



# ODS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Time travels quickly. Now that the holidays are over, most of us can get back to our more normal routines. Hopefully that will include riding our horses!

As quickly as December went by, 2017 will also. For ODS, it begins with our AGM on January 21st in Oklahoma City at Remington Park. Registration begins at 3:30 P.M. in the Eclipse Room. Dinner and ODS's awards ceremony will follow the meeting beginning at 6. If you would like to see something on the agenda, please email me immediately. Everyone needs to RSVP for the meeting and/or the dinner by January 9th. See information enclosed.

ODS's show season begins a little earlier this year. It begins on April 7th at Tulsa's Expo Square with ODS Jump Start Into Show Season Show. The show's judge is Lee Tubman who was an incredible instructor at our symposium last spring. This show is a Level 1 and a Great American qualifier for 2017 and the Dover Medal. Opening date is March 3rd which is right around the corner. April 8th and 9th are workshop days with Lee Tubman. Again see our newsletter or website for details.

ODS's April show is followed by our yearly ODS Spring I and II on May 6th and 7th. Again this year the show will be held at Tulsa's Expo Square. Our judges are Dolly Hannon and Charlotte Trentelman. There are two warmup areas, a Friday Night Stall Crawl, \$1000 Freestyle Competition and a Saturday Evening Competitors' Party with Silent Auction. Last year we were oversubscribed so be sure to get your entries in quickly. Opening date is March 1st.

ODS is in need of a newsletter editor. If you have interest or questions about what it entails,

please contact Lee Ann Alf. Again, many thanks to Lee Ann for all the wonderful newsletters.

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM,

*Roberta Clark*

ODS President

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***Mark Your Calendars for the General Meeting. It is scheduled on January 21, 2017 at Remington Park in Oklahoma City.***

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**ODS NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED**  
**The current editor is "retiring" at the end of the year. This January newsletter is my last issue. If you are interested, contact any board member or me. *Lee Ann***

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**Great Plains Chapter of ODS**



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**Green Country Chapter News**



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**North Central Chapter News**



***Come to the AGM for the latest chapter news!***

# Oklahoma Dressage Society's AGM (Tentative) Agenda

January 21, 2017

Remington Park

Ok City, OK

\* President will allow reports to be given in a written form so as to keep the meeting progressing\*

**3:30 PM Registration**

**4:00 PM Call ODS AGM Meeting called to Order**

**Minutes – Erin Boone**

**Treasurer's Report – Tamera Mayo**

**Committee Reports**

President's report – Roberta Clark

Vice-President's Report – Amanda Edwards

Education- Pamela Byers

Summary of 2016 educational activities

Planned Educational Opportunities for 2017

Discuss the feasibility of a future workshops or symposiums

Some possible choices/ideas

Awards Secretary – Stacia Wert-Gray

Chapter Coordinator – Pamela Rhodes

Membership – Christina Harmon

Horse Registration – Sherry Guess

Convention Report – Sherry Guess

Newsletter Editor – Lee Ann Alf

Webmaster – Janet Cagle

**Chapter Reports**

GCC

GPC

NCC

**Old Business**

Show Report

**New Business**

Updated P&Ps/Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest

**Announcements**

**Nominations from the floor/Election of New Officers**

**6:00 PM Dinner**

**6:30 PM Awards**

## **Board Nominee Pamela DeVore**

I have been an ODS member for 3 years. Before that I was an 18-year member of Rocky Mountain Dressage Society (RMDS, Colorado). I served on the Board of the Foothills Chapter of RMDS for several years in various positions, such as Vice-President and Education Chair. Served as Foothills Chapter delegate at RMDS Board meetings and annual meetings. I served on the Board of several different non-profits, including manager of several as part of my USDA Forest Service career. I was a 4-H leader in Colorado for 10 years, assisted in planning county fairs, managed 4-H horse shows and as part of my career with the USDA Forest Service planned and executed several large internal and public events. Has been riding dressage for 18 years, and have shown for 14 of those years and hope to get back in the show ring this next year. I have been through the RMDS TD training, which is the same as the USDF training, which I hope to get to this year. Have been looking forward to getting more involved with ODS.

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## **Board Nominee- Michelle Beckes**

Greetings fellow equestrians!

2017 will be my 31<sup>st</sup> year as a member of the horse-obsessed community. Without any end in sight, I would like to share my passion for life-long learning with the ODS community and our local Green Country Chapter.

My husband Scott and I have been together for 12 years, and while he may not understand my love for horses he has certainly learned to appreciate the hours of hard work it takes to become a good horseman/horsewoman. I earned my Masters of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 2008. In December of 2012 I became the manager of my hometown branch at the Skiatook Library. It is a pleasure to serve the patrons of our homey little library, especially since it has been my go-to library since moving to Oklahoma in 1995. My education and experience as a librarian and manager has given me a skill set that I feel could be very useful as a board member. Twice I have had the opportunity to successfully chair the local arrangements committee of the Oklahoma Library Association's annual conference. It may not sound challenging, but

comparing it to herding cats would be an understatement!

