



A team tills up pasture land to demonstrate the old-fashioned method of cultivation at Skyline Farm's 2016 Plow Day. Photo by Patti Mikkelsen

Down The Lane



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SPRING 2017

See How Plowing Was Done the Old-Fashioned Way

9th Annual 'Plow Day'

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Rain Date: May 7)

Teams of draft horses owned by J.L. Gray Draft Horses, of Monmouth, and other teams will plow Skyline Farm's fields to improve the quality of the soil for future use. Skyline Farm and these draft horse teams are sponsoring this free public demonstration that brings to life the word 'horsepower'.

The teams will begin plowing at 10 a.m., break for lunch, and finish sometime in the early afternoon. The agricultural field will serve as the demonstration area where teamsters will show how our ancestors prepared the fields for growing their crops and answer people's questions.

Draft horse wagon rides by Heather Phinney of Stillbrook Acres in Gray and miniature horse-drawn wagon rides by Ben Lapointe of Greene will be available on a donation basis. As you enjoy a ride through Skyline Farm's fields, please drop something into the tip box to help these teamsters maintain their animals.

Visit well-known blacksmith Tim Greene, of Parsonsfield, as he demonstrates the vital importance of having a small forge on the farm so the farmer could keep the farm functioning by repairing his equipment or making his own tools and hardware. Even nowadays many farms have their own small forges. Tim also shows practical skills to the children when he makes a nail or adds a link to a chain.

Members of the White Pine Caprines 4-H Club will put on a clipping contest and demonstration with their goats. They can answer questions and share information about dairy goat breeds, care and feed of dairy goats, and dairy goat products. They can also provide information about 4-H, one of the nation's oldest and strongest youth leadership and educational programs.

At 1:00 p.m. view the Dog Tricks demonstration featuring Astro the Wonder Dog, a Standard Poodle owned and trained by Skyline Trustee Diana Logan, a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. Astro will perform a variety of tricks that will make you want to learn how to find your own dog's hidden talents! This interactive demonstration will show the depth of communication that is possible between human and canine through positive reinforcement training.

Refreshments from the grill and baked goods will be for sale from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Parking is available in the field beyond the outdoor arena and along one side of The Lane.

Step inside the Carriage Museum and view the summer version of "Recollections: Horse & Buggy Days" exhibit where you can read real quotes from real people who recall living in the horse-drawn life of bucolic New England. Admire a wide variety of rare wheeled vehicles that would have been used along the coast, including a lovely Rockaway, new to the collection.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

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***Skyline Farm "Toasted" at
Maine Beer Company***

By Sheila Libby Alexander

Maine Beer Company featured Skyline Farm as their "Nonprofit of the Month" during March.

Skyline's Board President, Greg Cuffey, was joined on March 9th at the Freeport brewery's tasting room by Board members Sheila Alexander and Jen Robbins. The three spent the evening spreading the word about Skyline Farm.

David Kleban, co-founder of Maine Beer, is a strong supporter, and for-

mer Board member, of Skyline. He was on hand to recommend his many famous beers and share his delight in all things Skyline.

Information about Skyline is included on Maine Beer's "1% for the Planet" web page, and a donation was made to Skyline as well.

Greg gave a talk about Skyline Farm to the customers in the tasting room while Jen and Sheila circulated with the new brochure.

It was a delightful evening, which included a tour of the deliciously hoppy smelling brewery.

Young Farm Friends

***Kids Farm Camp at Skyline
Farm in partnership with Deri
Farm and Farm to Table Kids***

By Stephanie O'Neil, (207) 252-9960

The MOFGA certified organic Deri Farm and preserved farm land and nature trails of Skyline Farm are excited to welcome young farm friends to Farm Camp this summer!

A special Kids Farm Camp will be offered for three sessions in June, July, and August of 2017. The Kids Farm Camp program will be offered to 6-10 year olds for week long sessions and will be hosted by Justin Deri of Deri Farm, and Stephanie O'Neil of Farm to Table Kids.

Farm Camp days will be full of adventure, hands-on-education, fun with farm friends, and an emphasis on healthy harvest choices. A day at the farm will include morning yoga to welcome our farmers, then at morning meeting we will set the chores for the day (planting, weed-ing, harvesting).

