

# Direct Rein

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CDCTA Newsletter

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*Don't waste a minute, and love every day you are on the planet!*

*That is the message that rang through loud and clear when on October 17 we gathered at Sunny Oak Farm for a celebration of love and life starring long-time CDCTA friend and member Ginny Gardner.*

*Ginny is a force of nature: a whirlwind of energy and positivity that would easily supply five or six people, somehow crammed into one tiny person. She has a beaming smile and an infectious laugh that bursts out with almost every sentence, and she can make sometimes make you feel like a slug when she matter-of-factly recounts her daily activities.*

*In recent weeks the force has been slowed, though not stopped, by a diagnosis of advanced pancreatic cancer. Her prognosis is not favorable, and with the conclusion of her treatments her laser-focus has been shifted to getting her affairs in order and making the most of her remaining time.*

*Everyone who has been a member of CDCTA for any length of time knows Ginny, and probably has a Ginny story or two; one of my favorites involved her contribution of husband Steve as a living obstacle for one of our dressage trail classes out at Stony Hill Farm. With the idea that a civilized dressage horse should be able to pass a cyclist on the trail without incident, Ginny volunteered Steve to sit on his training cycle in the middle of the arena for the duration of the class, pedaling madly while dressage horses of varying temperaments and tolerances circled him to prove their trailworthiness, or lack thereof.*

*CDCTA wanted to do something to honor a member and friend who had touched so many. And perhaps it was a bit morbid, but we did have the opportunity to ask her what sort of memorial she would want, because as of press time, she is still alive and kicking. In true Ginny fashion, she would have no truck with memorial bricks or some cold metal nameplate on something. She wanted to give money in her name to a living, breathing entity that would help others, and so she chose a charity also close to the hearts of the CDCTA: Sunny Oak Equine Assisted Activities, run and administered by another CDCTA member, Rosy Erganian.*

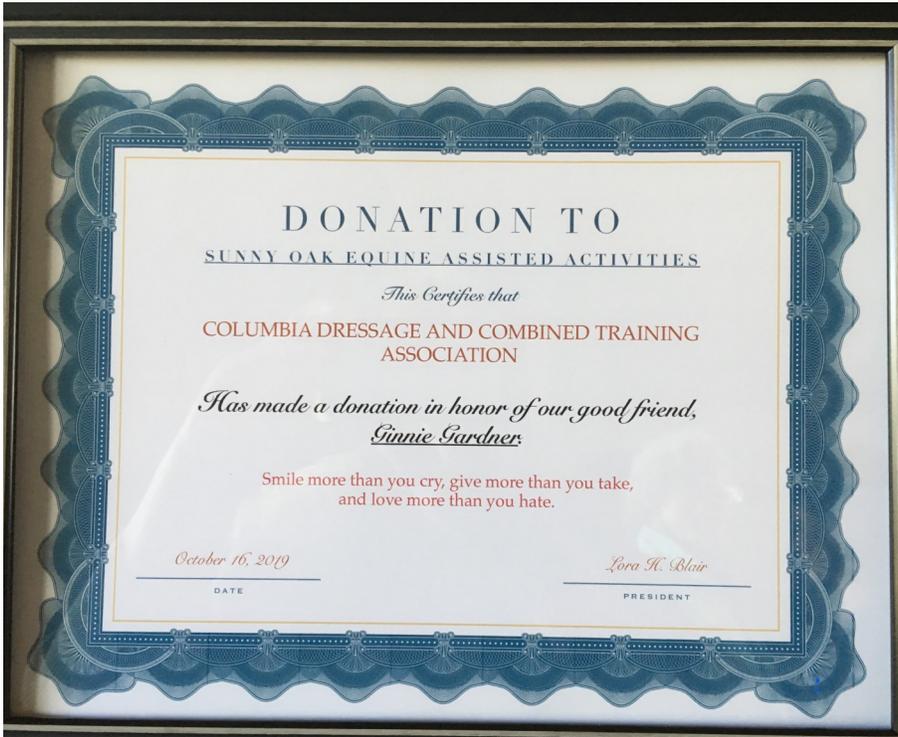
*We were approached by many friends of Ginny's who were not CDCTA members but also wanted to donate in her name, and the thing took on a life of its own, and that is why on an initially rainy but eventually sunny Sunday a group of Ginny's friends and fellow-members met at Rosy's place for the presentation of a monetary gift that eventually swelled to over \$800!*

