



Announcement to All ADA Members

ADA is currently accepting nominations for 2006 board of directors and the Kathryn Brooks Perpetual Award.

Board of Directors

For the 2006 board elections there are three seats to fill, and in addition to these three seats there are two junior board member seats. Nominees must be current ADA members and must remain members for the duration of their term if elected. Senior board members are appointed to a two-year term, junior board members serve a one-year term and hold advisory only status, meaning they do not vote with the board, but they do offer important opinions and point of view.

Nominations should be submitted no later than September 20th, 2005. Nominations should be accompanied by a written biography of 300 words or less. The selected nominees shall appear in the next newsletter, along with their biography, and a ballot. Announcement of the 2005 board will be at the ADA annual awards banquet on October 29th, 2005.

The Kathryn Brooks Perpetual Award

This award is named in honor of one of our co-founders Kathy Brooks. Kathy, with her husband Steve and her third level horse Sunny, moved to Alaska in 1979 where the only dressage classes she found were those held in open shows with unrecognized judges. The need for a dressage association was obvious to her and by January of 1980 ADA had been incorporated. Qualified judges were retained and AHSA (now US eq.) and USDF recognized dressage shows began in Alaska.

Kathy was an example of excellence in dressage in Alaska at that time, with her exceptional attitude and enthusiasm. She was as an active member of the association until her return to Virginia, where she was being treated for melanoma. She continued to be a member and keep in touch even after her departure from Alaska until her death in 1993 at the age of 47.

The award was designed and constructed by Alaskan artist Carol Gelvin. It is intended to honor lifetime achievement and will thus be awarded only once to any recipient. Also, it will be granted by the board to a worthy nominee, which may not necessarily occur every year.

List of past recipients: 2004 Britany Kaiser •2003 Suzanne Mues •2002 Christine Erikson •2001 Not Awarded •2000 Not Awarded •1999 Jennifer Watson •1998 Not Awarded •1997 Leslye Reynolds •1996 Tracy Audette •1995 Carla Giroux •1994 Frieda Koper •1993 Sigrun Robertson •1992 Anna Tileston •1991 Katherine Long •1990 Susie Kaiser •1989 Deana Johnson •1988 Margaret Adams •1987 Carolyn Schultz

Nominations (or questions) should be sent to Carolyn Schultz via e-mail: carolynjohn@acsalaska.net, phone 345-4076