



Sonny Richards and his Belgians show how it's done at last year's Plow Day. Photo by Pamela Ames

Down The Lane



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SPRING 2011

3rd Annual "Plow Day" and "Summer Delivery" Museum Exhibit

3rd Annual "Plow Day" with Deri Farm

Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. (rain date May 14)

Teams of draft horses guided by plowmen are to plow and harrow several acres of pasture in preparation for the 2011 growing season.

Skyline Farm, Deri Farm (located next door) and the Farmers Draft Horse, Mule and Pony Club of Maine are sponsoring the demonstration, which is free and open to the public. The teams will begin at 9 a.m. and finish sometime in the afternoon.

A wagon will shuttle spectators between Skyline Farm and the fields at Deri Farm, which will serve as the demonstration area. There, teamsters will describe the proceedings and answer questions.

The most common working draft horse breeds are the black or dapple gray Percherons and the sorrel brown Belgians, both which can stand more than five feet tall and weight up to a ton.

Skyline Farm Carriage Museum will be open where you can get a sneak peak at its new exhibit featuring horse-drawn summer delivery vehicles. Blacksmith Tim Greene of Parsonsfield will forge objects out of metal using Skyline Farm's antique forge. In the arena, pony and horse rides for children will be available for \$5 per ride. Food will be for sale.

Parking is available at Skyline Farm and along the roadside where permitted. For more information, call Justin Deri, (207) 829-3624.

Horse-Drawn Summer Delivery Vehicles

Hours: 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays from May 15 - Aug. 21

Please visit our new museum exhibit. The main exhibit will highlight Summer delivery vehicles commonly seen on Maine roads in the late 1800's through the early 1900's. Examples of what you'll see are a Hay Wagon, Oil Delivery Wagon, Postal Buggy, Farm Wagon, Peddler's Wagons, Rockaway, Grain Wagon, Hearse and Pall Bearers Wagon to name a few.

Ongoing Exhibits-

Hitched-

Skyline Farm Carriage Museum will exhibit more than a dozen unusual hitching posts and small weights.

Sanford Mills World Famous Chase Lap Robes-

This exhibit will highlight Thomas Goodall and family's contributions to keeping horses and people warm through innovation. In the 1850's Goodall became famous and rich for his simple fitted horse blankets manufactured at a factory in Troy, New Hampshire. Later he developed an inexpensive way to mass produce plush lap robes and other material. These products were sold under the Chase label in a sprawling complex of factory buildings in Springvale and Sanford, Maine, on the Mousam River. The factories thrived through innovation directly employing more than 5,000 workers into the 1950's.

Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please call Gregory Cuffey, (207) 239-5782, or visit www.skylinefarm.org.

President's Column by Kristi Wright

This past winter I started riding my young Standard-bred mare, Sammie, at that other agriculture-inspired farm just down the road.

For just \$25 an hour, I trotted circle after circle in a 260 foot by 100 foot, heated, indoor arena with Perma-Flex footing. While the Maine winter blasted its frosty chill, Sammie and I worked up a sweat. I actually had to remove layers of clothing instead of adding them – a first for winter riding.

I confess to feeling a bit overwhelmed at the experience.

“What was I, a 4-H, ranch-trained girl from Colorado doing riding a purchased-for a dollar-rescue-horse inside this World Class facility among World Class riders on World Class horses?”

But in true Maine fashion, everyone at the facility was helpful, gracious and friendly. Maybe Sammie and I did not exactly belong there but we were welcome. My \$25 fee served more as a tip or a thank you, than a real contribution. After all, \$25 only covers about 15 minutes of electricity for those grand arena lights.

Now it's April and FINALLY the snow is nearly melted. I no longer need a roof and walls to make my riding experience enjoyable. My trailer these days is parked at a farm we are all more familiar with: Skyline.

I am renewing my Family Equestrian Membership at Skyline Farm again this season. For \$90 my son, daughter and I can ride at the farm as often as we like. We may have the woods to ourselves or share them with people walking their dogs or having a picnic under the tent. Justin Deri of Deri Farm has planned and marked pathways through his vegetable fields, so two- and four-legged visitors can watch the veggies grow without worrying about stepping on them. Maybe this year, Sammie will get over her fear of the Deri Farm resident hogs.

I anticipate many, many trotting circles inside the farm's spacious outdoor arena. That \$90 is quite a deal for so many opportunities for riding bliss. My family's membership joins with others – equestrians, community members, neighbors, historians, and local-food lovers, who for a variety of reasons from carriages to carrots, decide to support Skyline Farm. Together these memberships contribute nearly 10 percent of Skyline Farm's annual budget of about \$36,000.

