follows: USDF Intro 65%, Training Level 63%, First Level 62%, Second Level 60%. You can take as long as you like, as long as you are a PVDA member at the time the score was earned. The program started with scores earned in 2005. For full details about the Rider Achievement Program or score submission forms, go to the PVDA Web site at www.pvda.org, and click on Show Information.

Intro
Monique Gill

Schooling Training
Meredith Evans
Courtney Swans
Christine Ganassa

Recognized Training
Stacey Hunt
Beth Gillespie

Schooling First
Logan Elliott
Julie Kingsbury
Leslie Raulin
Rebecca Crown

Recognized First
Nancy Moseley
Logan Elliott

Schooling Second
Logan Elliott

Recognized Second
Lisa Holtz
Elizabeth Simmeth-Ensor
Jennifer Foulon