



Nancy Slombo (First Place winner) and Donna Sargent with Breezy, an Arabian mare, on the cones course at the Arena Driving Trials. Barbara Frake photo

Down The Lane



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30th Annual Maine Carriage Day at Skyline Farm - Sunday, October 14th

Maine Carriage Day has evolved over its 30 year history from three days of carriage driving events to a one day pleasure driving show in recent years. This year we are offering a lovely venue for an old-fashioned country drive, a picnic, and a sporting afternoon complete with two timed courses as well as a country obstacle course on Sunday, October 14th.

The Country Drive

The drive will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the pleasure ring to impress the judge and the spectators with the drivers' turn-out and manners. All types of vehicles are welcome. Dress will be according to the vehicle's style. Wire wheeled vehicles will stay in the ring for a pleasure class while the wagonettes, road carts, two or four wheeled marathon carriages, modern or antique vehicles go out on the country drive. Drivers and passengers will enjoy traveling on gravel roads, paths through the woods, through fields and apple orchards returning to Skyline Farm to drive mowed paths over the rolling hills and past a finish gate. Spectators will have many vantage points to view the carriages on the drive. Participation ribbons as well as placement ribbons will be awarded for the Country Drive as well as the wire wheel Pleasure Class in the ring.

The Picnic

Carriage drivers will then be able to unhitch and settle down to enjoy a picnic with passengers, grooms and friends. Spectators are also encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to consume, or if they wish, they may bid on a gourmet picnic offered at auction by four Portland chefs. For a \$15 fee, people may compete for prizes in the following categories: Best Carriage Picnic, Best

Spectator Picnic, Best Gourmet Picnic, Best Elegant Picnic (may include china and glass), Best Casual Picnic (may include plastic plates and cups) and Best Recyclable Picnic (may include paper plates and cups).

The Sporting Afternoon

All vehicles will be welcome to join in the sporting afternoon. Two Timed Cones Courses will be set up on the farm after lunch. One will be set up in the ring for wire wheeled vehicles and drivers who prefer to be in an enclosed space. A second cones course will be set up in a gently sloping field. A third group of six timed obstacles will be set up as a Country Obstacle Course which may include a mailbox, a bridge, or someone getting out to pick up something.

Carriage Drivers: Entry fee is \$15 per class, or \$40 for the day:

- Morning Country Drive, or Wire Wheeled Pleasure Class in the ring
- Judged Picnic
- All three courses during the Sporting Afternoon.

Spectators: Admission fee is \$5.00 per car (Skyline Farm members free); \$15.00 additional fee if you opt to have your picnic judged.

Skyline Farm is a nonprofit organization, and this is a fund-raising event as well as an opportunity to enjoy Skyline's beautiful farm and carriage museum.

FMI and entry form visit www.skylinefarm.org or contact Robin Kroc, (207) 721-0062.

Carriage and Sleigh Auction by Paul Lones

5th Annual New England Carriage and Sleigh Auction



Another hot day for Skyline Farm's Carriage and Sleigh Auction to keep its annual tradition going - hot bargains were to be had, too!
Patti Mikkelsen photo

Phil Stanton presided over a fun and successful auction on July 14. After the bidding for a popular selection of small antiques and collectibles was over, Phil demonstrated his love and knowledge of horse drawn vehicles in auctioning a range of carriages, carts, wagons and sleighs.

There was an opportunity for every bidder to find something to catch their fancy among the smaller items offered, and several bidders brought home more than one vehicle!

The consignment auction provides

an opportunity for carriage collectors to meet fellow enthusiasts, make new & reconnect with old friends while selling and buying horse drawn vehicles. The proceeds from the auction benefit the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum and its collection. We are grateful to Phil Stanton for volunteering his services as benefit auctioneer and thank all those that consigned or donated items for the auction and came to bid!

With the auction held the morning of the Annual Lobster Bake and Concert, many auction participants made a day of it and joined us for the evening festivities as well.

Lobster Bake and Concert by Pamela Ames

Skyline Farm's 5th Annual Lobster Bake continues to be the most eagerly anticipated event of the year, as the "weather gods" once again smiled down upon us! One hundred twenty people enjoyed the beautiful summer evening, socializing with friends, old and new.

Diana Logan spearheaded another successful Silent Auction full of intriguing items from area supporters, including a carriage driving lesson and yarn produced by Royal River Alpaca Company of North Yarmouth.

