

FRAN & GEORGE BLOOR

George and Fran Bloor have been a fixture in the Dressage community since the late sixties. George was a counselor and Math teacher at the Trail Junior High and Fran worked for West Kootenay Power. They were breeding Arabian horses at this time and took on many working students. George could never say no to any horse crazy kid who happened down the driveway. Many of the "Bloor Kids" continue to be involved in horses today and fondly call them Aunt Fran and Uncle George. The couple brought in many noteworthy clinicians to BC, including Charles DeKunffy, and Dietrich Von Hopffgarten to try and teach the kids dressage, they also attended major clinics in Europe and brought back what they had learned. They went so far as to lend riders the appropriate saddles. They were the first in the area to build an indoor arena almost 30 years ago. To this day they do not charge a fee to use their arena, they only want to promote dressage. They are never too busy to answer a question or give advice to either friends or strangers. They have bred many quality horses which are currently competing in the province. Over the years they have given opportunities to young people to get into the horse business and helped them find the means to stay active. George and Fran were instrumental in the creation of a Cadora group in their area.

There are many stories about George and Fran Bloor and reasons too numerous to mention that make this couple the best choice for the 2006 HCBC Lifetime Achievement Award Winners.