



Guests enjoying the concert at Skyline Farm's lobster bake last year. Howard Mikkelsen photo

# Down The Lane



SKYLINE FARM  
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SUMMER 2007

## 5th Annual Lobster Bake and Concert at Skyline Farm - Saturday, July 14th

### LOBSTER BAKE BY YOUNG'S CLAMBAKES & LIVE CONCERT BY THE TRAVELERS

If you and your friends want to have a memorable experience on a warm summer's evening, please join us for our Fifth Annual Lobster Bake with all the fixings on Saturday, July 14th from 5-9 p.m. This popular Skyline Farm fund-raiser costs \$35 per person (the same price as five years ago).

Young's Clambakes' Lynn Young, a Skyline Farm Trustee, and her family know how to throw a good old-fashioned Maine lobster bake, since they have been doing it for over 30 years. The Youngs will construct the bake and steam the lobsters, clams, corn, and potatoes to perfection. Come see how it's done.

Please bring your own beverage and join us for a Social Hour from 5 - 6 p.m., during which we'll have a Silent Auction of intriguing items from area supporters. Then be prepared to dine at tables set up in the field overlooking the beautiful view of the farm's rolling fields, woods, and pastures.

After dinner, sit back and listen to the sounds of The Travelers who will perform a mix of folk, country, pop, and rock, plus even a few songs for the children! The Travelers is a project band composed of four players: John, Pete and Deb Sevee, and Diane Hancock. For the past 7-8 years, they have been part of the larger local group, Harmony Station of Yarmouth. Father and son complement one another on guitar, and the energetic female vocals top it off with harmonies and various percussion instrumentation. The Travelers provide something for ages one to ninety-one....no exceptions!! You may even be inspired to jump up and start dancing in the aisles!

To stay true to our goal of being a "living" museum, Skyline Farm will again feature horse-drawn carriage rides through the fields for \$10 per person plus our museum exhibit "Wheels at Work" will be open for viewing when the festivities wind down.

You'll be talking about this event all year!

- 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Social Hour and Silent Auction (ongoing until 7:30 pm)
- 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Lobster or Steak Dinner served \$35/person
- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Concert by The Travelers
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides \$10/person
- 7:30 p.m. Silent Auction winners announced
- 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Museum open for viewing

Please place your reservations **by July 9th** by contacting Pamela Ames at (207) 829-5708 or [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org).

For more information, please visit our web site at [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org).

Proceeds to benefit Skyline Farm.



Pete Sevee of The Travelers. Courtesy photo

## Meet another of Skyline Farm's New Trustees

### DAVID KLEBAN

- Owner, Glacial Lakes Financial 5 yrs, Financial Advisor
- Wife Heidi & Daughter Zoe
- Skyline Farm Treasurer
- Chair - Skyline Farm's Budget/Finance Committee
- Enjoys the outdoors & hanging out with friends
- Enjoys spending time creating paintings & photographs



*Leather water buckets (similar to the one pictured above) and Dietz lanterns (shown to the right) are being sought.*

## Sound the Fire Alarm! By Greg Cuffey

Skyline Farm has a vintage fire wagon that is in desperate need of:

- leather water buckets,
- Dietz lanterns with the word "FIRE" on them,
- old fireman's hats,
- a statue of a Dalmatian,



• any tools that may have been used to fight turn of the century fires.

We are also looking for a smaller, vintage violin case.

Any help locating these items would be wonderful. Please contact us at 207-829-9203.

## Collection Corner By Greg Cuffey

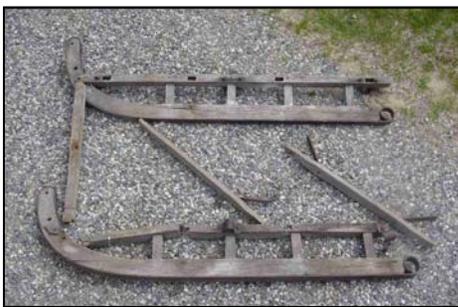
From time to time Skyline receives inquiries from folks asking if we will accept various horse drawn items. Recently Albert Greenwood, of Minot, ME, left a phone message in reference to some old logging scoots his father Montford used around the turn of the century and were stored in his family's slaughter house. He also mentioned most were in pieces and powder post beetles may have gotten the best of some.

Skyline didn't have an example of this type of sleigh, so I contacted Albert, and we made plans for my visit.

