



A plowman guides his pair of draft horses to prepare a vegetable garden at the 2011 Plow Day.

Photo by Michelle Hardy

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4th Annual "Plow Day" - May 5

4th Annual "Plow Day" with Deri Farm

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Rain date: May 12)

Visit a bygone era by observing teams of draft horses guided by plowmen turning the turf on several acres of pasture in preparation for the 2012 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 horse-drawn 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 summer transportation 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. Lunch refreshments will be for sale. Skyline's new Advisory Trustee Bob Solman will demonstrate Natural Balance Hoof Care to prevent lameness in horses and promote welfare of their feet.

Parking is available in the field beyond the Arena and along one side of The Lane. Rain date is Saturday, May 12. For more information, call Justin Deri, (207) 829-3624, or Pam Ames, (207) 829-5708.

Summer Transportation Exhibit

Summer Transportation: "From Horse to Horseless" Museum Exhibit

Sundays, May 20 through Aug. 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

Come explore the evolution of horse drawn transportation. The exhibit will start with the earliest form of American horse transportation called a Travois, once used by Native Americans to carry cargo. This system evolved into simple wood platforms on runners called a sledge or pung and finally into the more elaborate carriages we know today. We will display the progression of wheeled vehicles from the simplest, to the most elaborate seen on New England roads throughout the exhibit time period of 1750 to 1906.

Roads of the day were rutted and muddy. The easier to turn two-wheeled carts would be used during the earliest of times. These carts evolved into much larger four wheel enclosed vehicles to protect passengers and cargo from the elements. A sampling of wheeled vehicles to be displayed will include a 1780's Pleasure Wagon, cane Buckboard Runabout, wicker Pony Cart, Van Tassel, Brewster Side Bar Buggy, Surrey, Stanhope Gig, Peddler Wagon, Freight Wagon and a Rock-away.

Our title mentions horseless transportation. We will have on display a rare 1906 "Black Motor Buggy" on loan from Owls Head Transportation Museum. The vehicle looks very similar to a "later" horse drawn Concord Buggy. The "Black" vehicle along with other motorized vehicles of its time period were the beginning of the end of the horse drawn era.

This exhibit is sponsored in part by Cumberland Motor Club. Special Sub-Exhibit: Wicker Governess Carts.

President's Column by Kristi Wright

It's official. The kids are coming back to Skyline Farm.

My son told me just last week. His second-grade teacher told him (a special announcement because of his connections). Don and the rest of his classmates in Mrs. Cory's multi-age class, AND Mrs. O'Rourke's multi-age class AND ALL of the second-graders at Mabel I. Wilson School are coming to Skyline Farm in the spring.

They will get to play at the farm and to learn about North Yarmouth and to see the carriages and maybe meet Peanut Butter or another pony.

My son is so excited. I am so excited. Everyone connected to the farm is so excited.

For many years during the late 1980s and through the 1990s, local grade school-age children toured Skyline Farm. Everyone crowded into the dusty old arena, peeking under tarps and dusting off carriage parts as the late Ken Sowles talked about his carriages. The kids ran down The Lane and learned about North Yarmouth's ancient history. Some teachers called it the highlight of the year. Best Field Trip Ever.

We're hoping for that again. On the morning of May 3rd Skyline Farm is to present *People in your Neighborhood* to 180 second-grade and multi-agers from Mabel I. Wilson School. This program isn't just a history lesson or a fun outing. It promises to be a one-of-a-kind-learning extravaganza experience. I will share with you our official description, as follows:

People in Your Neighborhood is an on-site, interactive and multi-disciplined program that uses the backdrop of North Yarmouth's historic Skyline Farm, its carriage museum and resident community supported agricul-

ture model organic farm to provide a day-long learning event for students. *People in Your Neighborhood* will:

- examine the many and changing roles of individuals who live or have lived in North Yarmouth, Maine during the 19th and 20th centuries as well as the roles they played in their community;
- explore the microcosm of Skyline Farm as it has evolved over time from a subsistence New England homestead to a riding school to a non-profit community organization with a museum, open space and a working certified organic farm;
- build upon themes and learning models previously explored in the second-grade curricula throughout the year.

Ultimately, participation in *People in Your Neighborhood* should improve teaching and learning and inspire community involvement for the benefit of the schools and students. Students should leave their experience with:

- a better understanding of North Yarmouth's evolving history;
- an appreciation of their local community and how that community has changed over time;
- an opportunity to have had fun learning and exercising outside.

In other words, we are going to run around outside. We are going to ride in a wagon. We're going to dig in the dirt and we're going to listen, and question and touch and react and see and feel and wonder and experience. We are going to learn about the places of our past and the people of our future.

Best Field Trip Ever.

