



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

2025 GMO Award Winners

REGIONAL GMO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- Region 1: Lorna Parsons– Portsmouth, VA (Virginia Dressage Association)
Region 2: Madeline Flynn– Dearborn Heights, MI (Midwest Dressage Association)
Region 3: Julianna Lucarelli– Goose Creek, SC (South Carolina Dressage & Combined Training Association)
Region 4: Sarah Szachnieski– Saint Peters, MO (St. Louis Area Dressage Society)
Region 5: Maribeth St Cyr– Albuquerque, NM (New Mexico Dressage Association)
Region 6: No Nominations
Region 7: John Rees– Paso Robles, CA (California Dressage Society)
Region 8: Karry Brothers– Stephentown, NY (New England Dressage Association)
Region 9: Claire Womack– Franklinton, LA (Southern Eventing & Dressage Association)

GMO PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (BEST AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPH)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Facebook*, June 1, 2025: Photographer: Shelley Wagner

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: Utah Dressage Society, *UDS Newsletter*, July 2025: Photographer: Donette Hicks

Honorable Mention: Midwest Dressage Association, *Facebook*, August 31, 2025: Photographer: Alexandra Pollack

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

No nominations

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, July 2025: Photographer: Laura King

GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (FIRST PERSON EXPERIENCE ARTICLE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, February 2025: Scholarship Ride: Finding Focus and Motivation; Lauren Fritz

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First Place: Lehigh Valley Dressage Association, *Centerline News*, August 30, 2025: Patience to Quality: Shining a Light on the “Distinguished” Medal Program; Ellen Broadhurst

Honorable Mention: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association, *Off Course Online - The 'Bleep'*, July 9, 2025: Monte Velho: Dressage Paradise; Danielle Aymond

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

First Place: Eastern States Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collective Remarks*, May 2025: Jumping Into the Deep End; Paige Zimmerman

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Virginia Dressage Association, *Piaffe & Passage*, Spring 2025: Reigniting My Passion for Horses after Cancer; Erin Obermeier

Honorable Mention: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, October 2024: How I Used My GDCTA Training Grant; Eliza Fountain

GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (GENERAL INTEREST ARTICLE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Direct Rein*, April 2025: Maintaining Quality Horse Pastures; Sarah Szachnieski

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First Place: St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoof Prints*, March 2025: Can You Change A Habit; Carol Moffatt

Honorable Mention: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association, *Off Course Online - The 'Bleep'*, July 9, 2025: A Clinic with Christine Smith; Judi Dauterive

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First Place: Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *NODA News, 2025, Issue 3*: FEAR; Taya Workum-Byers

Honorable Mention: Eastern States Dressage & Combined Training Association, *Collective Remarks*, November 2024: Current State of Musical Freestyles by the Numbers; Meredith Rogers

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, May 2025: Of Grit and Grace: Dancing into the Century Club; Jen Macklin

GMO WEBSITE AWARD (BEST USER EXPERIENCE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association: www.cdcta.org

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association: www.sedariders.org

Honorable Mention: South Carolina Dressage & Combined Training Association: www.scdcta.com

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

First Place: Northern Ohio Dressage Association: www.nodarider.org

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc.: www.gdcta.org

Honorable Mention: Virginia Dressage Association: www.southeastvirginiadressage.org

CREATIVE GMO-SPONSORED PROGRAM AWARD

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc.: Letterman Jacket Program

Honorable Mention: Kansas City Dressage Society: Motivation Mondays