A passion of mine is piecing together parts to vehicles; needless to say, a lot of piecing needed to be done here. All the long heavy scoots proved to be too far gone.

Upon exiting the slaughter house we passed through an open front shed. Looking up in the rafters I noticed parts to a smaller scoot without beetle holes.

The Greenwoods donated the smaller scoot with one stipulation—I send them a photo of the restored scoot.



*Farm scoot - before restoration  
Greg Cuffey photo*



*Farm scoot - after restoration  
Greg Cuffey photo*

For submitting materials to appear in the Autumn 2007 issue of this newsletter, please contact the editor: Patti Mikkelsen, mikks@securspeed.us, 207-926-5660, 1372 Intervale Road, New Gloucester, ME 04260

**Autumn deadline and mailing date: Sept. 16, Sept. 27**

Skyline Farm is pleased to welcome back Phil Stanton as benefit auctioneer at its 5th Annual New England Carriage & Sleigh Auction to be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007.

This consignment auction draws consigners and buyers from across New England and New York.

In addition to horse drawn vehicles, a selection of antiques and collectibles will be offered.

To consign your carriage, sleigh or related items such as sleigh robes, carriage lamps, and harnesses, or to order a catalog (\$15 each), contact Paul Lones, [auction@skylinefarm.org](mailto:auction@skylinefarm.org) or 207-829-4171 evenings.

Donations of items to auction off for the benefit of Skyline Farm Carriage Museum are also most welcome.

New this year, credit cards can now be accepted for auction purchases.



*Donated carriages being shipped to the mainland to be auctioned off. Greg Cuffey photo*

Skyline Farm invites you to its fifth annual

## Carriage & Sleigh Auction

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am, Phil Stanton, Benefit Auctioneer  
95 The Lane, North Yarmouth, Maine, [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org)



### Auction Selected Highlights:

**Surrey:** 2 seat, labeled Sargent & Ham; Boston, shaft, black & blue, no top.

**Coal Box Buggy:** Canadian, single seat, four wheels with rubber, black.

**Phaeton:** maker possibly a Studebaker, cut under, black, 2 seats, four wheels with rubber, shaft.

**Concord Buggy:** maker - B.T. Perkins, Farmington NH, spindle seat, blue, shaft.

**Road Cart:** Cob-size, 2 wheel

**Tandem Cart:** seats 2 to 4, two wheel

**Antique Houghton sulky**

**Canadian style sleigh, manufactured by Maine State Prison**

**Democrat**

**Speeding Cutter**

**Wicker Governors cart**

## Skyline Farm Facilities Update by Paul Lones

This summer Skyline Farm has several facilities projects underway.

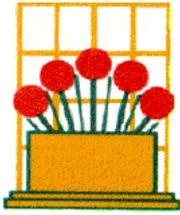
Most important are ventilation improvements to the 3 carriage sheds that house those vehicles in the collection that are not currently on exhibit. These sheds can get very warm in the summer months and excessive temperatures can soften and damage delicate surface finishes.

In addition to these changes, projects will include:

- Landscaping around the entrance walkway,
- installation of additional outdoor lighting for use with evening events, and
- completion of siding on the north side of the barn.

There are also several volunteer opportunities including exterior painting and small landscaping projects. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, please call Paul Lones at 207-829-4171.





### Gould Auction Company Appraisal Day on September 15th

2<sup>nd</sup> annual benefit antique appraisal day to be held at Skyline Farm.

Search your attic, closet and barn for cherished heirlooms. Bring the items to Skyline Farm for an appraisal Saturday, Sept. 15. Appraisals will be conducted in the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

**Many items in your home should be appraised for insurance purposes.** Timothy Gould will be ready to give you his opinion on the value of your favorite antiques, artwork and col-

lectibles. The admission fee will be \$10 per item, or three items for \$25.

Tim has been conducting appraisals for 32 years. Gould's Auction Company holds quality auctions in Gardiner, Maine, and offers "Fresh to Market Antiques". Gould is known for his honesty and exceptional knowledge in the antique field. [www.gouldauctions.com](http://www.gouldauctions.com).

Also, antique auto rides will be offered with proceeds to benefit Skyline Farm. Travel down The Lane in an antique auto. Experience the nostalgia of a bygone era.

