

Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award

This award is named in honor of one of our co-founders Kathy Brooks. Kathy, along 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. Often, the score sheets from these classes had only the score and no comments.

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 USEF) and USDF- recognized dressage shows began in Alaska. The first ADA show was held in the summer of 1980.

Kathy was an example of excellence in dressage in Alaska at that time. Her horse, tack and attire were exemplary, as well as her attitude and her enthusiasm. There was no end to the time that she spent in creating the Alaska Dressage Association and welcoming members to be a part of this group dedicated to promoting excellence in dressage. Kathy was an active participant in the association until her return to Alexandria, Virginia in 1987 with her husband Steve, her two young children and, of course, Sunny. She returned to be near the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland where she was being treated for melanoma. She continued being a member of ADA and to keep in touch with her usual enthusiasm until her death in 1993 at the age of 47.



The award was designed and constructed by Alaskan artist Carol Gelvin. It is a horse and rider carved in alabaster stone and Osage orange wood and sits on a base of redwood. Steel spurs, Athabaskan glass beads, Alaska Native moose leather and moose bone for the dressage arena letters are other materials that were used in the construction. As the award is intended to honor lifetime achievement it will be awarded only once to any recipient. In keeping with the special nature of the award it will be granted only when a worthy person is nominated, which may not occur every year.

The award is a traveling award and must be returned with its case to ADA prior to the Annual Awards Banquet each year so that it may be given to the new recipient. It will bear the name of all of the recipients and will be engraved each year.



**Alaska Dressage Association
Nomination for the
"Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award"**

The following individuals have received this award since its inception:

**1987 Carolyn Schultz
1988 Margaret Adams
1989 Deana Johnson
1990 Susie Kaiser
1991 Katherine Long
1992 Anna Tileston
1993 Sigrun Robertson**

**1994 Frieda Koper
1995 Carla Giroux
1996 Tracy Audette
1997 Leslye Reynolds
1999 Jennifer Watson
2002 Christine Erikson
2003 Sue Mues**

**2004 Britany Kaiser
2005 Laurie Collins
2006 Mary Kaye Hession
2007 Linda Kelley
2008 Raena Schraer
2012 Marti Miller
2014 Erin Downey**

Year of nomination:

Today's date:

I wish to nominate _____ My name is _____ (Both must be ADA members)

Describe nominee's work to promote interest in dressage in Alaska, exemplified through her or his own efforts, and high standards in promoting dressage in Alaska:

List example of nominee's time and talent contributed to ADA:

List at least one example of nominee exhibiting good sportsmanship:

Other Comments:
