

## Midwest Dressage Association 2015 Inductee —

### Maryal Barnett

The dressage community in Michigan is fortunate to have Maryal Barnett. She has over the years set an example for others to follow in her dedication to excellence, her accessible and understandable training methods, her personal dedication to self improvement and most important her "... joy in seeing her students gain the ability to grasp a skill or concept through the lessons that she developed." This last comment was made about her by Lilo Fore, a FEI five-star judge, an observation made while she was serving as an official USDF instructor certification examiner and faculty member.

Her resume is extraordinary. She has been involved in the USDF Violet M. Hopkins National Seminars since 1979, first participating as a rider and participating instructor. You may remember that Vi Hopkins was a founding member of the Midwest Dressage Association and Maryal continues to carry that standard forward with her involvement in those seminars as they grew and evolved as her responsibilities expertise also grew.

Her impact on the national dressage community is substantial. She is an official USDF Instructor Certification Examiner. She was

the Chair of the USDF University Committee. She was elected to the Executive Board of The Dressage Foundation.

Best of all, she is an actual rider who has shown her own horses from Training through Grand Prix. She is a sought after clinician throughout North America and beyond. She is a retired FEI "C" dressage judge, a USEF "S" dressage judge and a Canadian Equestrian Federation Senior Dressage Judge. She has participated for many years in international judges forums in Holland, Germany and Quebec as well as the United States. She is also an Instructor, Examiner and Senior Official for the "r" and "R" Dressage Judges Training Program.

And, in her "spare time" she spends time at her home base, Nottingham Equestrian Center in East Lansing.

It is with a deep appreciation for her life's work that the Midwest Dressage Association inducts Maryal Barnett into the MDA Hall of Fame.