After chores, children will harvest their own organic healthy snack from the garden, and in the afternoon the children will find shade in the tree-covered hiking trails of the forest or make crafts under our meeting tent to sell each Friday at The Farmstand. On the last day of each Farm Camp week, the kids will be responsible for making their own farm stand. All kids love to play "store" and by opening our doors to their creativity for them to sell flowers they harvest, berries they pick, or crafts they made during the week, we are empowering them to feel like farmers, stewards of our land and active members of our community.

(Proceeds from the Kids Farmstand will be donated to the School Backpack Program for food insecure families in our community).

We are thrilled to farm with young members of our community and look forward to seeing you on the farm this summer! For online registration, see www.farmtotablekids.com.

Summer Version of "Recollections: Horse & Buggy Days"

By Gregory Cuffey

The new exhibit features vehicles that relate to warmer weather travel, showcasing real quotes from real people who recall living in a horse-drawn time period in New England. The winter vehicles will disappear and summer vehicles will emerge. Approximately 33 vehicles will help bring the memories to life. A partial list of them will include: a child's "Harvard" goat-drawn

wagon, piano moving wagon with rare cylinder player piano, four-wheel racer, Pall bearer, Bar Harbor Buckboard, Market wagon, many two-wheel carts, fire department wagon, Rock-away and more. If you have any stories you would like to share about the golden era of horse-drawn transportation please send them along to sphomaine@hotmail.com.

The museum will be open for public viewing on Sundays, 1-4 pm, on Plow Day, or by appointment. Free admission; donations are appreciated.

More TV Coverage for Skyline Farm

"Your Magazine"

By Gregory Cuffey

Once again the cameras were rolling at Skyline Farm.

On the heels of the Travel Channel's show "Mysteries at the Museum", Time Warner (now Spectrum Networks) producer/director Robert Firnhaber called and wanted to do an episode for Channel 9 called "Your Magazine". This show likens to 'Meet the people who make a difference in your community' and 'Experience the rich culture and heritage found right in your own backyard'.

I met Robert on a stormy early March weekday afternoon. In between rain showers on the noisy museum

metal roof, he asked me questions about Skyline Farm and the current exhibit, highlighting the Kipling Wicker Basket sleigh. All went well, and Robert came back later in the week to film outdoor shots when the sun was shining bright.

The show's airing (aired four times a day for a week) during the current exhibit was timely. Sunday afternoon museum visitation improved and overall we reached a new group of folks who may not have known we existed and who may visit us at a future event. Look for me, I'll be the one wearing sunglasses!

Watch the four-minute video at myspectrumsports.com/me/portland/shows/your-magazine. Go to 'Recent Episodes'.

Facilities Update

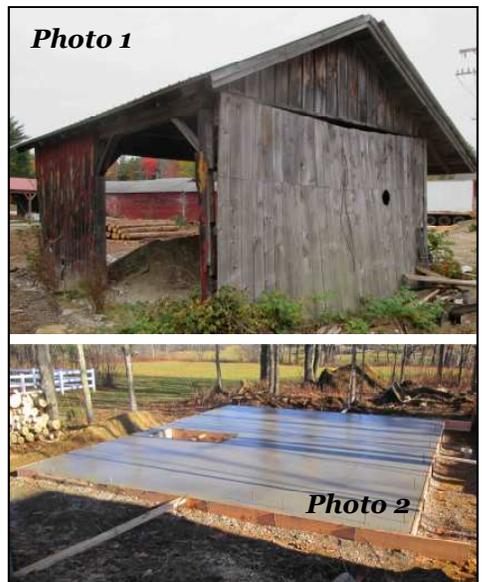
New Trade Center

By Gregory Cuffey

You will be hearing a lot about this new teaching/learning venture at Skyline in the coming months as we slowly get it up and running. Two buildings will house four educational trades- Wheelwright, Leather, Farrier, and Blacksmith. One building is almost ready to be organized and the other, a Blacksmith Shop is ready to be reconstructed (hopefully the extended winter weather is over). Photo 1 shows the shell of the former planer building at Red Mill Lumber in Casco, Maine, soon to be relocated on the new foundation at Skyline Farm (Photo 2). With any luck this building will be water tight at the Skyline site by the end of May. Stay tuned.

This is the shell of the former planer building at Red Mill Lumber in Casco, Maine. Soon, it will be relocated on the newly prepared foundation at Skyline Farm.