The perfect beauty of Skyline Farm is that we all belong there. We all contribute. *That* is much appreciated.

Thank you and
happy spring -
Kristi

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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ISSUE: Covers events in July and August **Deadline:** June 12 **Mailing on:** June 22
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A carriage driving clinic to be taught by Patsy O'Brien and Judith Bean-Calhoun will take place at Skyline Farm on Saturday, June 11. The clinic will give you instruction in basic driving skills, dressage and some exercises with cones and obstacles to make it fun for you and your horse.

The day will start 9:00 am, and each driver will be assigned a specific start time. The format will be 45 minutes with Judith in the ring and 45 minutes with Patsy

doing cones and maybe some hazards if the footing permits. The fee is \$60 for the day.

The driving clinic entry form is available online at www.skylinefarm.org. Complete the form and send it with a check made payable to "Skyline Farm" plus copies of a Coggins test. Mail to: Patsy O'Brien, 450 Lawrence Rd, Pownal ME 04069. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy O'Brien (207) 688-4748 or Judith Bean-Calhoun (207) 375-4461.

Horsemanship Clinic - Saturday, June 18th

Following a long-time Skyline Farm tradition, a beginning horsemanship clinic will be offered June 18th from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the arena.

If your kid is horse crazy, if you are, too, then here's a perfect opportunity to learn more.

On June 18, Skyline Farm is sponsoring a beginning horsemanship clinic for those who want an introduction to basic horse care, horse handling and riding. Instructors are equestrians associated with Skyline Farm and Carriage Museum who have dozens of years of horse experience – from raising colts to running a stable; and riding and training in disciplines from dressage to ranch work; fox hunting to carriage driving.

The clinic, open to those 5 years and older, will be from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the outdoor arena at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth, Maine. Cost is \$35.00 per person. The clinic will have a maximum of 12 participants, so sign up early!

This event is ideal for someone who:

- Loves horses – or is simply curious about them
- Always wanted to learn more about horses
- Is considering taking riding lessons
- Wants some one-on-one time with a horse
- Missed out on horse camp
- Wants to overcome a fear of horses or feels intimidated by them
- Is interested in the commitment necessary to care for a horse

Participants can expect to:

- Gain a general overview of horses – breeds, colors, vocabulary
- Learn about the basic care, feeding and exercise requirements of a horse and the cost of horse ownership.

- Understand basic horse safety and proper attire of an equestrian
- How to handle and lead a horse in a safe, effective manner
- How to catch, groom and saddle a horse
- Ride a horse, in a controlled, safe setting

You should wear/bring:

- Boots with a low/small block heel. If you don't own boots, then opt first for a close-toed shoe with a slight heel or second for tennis shoes or third for hiking boots.
- Long pants
- Sunscreen/bug spray and/or rain gear if necessary
- Hat
- Helmet (If you don't have one, helmets will be available.)
- Snack for break. (Drinks will be provided.)

To reserve your spot, please send a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit to: Skyline Farm, Attn. Horsemanship Clinic, PO Box 144, Yarmouth, ME 04096. (The remaining fee will be due on the day of the clinic.)

Include the participant's name, age, horse experience and what he or she wants to learn from the experience. In addition please include a phone number and e-mail address so that we can contact you regarding any changes to the schedule due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Any participant younger than 10 MUST be accompanied by an adult -- no exceptions. Parents of all participants are encouraged to stay and watch the clinic. Any children not attending the clinic but present must be under the direct supervision at all times of the adult watching the clinic. Please leave dogs at home.



*Sleighs parade around the outside arena at Skyline Farm's 12th Annual Sleigh Day Feb. 12. The event attracted approximately 250 people.
Photo by Patti Mikkelsen*

Tryon Mountain Skyline Benefit Trail Ride on Sunday, June 5th

Take a trail ride out of Snowfields in Pownal, Maine on Sunday, June 5th to benefit the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum.

Join other trail riders going up and down Tryon Mountain and moseying along Chandler Stream.

Easy in, easy out parking; approximately 7-mile route consisting of woods trails and some road travel in beautiful Pownal. No river crossing.

The fee is \$ 20.00 pre-register, \$ 30.00 day of registration. 10:00 a.m. start time. To pre-register, or for more information, call Greg or Ann Cuffey, (207) 793-8569 .

