



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

2026 GMO Award Winners

RUTH ARVANETTE MEMORIAL FUND GRANT

Kathryn Hanford – Terrell, TX (Nebraska Dressage Association & Dallas Dressage Club)

REGIONAL GMO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Region 1: Alison Douglas – Prince George, VA (Virginia Dressage Association)

Region 2: Anna Cluxton – Columbus, OH (Ohio Dressage Society)

Region 3: Laura King – Marietta, GA (Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc.)

Region 4: Emily Couch – Ballwin, MO (St. Louis Area Dressage Society)

Region 5: Leslie Sherlin – Mesa, AZ (Arizona Dressage Association)

Region 6: Joan Foley – Yamhill, OR (Oregon Dressage Society)

Region 7: Gary Getz – Portola Valley, CA (California Dressage Society)

Region 8: Suzanne Fraser – Fairlee, VT (New England Dressage Association)

Region 9: Danielle Aymond – Geismar, LA (Southern Eventing & Dressage Association)

GMO PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD (BEST AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPH)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: The Velvet Court Society, *Facebook/Instagram*, August 28, 2026:

Photographer: Kai Ekis

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoofprints*, October 2025: Photographer: Erica Schwan

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

First Place: Northern Ohio Dressage Association, *Facebook Post*, June 20, 2026:

Photographer: Hannah Donaldson

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, May 2026: Photographer: Laura King

GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (FIRST PERSON EXPERIENCE ARTICLE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

No Nomination

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoofprints*, September 2025: Southern Illinois Dressage Classic: A MUST-ATTEND SHOW!; Anne Orcutt

Honorable Mention: Utah Dressage Society, *Utah Dressage Society Newsletter*, October 1, 2025: Someone Had to Lose, and Today It Was Me; Siân Griffiths

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

First Place: Potomac Valley Dressage Association, *PVDA Newsletter*, March 1, 2026: A Journey Through Veterinary Diagnostics; Lynn Adams

Honorable Mention: Central States Dressage & Eventing Association, *CSDEA Newsletter*, June 1, 2026: Olaf and Anna's Story; Anna Payne

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, September-October 2025: How Dressage Helped Me Rebuild My Body, My Soul, and My Smile; Beth Briner

GMO NEWSLETTER AWARD (GENERAL INTEREST ARTICLE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Brazos Association For Classical Horsemanship, *BACH Bits*, August 31, 2026: PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT: An Active Board, A Thriving GMO; Cynthia Werner

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association, *Off-Course Online "The Bleep"*, December 21, 2025: Growing the Future of Dressage; Gerlinde Beckers

Honorable Mention: St. Louis Area Dressage Society, *Hoofprints*, November 2025: To Tip or Not to Tip; Carol Moffatt

GMOS WITH 175 – 499 MEMBERS

First Place: Central States Dressage & Eventing Association, *CSDEA Newsletter*, August 2026: Meet Lin Nelson-Mayson; Colleen Colletti

GMOS WITH 500 OR MORE MEMBERS

First Place: Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc., *Collected Remarks*, March 2026: Why do Clinics and Shows have to be so expensive?; Penny Morse

GMO WEBSITE AWARD (BEST USER EXPERIENCE)

GMOS WITH LESS THAN 75 MEMBERS

First Place: Brazos Association For Classical Horsemanship - BACH: bachdressage.org

GMOS WITH 75 – 174 MEMBERS

First Place: Central New York Dressage & Combined Training Association: www.cnydcta.org

Honorable Mention: Southern Eventing & Dressage Association: www.sedariders.org

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.virginiadressage.org

CREATIVE GMO-SPONSORED PROGRAM AWARD

First Place: Rocky Mountain Dressage Society: Drop In Dressage

Honorable Mention: The Velvet Court Society: The Velvet Court Support Circle