### Norlands' Heritage Day by Patti Mikkelsen

Sunday, June 24th was a magnificent day for my husband's and my inaugural visit to a special place in Livermore, Maine where significant history is being preserved. Puffy cumulus clouds dotted in a clear blue sky comprised the backdrop for the historical buildings on the grounds of property once owned by the Washburns, one of the great political and industrial dynasties of the 19th century

The Washburn-Norlands Living History Center and Museum was hosting its annual Heritage Days, replete with fun activities to entertain all visitors. Some examples include an antique sewing machine demonstration; wagon rides; and tours of the mansion, library, church and school house. A second check of the program afterward revealed that we missed the pie-eating contest—shucks!

Late-breaking news revealed that the trails were not available for carriage driving, which eliminated most from making the trip. However, there were two intrepid couples who showed up to take a few spins around the field, lawn and road. Maine Driving Club members the Stongs of Brunswick were seen covering quite a lot of territory in their Running Brook Cart, drawn by their gorgeous Canadian horse. Another MDC group Vicky and Larry Catlett of nearby Leeds offered carriage rides for a while in their restored Goddard with many original features, including the caning. The carriage is estimated to be of a pre-1875 vintage, judging from the internal structure of the seat. At one time it belonged to Ken Sowles whose collection served as the underpinning for Skyline Farm today.

For more info on Norlands, visit [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).



(L to R) Wagon ride route passing the Norlands Library. The Stongs piloting their cart up the hill. The Catletts in their restored Goddard purchased from Steven Smith. Howard Mikkelsen photos

Skyline Farm is hosting its second national invitational art show and sale featuring distinguished artists from Maine and across the nation. "A Dog and Pony Show" is a fine art exhibit presenting canine, equine and carriage driving artworks.

The exhibit opens on August 31, 2007 from 5 - 7 p.m. with an artists' reception and the opening of the Silent Auction. Participating artists have generously donated small works, giclees and various art items for the Silent Auction that will help raise additional funds for the farm and its museum.

"A Dog and Pony Show" will be open from 12 - 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday from September 1 through October 28, 2007, or by contacting Pamela Ames at 207-829-5708 or [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org) for an appointment. Final bids for the Silent Auction artworks will conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

This benefit show and sale will be concurrently surrounded by the museum's "Wheels at Work" carriage exhibit. Other Skyline Farm events that will take place on select weekends during the run of the art exhibit

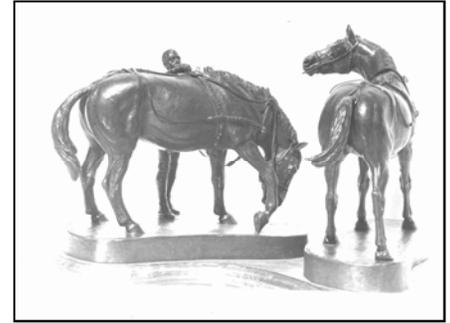
are Dog Agility Trials, Antique Appraisals/Antique Auto Rides, Maine Carriage Day and Pumpkin Fest.

A sampling of the artists participating in this year's show includes painters Susan Dorazio, Fabio Deponete and Mary Cupp; sculptors Kathleen Friedenberg and Yvonne Kitchen; and Maine photographer Pamela Blades Eckelbarger. Equine artist, Kathi Peters of Morrill, Maine, is curating the exhibit.

Works ranging from contemporary realism to abstract promise an exciting assortment of medium and method to please the discriminating art collector of equine, carriage and canine art.

Proceeds will benefit Skyline Farm, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that is a living carriage museum with a Visitor Center.

Programs and events are offered that are focused on the role of horse-drawn transportation such as carriage driving and sleighing demonstrations and competitions. This 54-acre farmstead is located in the historical village of North Yarmouth, Maine.



Artist: Kathleen Friedenberg (from PA)  
Title: "Two for the Road" (sculpture)



Artist: Susan Dorazio (from CT)  
Title: "Chestnut Pair at the Turn" (watercolor painting)



Artist: Beth Carlson (from Maine)  
Title: "Get Well Soon" (oil painting)

## Happy Trails by Pamela Ames

On a cloudy Thursday morning, I welcomed 10 students from Yarmouth High, along with their advisor Mark Marstaller, and showed them around the museum. Then we each grabbed a tool and got to work.