Farmers' Market Coming to Skyline Farm in 2012

More vegetables. More fruit. More meat. More choices. More locally produced and grown food. Patrons, supporters, neighbors and friends of Skyline Farm can expect to experience food shopping at its best – a Farmers' Market at Skyline Farm – is on the agenda for the 2012 season.

"We are very excited at the prospect of not only supporting our local farmers and food producers, but also introducing Skyline Farm and all of its great educational activities and resources to a broader audience," said Kristi Wright, president of the board of directors of Skyline Farm.

The Market is to be an activity of Skyline Farm and its Carriage Museum with the goal to provide a weekly community event at the Farm that:

- Supports locally grown and produced food and products
- Highlights Skyline Farm as an educational resource and recreational destination
- Engages more community members in the events, opportunities and experiences of Skyline Farm
- Provides an audience for various demonstration and/or fund-raising events for the Farm.

This winter, the Board of Directors of Skyline Farm voted to plan and develop a Farmers' Market.

A planning committee of Mary Ellen Thoma of Yarmouth, Clark Whittier of North Yarmouth, Nancy Savage Marcus of Cumberland Foreside, Justin Deri of Deri Farm and Kristi Wright of North Yarmouth already have outlined plans, established rules and started to contact potential vendors. Committee members are also working with the North Yarmouth Planning Board to ensure that all governing entities approve of the Market. This summer, the committee also plans on surveying visitors to Skyline Farm to provide a market analysis to vendors.

"We want farmers to realize the potential of selling their food and wares at the Farm," said Kristi Wright, who also serves as a Market committee member. "Skyline reaches a broad audience and our activities and a market would complement one another."

A market at the Farm has the potential to offer customers an outdoor experience rather than just a shopping stop in a land of asphalt. People can bring their children and let them play. They can tour the museum or walk on the trails or eat a picnic lunch. The Skyline Farm Market can be a quick stop or a morning destination.

"At first shoppers may think they're going to pick up a couple of tomatoes, but they'll want to stay the entire morning," said Wright.

Sanford Mills - Chase Lap Robes

by Gregory Cuffey

In 1867, the Thomas Goodall family sailed from England to America, settling in Sanford, Maine. Goodall purchased a flannel factory and an old grist mill with land and water rights on the Mousam River to power the mills.

Sanford Mills was established where Goodall and his sons devised many manufacturing processes to mass produce America's first affordable plush lap robes. Like his first successful venture- fitted horse blankets, the plush lap robes were made from cattle hair and wool until a newly established American herd of Angora goats grew in sufficient numbers to supply their pleasing fibers to Sanford Mills. Products using Mohair played a critical role in the success of Sanford Mills product base for many decades.

L.C. Chase and Co. sold all Sanford Mills products under the Chase name (note: they were Sales Agents for other companies' horse-related products, too). Each lap robe has a "Chase" label sewn onto it.

According to an advertisement in the 1893 Moseman Catalog, Sanford Mills offered 400 different artistic patterns marketed under the Chase name. Brightly colored lap robe patterns range from domestic to exotic animals, floral, repeating animal skin patterns, and any pattern imaginable. The wooden building where Sanford Mills patterns were block printed onto the robes still stands today.

The Goodall family patented many of their innovations, processes, machinery and products. There is a 1879 patent for creating a water-proof lap robe. The patent states: "by adding an inner layer of light cloth coated with glue and chromic acid, the lap robe would be rendered water-proof."

After the 1929 stock market crash, L.C. Chase & Company sales plummeted. With the "writing on the wall", L. C. Chase & Company was purchased by Goodall/Sanford Mills and continued on under the moniker of L.C. Chase & Company, continuing to act as sales agents for many companies.

Sanford Mills continued to make horse blankets and over the years went on to produce many "timely" textile products for steamboats, trains, automobiles, airplanes, Palm Beach suits and carpeting to name a few.

A plush robe in EVERY buggy!

They were all hand made and imported, so only the "best" carriage spotted that last word in luxury, a mohair plush carriage robe. It took a full year to buy one! ¶ Then George Goodall came back from abroad. ¶ This skilled young weaver had studied foreign hand looms that so richly were mohair-stuffed them to good effect. He set to work on improvements and the result was the first power loom for the weaving of pile fabrics. This meant mass production and the prices that could put "a plush robe in every buggy." ¶ When Goodall chanced to meet LECTUS C. CHASE of Boston, that great horse lover and linen salesman was intensely interested in the new development. With true Yankee acumen, he made a dicker. He and his younger brother would sell the output of the mill. Goodall would concentrate on production and on other new ideas. ¶ Out of the happy association of sales and invention grew many things. New mills were built at Sanford, Maine. From weaving carriage robes it was but a step to making mohair upholstery for railroad cars and to styling other pile fabrics for the varied wants of the "real plush" era. ¶ Soon, foreign competition faded from the scene. Sanford Mills led the industry!