My experience with horses started with a few outings on a Shetland pony owned by my cousins, while living in Omaha, Nebraska. His many attempts to buck me off did not deter me from riding. Eventually graduating to a more suitable mount after a job transfer moved our family to Salt Lake City, Utah, I enrolled in Pony Club at the age of 12. This led to a few years of three-day eventing, then moving towards the hunter/jumper world and dressage in Utah. Trail riding in the mountains was an unforgettable experience, but I enjoyed showing most. A weekend trip to Hailey, Idaho for a H/J show at River Grove Farm, owned by Peggy and Parry Lewis (owners of Brentina) turned into a life-changing experience. The show was great, but getting to meet Debbie McDonald was the highlight of that trip. She was still fairly new to dressage (as a fellow H/J convert), but her horses danced and amazed me! While others fawned over Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, I was fascinated by the dancing horses. Unfortunately Mr. Lewis passed away recently and River Grove Farm is now offered for sale, but I digress.

Another job transfer moved our family from Utah to Tulsa, Oklahoma in May of 1995. I started taking H/J lessons with Pie Lafferty and boy was she tough! My showing career didn't last long and I started to dabble in breed shows (APHA and Pinto), but going off to college created the largest gap in my dedication to riding full-time. After graduating with my masters I decided it was time to get serious again. I had been visiting local dressage shows just to get my "fix", but I never felt that I was a good enough rider for the "fancy dancing horses". Well, after meeting several GCC members in 2015, attending the Lee Tubman symposium, visiting with friends at GPC events, the ODS Spring I and II shows, GCDC, and dabbling in schooling shows, I feel very welcome. I hope that I am able to provide a skill set and willingness to volunteer that will be helpful to the dressage community of Oklahoma, ODS, and its chapters. I recently retired my APHA/PtHA gelding "Blue" to the status of trail riding partner and have started riding my coming 5 year old APHA/PtHA "Liam". I enjoy raising horses from weanlings to willing partners. Hope to see you soon and happy trails!

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## Board Nominee-Kay Kamish

Dressage has always held the greatest attraction for me in how I wanted to relate to horses. In my growing up years as my father moved the family from one military station to another, I had the opportunity to try several styles of riding, but dressage was what always felt like where I wanted to be. The foundation of my education was laid while living in Connecticut as I had access to monthly clinics with Michael Handler, the son of the then director of the Spanish Riding School, and you can't get much closer to true 'classical' dressage than that! With that solid foundation, I always sought out instructors who followed those principles of correct gymnastic riding, putting the welfare of the horse always at the top. My own teaching and training philosophy reflects that foundation: the rider must first achieve their own balance and independence of seat before they can correctly influence the horse. If the rider is balanced and in self carriage, the horses will understand the aides and be able to perform with relaxation and confidence.

I moved to Oklahoma in 1976, and found there were only about four other people in the state who knew the word 'dressage'! And bless them, because they got it going here and nurtured it from the start. I am one of the Charter members of ODS, being at the meeting where Bee and Bob Pape guided us into the formation of ODS. A fulltime career as a Nurse, with 28 of those years flying for Tulsa Life Flight, along with having a small dressage training and instruction business, has kept me pretty busy up until now. I have recently stopped the nursing part of my career and am able to focus full time on teaching and training. With this new focus, I feel I can now offer my services to helping ODS as a Board member. I have served on the ODS Board in the past, during which time we brought the first USDF "L" Judges Program to the state. My principle interest is quality education made available to as many people who want to take advantage of it, and would like to work with the Board to see what more we can bring to our state. I have supported past educational events by offering to be a demo rider in many of them. I participated in the original USDF "L" Program, graduating with distinction. In my competition career my good horses have carried me to USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. I would look forward to sharing my experience by serving on the ODS Board.

## Board Nominee-Laura Custer

I have been riding since early childhood and have owned horses most of my life. Starting out in Pony Club I spent my early years in the Hunter arenas before progressing to Dressage in the early 90's.

I have shown successfully at schooling and recognized shows up to Fourth Level. I train my own horses, and trained Debutante up to Fourth level and am currently showing and training Bushido LNF.

I am a USDF Bronze Medalist and have audited the USDF 'L' education program. To pay for my horse addiction I work in IT for the State of Oklahoma.

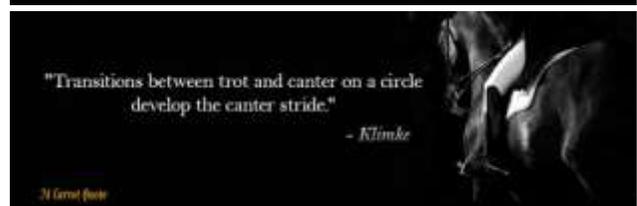
I have been a member of ODS for over 20 years and have enjoyed many of the clinics and symposiums that ODS has sponsored.

I look forward to serving as a board member!

