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## 2023 GMO Award Winners

### **RUTH ARVANETTE MEMORIAL FUND GRANT**

Jen Lowe – Newell, SD (South Dakota Dressage Association)

### **REGIONAL GMO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Region 1: Michelle King– Purcellville, VA (Virginia Dressage Association)

Region 2: Mary Johnson – Plainwell, MI (GLASS-ED)

Region 3: Carol Freligh – Hartsville, SC (South Carolina Dressage & CTA)

Region 4: Stacey Bates – Holts Summit, MO (Columbia Dressage & CTA)

Region 5: Tania Radda– Scottsdale, AZ (Arizona Dressage Association)

Region 6: Ann-Christine Erikson– Gig Harbor, WA (Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club)

Region 7: Sara Diefenbach-Mosqueda – Hemet, CA (California Dressage Society)

Region 8: Rita Moore – Scotia, NY (Eastern New York Dressage & CTA)

Region 9: Meredith Hunter– Folsom, LA (Southern Eventing & Dressage Association)

### **GMO PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (BEST AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPH)**

#### GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Eastern Iowa Dressage & Eventing Association, *On the Bit*, September-October-November 2022: Photographer: Hannah Owens

**Honorable Mention:** Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, September 2022: Photographer: Anne Borgmeyer

#### GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

No nominations

#### GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

No nominations

#### GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

**First Place:** New England Dressage Association, *A Tip of the Hat*, August 2023:  
Photographer: Paul Cormier

**Honorable Mention:** Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collected Remarks*, October 2022: Photographer: June Brewer

## **GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (FIRST PERSON EXPERIENCE ARTICLE)**

### GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Aloha State Dressage Society, *ASDS Newsletter*, November 2022: The Magic of Equestrian Travel: Iceland on Horseback; Bettina Mehnert

**Honorable Mention:** Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, March 2023: Old Horse Story; Sonja McDanel

### GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Southern Eventing & Dressage Association, *Off Course Online - The 'Bleep'*, August 2023: Getting Back In The Saddle; Nicole Miller

**Honorable Mention:** St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoofprints*, October 2022: Two Local SLADS Members Try Something Unique: Sharing a Dressage Horse; Laura Vandiver & Mary Beth Malen

### GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *NODA News*, 2022, Issue 12: Mary Lou Gallagher's Dressage Journey NODA Director at Large; Mary Lou Gallagher

### GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

**First Place:** New England Dressage Association, *A Tip of the Hat*, September 2022: Insights From A First-Time NEDA Volunteer; Maggie Beauregard

**Honorable Mention:** Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collected Remarks*, March 2023: 2022 Adult Amateur Training Grant Experience; Marissa Collins

## **GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (GENERAL INTEREST ARTICLE)**

### GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, June 2023: The Hidden Legacy of Black Equestrians: Let's Make it Unhidden; Maggie Maginnis

### GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

**First Place:** St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoofprints*, June 2023: Rider Fear; Taffy Ross

### GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

**First Place:** South Carolina Dressage & CTA, *Tracking Up*, March 2023: Love Thy Equine; Trisha Dingle

**Honorable Mention:** Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *NODA News*, 2023, Issue 3: Putting Your Best Hoof Forward at the Schooling Show; Karen Puchalsky

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

**First Place:** California Dressage Society, *Dressage Letters*, February 2023: CDS Honors Club; Connie Davenport

**Honorable Mention:** Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collected Remarks*, March 2023: Horse Shopping 101; Olivia Reese

**GMO WEBSITE AWARD (BEST USER EXPERIENCE)**

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

**First Place:** NEW Dressage Association: [www.newdressage.org](http://www.newdressage.org)

**Honorable Mention:** Aloha State Dressage Society: [www.alohastatedressage.com](http://www.alohastatedressage.com)

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Eastern New York Dressage & Combined Training Association: [www.enydcta.com](http://www.enydcta.com)

**Honorable Mention:** GLASS-ED: [www.glass-ed.com](http://www.glass-ed.com)

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

**First Place:** Northern Ohio Dressage Association: [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

**First Place:** Virginia Dressage Association: [www.virginiadressage.org](http://www.virginiadressage.org)

**Honorable Mention:** California Dressage Society: [www.california-dressage.org](http://www.california-dressage.org)

**CREATIVE GMO-SPONSORED PROGRAM AWARD**

**First Place:** Eastern New York Dressage & Combined Training Association: ENYDCTA Instructor/Amateur Clinic with Linda Zang

**Honorable Mention:** California Dressage Society: CDS Regional Adult Amateur Competition (RAAC)