

## **DANA BRIGHT BIOGRAPHY**

I began carriage driving in 1982 with a tiny black pony which had been purchased as my event horse's buddy. With my 1st edition copy of "On the Box Seat", I managed to harness and hook him so that all stayed attached as we moved off. Little did I know that years later I would not only meet the author, Mr. Tom Ryder; but officiate with him at Walnut Hill. One of the best things about the carriage driving world is the support, mentoring and friendship that its participants offer so generously.

I served as the ADS Mid Atlantic Regional Director for 10 years. During my tenure Gayle Stinson, Diane Unger, and Sarah Bruce and I created and organized the American Driving Society's Mid-Atlantic Regional Recreational Driving Weekend at Fair Hill, Maryland. (Now called "MARD") I have been chair and member of many ADS committees. I am currently the chair of the ADS Pleasure Driving Committee, former chair now member of the Education Committee, also a member of the Driven Dressage Committee. I am also the current Vice President of the ADS. I was the recipient of the ADS President's Award in 2006. I have earned the Bronze, Silver and Gold ADS Driven Dressage Medals.

I hold Combined Driving, Driven Dressage and Pleasure Driving licenses with the ADS since 1997. Officiating has been a wonderful way to travel all over the country and meet people.

I've instructed ADS Young Driver's camp at the Carriage Barn in New Hampshire and a day camp for the Brandywine Valley Driving Club. I've represented the ADS at many horse expos, developing and teaching the two-part "Introduction to Driving" clinic offered by My Lady's Manor Driving Club for over 15 years. I volunteered with United States Driving for the Disabled with Sybil Dukehart and Mickie Bowen. I organized the My Lady's Manor Pleasure Show for 17 years. I've contributed many articles to the ADS Whip magazine and to Driving Digest.

I've competed through the Advanced FEI level with a single pony; Intermediate with a homebred pair, tandem at Preliminary. I am currently starting a young Connemara pony, the first bay horse I've ever owned! I've competed in Pleasure Competitions with singles, pairs, tandem and unicorns.