



Jeff Herbster entertains the crowd before Skyline Farm's lobster bake. Jennifer Wiessner photo

# Down The Lane



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SKYLINE FARM  
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## "Fertile Ground" Art Exhibit and Sale

*"Fertile Ground" Art Exhibit and Sale, with Silent Auction, is now open through October 19 on Saturdays and Sundays from 12-3 p.m. or by appointment.*

Skyline Farm's third annual benefit art exhibit and sale showcases contemporary Maine artists whose paintings, photographs and sculptures are inspired by Maine's farmland and open space. For more details about the artists and the show itself, please visit [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org) and click on the catalog link.

While you are there, click on the silent auction link, a new feature that allows you to actively bid on art items from the comfort of your own home—save gas, too! On-line bidding action ends on Saturday, October 18; bidding in-person and via phone ends at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 19 after a festive closing day featuring fall harvest desserts.

Sincerest thanks to all the artists who have donated items to the silent auction. Proceeds from sales of artworks and the silent auction items are essential to help fund Skyline Farm's operations. Free admission. Info: Pamela Ames (207) 829-5708.



"Curious Jersey at Ken Rose Farm in Blue Hill, Maine," is a part of the art exhibit and sale. Photograph by Jennifer Smith-Mayo

## "Dog Day 2": Celebration & Education

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Skyline Farm presents "Dog Day 2," its second annual celebration of dogs and their humans, on Saturday, September 20 from 10-3 (rain date 9/21). Dog Day isn't just about owners and their canines having fun - it's also about learning useful skills, chatting with professional trainers, meeting lots of "dog people" and more.

The \$10 per person admission fee (\$5 for kids 8 and under; dogs get in free) includes demos of dog hobbies, training clinics, informational talks, fun and games for dogs and their humans and more. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of silly competitive events such as "dunkin' for dogs" and fun dog races, among others. Spectators with their dogs will be invited to try out their paws at agility.

Attendees can take advantage of free mini-consults with professional trainers at the "Trainer is In" booth or from a veterinarian at the "Doctor is In" booth. Merchandise will be for sale, and great canine-related products including a large stockade-style pen and dog crate will be raffled off. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Dogs who attend Dog Day 2 must be well-socialized and on leash at all times. Please leave reactive and aggressive dogs at home, but owners are encouraged to come anyway to get advice.

Admission is free for those who volunteer to pitch in for at least two hours and notify the organizer in advance. If you would like to volunteer, or need more information, contact event organizer Diana Logan at 207-829-3187. All proceeds benefit Skyline Farm.

Skyline Farm completed a new exit drive to be used occasionally at large events to improve traffic flow. This "left turn only" exit will redirect departing event goers back down The Lane toward Walnut Hill Road.

The work was completed in 3 steps, thanks to help from local businesses and volunteers. Ken Fowler of Fowler Tree Care in North Yarmouth removed the trees and Rob Taisey's Stump and Grind crew, also from North Yarmouth, made the remaining work easy by removing the stumps. Volunteers did the finish work to create the new exit. We appreciate Ken and Rob's support and encourage Skyline Farm friends to consider them when the need arises.

Skyline Farm is a wonderful location to hold outdoor events, such as reunions and wedding receptions.

In addition to the beautiful setting, easy access and ample parking, Skyline Farm recently upgraded its outdoor electrical power system to support catering, lighting and entertainment needs.

Skyline Farm is now accepting reservations for the 2009 season. For more information or to reserve space for your planned event, please contact Pamela Ames (207) 829-5708 or Paul Lones (207) 829-4171, or send an e-mail to: [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org).

*We are especially grateful for our Annual Business Sponsors' contributions toward our general operating support. Please consider contacting them for your business needs.*

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### *3rd Annual Pleasure Trail Ride/ Drive - November 9*

It's that wonderful time of year again: fall trail riding & driving! We would like to invite you to the 3rd annual Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive to benefit Skyline Farm. Come to mid-coast Maine to enjoy the scenic views along

the trails of Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm, 236 Phipps Point Road, Woolwich, Maine.

The event will start at 10:00 a.m. \$20 pre-entry, \$25 day of event - Ride or Drive. For more information or to get an entry form, please call Becky Totten (207) 522-9668 (cell).



