

Lorraine Hill ADA Lifetime Achievement Award Presented in 2021

Participation 25+ Years:

Lorraine Hill's name is synonymous with the sport of dressage in Southern Alberta, but her influence on furthering the sport of dressage goes well beyond her local community. Lorraine's endless dedication to dressage began more than 40 years ago, competitor, then a coach and judge, and now as an enthusiastic volunteer, mentor, lifelong rider and dressage advocate.

FEI Achievement:

Lorraine's history as a dressage competitor began in the late 1970's and she was the first rider from the Lethbridge area to reach the Grand Prix level. She competed at the FEI levels with her first partner Joey, an Arabian, to Intermediare 1; and her second mount Pedro, a KWPN, to Grand Prix. She also competed with Oscar, a KWPH she imported from Holland as a two-year old; and her present mount Oliver, a Canadian Warmblood.



Contributions to the sport of dressage:

Lorraine was also involved in bringing Equine Canada Gold level competition to southern Alberta, with the CC/ADA Summer Show serving participants for more than 30 years.

Lorraine is not only an accomplished competitor, she is a lifelong disciple of dressage continuing lessons from trainer Henk Glijn, with 2021 marking 39 years together. She is a skilled rider who is also an Equine Canada (EC) Competition Coach (specialist Dressage).

Active Member of ADA or Area Group"

Lorraine is a founding member of the Chinook Country Alberta Dressage Association (CC/ADA) established in 1984. She has served multiple terms as Chairperson of this southern Alberta dressage group, a position she continues to hold today. She also served as Chairperson of the Alberta Dressage Association (ADA) from (2013-2019) and continues to share her time and expertise to the provincial organization. She has spent countless hours keeping the affairs of the ADA humming along, and the sport would not have grown into the thriving discipline it is in the province today without her many contributions.



Ambassador for Dressage:

She teaches numerous students in southern Alberta and was the Alberta Dressage Coach for the Canadian Interprovincial Equestrian Championships in 2015. Lorraine has been involved with EC for more than 20 years, including the role of Master Learning Facilitator (Alberta) for the NCCP coaching program and the AEF facilitator for the EC Rider Levels. She mentored many dressage and jumping coaches through the EC certification program and was also instrumental in helping EC western coaches gain a better understanding of the dressage aspects of Western Dressage. In addition to being a learning facilitator and coach evaluator, she was also a member of the EC dressage rules committee. Lorraine's involvement with Equine Canada also included her being a Dressage Canada Judge (medium) and Combined Driving Judge.

Lorraine participated in numerous dressage freestyles, including demonstrating dressage at Spruce Meadows in its introductory years.

Lorraine was recognized by Dressage Canada (2015) for her volunteering and her impact on the sport of dressage in Alberta.

Other Contributions:

Lorraine has received previous awards from CADORA for her dressage scores; recognition from the International Arabian Horse Association; and was named to the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame in 2000 for her success in dressage. Lorraine and her husband Doug have also long been equestrian officials. When asked why she decided to get into dressage Lorraine simply said "I wanted to learn how to make my horse better". An accomplishment one would say she has more than achieved, but more notably has extended to the improvement of "many" horses, riders and ultimately the sport of dressage in Alberta.