

Judy Stagner

Memorial Award

Judy was a valued, long-term member of ODS. She remained active in a variety of ways during this time. In 2011, she became an officer by fulfilling the Treasurer position and maintained those duties diligently for two years. In the couple of years following this commitment, she remained an ODS member, but her activity with the club slowly diminished. Sadly, we lost her in October of 2014 to leukemia.

For many years, Judy was a member of the American Morgan Horse Association as well as owning/training Morgan horses. Yearly, she attended the Grand National & World Champion Morgan Horse Show as a spectator. As Western Dressage became more popular, the USEF included it in the Morgan Horse Division, and Judy was an excited spectator of this new facet of the dressage discipline. As it grew, Judy helped to educate us about it and later suggested we add it to the ODS test listing which became a reality in 2012 due to her efforts.

ODS is now presenting this perpetual award for the highest cumulative average score for a Western Dressage horse/rider combination and must ride in a minimum of two tests in two ODS shows to qualify. ODS membership and volunteer work hours are also required (as with year-end awards) to receive the ribbon. This will NOT be a take home award, but one that ODS will keep and display at shows, and will add winner names to it each year. This is an honor to Judy Stagner and her years of dedication to ODS. She will always be in our hearts.

