



Face painting by Gail Strattard is a popular attraction at Skyline Summer celebration.  
Photo by Pamela Ames

# Down The Lane



SUMMER 2012

SKYLINE FARM  
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9:00-12:30 Barn Sale, featuring vendors selling an array of items under the tent

If you'd like to rent a table for \$20 or consign a larger item, please contact Greg Cuffey, 793-8569.

9:00-12:30 Silent Auction inside the Visitor Center

9:30-9:45 NEW! Dog Tricks Demo by Diana Logan, Pet Connection Dog Training

10:00-11:30 Pony Rides by Bit and Bridle 4H Club; Face Painting by Gail Strattard

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\*\*\*BREAK\*\*\*

5:30-7:00 Lobster, Steak or BBQ Chicken feast, including clams, served by Young's Clambakes at 6 p.m., \$50 per person

7:00-8:00 Free admission to the carriage museum to enjoy Dessert while listening to 'Band Overboard' and bidding on the Silent Auction items

7:30 (apprx) NEW! Live Auction in the museum (Visa and MasterCard are accepted.)

All proceeds benefit Skyline Farm's operational expenses.

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Join in the fun at Skyline Farm's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Celebration, one of our most important fundraisers!

The Barn Sale will kick off the day. People who rent tables under the large tent will sell a range of items for your house, your horse, or yourself! Skyline representatives will be selling consigned items from the public, such as carriages, sleighs, or antiques.

Appealing Silent Auction items from local businesses and Skyline supporters will generate lots of attention, guaranteed. How about bidding on dinner for two at historic Black Point Inn, Prouts Neck, Scarborough as one example? Bidding wars are welcome!

NEW this year will be Dog Tricks demonstrations by trustee Diana Logan, a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. Come see Astro the Wonder Dog and Dory the Queen, both Standard Poodles, 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. Diana loves to share her dogs' silly tricks. Find out more about her at [www.dianalogan.com](http://www.dianalogan.com).

Gentle Pony Rides (\$5/child) will be hosted by the Bit and Bridle 4H Club (who meets monthly at Skyline). There will also be Face Painting (donation basis) by North Yarmouth's talented and creative Gail Strattard.

Return in the evening for an authentic Maine Lobster Bake, set out in the field where guests can enjoy the farm's beautiful vistas. *(continued on page 3)*

In early May, 175 second-grade and multi-age Mabel I. Wilson School students converged upon Skyline Farm to learn, laugh and enjoy the outdoors for an extraordinary field trip experience, People in Your Neighborhood.

"That was triple awesome!" said Devon Moynihan, a second-grader in Mrs. Libby's classroom. "It was the best field trip ever."

People in Your Neighborhood was an on-site, interactive and multi-disciplined program that used the backdrop of North Yarmouth's historic Skyline Farm, its carriage museum and resident community supported agriculture organic farm to provide a day-long learning event for students.

The children explored nine stations where they learned about everything from horsemanship and hoof care to local history and carriage-related vocabulary. They examined a governess cart, an old-time hearse and a peddler's wagon. The children played old-fashioned hoop games, planted bean seeds and caressed a very adorable pony. A wagon ride behind two, one-ton Percherons, certainly gave the children an appreciation for genuine horse-power.

"People in Your Neighborhood truly would not have happened without the generosity and volunteerism of so many people in our neighborhoods of North Yarmouth and Cumberland," said Kristi Wright, president of the Board of Trustees of Skyline Farm, the non-profit organization that played host to the event. "Skyline Farm and Foundation 51 provided funding to plan and carry out the event, volunteers from Skyline, Deri Farm, North Yarmouth Historical Society and the classrooms shared their expertise at the learning stations and many parents chaperoned."

In addition, Wright said, MSAD 51 administrators and Wilson school teachers and administrators offered their expertise, time and support.

"We wanted every kid to say that this was the best field trip ever, and I think we succeeded," Wright said.

Martha Leggat, who represents North Yarmouth on the MSAD #51 Board of Directors, helped pass out snacks during a break in the morning's activities.

"I was moved by the energy of the demonstrations, the attention to detail, and the incredible planning and preparation that pulled everything together. (And this doesn't even mention all the fun the kids were obviously having!)", wrote Leggat in a post-event email to volunteers. "There was obviously such incredible collaboration to have executed this project so seamlessly, and such vision and passion behind the project."