During the delicious Maine lobster feast put on by Young's Clambakes, The Travelers performed a wide

range of music. Being very kid-friendly, the band invited the younger set to grab percussion instruments and join them on stage for a few numbers.

Quite a few people enjoyed horse-drawn carriage rides through the fields, reinforcing our mission as a living museum. One couple relived their wedding carriage ride, albeit with two kids piled on top of them!

After a stop in the museum to view the "Wheels at Work" wagon exhibit, everyone left with a satisfied feeling. Hope you will consider coming next year to the sixth edition of this mid-summer festivity.



Donna Thurston, driving "Ben", and Laurie Raymond are in Skyline Farm's versatile "New Outlook" (handicap accessible) cart, for both able-bodied & disabled people.
Patti Mikkelsen photo



Skyline Farm President Greg Cuffey chauffeurs honored guest Scott Seaver and wife Barbara in the Wedding Carriage. Scott recently retired as North Yarmouth's Town Administrator. He and the town avidly support the Farm.
Patti Mikkelsen photo

This summer, landscaping around the entrance ramp to the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum was completed. Beautiful granite curbing and extended garden beds make a welcoming entrance to the Visitor Center. JC Landscaping of North Yarmouth was able to complete the work in time for our summer events.

This autumn some much needed repair work is planned for both the barn and the house at Skyline Farm. The barn needs some new siding on the North wall as well as some run in

shed repairs. The house has several challenges, with the top priorities being replacement of the back door sill and doorway and replacement of the basement entrance. In addition to improving appearance of the house, these repairs are critical to prevent water from damaging the framing of the house.

These fall projects still require support to complete them before the snow flies. To donate funding or materials for these projects please contact Paul Lones at 207-829-4171.



*A plethora of striking items are offered in the Silent Auction.
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

Art Exhibit and Silent Auction by Pamela Ames

"A Dog & Pony Show", Skyline Farm's Second National Art Exhibit and Sale, has been very well received by supporters and first-time visitors alike. With such a broad array of artwork related to dogs, horses and carriage driving, there is something for everyone's taste. The artworks are complemented by carriages and sleighs from Skyline Farm's collection.

Bids have been placed on most of the Silent Auction items, but there are still some items waiting for the right person to come along - that person may be you! The Silent Auction items are available for viewing and bidding on each Saturday and Sunday from noon-3 p.m. until the show closes on October 28, 2007.

As a nonprofit organization, Skyline Farm relies on events such as this to raise the necessary funds for its ongoing operation. Artists are generously sharing a portion of each artwork's sale with Skyline Farm and all of the proceeds from the sale of their silent auction donations.

The art show's dog and pony theme is being "brought to life" by such Skyline Farm events as the Arena Driving Event, Dog Day and Maine Carriage Day. We hope to see many of you at the Farm during October, one of our busiest months!

*(below)
Barbara Frake's oil painting
"Myopia Hunt" perfectly portrays
"A Dog and Pony Show" art exhibit's
theme.
Barbara Frake photo*

Thanks to the participating national artists!

Diana Allison, SD
Richard Botto, NJ
Beth Carlson, ME
Mary Cupp, ME
Fabio Deponte, MA
Susan Dorazio, CT
Pamela Blades Eckelbarger, ME
Barbara Frake, NH
Kathleen Friedenberg, PA
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Yvonne Kitchen, OR
Terry Lindsey, VT
Louise Mellon, SC
Elin Pendleton, CA
Kathi Peters, ME
Karen Pettengill, ME
Andrea Harman Steiner, MI





*The three sleighs donated by Elizabeth Humphrey to Skyline Farm's collection.
Jane Gordon photo*



*Meg and Allie Perrotta partake in the whole antique day experience. Above they attentively listen to Tim Gould appraise a gold pocket watch. Grandmother Marlene Russell is in the foreground; great-grandmother Winona Day is in the background. Below they take a ride in a damp Model T driven by Tom Cary.
Patti Mikkelsen photos*

Augusta Sleighs

Once again I was summoned to look at several possible donations. This adventure: three sleighs, located at the Humphrey Farm in Augusta. The sleighs all had been used at the Humphrey Farm for many generations and needed a proper home where they could be seen and appreciated.

After arriving in Augusta, I talked with Elizabeth Humphrey about how the farm has progressed through time. The family farm sits on land once part of the 'Fort Western tract'. The Humphreys acquired it in the 1800's. Haying was one of the time consuming aspects of farm life. Elizabeth reminisced about the harnessing of horses and use of horse drawn equipment. One notable anecdote was when Elizabeth helped bring in the hay crop; she was standing on a hay wagon and stabbed a pitch fork through her right foot.

