

# COLLECTED NOTES



FEBRUARY 2025

## FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Happy Groundhog Day to those that celebrate! I want to take a moment to thank everyone for coming out to our 2024 Awards Gala/2025 planning meeting last month. We had a fabulous turnout and I hope everyone had fun. The awards portion was excellent, a huge shoutout to Colleen, Jane-Marie, and Prin for their organization, creativity, and award diversity. It was also great to hear ideas and discussion during the planning meeting. Real life meetings are definitely a great place to plan for the year ahead.

At the meeting, Norm brought forward a motion to donate \$1500 to a rescue helping with horses displaced by the California wildfires and with unanimous approval, he selected Fleet of Angels. Founded in 2012, Fleet of Angels is a nonprofit that offers emergency grants towards hay, veterinary care and supplies including castration, emergency transport, and offers a nationwide directory of equine rescues. They even have a grant to help keep bonded equines together through emergency situations. Their grants are available to individuals and businesses as well as other nonprofits and rescues. They definitely do great work and deserve a little shout out here, so check 'em out!

In other news, we are hard at work planning Dressage in Wine Country, our Keepin' It Casual Show, and other exciting learning opportunities. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to [join the associated committee\(s\)](#). (continued)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11: Book club, 7 pm via zoom.

February 16: monthly meeting, 7 pm via zoom.



*Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.*

*We disavow discrimination and intolerance.*

We are also gearing up to open a special 45th Anniversary swag store where you can buy limited edition CDCT gear for our special Sapphire year! Our February meeting will be via Zoom on the 16th and our book club just started back up reading *The Horse in Positive Tension* by Stefan Stammer; the next book club get together is February 11th at 7 PM via Zoom. Hope to see you all there!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

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## 1/18/25 CDCT Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Shannon Ryan-Dinmore*

In Attendance: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Norm Johnson, Colleen Price, Prin Furst, Jean Foley, Deirdre Hay, Karen Steffy, Aimee Colbath, Micah Colbath, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Autumn Nye-Smith, April Anderson and husband, Ella Klinge and friend, Sarah Hepler, Anna Redmond, Aubrey Graham, Carol Morris, Jane-Marie Law, Sarah Pyne, Sohella Dhillon, Kathy Thode, Amy Bittner, Gabrielle Welsh, Mandy McGeachy, Amelia Purser, Elizabeth Renshaw, Heidi Webb



Meeting began at 2:57 PM following the 2024 Awards Gala!

Motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Colleen motioned, Karen seconded.

Motion to forgo treasurer's report due to limited changes. Colleen motioned, Norm seconded.

Old Business:

Please sign up for 2025 committees!

DIWC: Will be August 23-24, 2025. Show Secretary will be Darian Quinn, TD will be Stephanie Mason. Judges will be Lisa El-Ramey and Judy Downer. TIP awards have been granted. Camille Holmes/Homespun Photography will be our photographer. Colleen will contact Lisa and Bob Spencer about being EMTs again. Someone will also contact Jack at the Fairgrounds about getting the Girl Scouts involved in ring teardown. Shannon, Norm, and Tina met with the Ag Society and prices will be increasing at the Fairgrounds due to them making sure everything is legal over there (workmans comp, insurance, etc.). Additionally, the new regulations for the USDA Horse Protection Act are slated to go into effect on February 1, 2025. More info can be found through USDA and USEF. We need to start securing sponsorships now!

KICS: Will be June 8th at Ithaca Equestrian Center pending contract. Sarah H. and Anna Redmond are co-managing and Karen Steffy is secretary. TIP awards have been granted and Camille will also be photographing this show. CNYDCTA would like to sponsor this show to count towards their year-end points and asked if we would like to reciprocate with one of their casual shows.

New Business:

Norm motioned to make a \$1500 donation to a nonprofit helping with the horses displaced by the California wildfires. Anna seconded, no opposers. Norm chose Fleet of Angels (post-meeting) which help to transport at-risk horses nationwide and have been in good standing for many many years.