*Several members were present who had not been in the area for years, and the afternoon had a festive air, the tone of which was set by Ginny, who would not allow doom and gloom and sadness to take over. She answered questions about her health within reason but would not dwell on it, and basically schooled all of us on the etiquette of how to handle this sort of occasion with grace and aplomb. Someone commented on the sketchy weather that morning, and Ginny said, with typical Ginny optimism and "glass half-full-ism" that any day she wakes up is a good day, no matter if the weather is foggy, rainy, snowy, sleety, or a full-on hurricane.*

*She also wanted to make sure if she does get better that Rosy's group still gets to keep the money.*

*Ginny, if you find a way to get better we will make sure Rosy keeps all that money and establish a second Ginny Gardner Time Immemorial fund....*

*Love and peace to all of our members- Beth Hussey*



**PHOTO, LEFT:  
CLOSEUP OF THE  
CERTIFICATE  
GIVEN TO ROSY'S  
ORGANIZATION  
IN  
HONOR OF  
GINNY  
GARDNER.**



**LEFT: Another old guard CDCTA member Pat Smith catches Ginny in a heart-felt bear hug.**



**RIGHT: Lynn Rossi shares a moment with Teddy, forging another link in the chain of life. Lynn was a very close friend of Kim Scholl, another CDCTA member we lost all too soon, and just a few years ago. Teddy was Kim's beloved equine partner and took many of her friends on their first rides. Lynn rode him several times, and now Teddy has his forever home at Sunny Oak, getting petted and teaching newbie riders the finer points of grooming and tacking up.**

**CDCTA President Lora Blair looks on.**



**I am told that in large donor circles and graduations this sort of photo is known as the Grip and Grab.**

**Doing the Gripping and Grabbing here, from left, is Woman and Goddess of the Hour Ginny Gardner, the big bucks, and Rosy Erganian, CEO and Head of Everything at Sunny Oak Equine Assisted Activities.**

**All photos, facing page and this, by editor.**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 8-10, 2019 Janice Dulak Pilates for Dressage Clinic sponsored by CDCTA Stony Hill Farm, Columbia, MO**

**November 23, 2019 Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show Rocheport, MO Entry form in this newsletter! CDCTA SANCTIONED**

**November 24, 2019 NEC Dressage Schooling Show Series Lake St. Louis, MO**

**November 30, 2019 Scores are due for 2019 CDCTA year-end awards to Judy Owens violet3@centurytel.net**

**December 4-7, 2019 USDF Annual Convention Savannah, Georgia**

**December 14, 2019 CDCTA Holiday Party at Kim Kriekhaus' Farm See additional information in this newsletter**



**Successful FEI dressage rider/trainer available for lessons/training in Dressage, western Dressage, western pleasure and hunt seat pleasure. Exciting news!! Opening summer 2019 new professional boarding, training and lesson facility. Contact Ann C. McGruder 573-489-1317 (text or**

**SHOWS HELD AT WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY ARE WITHIN A FIFTY MILE RADIUS OF COLUMBIA AND AS SUCH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SANCTIONED BY THE CDCTA AS LISTED IN THE CURRENT EDITION OF OUR BYLAWS.**



**The most experienced dressage instructor in Columbia is hitting the road!**

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**Contact Liz Hotchkiss 573-489-2927 for more information and to reserve your preferred time slot.**

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Submissions may be sent via email or mail to 655 North Route O, Rocheport, MO 65279.

Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication.

