

Audrey Kokesch ADA Lifetime Recognition Award Presented in 2022

Participation 25+ Years:

Audrey was a founding member of Chinook Country/CADORA in 1984. She has trained her own dressage horses – Teacher’s Pet, I’m a Lady, Greco, Octaaf, Luke, and her most recent horse “Q”. Audrey was an active dressage competitor in the 1980’s. She has trained under the guidance of Henk Glijn since 1982. She organized the Henk clinics in Lethbridge until 2012, and continues to organize his Alberta clinics in Edmonton and central Alberta.



Contributions to the sport of dressage:

Audrey has become very involved in promoting the sport of dressage through organizing and volunteering for shows, demonstrations, and clinics. She has been the Show Manager and volunteer at small CC/ADA shows, and several EC Gold shows in Claresholm. Audrey was a key contributor to the foundation of the ADA Awards Program, and especially to the 2021 ADA Award and Medal program. She volunteers to Scribe at dressage shows throughout Alberta. Her energy and enthusiasm to promote and organize dressage clinics and demonstration in Alberta is remarkable. Audrey has been recognized with the AEF Exceptional Volunteer award by various show committees in previous years.

Active Member of local club or Area Group:

Audrey was the first CC/ADA President elected in 1985 and 1986. She was the CC/ADA Show Manager in 1992 and 2004-2008, leaving a legacy of an organizational format for the running of sanctioned dressage shows. With the ADA executive, she has filled the roles of area group representative, secretary, casino coordinator; and treasurer. After moving to Rocky Mountain House in 2012, Audrey has offered her services to many equestrian venues as an advisor and dressage scribe. Mostly recently she filled the position of Show Secretary for the PA/ADA “Spring into Dressage” show in Red Deer. Audrey’s volunteerism is exceptional.

Ambassador for Dressage:

Audrey is passionate about promoting dressage inclusive of local stables and club events through to the national and international levels whether they be clinics, demonstrations, or shows. She is presently involved in bringing internationally renowned clinicians to Alberta to benefit dressage riders. Audrey has been recognized as an EC Dressage Volunteer of the Month in May 2017 and EC Volunteer of the Year in 2017. She has travelled throughout western Canada to audit dressage clinics given by international judges and trainers. She has attended the World Cup Dressage Shows in Las Vegas. Audrey is passionate to share these experiences with everyone who has any interest in watching, riding, or competing in dressage.

Other Contributions:

Serious and dedicated to the art of dressage and the enhancement of her horses' abilities, Audrey has had many fun experiences with her horses and horse friends – a quadrille competition and demonstration with Bonnie View Farm; dressage demonstrations at Lethbridge Whoop-Up Days; and costume freestyles on Greco, the “dinosaur”. Audrey's entrepreneurial skills were supported and much appreciated when she operated her tack business, “A Horse Affair”. Audrey is a life-long learner and volunteer to be acknowledged as a “Builder” of dressage in Alberta.