*Riders have fun on the trails at Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm in 2007.  
Becky Totten photo*

## Pumpkin Fest - Saturday, October 18

### *Pumpkin Fest*

Join us at the farm on Saturday, October 18 from 3-5 p.m. for some good old fashioned autumn fun! This event is especially popular with younger children, because it is not a scary Halloween party.

There will be games like "donut on a string", ring toss and bobbing for apples as well as creative activities such

as coloring and cookie decorating.

We will also be offering horse drawn wagon rides.

For those who are excited to wear them more than once, costumes are encouraged!

Admission is \$10 per carload and free for Skyline Members (please have your card handy).

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Maine Carriage Day - Sunday, October 5

### *31st Annual Maine Carriage Day, Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - Starts at 9:30 am*

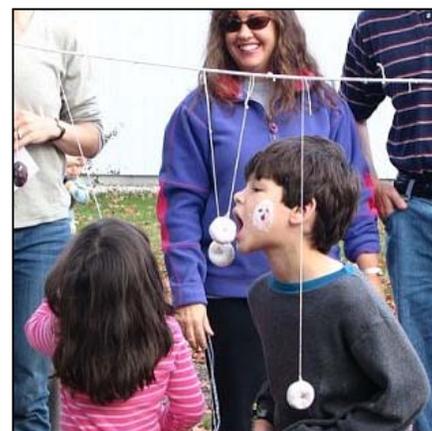
This year Maine Carriage Day will feature, in addition to the afternoon Country Pleasure Drive which was so popular last year, three morning competitive classes: Open Pleasure, Reinsmanship, and Turnout. The Turnout Class will be judged on suitability of the vehicle, horse, and the turnout (clothes) of the driver to each other. A Country Turnout is quite different from a Formal Turnout, and we hope to have good examples of each.

During the lunchbreak---The Picnic Class, inaugurated last year, was great fun and is open to spectators as well as competing drivers at no charge. So bring your own picnic - casual or elegant - to be judged by a professional chef. Ribbons awarded!

The Country Drive will be routed through Skyline's lovely fields, as well as those of our generous neighbors. People along the route always enjoy the spectacle of horses and carriages out for a pleasure drive, reminding us all of times gone by, and how people traveled back then. A wonderful scene!

The Obstacle Course of cones will be through Skyline's fields, and will be judged against preset unknown (to the drivers!) time which will have been determined to be the ideal time. Not the fastest, as is sometimes done! A nice working trot should do it, and closest to the ideal time wins!

The Carriage Museum will be open for all to visit. So come enjoy the day, whether a spectator or competitor, and we hope to see you there. Visit [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org) for entry form.



*Donut string action at last year's Pumpkin Fest  
Jane Gordon photo*



*Competition at the 30th Annual Maine Carriage Day  
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

*Folger and Drummond**The Story of an Amesbury, Massachusetts Carriage and Sleigh Company**by Patrick J. Leonard, Jr.*

So many of our cherished vehicles are blessed with tiny metal plates which tell us who made them and where they were made. Those plates are the keys which unlock the history of our vehicles, help us to know the men and the women who made them, and to understand the world in which they lived and worked. The maker's plate on our surrey tells us that it was made by Folger and Drummond of Amesbury, Massachusetts. This is their story.

David J. Folger, a Nantucket native and veteran of more than 30 Civil War battles, served his apprenticeship as a carriage trimmer in Fall River; and James Drummond was born into a carriage making family in Amesbury.

Mr. Folger joined the firm of Amesbury carriage maker Charles W. Patten in 1869, and continued to operate the business for several years on his own, as D. J. Folger, Manufacturer of Carriages and Sleighs, after Mr. Patten retired in 1880. Mr. Drummond was employed by Goss, Drummond and Company, a manufacturer of "carriage gear and woodwork" prior to going into business with Mr. Folger as junior partner.

The partnership of Folger and Drummond was formed in 1887, and in 1888 they opened a state of the art carriage factory in a newly built five story brick building. A photo of the 175' by 55' structure, with its three story 45' x 67' annex, shows the company's name as both Folger and Drummond Carriages and Sleighs and Folger and Drummond Carriage Builders. The firm operated there for close to a quarter of a century, producing thousands of vehicles of superior quality and workmanship, in dozens of styles.

Amesbury, a leading carriage manufacturing center in the 1890s, was home to more than forty firms. *The Amesbury Souvenir* told their story in 1891 and included photographs of industry leaders. The Folger and Drummond Carriage Factory was described as employing 75 to 85 men, producing 1,000 carriages a year, and doing a \$150,000 business. The firm's ad pictured one of their most popular vehicles: a doctor's buggy, and offered buyers more than 30 styles of carriages.