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Beginning Horsemanship Clinic - June 16

By Kristi Wright

Following a long-time Skyline Farm tradition, a beginning horsemanship clinic will be offered Saturday, June 16th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the arena. If your kid is horse crazy, if you are, too, then here's a perfect opportunity to learn more.

Skyline Farm is sponsoring this 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 take place in the outdoor arena at Skyline Farm, 95 The Lane, North Yarmouth, Maine. Cost is \$40.00 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 do not 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 and drinks for break.

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.



*No special equestrian outfit is needed for the Beginning Horsemanship Clinic; casual attire will do.
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Tryon Mountain Skyline Benefit Trail Ride Sunday, June 10th

Rolling fields, hemlock forests, mountain views. Enjoy a later morning trail ride out of the beautiful horse farm Snowfields in Pownal, Maine on Sunday, June 10th to benefit the Skyline Farm and Carriage Museum.

Riders of all levels can enjoy exploring Tryon Mountain and its multi-use trails or moseying along Chandler Stream. Snowfields offers easy in and easy out parking. The approximately 7 mile route consisting of woods trails and some road travel should keep horse and rider entertained for a couple of hours. Come with friends or enjoy the solitude. There will not be a river crossing.

The fee is \$30.00 to pre-register and \$35.00 day of registration. 10:00 a.m. start time. Participants must have current Coggins Test and proof of off premise insurance, plus sign a waiver. To pre-register, or for more information, call Kristi Wright at (207) 522-2607.



Two riders meander down a path at the inaugural Tryon Mountain Skyline Benefit Trail Ride at Snowfields.

Photo by Patti Mikkelsen

Skyline Summer Celebration - July 14 by Pamela Ames

JULY 14, 2012-SAVE THE DATE!

Skyline Summer Celebration, 10th Annual Fundraiser in the Field

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| 9-12:30 | Barn Sale, featuring vendors selling an array of items under the tent, including carriages, sleighs, collectibles, and antiques. |
| 9-12:30 and 5:30-8 | Silent Auction, featuring assorted items donated by local businesses and supporters. Bidding wars are welcome! |
| 10-Noon | Pony Rides |
| 5:30-8 | Lobster Bake (Steak or BBQ Chicken also available) served by Young's Clambakes; enjoy Dessert while listening to 'Band Overboard' in the Carriage Museum. Silent Auction winners will be announced. (Visa and MasterCard are accepted.) |

Come join Skyline Farm for its Tenth 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 items for your

house, your horse, or yourself! We will have for purchase consigned items from the public such as carriages, sleighs, antiques, or collectibles. 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!

Fascinating Silent Auction items from local businesses and Skyline supporters will generate lots of attention, guaranteed. How about bidding on a cruise to Eagle Island, Admiral Peary's island estate, on the 'Marie L.' with Captain Claire M. Ross?

Bring the kids and have some family fun on our gentle Pony Rides (for a nominal fee).

Return in the evening for an authentic Maine Lobster Bake, set out in the field where guests can enjoy the farm's beautiful vistas. It's a complete lobster, steak, or chicken feast, prepared by Bill Young of Young's Clambakes as only he can do it, narrated using his well-honed Maine accent!

After dinner, join other friends of the Farm inside the museum for luscious desserts as you listen to Deb Sevee's vocals and Band Overboard. Continue bidding on the Silent Auction of enticing items & enjoy the conviviality of being with other like-minded supporters!

Don't wait – Place your dinner reservations before Friday, July 6th with Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

Spring has come quickly to Maine this year, perhaps a little too quickly for those of us who enjoyed the first season on groomed trails at Skyline Farm. Ed Mendes of Topsham did a great job, and many of us enjoyed

skiing on the rolling hills of the fields or navigating the 'S' turns descending towards the bridge over the brook. We look forward to next season.



A touring group that ventured out during Sleigh Day took advantage of the groomed trails.

Photo by Patti Mikkelsen

This spring and summer the trails will see some improvements. Most significant of the planned work is a short re-routing around a particularly wet section of trail. Nik Josephson of Cumberland is planning and supervising the work as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. Over the last 12 years there have been several Eagle Scout projects completed at Skyline as well as numerous community service projects by school, scout and other groups. If you are interested in discussing potential projects at Skyline Farm, please contact Paul Lones at (207) 829-4171 or paul.lones@skylinefarm.org.

As the summer approaches, now is a good time to consider Skyline Farm as the site of your wedding, reunion or other event. Please contact Pam Ames at (207) 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org for more information about rates and availability.

Skyline Farm Nature Walk Summary by Pamela Ames

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Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011 was a perfect day for approximately 25 people to go on a Nature Walk at Skyline Farm with three very talented guides who are also friends of the Farm: Dorothy Spaulding, Carol Beyna, and Tracy Miner Ames. Originally the brainchild of Priscilla Ambrose, Patti Mikkelsen stepped up to the plate and organized the event.