The young men did trail work all morning, and the young women helped me finish raking the bulk of material back into the parking lot. Important preliminary work had been done the night before our work day. John Ames used his tractor to rake most of the material back into the parking lot. We never could have accomplished all that we did without his help.

After raking, we hiked the trail, beginning at the far end of the field. We checked out the beaver dam (the water level looks lower - good!) and picked up debris along the way. When we met up with the guys, a "log-sawing" competition broke out!

The time went by far too quickly, but we had a good time in the 3 hours they were at Skyline Farm. Sincerest thanks to Mark and his kids! Another wonderful year in our relationship with Yarmouth High School has come to pass. I'll have to start a "To Do" list of projects for next year's springtime visit to the Farm.

Before the age of emails and computers, before radios, before telephones, there was the mail: for letters, postal cards, newspapers, and eventually mail order catalogs.

Letters were originally carried on horseback in saddlebags over rough roads and ferries where there were no bridges, or by coastal vessels, in the care of the captain. Stage coaches and later mail coaches had established routes in New England by the 1820's, dropping off mail bags at certain coaching inns, with letters to be picked up by customers who expected them.

When the railroad came, locally by the 1850's, many things changed. Mail traveled by rail to local post offices, and post masters were appointed. But for the average householder in this area, it was the establishment of the Rural Free Delivery service just before 1900 that really brought the mail on a daily basis to the country districts.



*Skyline Farm's mail wagon, part of the "Wheels at Work" exhibit, during an '06 Yarmouth, ME. parade*

Delivery men were certified by the General Post Office in Washington. Official colors and design for vehicles were specified and used, although the mail carrier had to provide his own horse and vehicle, so in some places this might vary. In winter, the vehicle would have been on runners.

In North Yarmouth, Maine, Herbert Lawrence is remembered as servicing the east side of town. He started by picking up the mail at Dunn's Depot (Route 9/North Road) covering a 24 mile route daily, from the Royal River to as far away as Pownal Center and Yarmouth. (Skyline Farm would have been covered from the Walnut Hill Post Office once the railroad came in 1871.) Before starting each day, the mail was sorted into a series of canvas pockets that were rolled up according to his route.

Rural Free Delivery (RFD), a service designed to bring mail directly to people living in rural areas, was initiated on an experimental basis in 1896. Cities had enjoyed mail service for decades, but the cost of building a delivery network in remote areas, along with opposition from local merchants and postmasters, had delayed service to rural towns. Subscription magazines and mail-order stores had become staples for a growing middle class, and their emergence put new pressures on the federal government to expand its mail ser-

vices. In addition, farmers' advocacy groups, well organized in the 1890s, amplified the call for reform.

Rep. Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, a friend of the Farmer's Alliance and vice presidential candidate for the Populists in 1896, was the author of the first free rural delivery legislation, enacted in 1893 and providing \$10,000 for an experiment. Opposition to RFD remained fierce.

Petitions poured in to Congress from local and state organizations of the National Grange and from other organizations of farmers. In 1896, Congress added another \$10,000 appropriation, and Postmaster Gen. William L. Wilson decided to test five rural routes in his home state of West Virginia. Between the autumn of 1896 and the spring of 1897, mail flowed along eighty-two pioneer routes, scattered through twenty-eight states and the territory of Arizona.

After Wilson left office, Perry S. Heath, the first assistant postmaster general, and August W. Machen, superintendent of free delivery, adroit politicians who favored extension of the system, began active promotion of RFD. Securing an appropriation of \$150,000 in 1898, they announced that any group of farmers wanting a mail route need only petition their congressman for it, sending a description of their communities and their roads. Congressmen were overwhelmed with petitions. In 1902, there were not more than 8,000 routes in the nation; three years later there were 32,000.

By 1915, the number of rural mail carriers was 43,718, as opposed to 33,062 city mail carriers. Routes continued to be organized until the mid-1920s, and in 1925 the number of rural mail carriers reached 45,315. Afterward, consolidation of routes based on the use of automobiles brought sharp declines.

Rural free delivery—by bringing daily delivery of newspapers with coverage of national and world events, changing fashions, and market quotations and by delivering mail-order catalogs—was of major importance in breaking down rural isolation.

(Rural Free Delivery article from the History Encyclopedia @ Ask.com.)

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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### Skyline Farm Membership Form: TIME TO RENEW, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO!

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Would you help reduce our postage costs by receiving the following via e-mail?