In time I was brought to see the 'pile'

of sleighs. Per-usual one needs to stand back and see the jewels hidden under the dust. With a little imagination (weeding out extra pieces) the puzzle pieces came together, and I could visualize the once proud sleighs. Each of the three sleighs turned out to be unique examples and were accepted into the Skyline Farm collection.

I enjoyed our discussions and sensed Elizabeth's dedication to preserve her family's history.

Skyline is always interested in provenance that might pertain to each object in our collection. Elizabeth furnished me with four pages of family recollections. One recollection of interest possibly pertains to the Martin & Pennell sleigh, manufactured in Portland, Maine. It seems that back in 1913, Elizabeth's father's sister received a proposal of marriage in it while riding from the Augusta train terminal to the Humphrey family farm!

Antiques Appraisals and Vintage Automobile Rides

On a rainy Saturday, September 15th, two features took place at Skyline Farm simultaneously: antiques appraisals and vintage auto rides.

The second annual benefit antique appraisal saw a steady stream of people filing into the Visitor Center hoping that their treasures would be worth a fortune. Tim Gould of Gould Auction Company assessed the value of these antiques, artworks and collectibles while also providing some insightful background information.

The two antique cars offering rides around a 10-minute loop were a 1909 Model T Runabout driven by Tom

Cary and a 1929 2-door Model A piloted by wife Betty Cary. The rain that day dampened the Model T occupants. Those taking a spin in the Model A stayed dry and entertained by the single windshield wiper on the driver's side. It's vacuum-operated, so speeds up/ slows down to a crawl at various torque levels.

The Carys belong to Skillin's Antique Car Club (formerly known as "Skillin's Raiders"). The next day the club was going to make its annual visit to a nursing home. The residents love to reminisce about the visiting vintage vehicles and the ones they owned in their youth.

8th Annual Pumpkin Fest - Saturday, October 20

Join us at spooky Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth, Maine for the 8th annual Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 20th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The admission fee is \$2.00 for anyone over the age of two.

Admission includes hayrides, face painting, games, and snacks.

Costumes are optional!

For more information or to volunteer to help out, please contact Alison Hoyt (207) 865-1612.



2nd Annual Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive - Nov. 11

Equine enthusiasts are invited to come to the 2nd annual Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive to benefit Skyline Farm at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 11th.

Observe the picturesque vistas along the trails of Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm, 236 Phipps Point Road, Woolwich, Maine.

The event will start at 10:00 a.m. \$20.00 entry fee, Ride or Drive.

For more information or to get an entry form, please call Becky Totten (207) 522-9668 (cell).



*A rider in the rain at the 2006 event.
Becky Totten photo*

North Yarmouth's "Fun Day" by Pamela Ames

Skyline Farm was well represented in its eighth year at North Yarmouth, Maine's "Fun Day" on September 8th. The majority of passersby knew who we were when they visited our table! It was set up under a lovely white tent which kept the air slightly cooler and a bit more comfortable than in the past.

Trustees Lisa Peck, Lynn Young, and Pamela Ames staffed the table. Lynn began a conversation with a woman who worked at a museum in Wisconsin and was interested in seeing what we're doing.

We had a great opportunity to showcase all the upcoming activities accompanying the art show and carriage exhibit. Patti Mikkelsen and Diana Logan had quickly pulled together handouts for visitors

to take as reminders about our September and October events. We also passed out some caps as advertising.

Pamela Ames put together a slide show with about 50-60 photos documenting activities occurring during the past couple years at the Farm. We have made a lot of progress and have much to show the community.

The Gem of the Bay wagonette (on long term loan from Anita and Charles Stickney of Yarmouth) looked beautiful in the parade and was in keeping with its theme, "Building Memories".



*Skyline Farm's entry in North Yarmouth's "Fun Day" parade on September 8th was drawn by a team of percherons from J. L. Gray & Sons, driven by Luther Gray.
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

Display at the Cornish Fair by Greg Cuffey

Skyline Farm displayed two horse-drawn vehicles in the Tri-Town (Kezar Falls/Porter, Limington, Cornish) Historical Societies 1st Antique Car Show at the Cornish, Maine Historic Trotting Park and Fairgrounds.

A costumed Marie Brume from the Limington Historical Society kindly posed for the photo to right.