Our website is [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org) for late-breaking news. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

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Minutes from the CDCTA Business Meeting held October 21, 2019 at Tesa Sterchi's house

In attendance: Kris Anderson, Lora Blair, Beth Hussey, Karen Atwill, Rosy Erganian, Judy Olcott, Ali Aitken, Lauren Fritz, Tesa Terchi, Judy Owens, and Kim Kriekhaus.

Called to order at 8:11 p.m.

Karen Atwill moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting; Rosy seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's report presented by Lora Blair for Amy Stapleton; current bank balance \$7052.15 after deposits including \$146 in checks from the show and \$10 in cash. We are missing a check from Audrey Plummer for a \$38 membership that needs to be located. Beth is owed a check for \$8.65 for printing and mailing the newsletters; this will be an ongoing expense that Beth will incur as Amy is no longer in a position to have the mailed copies printed conveniently at her workplace. Currently only about six members receive the newsletter by mail.

A check for \$800 was made out to Sunny Oak Equine Assisted Activities in honor of Ginny Gardner; this included \$300 from CDCTA and the rest was from both member and non-member friends of Ginny. A certificate was presented to Rosy on behalf of CDCTA during a brief ceremony at Sunny Oak on October 16. A group of about twenty gathered to chat with Ginny and watch a short demonstration from Rosy and some of her volunteers about what SOEAA is all about.

Amy also reminded the group that she would still like more photos to choose from in order to make a nice selection for the notecard fundraiser; she has already received quite a few, and the plan is to have packs of notecards available for sale by mid-November.

Membership: Kim reminds everyone that dues for 2020 are due by November 30; and to please send in a new membership form with your new membership. Also remember that dues have increased for 2020! Final 2019 membership was 32, and from that number three people had indicated that someone had referred them for membership and listed the member. We drew the winner of a free 2020 membership from these three referrals, and Tesa was the lucky recipient!

Nothing new to report for communications; keep that info coming to Leah and Beth and congratulations again to Leah for helping the CDCTA win the Best Website award for GMOs under 75 members for 2019!

Competitions: November 23 is the Cosmic Oaks Free Dressage Schooling Show, open only to current CDCTA members; it's free to enter and will be the last sanctioned CDCTA show of the year. Kim Kriekhaus will be the judge.

Education: The Janice Dulak clinic is healthy but not full; we currently have six full clinic rider participants and 4 participating auditors with several people still on the fence about entering. Amy has offered to make lunches for the group but will need pre-orders by the Wednesday before the clinic. As long as space is available we will keep letting people in so that we can try and recoup as much of our financial investment as possible.

Special Events: no updates on field trips or trail rides; the holiday party had been set for December 13 at the last meeting but several members wanted to revisit the time frame due to the potential for bad weather at that time of year and the number of other party obligations; hostess Kim had no strong feelings about time, and general consensus was that an afternoon party might be easier although there were notable and loud voices to the contrary. New date for the holiday party will now be December 14 (Saturday) and the time will be from one until five p.m. Other particulars will be decided on by Kim and she will let Beth know so that information can be dispersed through the newsletter ASAP since the date will need to be corrected.

Ali has been working on the awards banquet and has a date in place: Sunday, January 12 from noon until 3 p.m. at D. Rowe's in south Columbia. Judy reports that so far three people have turned in points for year end awards. Deadline is November 30 to submit results for awards.

Old Business: Kim Kriekhaus will be our Region IV Delegate for the USDF Convention in Savannah Georgia and will also serve as our GMO delegate. She formally requested that she be considered for the travel stipend that CDCTA has awarded in the past for those members serving as our delegate; Beth moved that we give her this standard amount, Tesa seconded the motion and it passed. Beth will contact Amy to make sure Kim can get the funds before leaving for the convention. Lora has already sent in the appropriate forms identifying Kim as our delegate.