We will be sending out postcards and/or emails to past members in order to remind/encourage them to renew or rejoin CDCT.

We will also be issuing a member survey for input. We would like to offer pins based on years as a member as well as input on the value of your membership, what we could do better, what new swag you'd like to see, etc. Please make sure you do your survey once it's out!

Colleen and Prin motioned to open a special run 45th Sapphire Anniversary swag store with limited edition merch. Shannon seconded, no opposed. Look for that soon.

Looking at hosting our 2025 Annual Meeting and Awards Gala on November 16th. Damiani, Treleven, Groton Rod and Gun Club, Garden Club (Cornell), Whittakers, Moakley House, etc. Location will be determined but save the date now!

Sarah P. is working on organizing a potential educational clinic with Susanne Hamilton at Ithaca Equestrian Center, April 26-27th. She is looking into grants to lower the proposed \$200-\$300/day cost to ride. Expect a proposal shortly.

Our book club will be discussing chapters 1-2 of *The Horse in Positive Tension* by Stefan Stammer via Zoom on January 28th at 7PM.

Other future event ideas discussed include a poker run, a clinic with David Ardi, an eventing clinic, a daytime trail ride in the Finger Lakes State Forest with D&K Trail Ride, a wine trail ride like they have in the Rochester area, etc. All great ideas that should be looked into more!

Our February meeting will be via Zoom on the 16th at 7PM.

Our March meeting will be at Fallen Tree on the 30th at 2PM. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass!

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.

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## CALENDAR

March 30: Monthly meeting, 2 pm, Fallen [Tree Center](#), 16 Muriel St., Ithaca, NY  
August 23, 2025: Dressage in Wine Country 1  
August 24, 2025: Dressage in Wine Country II

## CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2025

<p><b>RECOGNIZED SHOW:</b>                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore                  Norm Johnson                  Jean Foley                  Dinah Guarino                  Sarah Hepler                  Carol Morris                  Anna Redmond                  Tina Sochia</p> <p><b>SPONSORSHIP:</b>                  Colleen Price                  Kathy Thode</p> <p><b>WESTERN DRESSAGE:</b>                  Jane-Marie Law                  Colleen Price                  Tina Sochia</p> <p><b>WORKING EQUITATION</b>                  Deirdre Hay                  Jane-Marie Law                  Colleen Price</p>	<p><b>COMBINED TRAINING:</b>                  Sarah Hepler                  Anna Redmond                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore</p> <p><b>CASUAL SHOW:</b>                  Sarah Hepler (Manager)                  Anna Redmond (Manager)                  Karen Steffy (Secretary)                  Amy Bittner                  Jean Foley                  Dinah Guarino                  Jane-Marie Law                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore</p> <p><b>AWARDS:</b>                  Prin Furst                  Jane-Marie Law                  Colleen Price</p> <p><b>45TH ANNIVERSARY</b>                  Jean Foley                  Sarah Hepler                  Colleen Price                  Anna Redmond                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore</p>	<p><b>EDUCATION:</b>                  Jean Foley                  Dinah Guarino                  Jane-Marie Law                  Carol Morris                  Colleen Price                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore                  Kathy Thode</p> <p><b>PUBLICITY:</b>                  Colleen Price                  Shannon Ryan-Dinmore                  Karen Steffy</p> <p><b>SWAG:</b>                  Prin Furst                  Sarah Hepler                  Anna Redmond</p> <p><b>FUN:</b>                  Colleen Price                  Skye-Anna Nye-Smith</p> <p><b>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT</b>                  Skye-Anna Nye-Smith</p>
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### *Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups*

- [Carriage House Arena](#)
- [Central NY Dressage and CT Association](#)
- [Eastern NY Dressage and Combined Training Club](#)
- [Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)
- [Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)
- [Houghton College Equestrian Events](#)
- [Western New York Dressage Association](#)