After Patti made her introductory remarks and passed out GORP (pop quiz: what do the letters stand for?), the group hiked down into the field to inspect flora and fauna near the old red hazard, then up to view the Giant Puffball mushrooms, and then on to the trail-head into the woods.

Under Dorothy's observant eye, some of the group studied the area leading to the bridge; some explored the streambed under Tracy's guidance; and some ventured along the abbreviated trail loop, listening to Carol's interactive commentary along the way.

Half the people who attended were new to the Farm and said they would love to come back. Snowshoeing was mentioned by a few folks!

Thank you to all who put together this fun and educational field trip! I hope we can do it again, maybe spread out over the various seasons.



Trained naturalist Carol Beyna points out gills on the underside of a mushroom to a few hikers on the nature walk.

Photo by Pamela Ames



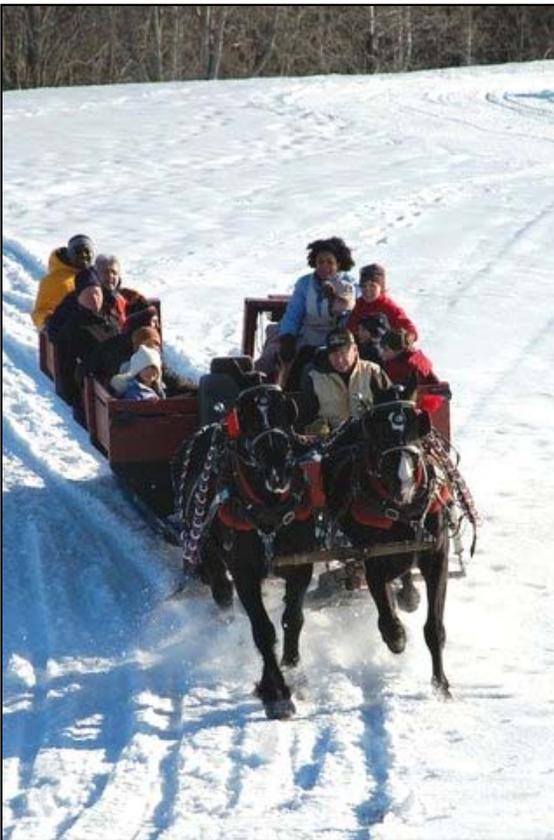
Bruce Nieman of Topsham, Maine admires the Pony Park Gate Gig, which was a vehicle featured as part of the Winter Transportation: "From Horse to Horse-less" exhibit. He visited on March 8 with a group that had been hiking in North Yarmouth that day.

Photo by David Selleck



Advisory Trustee Gordon Corbett provides an in-depth museum tour to visitors on March 18.

Photo by Pamela Ames



Sleigh driver and horses gather steam to make the next hill to the delight of passengers at Sleigh Day.

Photo by Jennifer Wiessner



This 1906 Black Motor Buggy, which is on loan from the Owls Head Transportation Museum of Rockport, Maine, is part of Skyline Farm's winter and summer transportation museum exhibit.

The Black Manufacturing Co. of Chicago produced high-wheelers under the name of Chicago Motor Buggy from about 1906 until 1909. Specifications: Type 12 or 112 runabout; engine two-cylinder, horizontally opposed, air-cooled; bore 4-1/8 in., stroke 3-3/4 in., displacement 100.2 cu. in., 12 hp. Price new about \$400.

Photo by Patti Mikkelsen

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John and Sylvia Sowles enjoy their day on horseback at the 6th Annual Skyline Benefit Trail Ride/Drive in Woolwich, Maine on Nov. 6, 2011.

Photo by Gregory Cuffey

2012 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 5
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Info: Justin Deri, (207) 829-3624 (see page 1)

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Sundays, 1-4 pm or by appointment
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Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782 (see page 1)

June 10
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Approx. 7 miles of woods trails and some road travel
Info: Kristi Wright, (207) 522-2607 (see page 4)

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Info: Kristi Wright, (207) 522-2607 (see page 3)

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Have fun at this annual fundraiser in the field! Barn Sale, Silent Auction, Pony Rides; Traditional Maine Lobster Bake; Dessert, while listening to live music by 'Band Overboard', ending with Silent Auction winners being announced.
Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 (see page 4)

Sept. 9 Henry Fest Music Festival - 8th annual

Sept. 22 Harvest Day, kids' activities, antique tractors; Harvest Dinner by Chef Jeff Landry

Nov. 4* 7th Annual Skyline Benefit Ride/Drive at Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm in Woolwich, Maine

Nov. 9 Artists' Reception for Fine Art & Crafts Show

Nov. 10 Fine Art & Crafts Show, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 9

Nov. 24 Sitar Music-Live! Featuring Jeff Herbster

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