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*Students from Mabel I. Wilson School in Cumberland, Maine planted bean seeds at Deri Farm under the supervision of organic farmer Justin Deri as one of the nine stations at People in Your Neighborhood.*

*Photo by Pamela Ames*

### **OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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***People in Your Neighborhood a Success!***

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In 2012, to further the Farm's mission and strengthen its relationship with local schools, specifically MSAD#51, Skyline Farm created (with educator-input) People in Your Neighborhood. Ultimately, the event, which organizers hope becomes an annual affair, is to improve teaching and learning and inspire community involvement for the benefit of schools and students.

Wright said that she and the Skyline leadership hope that students left the Farm 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.

Financial sponsors included Foundation 51, Skyline Farm, Kristi Wright & Patrick Strawbridge, Doug & Harper Lee Collins, Steve Barr & Martha Leggat, George & Nancy Savage Marcus, Heidi & Shaun Alfreds, and Greg & Jennifer Wiessner. The school took care of transportation to the farm, asking parents to contribute \$2.50 each, if possible, to alleviate expenses.

In addition, these volunteers helped with the day:

Heidi and Lucy Alfreds, Sheila Alexander, Pamela Ames, Ursula Baier, Brenda Bacall, Greg Cuffey, Jeanne Chadbourne, Gordon Corbett, Jennifer Crosby, Justin Deri, Heather Giandrea, Mark Heath, Cynn timeriques, Holly Hurd, Heidi Kleban, Martha Leggat, Audrey Lones, Nancy Savage Marcus, Katie Murphy, Bob Solman, Susan Shepard, Kristi Wright and Lynn Young.



*Skyline Farm Trustee Lynn Young conducts her station in the outdoor riding arena.*

*Photo by Pamela Ames*

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It's a complete lobster, steak, or chicken feast, (\$50 per person) prepared by Bill Young of Young's Clambakes in North Yarmouth as only he can do it, narrated using his well-honed Maine accent!

After dinner, you can join other friends of the Farm in the museum for luscious desserts as you listen to the high energy vocals of Band Overboard, a popular band who covers music from the late '60s to today, playing guitars, drums, and even a Kazoo when needed!

Continue bidding on the Silent Auction of enticing items until around 7:30 p.m. so we can then begin the Live Auction, NEW this year, which features some exclusive items, such as two nights and three days at beautiful Migis Lodge on Sebago Lake.



*Ann Cuffey shows potential customers some toy horses for sale at last year's Barn Sale.*

*Photo by Pamela Ames*

Place your dinner reservations by Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> with Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 or info@skylinefarm.org.

## *New Pass to 19<sup>th</sup> Century Willowbrook Village*

Skyline Farm has supplied patrons of Prince Memorial Library in Cumberland, Maine with a pass (one per day) for visiting the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Willowbrook Village, Elm Street (off Route 11), Newfield, Maine.

Come and see:

- 56 restored carriages and sleighs
- 1849 Concord Stagecoach
- operating 1894 Armitage-Herschell carousel
- Antique gas engines
- Bandstand and one-room schoolhouse
- 2 historic homesteads
- Tool displays

- Old-fashioned Country Store
- Print shop
- Blacksmith shop

Pass is good for free admission for up to 2 adults and 2 students, ages 6-18; under 6 free. Adult admission fee is usually \$10 and student fee \$5.

Open Thursday through Monday (Closed Tuesday and Wednesday), Memorial Day weekend (May 26) through Columbus Day (October 8).

10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Sandwich Shop and Ice Cream Parlor are open the same days as the Village, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on this fascinating destination, check out [www.willowbrookmuseum.org](http://www.willowbrookmuseum.org).

## *Plow Day Wrap-up by Pamela Ames*

The abundant spring rain caused us to hold 'Plow Day' on its rain date May 12. Fortunately, the sun shone brightly, lifting the spirits of more than 100 people in attendance. Although the draft horse teams couldn't plow Deri Farm's fields due to the wet conditions, they could demonstrate what farming was like when animals were used to help prepare the fields for planting. J. Luther Gray and son Scott, along with four other teams from the Farmers Draft Horse, Mule and Pony Club of Maine, described how the plow and harrow worked. People of all ages were thrilled to try their hand at ground-driving a pair of Percherons around the arena. The teamsters also demonstrated log scooting and gave horse-drawn wagon rides.

Blacksmith Tim Greene of Parsonsfield used Skyline's antique forge, allowing kids to participate by cranking the wheel to keep the fire burning.

Master Food Preserver Vivian Page made yummy preserves for sampling, much to everyone's delight.

Jim Stampone and Kate LeRoyer of Freeport Harness showed how they could repair equine-related items and said they'd definitely be back next year.