Greg Cuffey photo

Dog Day by Pamela Ames and Patti Mikkelsen

On Saturday, September 22, Diana Logan, Skyline Farm Trustee, pioneered a one day event where dog enthusiasts came together at Skyline Farm for a special "Dog Day". Handlers and their canines strutted their stuff in a variety of dog hobbies, including agility, fly-ball, doggie dancing ("freestyle") and service dog work. There were numerous "clinics" where people and their dogs had a chance to learn cool new stuff, including a "Walkin' Clinic", an "Attention! Clinic", and a "Targeting Clinic".

Certified Pet Dog Trainers and organizers of this event Diana Logan, owner of Pet Connection Dog Training (www.petconnectionmaine.com) and Mallory Hattie, owner of Raising Canine, were on hand to educate the public about the power of positive-reinforcement training. This modern, dog-friendly approach to training was displayed throughout the day through demos and participatory activities.

Presenters included:

- Elsa Larsen, founder of My Wonderful Dog (www.wonderfuldogs.org),

- Paula O'Brien who runs Gooddog Pet Care and Training (www.gooddogpetcare.com)
- Nancy Freedman-Smith, owner of Gooddogz Training (www.gooddogztraining.com), and
- Jenny Yasi, owner and operator of Whole Dog Camp (www.wholedogcamp.com).

Attending dogs tried out their paws with the agility equipment and attendees learned how to teach their dogs through the use of positive-reinforcement training. There was also a "Trainer is In" table for professional advice!

Chief organizer Diana Logan, ably assisted by her husband Drew, thought of every imaginable detail, right down to creating signs directing incoming traffic to the "Barking Lot." Their friend Glen MacDougall headed up the lunch brigade where naturally hot-"dogs" were the lead item on the menu.

Dog Day was a unique event where people learned and had fun together with their dogs. Some of us without dogs learned new techniques, too!



Erin Dunbar watches her dog Bailey 'dunk for dogs.'
Patti Mikkelsen photo



Trainer Yasi "twists and shouts" with her canine Yes-Yes who is a French Water Dog (a.k.a Barbet) while 'doggie dancing.'
Patti Mikkelsen photo

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- TOTAL:** \$ _____

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 Free spectator admission to the Sleigh Rally,
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 Invitation to members only interpretive tour
 of the Skyline Farm Carriage Collection.

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Your membership is effective through
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Look for your membership card in the mail!

2007 SKYLINE FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All event proceeds benefit Skyline Farm, a nonprofit organization, which owns an historic set of buildings, including a carriage and sleigh museum, and offers trails through its woods and fields for public use.

FMI: Contact the event chairperson, go to www.skylinefarm.org, write to info@skylinefarm.org, or leave a message at (207) 829-9203.

Now
through
Oct. 28

"Wheels at Work" Exhibit *Sats/Suns, 12-3 pm*
The Skyline Farm Carriage Museum showcases commercial vehicles used in the service, farm and trade industries. Appointments for special weekday showings may be arranged in advance.
Info: Jane Gordon, (207) 846-3463

"A Dog and Pony Show" *Sats/Suns, 12-3 pm*
A fine art exhibit and sale presenting canine, equine and carriage driving artworks shown in the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum. Final bids for the Silent Auction artworks will conclude at 3 pm on Sunday, Oct. 28.
Info: Kathi Peters, (207) 342-3169 *(details on page 3)*

Oct. 14

Maine Carriage Day *30th annual, 9:30 am*
A Country Drive, Picnic and Sporting Day event. \$5 per carload for spectators. Free spectator admission for Skyline Farm members.
Info: Robin Kroc, (207) 721-0062 *(details on page 1)*

Oct. 20

Pumpkin Fest *8th annual, 3-5 pm*
A wonderful event for the whole family, featuring traditional Halloween party festivities. \$2 per person for anyone over age 2. Free for Skyline Farm members.
Info: Alison Hoyt, (207) 865-1612 *(details on page 5)*

Nov. 11

Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive *2nd annual, 10 am*
Enjoy beautiful vistas at Kennebec Morgan Farm, Woolwich, Maine. \$20 per entry.
Info: Becky Totten, (207) 522-9668 *(details on page 5)*



*A horse-drawn fire truck from Skyline Farm's collection became a part of an antique fire truck display at Toot's Ice Cream stand in North Yarmouth, Maine on a sultry evening in June.
Pamela Ames photo*



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Curt Bonney and Robin Kroc perform a dressage test during Skyline Farm's Arena Driving Trials. The other two phases of this event are cones and hazards. All three phases are timed.

Barbara Frake photo