Under new business: addresses for cards, if anyone would like to send them to our members and their loved ones battling illness are: Ginny Gardner 8238 Tomlin Hill Road Columbia, MO 65203 Gary Owens 8601 Nature Lane Columbia, MO 65201

Karen Atwill moved that we not hold a November meeting and instead hold a "quickie" business meeting at the December holiday party at Kim's house on December 14. Tesa seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kim moved to adjourn; seconded by Rosy; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

## **IT'S TIME TO REAP THE REWARDS OF ALL YOUR HARD WORK OVER THE PAST SHOW SEASON!!**

That's right, it's time to gather your score sheets together and make sure all your boxes are checked and get it all in to Awards Chairperson Supreme Judy Owens for year end awards consideration!

CDCTA is rightfully proud of its year-end award prizes; we have offered stable sheets, coolers, director's chairs, halters, all sorts of great things...this year's prizes haven't been chosen yet but if you have an idea, especially if you think you might be winning one, let Judy know! She is great at shopping around and finding special items you (or your horse!) will be proud to wear!

What you need to do:

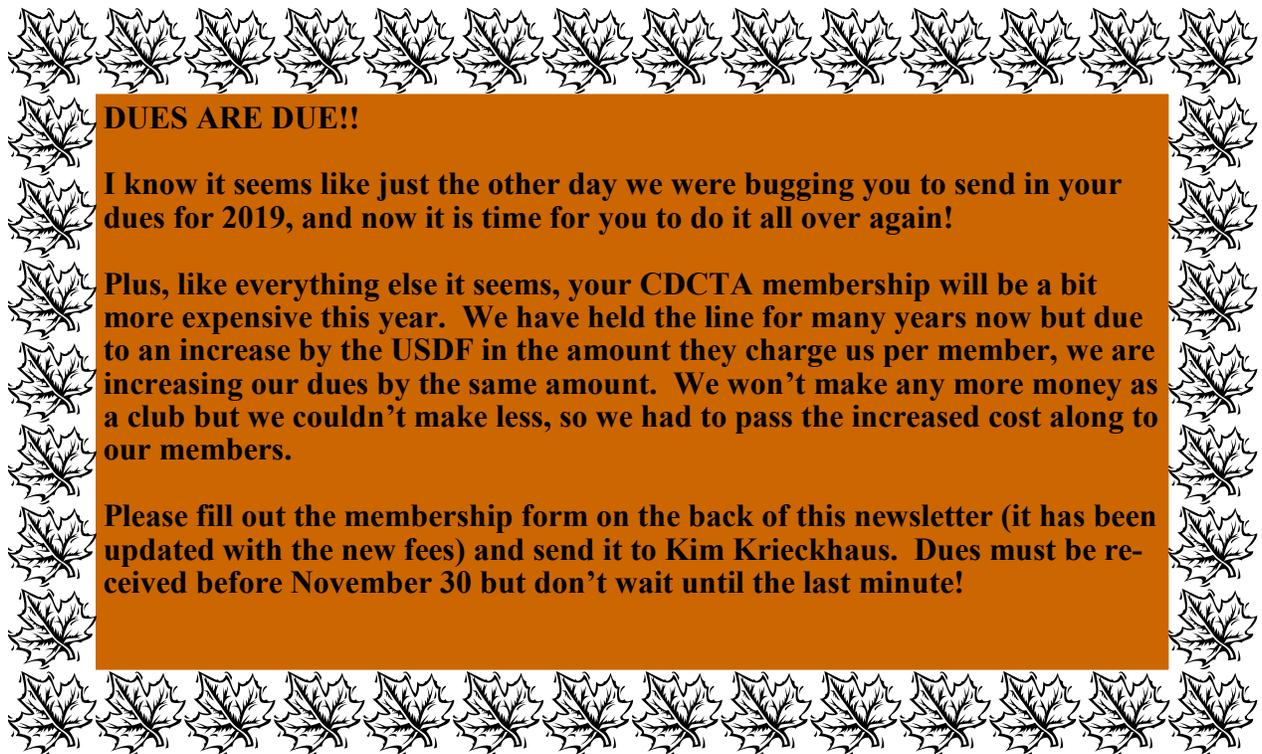
First, you need to have been a member when your scores were earned. If you are a new member who just joined at our last show, you have a limited number of opportunities to meet the requirements before the deadline of November 30.