Ours has always been a business of changes-of staying in pace with an advancing America by ever shaping our product to the needs of its users. ¶ Today, our vast production is standardized only for quality. For we weave upholstery fabrics for every conceivable use. Whether it is to be used for the seats of a giant airliner, a new streamlined train, a trans-continental bus, a private automobile, a school or theater... whether it is to be the decorative covering of a cocktail bar-front or the cabinet of an air-conditioning unit—for the furniture of a hotel or home... that Chase fabric will fit its use, will be something made for the purpose.

¶ In fact, it can be said of this business—so large, yet so specialized—that its products, CHASE VELVET, REDS and LEATHERSTONE Upholstery and SEAMLESS Carpet, are literally "custom made in the mill"! ¶ If yours is a business in which comfortable seating is either incidental or of prime importance, we welcome your inquiry for sample swatches.

L. C. CHASE & COMPANY
295 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

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A vintage advertisement in a catalog shows that L.C. Chase & Company, headquartered at 295 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was a sales division of Sanford Mills, Sanford, Maine.

The ad copy reports that George Goodall had studied foreign handlooms abroad. When he returned to this country, he made improvements and created "...the first power loom for the weaving of pile fabrics. This meant mass production and the prices that could put a plush robe in EVERY buggy."



The Goodall-Sanford Mills-Chase area of Skyline Farm's museum exhibit is a popular attraction.

Photo by Gregory Cuffey

JULY 9, 2011-SAVE THE DATE!**Skyline Summer Celebration, 9th Annual
Fundraiser in the Field**

Come join Skyline Farm for its Ninth Annual Summer Celebration, one of our biggest events and an important fundraiser .

To kick off the day, we will offer a "Barn Sale" where people who rent tables under a large tent will sell an assortment of items, ranging from tack to household items to baked goods. We will have for purchase consigned items from the public such as carriages, sleighs, antiques or collectibles. (It can't possibly rain again this year, can it?) You no longer have to wait for your coveted item to be put up on the auction block; you can buy it on the spot!

Once again Trustee Diana Logan and President Kristi Wright will spearhead gathering appealing Silent Auction items from local businesses and Skyline supporters that will generate lots of attention, guaranteed.

Because we want to attract families to the farm and have horses present whenever possible, we'll offer Pony Rides (for a nominal fee) and Children's Activities for a couple of hours.

Back by popular demand will be the traditional Maine Lobster Bake at 5:30 p.m., set out in the field where guests can enjoy the farm's beautiful vistas. A complete lobster, steak, or chicken feast, prepared by Bill Young of Young's Clambakes in North Yarmouth, costs only \$50 per person (which includes a tax-deductible donation to Skyline Farm). After dinner, join other friends of the Farm inside the museum for dessert as you continue to bid on the Silent Auction of enticing items.

Don't wait – Place your dinner reservations before July 1st with Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

**Facilities Update by Paul Lones*****The generosity of Skyline Farm supporters continues.***

To date, the Board has raised \$13,300 of the \$15,225 needed to repair Bay 2.

A \$5,000 award came from the Maine New Century Historical Facilities Grant. An anonymous donor matched that grant with another \$5,000.

The Phineas W. Sprague Memorial Foundation gave \$1,000

Other individuals and businesses contributing include: Paul and Shirley Cronin; Ann and Greg Cuffey; Lauren and Dan Emery; Joyce and Ed Gervais; Cynn timer Henriques; Ellen Lovejoy; Pamela Peters; Edith Potter; and G.J. Cuffey Inc., the construction company working on Bay 2.

One of the big projects during 2009 and 2010 was improvements to the three carriage sheds that are used to house Skyline Farm's carriages, sleighs and other horse-drawn vehicles when they are not on display in the museum. Greg Cuffey spearheaded this work, which was generously supported by many friends of Skyline Farm.

We are pleased to announce that major reconstruction of Carriage Shed #2 is complete. In addition to the work previously done on Carriage Shed #3 and the ventilation improvements to all three sheds, the storage conditions for the collection are much improved. Thank you to Greg, his team and all those who helped support this project financially.

As the winter draws to a close and spring emerges, we are beginning our plans for facilities work on the

farm for 2011. There are numerous opportunities for volunteer projects including tending to the grounds, garden beds or various light carpentry and painting projects. If you are interested, please e-mail Paul Lones at paul.lones@skylinefarm.org.