Photos by Gregory Cuffey





Skyline Farm had a booth at North Yarmouth Business Association's 4th Annual Community Business Trade Show on April 1, an event that gave North Yarmouth's small business owners and nonprofits the opportunity to show the public what they have to offer. Photo by Pamela Ames



*Maine Driving Club held their March 26th Fireside Chat at Skyline. Robyn Cuffey, author of *Equestrians' Guide to Acadia*, told Club members what they needed to know to have an enjoyable trip to Acadia National Park with their horses. Photo by Pamela Ames*

A Grand and Busy Afternoon at Sleigh Day

Sleigh Day in Review

By Pamela Ames and Sheila Alexander

Snow conditions were sketchy for Skyline Farm's 18th Annual Sleigh Day on Saturday, February 4th. Because other farms had to cancel their sleigh rides due to lack of snow, more people than usual attended this year's event. Skyline had just enough snow around the edge of the field to hold the event.

Thus, what a grand and busy afternoon we had at Sleigh Day! Blue skies, just enough snow, lots of visitors and friends of Skyline having lots of fun. The museum exhibit which included 35 sleighs, carriages, and wagons was terrific. The sleigh rides given by John Sczymecki of Hideaway Farm, Topsham, with his team of Belgian draft horses (pictured to right) and wagon rides by Ben Lapointe of Greene with his beloved minis were enjoyed by young and old alike. There was food aplenty.

A photo by Roger Vaughan of Yarmouth shows Nancy DeWan driving her Icelandic horse Sinna put to our Albany Cutter which was recently donated to Skyline by former trustee Bob Solman. Donna Thurston with her pony Ben and Mary Boutin with Elias joined Nancy in the arena for a narrated demonstration of harnessing and sleigh driving. Kudos to all the horses and drivers!

Such winter fun at Skyline Farm!



A team of Belgians is piloted by John Sczymecki, as he and his passengers admire the driving demonstration in the outdoor arena.

Photo by Sarah Walsh



Nancy DeWan drives her Icelandic horse Sinna put to our Albany Cutter during a demonstration at Sleigh Day.

Photo by Roger Vaughan

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The Peaks Island fire station Hose # 12 is similar to the fire vehicle in Skyline's summer exhibit.
From G. Cuffey collection

2017 SKYLINE FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS - All are open to the public.
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: Call event chair, go to www.skylinefarm.org, info@skylinefarm.org, or (207) 829-9203 (leave message).

<p>May 6 <i>(May 7 rain date)</i></p>	<p>9th Annual Plow Day 10 am-1:30 pm Draft horses plow field Horse-drawn wagon rides Blacksmith demonstrations by Tim Greene White Pine Caprines 4-H Goat Club booth Carriage Museum exhibit open 11-1:30 Burgers, dogs & goodies for sale 1-1:15 Dog Tricks by Astro & Diana Logan Free admission, donations welcome. Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 (See Pg. 1)</p>
<p>May 7 through June 18 and Sept. 10 through Oct. 15</p>	<p>Spring & Fall Museum Exhibit Sundays, 1-4 pm, or by appointment "Recollections: Horse & Buggy Days," come see and read real quotes from real people who recall living in the horse-drawn life of bucolic New England. Admire a wide variety of rare wheeled vehicles that would have been used along the coast in warm weather. Free admission, donations welcome. Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 892-0188 (See Pg. 3)</p>

<p>July 29</p>	<p>15th Annual Lobster Bake & Silent Auction 5-8 pm This fun-filled summer gathering includes a silent auction, lobster bake (or steak) dinner by reservation only, luscious homemade desserts and entertainment. Please place dinner reservations with Pamela by Monday, July 24. Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708</p>
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE FALL (Subject to Change)</p>	
<p>Sept. 9 13th Annual HenryFest with 317 Main, 12-6 pm</p>	
<p>Sept. 10 Museum Exhibit, Sundays, 1-4 pm, thru 10/15</p>	
<p>Sept. 16 4th Annual Fun Day 5K Trail Run/Walk, 8 am</p>	
<p>Oct. 15 Soup & Cider Pressing Day with No. Yarmouth Historical Soc., mini-horse wagon rides 12-3 pm</p>	
<p>Nov. 4 Christmas Photo Shoot in Skyline's Sleighs, by appointment</p>	