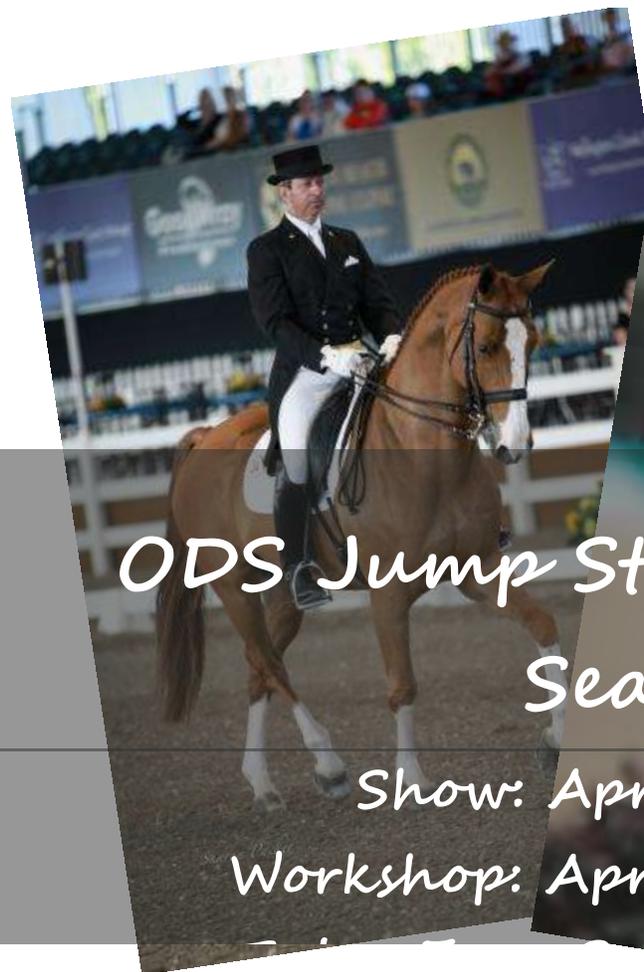
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**Happy New Year!!**  
**Let go of last year.... keep moving forward.... ride forward....think forward.....forward fixes everything.....!**

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# ODS Jump Start into Show Season

Show: April 7, 2017

Workshop: April 8 & 9, 2017

## About Lee Tubman

FEI dressage rider and “S” judge, Lee Tubman is a Saskatchewan native and brings his kind, thoughtful approach to teaching in his clinics. Lee brings theory and practical application. A great opportunity to see what a top level judge is looking for and improve your scores before the show season. Lee is appropriate for riders of all levels who are wanting to get better quality work from their horse and improve their skills for any discipline.

## Important Details

The show is a Level 1 and a Great American qualifier for 2017 and the Dover Medal. We are offering classes Intro-Grand Prix, material, and equitation. Entry forms are available on [showsecretary.com](http://showsecretary.com). **First reference to ride in the Workshop will be given to horse and rider teams competing in Friday's show.** Opening and Closing dates are the same for both the workshop and show. Workshop riders will be selected on a first come first served basis according to postmarked. All applications must be postmarked. Hand delivered or e-mailed workshop applications will not be accepted. Rider's with multiple horses must note a first and second choice horse. If space allows both horses will be accepted, otherwise only the first horse will be accepted.

Opening date: March 3, 2017 Closing Date: March 24, 2017



# Brambletye Farm Dressage

Anthea Kin

*We are an 80 acre equestrian facility catering to the dressage enthusiast. Located just south of Tulsa, OK. We offer a variety of amenities including:*

- Well maintained arenas, indoor has GGT footing and mirrors, outdoor with sandy loam footing.
- Daily turnout in large paddocks with shelters & heated water tanks
- Master Farrier, Olaf Batt, attends to horses every other week.
- Regular clinics with International Trainer
- Owner lives on property



*Oldenburg gelding "Rousseau" bred, trained and ridden by Anthea. 76% at Training Level, Great Plains and Open Training level Champion.*



### Anthea's Credentials

- 3 years full time professional training and certification in England
- Chief instructor at several prestigious Equestrian Centers in England
- USDF Gold Medalist
- CLS Five Star Rider
- USDF L Program Graduate "with distinction"
- Many of her students have earned USDF Bronze & Silver medals
- 48 years experience teaching & training
- Two Students in 2014 and 2015 invited to compete at the US Dressage Finals

### Anthea & Wolkenwand's Recent Achievements

- 2005 Champion Prekm 5 year old test World Championship Selection Trials  
FEI 5 year old Championships 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nation  
USDF HOY 5<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> level & 4<sup>th</sup> at 2<sup>nd</sup> level  
USDF All Breeds Champion 2<sup>nd</sup> level & Reserve Champion 1<sup>st</sup> level
- 2006 FEI 6 year old National Championships 11<sup>th</sup> in the Nation  
USDF All Breeds Champion 3<sup>rd</sup> level
- 2008 National Developing Horse Championships 6<sup>th</sup> in the Nation P&G  
National Developing Horse Championships 9<sup>th</sup> in the Nation
- 2010 Gold medal Int I SWDC and Region 9 Champion
- 2015 Region 9 Res Champion GP Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> place GP Open,  
SWDC bronze medal GP open, 11<sup>th</sup> place US Dressage Finals



*Oldenburg Gelding "Finian" bred, Trained and ridden by Anthea pictured at the US Dressage finals where he placed 6th, Region 9 2nd level freestyle Champion and SWDC Gold Medalist scoring 73%*

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