

Western and Gaited Dressage Symposium

Clinician: Betty Ortlieb

September 20 & 21

Hosted by Cross Creek Equestrian Center

Come and enjoy an educational and fun weekend in a relaxed setting with clinician Betty Ortlieb (Western, Gaited and English riders welcome!)

Betty Ortlieb is a USDF "L" graduate with distinction. She and her husband Gary own and operate Mirkwood Farm, a busy teaching, training, show stable in Kentucky. Her focus has always been to provide good classical training for all horses and riders, welcoming all breeds and disciplines.

Betty believes in continuing education, and regularly attends clinics and seminars. She has earned her USDF University Certificate, as well as her USDF University Bronze, Silver and Gold Diplomas. She is currently working on her Platinum Diploma.

Betty has trained and successfully competed her own horses thru Fourth level. She has won local, regional and national awards. Her students have had much success at the local, regional and national level, not only in dressage and eventing but in English, over fences and western at open and breed shows.

Betty keeps a busy judging schedule of traditional dressage. She also has judged many Western Dressage classes. She has been hired multiple times to judge gaited dressage for the NWA National Show, as well as the TWHBEA International Versatility Show, Three Phase Event and KMSHA National Show. She also has regularly judged rail classes, jumping and trail obstacle. Last year she judged the dressage and hunter classes for the Halflinger National Show.

Betty also designed and presented a program on gaited dressage at the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky.

Betty currently is working for her WDAA/USEF western dressage judge license.

Saturday morning will start in classroom setting going over rules, correct tack and bits, suitable turn-out, and correct gaits. Discussion will cover correct western tempo and how to find correct trot equivalent for gaited horses, with time for questions. The rest of Saturday each participant will have a private lesson.

Saturday evening there will be a complementary wine and cheese question and answer get together.

Sunday will be scheduled as a Ride-A-Test. This gives all participants a chance to practice in a show-like situation.

Auditors are welcomed! There will be a sound system so all can hear; and questions will be welcomed! This will be a great opportunity to learn about these new additions to the dressage arena.

Food will be available for sale. Stabling available on site. B & B close by. Participants are welcome to stay in their trailers (No hook ups available.)

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