**FOLGER & DRUMMOND,**  
CARRIAGE  
MANUFACTURERS,

WE make Five styles of heavy close top buggies, suitable for Physicians, Collectors and other parties who want a heavy, strong job for continual driving.



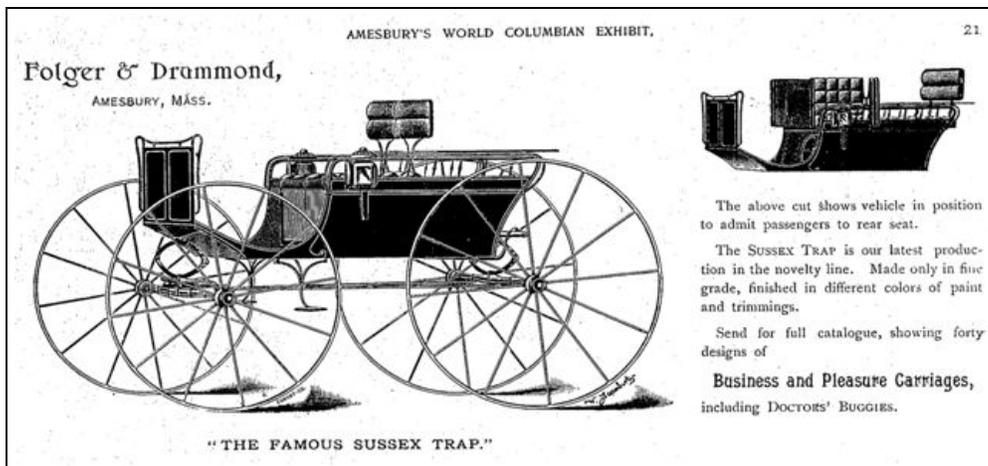
IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, WE MAKE THIRTY LEADING STYLES OF PLEASURE CARRIAGES.

Amesbury, Mass., - U. S. A.

*The firm's ad pictured one of their most popular vehicles: a doctor's buggy, and offered buyers more than "thirty leading styles of pleasure carriages." This ad appeared on the inside cover of a publication entitled, "Amesbury Daily Souvenir Edition," dated January 29, 1891.*

*This is one of several images photocopied by Mrs. Frances C. Dowd, librarian at the Amesbury Carriage Museum, who provided them to Mr. Leonard who authored this article. Skyline Farm would like to express its deep gratitude to Mr. Leonard for the countless hours he devoted to researching this important carriage and sleigh manufacturer and for sharing his knowledge and resources with all of us.*

The World's Columbian Exposition opened in Chicago in May of 1893 with seventeen Amesbury manufacturers exhibiting 37 vehicles; two of which were made by Folger and Drummond. The firm invited patrons at the fair to order their catalogue ". . . showing forty designs of Business and Pleasure Carriages, including Doctors' Buggies."



*It is known that Folger & Drummond exhibited at least one vehicle at the World's Columbian Exhibition, held in Chicago, Illinois from May 1, 1893 to October 30, 1893. The sketch and description is a page from a catalog hand dated 1893 entitled, "Amesbury, Mass. The Carriage Center of the World U.S.A." It appears that the Carriage Association of America may have a complete copy of this catalog.*

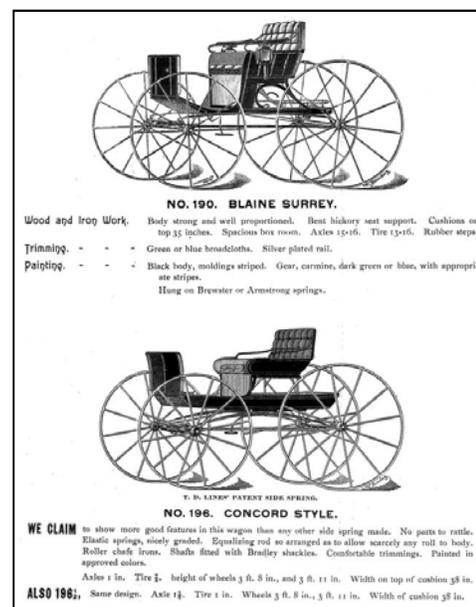
In the 1890s Mr. Folger and Mr. Drummond attended the annual Amesbury carriage shows which hosted carriage men from all over the United States. A unique program on the "Future of the Horse" was presented in 1896. Banquet guests were assured that the future of the horse and carriage was bright, and that that upstart new invention: the horseless carriage, would probably not amount to very much. In fact, the speaker pointed out ". . . that it will need a larger number of horses than ever to pull the unsuccessful experiments out of the ditch."

