

Drusilla Pearson ADA Lifetime Recognition Award Presented in 2022

Participation 25+ Years:

Drusilla moved to Lethbridge from Edmonton in 1984, and immediately got involved with the riding community. She was a founding member of the local Chinook Country/CADORA association, and has been an active participating member of CC/ADA ever since. Dru has been an active rider either borrowing, leasing, exercising other's horses, or owning a horse herself. With her own horses, Quincy, Red, and Champ, Dru has participated in local dressage shows and ridden for pleasure or enjoyed trail riding.

Contributions to the sport of dressage:

Drusilla has always been encouraging others to participate in the dressage club either socially; as a volunteer; a competitor; or all of the afore mentioned. Leading by example, she has never expected more of others than what she was willing to do herself. Dru is a vocal proponent of dressage, encouraging anyone who rides to get involved with dressage; to do your best; and just enjoy your horse.

Active Member of local club or Area Group:

Drusilla has fulfilled executive positions of treasurer and show manager for CC/ADA. As a social convener she has organized great Christmas gatherings. She keeps meticulous club archives, and show records including wonderful photographs. Dru manages the club shows with great attention to detail and commitment, stepping into fill any voids from scribing to score calculations to hosting the judges and volunteers. In 2022 she stepped up as CC/ADA director to ADA.

Ambassador for Dressage:

Drusilla leads by example in her involvement with the local dressage community. Positive and outgoing, Dru continues to encourage any rider to participate in dressage especially at the local, amateur level. She volunteers at non-club dressage events to scribe; set up fences; ring steward; and all jobs in show organization.



Other Contributions:

Drusilla is a valuable member of the volunteers at the Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association where she assists the clients in getting to know the horses, grooming and riding. Learning to ride at the age of 12 in England, Dru has always connected with any opportunity to ride or be involved with horses including Australia, Whitemud Stables in Edmonton, and now Lethbridge. She has always been available to look after the horses for her neighbors who were dressage and driving competitors and EC officials. Thus, her indirect contributions to these sports in Canada and the US. Drusilla is an absolute pleasure to work with. Dru is volunteer to be proudly acknowledged as a "Builder" of dressage in Alberta.