



Photo, left: Jon Stroud. Photo, above: NEDA Member J. Stanley Edwards

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opening dates for the NEDA Schooling Show and NEDA Spring Shows I and II. The NEDA Schooling Show is held on May 27th at Strongwater Farm in Tewksbury. The show benefits the wonderful programs at Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center and provides a wonderful supportive environment to try out a new test or get in that all important first show of the season!

The following weekend June 2nd and 3rd is the NEDA Spring Show at Marshfield Fairgrounds. The show will again be two separate shows providing more chances to get qualifying scores. The date has been moved into June this year with the hope that we will have better weather than previous years.

The NEDA Board spent a bitter cold week-end in January working on a strategic plan for the organization. Prior to the retreat our facilitator interviewed every board member and a number of members outside the board. Each board member also interviewed NEDA members to learn about what they enjoyed in NEDA and what we could do better or provide that we were not already. We covered a lot of ground over the two days of our retreat led by an excellent facilitator, Victor Rosansky. The time was well spent in energizing the board and helping us to renew our focus on how best to serve our membership.

We came away with a clear strategy to renew our focus on our members. The core of our strategy is summarized below.

The NEDA Board is renewing our focus on our members.

We have identified the core group of our members as aspiring dressage riders. "Aspiring" is the desire to learn and improve whether one chooses to compete or not, and includes adult amateurs, junior/young riders and professionals.

What we learned is important to our membership is education and competitions.

We will be investing in technology and marketing to improve our communication with our members.

You will be hearing more about our plan as we move forward through the coming year. We will be developing committees to accomplish some of the goals and encourage you to get involved if you see something that interests you. Watch the Tip and the website for more information. We appreciate the support of our membership and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Best, Phyllis



So many people asked us how we were going to follow the amazing symposium with Carl Hester from last fall. While Carl is certainly a tough act to follow we are thrilled to be able to bring Charlotte DuJardin to New England in 2018!

Many of you will be pleased to learn that the 2018 NEDA Symposium featuring Charlotte DuJardin will be returning to western Massachusetts. The event will be held at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA on October 13 & 14, 2018. Once again ticket sales will open first to NEDA members on May 30th. Watch the NEDA website for all the details.

While it may be hard to believe during the winter weather we are fast approaching the