Mr. Folger, who passed away in 1901, was eulogized as one of Amesbury's finest men; whose kindness and consideration for his employees was well known and respected. Most of Amesbury's stores closed in his honor during the funeral services and an honor guard from the E. P. Wallace GAR Post, of which he had been a member, escorted the funeral procession.

It was then left to James Drummond to try to cope with the burgeoning challenge of a powerful new industry: the automobile. The firm exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 but it was even then all too clear that new technologies were rapidly eclipsing the old. They made automobile tops and did automobile painting, but with horse drawn vehicle use steadily declining, they finally sold their stock to the firm which later became Amesbury's last carriage company: T. W. Lane; and closed in 1911.

The Folger and Drummond building was sold to the Walker-Wells Body Company shortly before WWI and automobile bodies were made there for many years. Walker-Wells ceased auto body production in 1931 and went out of business in 1936. The building was demolished in the early to mid 1930s.

Now all that remains are those few fragments of history which we, the carriage collectors, can locate and preserve. Those tiny maker's plates can tell us so very much; they are truly worth more than gold!



*The Blaine Surrey and the Concord Style are buggies manufactured by Folger & Drummond, circa 1890. These reproductions are copies of a color original advertisement in Mr. Leonard's personal collection. The condition of the originals is excellent.*

*Mr. Leonard would like to express his appreciation for the research assistance provided for this article by the late Mrs. Frances C. Dowd, Librarian of the Amesbury Carriage Museum; and Ms. Margie Walker, Reference Librarian at the Amesbury Public Library.*



*Bidders look over the merchandise at this year's auction.  
Jennifer Wiessner photo*

### *2008 Carriage, Sleigh & Antiques Auction Wrap-up*

Once again folks came from many New England states to participate in Maine's premier summer auction. Each bidder hoped that benefit auctioneer Phil Stanton, from Falmouth, MA, would drop the hammer before someone bid against them. Whether you were a collector or an active whip, Skyline's auction had something for everyone. This year included a variety of vehicles, parts for a restoration projects, straw hats, bells, out of print books, Breyer horses, and many other unique an-

tique collector items.

Selected auction highlights:

vintage harness hooks \$75, foot warmer \$40, "project" sleigh manufactured in Chesterville, Maine \$80, weathervane \$200, newer Road Cart with hydraulic brakes \$900, unusual snow knocker \$40, nice original Wade & Dutton Carriage Co. 4 wheel buggy made in Lewiston, Maine \$1,275.

Thanks to all who consigned or donated items for the auction. Consign now for the Summer of 2009 auction. Contact Greg Cuffey at (207) 239-5782.

### Lobster Bake & Concert Wrap-up by Gregory Wiessner



*Award-winning folk singer Carolyn Currie charms the crowd at this year's lobster bake and concert.  
Jennifer Wiessner photo*

### *Wrap-up of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lobster Bake, Concert and Silent Auction*

If you couldn't make it, you missed another fantastic lobster bake, concert and silent auction. Many of the traditional features were carried over from previous years including perfect weather, great food, super music and interesting auction items. New elements this year included a bagpiper, children's craft table, and an intimate musical performance by an award-winning folk singer.

The evening began with a bagpipe performance by Jeff Herbster of Brunswick, Maine. Jeff, whom we learned was married at the farm, called all to order with the romantic tones that only a pipe can express. After enjoying Jeff's performance, guests moved over to the silent auction tables to bid on fabulous items all organized by Skyline Trustee, Diana Logan and her husband Drew. As usual, Diana worked her magic to come up with unique and interesting items for all to enjoy.

While folks bid, the crew from Young's Clambake prepared a traditional Maine-inspired feast. The Youngs offered lobster, steak, chicken, fresh home-baked rolls, corn-on-the-cob, red potatoes, coleslaw, watermelon, blueberry cake and lemonade. Many of the patrons took advantage of the group pricing and reserved entire tables to ensure all of their friends and family were included in the festivities.