Skyline Farm president Kristi Wright gave Pony Rides in a cart pulled by her gentle, patient pony, Mr. Peanut Butter.

Old-fashioned children's games, overseen by Jen and Diana Kimball and Linda Rackley, were a source of fun and exercise.

Visitors enjoyed strolling through the new "Summer Transportation: From Horse to Horseless" exhibit in the Carriage Museum, appreciating the efforts of Greg Cuffey, chair of the Museum Collection committee, and his team.

Lunch under the tent was prepared by advisory trustee Bill Ambrose and his grill helper Patti Mikkelsen who cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the crowd. Visitors also enjoyed eating delicious home-baked goodies.

To conclude the festivities, all five draft horse teams lined up in the arena for a solemn closing ceremony.



*As the grand finale, all five draft horse teams lined up for a pose.  
Photo by Diana Logan*

In early April, two Skyline Farm board members, Ursula Baier and John Sowles, presented a program entitled "Sleighting in Maine" to the Gorham Historical Society, at its monthly meeting in Gorham, Maine. The 40 enthusiastic members enjoyed the program and many looked forward to a forthcoming bus trip/tour of Deri Farm and of the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum winter exhibit.

The following Saturday, 20 GHS members boarded a bus provided by the Gorham Recreational Department and headed for North Yarmouth. After days of inclement weather, that Saturday was sunny and cool.

The group first assembled on a hill overlooking Deri Farm's fields and greenhouses. Justin Deri enlightened the audience about organic farming practices, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), extending the growing seasons with large greenhouses and challenges of plant pest and disease control. As some in the audience were retired and current conventional farmers, they listened with interest.

Once Justin finished, we walked to the museum side of Skyline's property to watch Donna Thurston demonstrate the fine art of driving her horse Ben around the white fenced riding and driving outdoor arena. The assembled audience enjoyed the show.

Moving on to the museum, we toured the Winter Transportation exhibit and got a rare peak inside the three storage buildings directly behind the museum. We ended the tour with a light lunch of finger foods and beverages in the Visitor Center.

A few of the comments I received included - "liked the fact land is in a land trust with community trails for all to enjoy," "picturesque setting," "great food, nice people," "CSA was an interesting concept," "amazing diversity of vehicles in collection" and "hadn't seen a pleasure horse driven in years."



*(Above:)  
Greg Cuffey enlightens  
visitors about a late 1700  
Pleasure Wagon.*



*(To left:)  
Donna Thurston and her  
pony Ben put on a driving  
demonstration for Gor-  
ham Historical Society  
members.*

*Photos by Jen Ernest*

**HenryFest Music Festival - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual**Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

Noon - 7 pm at Skyline Farm

Details coming!

Organizers are currently recruiting volunteers to help out with HenryFest 2012.

You may contribute your time to anything from:

- parking,
- set-up,
- breakdown,
- kid's area entertainment,
- pie-making,
- bonfire tending,
- sign posting,
- trash duty, etc.

Volunteers will receive a free festival ticket and oodles of fun while contributing to this great community music event.

To sign up as a volunteer, or for more information on the festival, contact the Front Desk, (207) 846-9559 or [frontdesk@317mainst.org](mailto:frontdesk@317mainst.org).

**Harvest Dinner**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Once again, Chef Jeff Landry of the Farmer's Table Restaurant, Portland, is graciously and generously working with Skyline to put on a second Harvest Dinner, much to the delight of the locavores who attended the first one. This delectable fund-raiser will feature three courses, incorporating locally grown vegetables, local seafood and meat, and, of course, desserts made locally by our remarkable bakers (Skyline trustees and supporters)!



*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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The membership year extends through April 30, 2013.

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Your membership support is appreciated.

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

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*Andrew Taylor of Boy Scout Troop 58 volunteers to help Nik Josephson who is working on his Eagle Scout Service Project to create a trail by-pass to avoid a wet spot that has plagued this Skyline trail for years.*

*Photo by Pamela Ames*

**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](http://www.skylinefarm.org), [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org), or (207) 829-9203 (leave message).*

- May 20 through Aug. 19** ***“Summer Transportation: From Horse to Horseless” Museum Exhibit***  
*Sundays, 1-4 pm or by appointment*  
Come explore the evolution of horse-drawn transportation from the time period of 1750 to 1906. A rare 1906 Black Motor buggy will be one of the vehicles on display. Free admission; donations welcome.  
Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 239-5782
- July 14** ***Skyline Summer Celebration - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual***  
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. Reserve by July 6.  
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  - Nov. 4\** ***7<sup>th</sup> 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***
- \* indicates a tentative date*