

Hello LIDA members!

Happy Spring! - Hope everyone is getting excited for **LIDA's 50th Anniversary summer!** We have big events coming up as per requested by the membership and hope all will be excited to be part of! These events are successful when the members join and invite others to be part of this great community.

The event calendar will be following this letter. They include 3 confirmed clinics with 2 others pending, 2 rated shows (as you already know – super important to spread the word!!), 4 schooling shows, 1 Dressage Derby Invitational and a fundraiser or two mixed in there somewhere.

First up: A clinic with Cesar Torrente! This will be on the 1st weekend in May and is a great way to get ready for our first rated show on the 19th! Location is being finalized and will send out an update once confirmed. Est. cost is \$285.00 per ride for members, \$375.00 per ride for non-members. Auditing will be \$25.00 per day for members, \$50.00 per day for non-members.

It pays to be a member!!!

Next: LIDA Spring Rated Show – Sunday, May 19th.

We are super excited to be hosting 2 rated shows at Caumsett State Park!! And a little scared! As we all know, attendance was one of the biggest reasons LIDA did not have a rated show last year. That, and the increase of expenses. Rated shows and clinics are the biggest requests from the membership. We are doing everything we can to provide both, but this is where you all are really needed to help. Spread the word and let's see if we can make this first show a great one!! It takes a village – let's do this thing!!

On the weekend of June 8th& 9th, LIDA will be hosting a clinic with Jan Brons. Again, location is being finalized and will send out update once confirmed. Est. cost \$250.00 per ride for members, \$325.00 per ride for non-members. Auditing will be the same: \$25.00 members, \$50.00 non-members.

June 23rd will also be LIDA's first schooling show. This will include Lead line for the little ones. Start them young people!!!

In July and August, we are looking to host clinics the first weekend of each month and have the 2nd and 3rd schooling shows of the 4.

For September, we're looking to do a Fall Festival Fundraiser! – yay, Yay, YAY!!! Haven't come up with venue or theme yet, but DON'T worry – it'll be Great!!! We will also have our 4th of 4 schooling shows on **Sunday, Sept. 27th.**

October is going to be a great month as well! Long Island's own **Anne Gribbons** who along with her husband David, founded the Long Island Dressage & Combined Training

Association now known as LIDA. Anne will be coming to give a clinic **Oct. 12th and 13th**. You guessed it.... Once location is finalized, notification will be sent out.

October is also the first LIDA Dressage Derby Invitational!! Start working on your freestyles people! and get ready to have a great day of showing, supporting each other and celebrate LIDA's last show event of it's 50th year!

And through all these great events, LIDA will have some of its members showing off (Literally, we hope...) up at HITS in Saugerties. We wish them the best and hope they will keep us updated as they pursue their goals and dreams!!

It's a busy calendar – we know. But a good one!

And lastly, membership. So far, we've more than doubled last year's membership, which is awesome!! Goal accomplished!!

Now we're going to dream bigger and see if we can get over 100 for membership. Trainers, get your students signed up! Riders, get your friends signed up! Parents, get your kids signed up!! We've got this!!

I said lastly, but for those who know me, well..... It never seems to end....

Lastly (maybe), we will soon be adding items to the LIDA merchandise for you to buy and support this great organization. Keep an eye out for the next letter for more information and excitement!!

“Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is a Success!”

- Henry Ford