## **2024 Awards:**

### **First Time Down Centerline at a Recognized Show:**

Mandy McGeachy  
Amelia Purser

### **Mini Me:**

Nora Smith  
Autumn Nye-Smith

### **Season Ticket Holder (attended the most CDCT events):**

Karen Steffy

### **Outstanding Work on the Board:**

Shannon Ryan-Dinmore

### **Sick Leave of Horse or Rider/Temporary Stall Rest:**

Karen Steffy  
Sarah Hepler  
Tina Sochia  
Meghan Crout  
Tracy Durham  
Kim Blaszak

### **Host With the Most:**

Kathy Thode

### **Member Who Embodies Club Spirit:**

Dinah Guarino

### **Gave It A Go/Turned Out Better Than I Thought:**

Sohela Dhillon

### **Youth Award:**

Madison Hagadone  
Genevieve Hay  
Ella Klinge

### **Volunteer Youth Award:**

Logan Shaddock

### **Congeniality Award:**

Norm Johnson

### **Sportsmanship:**

Sarah Hepler

### **5 Star Award - Demonstration of Professionalism and Integrity in the Sport:**

Aubrey Graham

**Horse Show Mom/Dad:**

Tricia Albrecht  
Skye-Anna Nye-Smith  
April Anderson  
Jennifer Hagadone  
Deirdre Hay

**Good Egg (or Two Dozen):**

Jane-Marie Law  
Colleen Price  
Norm Foley  
Jean Foley  
Sonya Lawlis  
Mary Ellen Mulligan  
Anne Marshall  
Michelle LaBarre  
Elizabeth Renshaw  
Laura Pollock  
Carol Ilaqua

**Service Provider On Deck:**

Grace Putnam

**New Horizons Award (New Equine Endeavor):**

Val McCloskey

**Bookworm Award:**

Carol Morris

**Educator/Xenophen/Teacher of Wisdom:**

Gale Wolfe

**Community Vision:**

Sarah Pyne

**Support Human/Non-Horseey Stagehand:**

Anna Redmond  
Jennifer Webb  
Jane-Mare Law  
Wayne McNabb  
Elizabeth Renshaw  
Mr. Purser

**Stroke of Inspiration to Us All:**

Mary Ellen Mulligan  
Carol Ilaqua  
Aimee Colbath

**CDCT Outreach Award:**

Kim Blaszak

**Spirit of Generosity:**

Marie Gilbert

**Ride All the Ponies, Jump All the Things:**

Deirdre Hay

**Unflappable Cruise Director:**

Anna Redmond

**Perspiration and Perseverance:**

Heidi Webb

**Cat Herding:**

Norm Johnson

**You Made Us Proud:**

Prin Furst

**Should Have Said Woah/What Was I Thinking:**

Ginny Grove

**Overachieving Committee Ninja:**

Shannon Ryan-Dinmore

**New Member Extraordinaires:**

Lorrie Butcher

Taylor Butterfield

Aimee Colbath

Sohela Dhillon

Denise and Jerry Firlik

Marie Gilbert

Aubrey Graham

Tracey Graham

Pam Turner

Krystal Wilt

**Professional Appreciation/Business Member:**

Val McCloskey

**USDF Region 8 Qualifiers:**

Sarah Pyne

Tricia Albrecht

Lori Elrod

Prin Furst

Sarah Hepler

Norm Johnson

Val McCloskey

Chacea Sundman

Kathy Thode

**USDF Nationals Qualifiers:**

Sarah Pyne

**USDF Bronze Medal with Distinction:**

Sarah Pyne

**USDF Century Ride:**

Mary Ellen Mulligan

**NDPC Pony Cup:**

Carol Morris

**NDPC Small Horse:**

Prin Furst



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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address:

Phone (area code first

E-mail:

Birth date (requested by USDF)

Are you an instructor or trainer?  Yes  No

Do you give permission for your pictures and/or name to be used for publicity?  Yes  No

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Western Dressage

Combined Training

Education/Clinic Committee

Awards

Publicity

Other:

Signature:

Date:

(Member's signature or parent/guardian signature if under 18. Typed signature is fine.)

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