

DORINDA (DINNIE) GREENWAY 1920

Dorinda was born and raised in London, Ontario. She is an accomplished equestrian and an international horse show judge. In February 1948, Dorinda was a founder and continues to be a patron of the London Pony Club. Dorinda has been an active member on committees of the Western Fair, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair as well as Canadian and international equestrian federations and teams. Today, she can still be found riding, continually sharing her passion and vast knowledge gained through decades of experience.

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Born in 1920 to Arthur and Kizzie Brickenden of London Ontario, Grandparents Arthur and Dorinda McCormick, Dinnie at the age of 13 spent three years studying at Tolmers Park Boarding School in Hertfordshire, England. . Horses were a part of Dinnie's life from birth. She rode and fox hunted while there. At the age of 16 she was accepted at the University of Sorbonne in Paris. Much of her spare time was spent at the French National Riding School in Saumur.

The original family farm was located at Wellington and Victoria Streets in London. It consisted of eleven stalls, stallion paddock and cinder track

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In 1926 the Department of Agriculture, realized that a crash was coming in the farming industry and that farmers were loosing money. In order to help them with another source of income they awarded a bonus to bring English thoroughbred horses to Canada to breed with the heavier Clydesdales, Percherons and Belgians. Farmers had the land, seed and pastures to raise foals. With the limestone sand base in our soils and ample good quality water exceptional hunters and jumpers were produced with this cross breeding. . Known for their good bone and teeth these horses were very suitable for sale to the United States. This led to the formation of the Light Horse Improvement Society which in time became the Canadian Sport Horse Association .

Dorinda has been very active in promoting Canadian Sport horses, their stamina and durability to ministers of agriculture in Spain, England France, Portugal, Germany and various other countries.

An accomplished equestrian, horse exhibitor and fox hunter throughout her life she began judging at the age of 20. She is a qualified International horse Show judge as well as a judge and inspector for the Canadian Sport horse Association.

With knowledge and experience gained while in England, Dinnie was instrumental in starting the London Pony Club and remains a patron of the club.

In 1948 she was involved with the organizing of the first junior international jumping competition held in Mexico with Canada and the United States as the other competitors . Her daughters Dee and Kelly were among the 12 Canadians who competed at that first competition. This competition is still being held.

In 1949 Dorinda won the first International Jumping competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. It was the first class to be held under the newly designed International Jumping rules. She had the only clean round out of 70 horses.

Dorinda has continued her family breeding ideals and to date she has sold horses to the U.S. ,Germany, Brazil, Columbia and Mexico with four of her horses on the Canadian Olympic jumping team and six on the American team. Horses of her breeding are

competing all over the world in hunter-jumper, 3 day event and dressage classes. In 2015 her brood mare won her class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and was also recognized as the 2015 Sport Horse of Canada champion brood mare.

Dinnie, supported by her three children, Dee, Kelly and Graham continues to foxhunt with the London Hunt; is expecting a new foal in the spring; and is planning for the annual Canadian Sport Horse Show.

Dorinda has been an active member on committees with the University of Guelph, Equine Research Centre, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Western Fair, Canadian Sport Horse Association, International Equestrian Federations and teams.

Well known for the Brickenden Awards, she continues to sponsor local charities and the arts on behalf of her family. A member of Metropolitan United Church and the London Hunt Club.

A truly interesting and knowledgeable woman whose caring kindness is well respected.