Lastly, Skyline Farm is considering hiring a trail groomer to groom the trails for skiing and snowshoeing next winter. This would require financial support as well as some trail work to remove some brush and blow downs to ensure the trail is wide enough along its full length for the grooming equipment. If you think you would enjoy having the trails groomed next winter, please let us know, as this will help us gauge interest and possible use before committing the resources to this potential project. To submit feedback, please e-mail paul.lones@skylinefarm.org.

Skyline Farm Membership Form

Your membership is effective through April 30 of next year, so join now!

Name _____ Street _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Regular Membership Levels: \$25 Student \$35 Individual \$50 Family \$100 Participating

Equine Membership Levels: \$40 Student \$50 Individual \$90 Family Other gift \$ _____

Please make check payable to 'Skyline Farm' and send to: Skyline Farm, PO Box 144, Yarmouth, ME 04096

Skyline Farm is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Your membership support is appreciated.

I'd also like to donate \$ _____ toward the \$1,925 still needed to complete the Storage Bay #2 project.

This quarter's donors: Your support of Skyline Farm is sincerely appreciated!

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\$100 or more:

Ames, Pam & John
Frawley, Polly & Fred
Gerry, Suzanne
Hyde, Caroline & Stephen
Kleban, David & Heidi
Mellon, Louise
O'Brien, Martha
Smith, Estate of Don
Wright, Kristi

ANNUAL APPEAL

Less than \$100:

Burk's Buggy Repair Shop
Chadbourne, Jeanne
Chamberlain, Amelia
Corriveau, Barbara & Barry
DeSimon, Scott & Christine Egan
Dorsey, Lorna & Donald
Hopkins, Sarah Greene

ANNUAL APPEAL

Less than \$100: (Continued)

Howlett, Albert & Lois
Ingraham, Alice
Keech, Mary Gertrude
Mitchell, Kim
Tuemmler, Jennifer & Dave
Whitney, Rosemary

MEMBERSHIP

\$100 or more:

Cuffey, Greg & Ann
(Regular & Equine)

MEMBERSHIP

Less than \$100:

Totten, Margaret & Richard

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Interesting "clenched fist" hitching post located at Shelburne Museum, Vermont.
Photo by Greg Cuffey

2011 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).

May 7 (Rain: May 14)	<p>Plow Day with Deri Farm 9 am Draft horses plow fields and give wagon rides. Museum open, Blacksmith demo, Kids' activities. Free. Pony Rides \$5. Food for sale. Info: Justin Deri, (207) 829-3624 (see page 1)</p>	<p>July 9 Skyline Summer Celebration: 9th Annual Have fun at this annual fundraiser in the field! Barn Sale, Silent Auction, Pony Rides & Children's Activities; Traditional Maine Lobster Bake & Dessert ending with Silent Auction winners being announced. Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 (see page 6)</p>
May 15 through Aug. 21	<p>"Horse-Drawn Summer Delivery Vehicles" Museum Exhibit Sundays, 1-4 pm Explore delivery vehicles that were commonly seen on Maine's roads in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Free admission; donations welcome. Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782 (see page 1)</p>	<p>Aug. 13* Pony Rides, 10 am-12 pm Sept. 11 HenryFest Music Festival with 317 Main, 12-7 pm Sept. 17* Dog Day 4: "Kids and Dogs" (Sept. 18 rain date), 10 am-3 pm Sept. 24 "Harvest Day": Tractor Rides to Hansel's Orchard, Kids' Activities, Antique Tractors; Harvest Dinner Oct. 15* Nature Walk at Skyline Farm Nov. 6 Skyline Benefit Ride/Drive in Woolwich, Maine, 10 am Nov. 18 Artists' Reception for Fine Art & Crafts Show, 5-7 pm Nov. 19 Fine Art & Crafts Show, Silent Auction thru Dec. 11, Weekends, 1-4 pm * indicates a tentative date</p>
June 5	<p>Tryon Mountain Skyline Benefit Trail Ride near Snowfields in Pownal, Maine 10 am Approx. 7 miles of woods trails and some road travel Info: Greg or Ann Cuffey, (207) 793-8569 (see pg 4)</p>	
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June 18	<p>Horsemanship Clinic 9:30 am-12 pm An introduction to basic horse care, horse handling and riding. Taught by experienced equestrians. Info: Kristi Wright, (207) 829-2167 (see page 3)</p>	