Second, you have to complete your six hours of volunteer duties. This is most easily accomplished by working at a show or clinic but there are other ways as well; these are listed in the bylaws, which can be found on our website at [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org).

Third, you have to have completed the number of dressage tests, combined tests or horse trials at the level or division you are competing in as specified in the bylaws (again, go to the website for the complete list of levels and divisions offered and what number of tests are required).

Fourth, you need to document all of this by sending in copies of the official results of events you have entered and placed in along with all of the information required in the bylaws and send these to Judy before the November 30 deadline.

You may email these to [violet3@centurytel.net](mailto:violet3@centurytel.net) or snail mail them to: Judy Owens 8601 Nature Lane Columbia, MO 65202



**The Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show!!**  
*(Dressage and cocktails under the lights!)*

To be held **Saturday, November 23** at 4 p.m. at Cosmic Oaks Farm, 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO. **Judge:** Kim Kriekhaus, Still need a few scores for your CDCTA year-end awards? Want to try out a new horse, or pull an old horse out of the pasture to see what he can do? We are here to provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to some of our members and/or horses who maybe don't get to show very often, or don't want the pressure of a larger show.

Here's the best reason of all to come....**IT'S FREE, AND FOR CDCTA MEMBERS ONLY!**

So here's the deal: because it's free, it is only CDCTA recognized, not MHSA recognized. We also reserve the right to cancel the show at the last minute because of rotten weather, since prolonged rain will make our outdoor arena unusable and prevent trailer parking in our yard.

So if you want to enter, fill out the entry form below and send it in but **please call the morning of the show if there is any doubt about the weather. (Last year was clear, but cold!!)** Closing date is two days before the show (that's November 21) so we can finalize the schedule. Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides; and no horse/rider combination may show in more than 2 classes to allow as many people as possible to take advantage of this free show.

Please try to catch a ride with someone and fill up a trailer!! Our trailer parking space will be very limited!

Ribbons to 4th place, and very nice silver trophies for first place! Intro through training level classes will be held in the small arena; first level and above will be held in the large dressage arena. Warmup is on grass and is very limited. Some stabling may be available; please contact if you are interested. Hard hats and horse-suitable footwear are required but we won't stand on ceremony. Half chaps are welcome and for goodness' sake don't braid!

**Come give it a try!** (We are using 2019 USDF Intro Tests and 2019 USEF Dressage tests)

**Class 1:** USDF Intro Level Test A

**Class 2:** USDF Intro Level Test A (Junior)

**Class 3:** USDF Intro Level Test B (Academy)\*

**Class 4:** USDF Intro Level Test B

**Class 5:** USDF Intro Level Test C

**Class 6:** Training Level Test One

**Class 7:** Training Level Test Two

**Class 8:** Training Level Test Three

**Class 9:** First Level Test One

**Class 10:** First Level Test Two

**Class 11:** First Level Test Three

**Class 12:** Second Level and above Test of Choice

We will divide Class 12 if entries warrant. State which test you want to ride on entry form.

\*Academy class is open only to horses used regularly in a lesson program and not owned by the rider.

Please include a copy of your horse's current Coggins test and mail entry to: **Beth Hussey 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279**

Please email your entries before 9 p.m. on **November 21, 2019 and include the following information:**

Horse's Name:

Rider's Name:

Age of Rider (if under eighteen):

Email address:

Classes entered: (Limit two per horse/rider combination)

1)

2)

Phone number:

We will call or email you with ride times by Friday, November 22. Remember: If there is any doubt about the weather, please call 808-6897 to make sure the show is still on! Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

This show is for CDCTA members only. **The rider must be a current member of the CDCTA** (the owner need not be). You may join CDCTA at our regular rates at the show and still be eligible.

