

2022 Region 9 Report
Central Plains Dressage Society
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Mission Statement: Central Plains Dressage Society supports the dressage community by offering educational and fun activities in an encouraging environment to help advance each member's journey with their horse.

Membership:

We currently have 145 members, which is a slight increase from the previous year.

Activities:

Schooling Shows:

- We are holding 9 Dressage, 3 Working Equitation, 6 Western Dressage Lite shows, and an Arabian show this year
- We host a Schooling show Championship the end of October each year.
- We also continue to offer a year-end awards program for our schooling show participants.

Recognized Shows:

- We offer 6 USEF Recognized Shows this year including our Championship Show in October.

Co-hosting the USDF "L" Education Program:

This year we had the unique opportunity to work with 2 other GMOs in our area to sponsor Part 1 of the USDF "L" Education Program. Central Plains Dressage worked with Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association, and Oklahoma Dressage Society to bring this educational program to our area. Each GMO hosted a session of the program. This is the first time the program has been supported by multiple groups and we found it to be very beneficial. The two main benefits were sharing the workload and having a greater variety of demonstration riders and horses to view.

Annual Awards Banquet:

Our annual awards banquet begins with a Musical Freestyle Festival. We offer year-end awards for our schooling and recognized shows in both Classical and Western Dressage. We also have an ongoing volunteer recognition program and a Volunteer of the Year Award.

Live Streaming:

Each of our shows is streamed live with an average of 1200 views during our recognized shows, and over 200 during our schooling shows.

Member communication takes place via our website, e-mail blasts, and a Facebook presence.

Our monthly board meeting is held with a hybrid of zoom and in-person meetings.

Finances: Our funds are raised through show entry fees, employer matching funds and service credit, Amazon Smile, a silent auction, and generous sponsorships.

Our Motto: **Fun, Friendly, and Forward**