Finally, Cumberland, Maine's own Carolyn Currie took center stage and provided locally-flavored entertainment to cap off the evening. The comparisons to Dar Williams and Catie Curtis were warranted as she provided a moving performance.

In keeping with Skyline's "living" museum vision, horse-drawn carriage rides through the fields were graciously provided by Trustees Greg Cuffey and Donna Thurston.

Please be sure to come again next year, or make it your first, so you can enjoy the special evening yourself.



*Driver Donna Thurston treats Tracy, Sophia and Alissa Ames to a carriage ride. Ben is the handsome steed.  
Patti Mikkelsen photo*

On Saturday, Aug. 23, Skyline Farm was the host site for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HenryFest, a community oriented event with music as its organizing theme. The event made excellent use of the many features of Skyline Farm, which proved to be a popular venue for this event.

Some highlights of the event included instructional workshops for music students, the Cumberland Farmers Market, a buffet by Cookin' Carol, beer and wine offered by Gritty's, and hours of terrific music played by both local and nationally known musicians. Skyline Farm offered complimentary

horse drawn wagon rides in the Gem of the Bay, drawn by Luther Gray's team, and the Carriage Museum attracted a steady stream of event participants to see "Summer Fair."

The event kicked off around midday with the student workshops, and a series of great acts continued on into the evening. Henry Fest wrapped up around 11 p.m. under the stars, as the moon broke over the Eastern horizon.

An estimated 320-350 participants came, and the event went smoothly thanks to many volunteers from both 317 Main Street and Skyline Farm.



*The afternoon audience at Henry Fest faces the stage (on the left of the photo, under the white tent). The hill and swale made a natural amphitheater, providing a wonderful audience experience.*

*Pamela Ames photo*

## “Fertile Ground” Exhibit and Sale Artists’ Reception - September 12



*Karen Pettengill, co-curator with Kathi Peters who, three years ago, had the original idea to hold these benefit art exhibits for Skyline Farm. Kathi is the wife of Skyline Farm Trustee Les Peters.*

*Lynn Young Photo*

## GoodSearch and GoodShop for Skyline Farm

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Would you like to give more to Skyline Farm? Here's another opportunity!

With the holiday season right around the corner, lots of us will be searching for gifts online. Remember to begin at GoodSearch.com. Each search raises money for Skyline Farm. When it's time to buy, go to GoodShop.com and start shopping!

GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause!

Hundreds of great stores including LL Bean, Gap, Lands' End, Amazon, Best Buy, ebay, and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Skyline Farm as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!





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*Dog Day organizer and Skyline Farm Trustee Diana Logan encourages her standard poodle named "Dory" around an agility course.  
Courtesy photo*

**2008 SKYLINE FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER**

*All event proceeds benefit Skyline Farm, a nonprofit organization, which owns an historic farmstead, including a carriage and sleigh museum, and offers trails through its woods and fields for public use.  
FMI: Contact event chairperson, visit [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org), [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org), or (207) 829-9203.*

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Artworks by contemporary Maine painters, photographers, and sculptors who are inspired by Maine's farmland and open space are for sale. The exhibit and silent auction are complemented by wagons and carriages in the museum.

Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 (see page 1)

**Sept. 20  
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Info: Diana Logan, (207) 829-3187 (see page 1)

**Oct. 5**

**Maine Carriage Day** 31<sup>st</sup> annual, 9:30 am

Spectators and carriage drivers alike will enjoy this event! See horse-drawn carriages come to life as drivers demonstrate their skills. Bring your picnic lunch, which may be judged by an award-winning chef if desired, and admire the colorful foliage. Spectators: \$5 per person. Free for Skyline Farm members and children 5 & under.

Info: Patsy O'Brien, (207) 688-4748 (see page 3)

**Oct. 18**

**Pumpkin Fest** 9<sup>th</sup> annual, 3-5 pm

A wonderful event for the whole family, featuring traditional Halloween party festivities. Horse-drawn wagon rides. \$10/carload. Free for Skyline Farm members.

Info: Jen Kimball, [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org) (page 3)

**Nov. 9**

**Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive** 3<sup>rd</sup> annual, 10 am

Kennebec Morgan Farm in Woolwich, Maine, offers beautiful vistas for riders and carriage drivers. \$20 pre-entry, \$25 day of event - Ride or Drive.

Info: Becky Totten, (207) 522-9668 (see page 3)