*I hereby release and hold harmless Beth Hussey and any of her agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling show.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

**Stick around after the show and join us for a hayride and bonfire in honor of Beth's birthday! We will have a make your own taco bar and Amy's special horse show cupcakes as well as hot chocolate and some adult beverages as well!! Dress warm and make an evening of it! We will find some place to stash your horse for awhile.....**

**Cost and what to bring:**

\* Entire workshop cost - \$275 (includes Fri. lecture/pot-luck, Sat. mat work and mounted lesson and Sun. mat work and mounted lesson!) **CDCTA Members are \$250.**

\* Participating Auditor cost - \$75 (includes Fri. lecture/pot-luck, participating in Sat. and Sun. morning mat work, and observe/audit rides) **CDCTA Members are \$50.**

\* Auditors should bring a **chair and a mat.**

- **HEY THERE MIGHT BE A FEW SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE TO AUDIT OR MAYBE EVEN RIDE IN THE JANICE DULAK PILATES CLINIC COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 9 AND 10!**
- **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A LAST MINUTE CLINIC, WITH YOUR HORSE OR MAT ONLY, CONTACT KAREN ATWILL OR LORA BLAIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**
- **LORA 573-355-0678 lorablair@gmail.com**
- **KAREN 573-268-7182 toyfarm@mac.com**

**Registration:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Horse experience/  
level: \_\_\_\_\_

Special issues or requests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Entire Workshop Participant: \$275 or \_\_\_\_\_ CDCTA member \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ Participating Auditor: \$75 or \_\_\_\_\_ CDCTA member \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED to CDCTA

\_\_\_\_\_ I need stabling for \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. Night \$20 + \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. Night \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling check should be payable to Stony Hill !!

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED to Stony Hill



**SAVE THE (NEW) DATE!!**

Well, we tried to give you lots of time to make plans for this year's CDCTA Holiday Party only to have the date changed by popular vote at the last meeting. (Another good reason why you should try to come to them!)

The **NEW** date for the 2019 Holiday Party is **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.**

Place is the same, Willow Ponds Farm, and our hostess is the same, Kim Kriekhaus, **BUT....**

Also by popular vote, and through fear of hitting deer and bad weather at that time of year, the time of the party has been changed from an evening soiree to an afternoon gathering.

So if you can get away, (alas, some of us, including the editor of this publication, will not be able to do so) please come and celebrate the season with horsey friends and noshes and beverages and the ever-popular Muck Bucket Gift Exchange.

If you need directions, call Kim at 573-442-3039 or email her at [kriekhausk@gmail.com](mailto:kriekhausk@gmail.com).

Please bring an appetizer or yummy Christmas dessert goodie to share and a wrapped present (maximum value \$25.00) if you want to participate in the gift exchange. There was some interest at the last meeting in making the gift exchange a little more...shall we say...challenging this year, so be prepared!

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. and go officially until 5 p.m. but Kim says she will keep doling out eggnog until the last person leaves!





**PHOTO, ABOVE: KENTUCKY DERBY HOPEFULS FOR 2022?** Laurel Stocks, a friend and sorority sister of your CDCTA Direct Rein editor, shared this picture she took of her coming yearling colt (in the front) and his best buddy practicing their galloping skills in their Indiana pasture. Another reason to look forward to the future!!  
**BELOW: HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOURS!!**



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## DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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**NEXT MEETING: NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!!** Come to the Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Show instead on November 23rd and then enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays with family and friends!

### Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2020 Membership Form

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$27 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$18 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October.

**Individual** Membership: \$45.00/year

**Family** Membership: \$45.00/year plus \$30.00 for additional member residing at same address. Please list all members included (use additional sheets if needed).

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

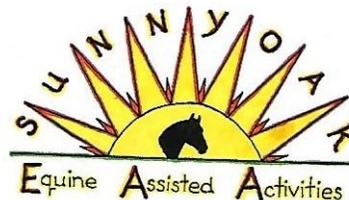
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. \_\_\_\_\_ Did someone refer you for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

*I am We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.*

*Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.*

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

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