



## Earlen Haven Education and Background

Professional in equine field since 1966. Competed actively through 1976. Since then, I've raised a family and was active in the equine field instructing, training, teaching clinics, selling horses and judging in 5 divisions for more than 50 years. Licensed by USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) to judge : Dressage, Eventing, Hunter, Hunter Equitation, and Jumper.

My background has been with dressage basics emphasizing relaxation, self-carriage and an enjoyable ride for horse as well as rider in the above disciplines.

### Past Competitive Record

- Won USEF Hunter Medal Classes, numerous trophies and ribbons as a Jr. rider in Hunter & H Eq.: as an adult, expanded to Dressage and Eventing.
- Third in nation mid-year for First Level USDF standings (US Dressage Federation) in 1975
- ESDCTA (Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association) was in high score awards Training through Second Level in 1974 & 1975
- Third in Third Level at Devon Dressage 1975
- Qualified for USEF National Senior Dressage Medal Finals at Third Level in 1975

### Have Schooled **Students** to:

- Win in "A" USEF Hunter shows
- Win Year End Awards in ESDCTA, ECRDA, Meadows, 4-H, National Pinto and Quarter Horse
- **Qualify for the US Junior Young Riders Team. In the 3-Day Event Championships in Canada, as a member of our US Junior/Young Riders Team, Preliminary Level, my student won 2<sup>nd</sup> in dressage individual and was clean in all**

jumping phases to help our US Team win 4<sup>th</sup> out of 40 riders from 10 competing nations.

- Win US Olympic Eventing Team Selection Trials (NH)
- Win @ National Eventing Junior Championships (Radnor)
- Win Essex Event Preliminary Level

Have Schooled Horses that have

- Qualified for Harrisburg Pony Hunter Finals
- Qualified for Senior Dressage Medal Finals, Third Level\*
- Qualified for Regional Dressage Finals
- Won "A" Championships in Hunter Division
- Won on the Florida Circuit in Amateur Owner Hunter Division
- Won Champion & Res. Champion in hunters
- **Been requested on trial by the US Three Day Team Coach (Jack LeGoff) for 1976 Montreal Olympics\* to represent the US. Have had 4 Olympic riders ask about our horses for competition.**
- Won on Aiken Event Circuit with Pan American Gold Medalist

Education

- University of Maryland, Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration
- Potomac Horse Center - four years of 2 to 5 lessons per week. Passed the Instructors Course and Horse Mastership Course
- Instruction with Major Szilagyi - 3 years
- Instruction with Lockie Richards (then New Zealand Three Day Team Coach) - 4 years
- George Morris 3 Seminars, (3 Days each) including: Instructor's Seminar, Schooling Hunters, Schooling Jumpers
- American Dressage Institute 2 week seminars each with
  - Colonel Wikne (Head of Swedish Dressage School)
  - Hans Moeller (then International Dressage Judge Austria)
  - Colonel Gustav (then Canadian Three Day Team Coach)
  - Colonel Luinquist (then US Dressage Team Coach)
  - Arthur Kottas (Head of Spanish Riding School)
  - Bert de Nemethy (then US Jumping Team Coach) - **asked me to try out for US Olympic Jumping Team\***
- Attended USEF Judges Seminars every 3 years in 5 divisions for 50+ years.
- USEA (US Eventing Association) Instructor's Workshop with Karen O'Connor and Eric Horgan in VA in 2002 (7 days)

- USDF (US Dressage Federation) Instructor's Workshop with Sarah Geike in RI in 2003 (3 days)

### Judging

- Had judging license with USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) in 5 divisions: Hunter, Hunter Equitation, Jumper, Dressage & Eventing for 50+ years.
- Have judged all over US - NH, TN, Carolinas, PA, NJ, MD, VA, OH, NY, DE, TX, etc. plus Puerto Rico.
- Judged ESDCTA Dressage and Combined Training Championships numerous times.
- Judged the East Coast Eventing Team Championships in TN
- Judged The World Class Appaloosa Show (hunters) in TX. etc., etc.

### More recently

- Received United States Dressage Federation University Diploma 2012
- Received Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Lifetime Achievement Award 2013
- Was asked to be one of the "Ask the Experts" @ Devon Dressage 2 years in a row.
- In 2016, retired from judging for United States Equestrian Federation where I held licenses in Hunter, Hunter Equitation, Jumper, Dressage and Eventing for 50+ years.
- Eons ago, in conjunction with ESDCTA, ran the first Licensed Dressage Judges Program for applicants to become a USEF Licensed Dressage Judge
- Long time member of US Equestrian Federation, US Dressage Federation, US Eventing Association.
- Was asked to write monthly educational articles for Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association Newsletters which I did for about 3 years until my time was needed for some family medical situations. I also wrote for East Coast Regional Dressage Association Newsletters. These educational articles have been made available to read on this website. So feel free to Check out our [Educational Articles](#) page to peruse through them to see if any are of interest to you. Sometimes a slightly different perspective provides some clarity for a particular situation
- Was on the Board of Directors for many years for:  
Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association

East Coast Regional Dressage Association  
New Jersey Equine Advisory Board

Currently

Own and operate, Country Haven, a 23 acre horse farm in Woodstown NJ, which Don and Earlen built in 1992. We offer lessons and clinics with Earlen Haven. Earlen believes that "correct" dressage basics are a great foundation for any discipline. Check out our [Photos/Videos/Philosophy](#) page for Earlen's philosophy of riding and some photos of horses and riders schooled by Earlen, so you can see what her goal is in schooling horses.

We also offer others to school at our facilities including:

150' x 250' sand ring w/ filter fabric, 95% + compacted granite stone dust base with washed sand on top, for our dressage arenas (large & small) and hunter/stadium type jump courses...including Liverpool.

Cross country course comprising of woods and open fields, plus through pastures with stream and jumps in fence lines, etc.

See our [Cross Country](#) page for photos, prices & details.

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