- event reminders       newsletters       no e-mails, please

**\* Regular Membership Levels:**

- Student      \$25
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- Student      \$40
- Individual      \$50
- Family      \$90
- Other Gift:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Regular Membership entitles you to:**  
 Skyline Farm newsletters and event calendar.  
 Free spectator admission to the Sleigh Rally, Maine Carriage Day and Pumpkin Fest.  
 15% discount on Skyline Farm logo items.  
 Invitation to members only interpretive tour of the Skyline Farm Carriage Collection.

**\*\* Equine Membership Benefits:**  
 Trailer Parking.  
 Use of riding ring.  
 Use of driving hazards.  
 Use of trail system for riding and driving.

Please make check payable to 'Skyline Farm' and send to:  
 Skyline Farm Membership, P.O. 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 is effective through  
**April 30** of next year.  
*Look for your membership card in the mail!*

## 2007 SKYLINE FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All event proceeds benefit Skyline Farm, a nonprofit organization, which owns an historic set of buildings, including a carriage and sleigh museum, and offers trails through its woods and fields for public use.

FMI: Contact the event chairperson, go to [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org), write to [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org), or leave message at (207) 829-9203.

**now  
through  
Oct. 28**

**“Wheels at Work” Exhibit** *Sats/Suns, 12-3 pm*  
The Skyline Farm Carriage Museum showcases commercial vehicles used in the service, farm and trade industries. Appointments for special weekday showings may be arranged in advance.  
Info: Jane Gordon, (207) 846-3463

**July 14  
double  
feature!**

**Carriage & Sleigh Auction** *5th annual, 10 am*  
Once again auctioneer Phil Stanton has volunteered his services to auction off carriages, sleighs and related items. Donated and consignment items needed.  
Info: Paul Lones, (207) 829-4171 *(details on page 3)*

**Lobster Bake & Concert** *5th annual, 5-8 pm*  
A summer evening of enjoying Maine’s favorite shellfish and the sounds of a live band. \$35/person. Carriage rides through the fields available for \$10/person.  
Info: Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 *(details on page 1)*

**Aug. 31**

**Opening of Art Exhibit** *Friday 5-7 pm*  
Kick off to second national invitational art show and sale, plus silent auction. Come meet the artists.  
Info: Kathi Peters, (207) 342-3169 *(details on page 5)*

**Sept. 1  
through  
Oct. 28**

**“A Dog and Pony Show”** *Sats/Suns, 12-3*  
A fine art exhibit and sale presenting canine, equine and carriage driving artworks shown in the Skyline Farm Carriage Museum. Final bids for the Silent Auction artworks will conclude at 3 pm on Sunday, Oct. 28.  
Info: Kathi Peters, (207) 342-3169 *(details on page 5)*

**Sept. 15**

**Antique Appraisals by Tim Gould, Gould Auction Co., & Antique Auto Rides** *10 am-2 pm*  
Learn what your antiques are worth! Enjoy a ride in a motorized vehicle from yesteryear.  
Info: Greg Cuffey, (207) 894-5134 *(details on page 4)*

**Sept. 16**

**Arena Driving Event** *3rd annual, 9 am*  
A perfect chance to practice for Maine Carriage Day. Dressage tests will be ADT training level test and the ADT preliminary test.  
Info: Patsy O’Brien, (207) 688-4402

**Sept. 22**

**Dog Agility** *10 am*  
Canines and their handlers show off their stuff.  
Info: Diana Logan, (207) 829-3187

**Oct. 14**

**Maine Carriage Day** *30th annual, 9 am*  
A Picnic Drive and Sporting Day event competition and demonstration. \$5 per carload for spectators. Free for Skyline Farm members.  
Info: Patsy O’Brien, (207) 688-4402

**Oct. 20**

**Pumpkin Fest** *8th annual, 3-5 pm*  
A wonderful event for the whole family, featuring traditional Halloween party festivities. \$2 pp. Free for Skyline Farm members. Info: Alison Hoyt, (207) 865-1612

**Nov. 11**

**Pleasure Trail Ride/Drive** *2nd annual, 10 am*  
Enjoy beautiful vistas at Kennebec Morgan Farm, Woolwich, Maine. \$20 per entry.  
Info: Becky Totten, (207) 522-9668



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Preview party of the “Wheels at Work” museum exhibit held in the Visitor Center  
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