



Lynn Young loads up each tray with lobsters, corn and clams at Summer Celebration, July 9.
Photo by Diana Logan

Down The Lane



FALL 2011

SKYLINE FARM
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Join the Quest to Have Fun and Get Smarts!

Focusing on the theme "Kids and Dogs!", this year's event celebrates the connection between kids and dogs through interactive activities and games that help promote a mutually safe, positive and fun bond.

This event isn't just for kids, though. Do you like dog agility? Watch seasoned dogs fly through the course, brought to you by Tree Frog Farm Dog Training and Agility, or give it a try with your own dog.

Games, including dog races, 'dunkin' for dogs, "search and rescue" and retrieving contests; open Q&A sessions about dog training and behavior; mini training sessions (teach your dog a trick!); puppy playgroup for pups no more than 6 months old and 25# (from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.); exciting head-to-head training competitions; demos and more can be found at Dog Day 4!

It will be a day packed with fun, entertainment and education, all taking place at Skyline's spacious setting.

Note: Please leave aggressive and reactive dogs at home. Attending dogs must be on leash (no retractable).

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers! Sign up today! A variety of positions, including monitoring games, serving as pet-sitters, and helping with children's activities, need to be filled. Please go online using this URL to find out more and sign up:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X6CJ5LQ>

Admission

\$10/person. \$5 for kids age 16 and under.

Lunch

Lunch will be catered by the talented Chef Louis Pickens of Black Betty's Bistro. Chef Pickens is creating a variety of delicious, nutritious sandwiches to be sold during this event. His time and profits will be donated along with the admission proceeds to benefit Skyline Farm, helping it continue to offer events like this and remain a vital community resource.

Vendors welcome!

Vendors of quality goods and services are invited to rent spaces for \$25 each (\$20 for nonprofits) by contacting Diana Logan at (207) 252-9352.

Contact Information

Organizer: Diana Logan, (207) 252-9352
E-mail: dogday@petconnectionmaine.com

More Online Details

www.skylinefarm.org
Events Calendar

For images from previous Dog Days, go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OHwIB9bTlk>
(good music, too!)



President's Column by Kristi Wright

Kristi Wright and family interpret the theme for "The Great North Yarmouth Air Show" with their pony as Pegasus.

Photo by Pamela Ames

Here at Skyline Farm when we say "Buy Local!", we mean it. Year in and year out, local business owners have lent many a helping hand to the Farm. Here are but a few examples:

- Plowing the trails and arena for Sleigh Day 2011- Thank you Carl Davis and Daughters Trucking Inc.
- Attracting hundreds of people to the farm for special events- cheers to Pet Connection Dog Training, Deri Farm, and Hansel's Orchard
- Providing long-term financial support- Ames Farm Center, Averill Insurance, Bath Savings Institution, Broker Scott Kerr of RE/MAX by the Bay, A.H. Grover Inc., Pet Connection, and The Notes have sponsored Skyline Farm since the Board of Trustees first offered such opportunities in 2005.

And then there are the dozens of businesses who donate quality items and/or services to our Silent Auction during July's Summer Celebration each year.

This month, board members are asking old business friends and new ones to help out here at The Farm. We appreciate the support. We display our sponsors' banners at our events. We advertize their businesses in the Visitor Center and list them in our quarterly newsletters (which go out to 1,000 households).

We feel confident that showing support of Skyline Farm is good for business. It should be. Skyline Farm's patrons are community-minded, dedicated and loyal. They're great to the Farm, and they are great customers as well. So, the next time you do business with a Farm sponsor, tell them Skyline sent you.

Pig Roast at Deri Farm by Vivian Page

Saturday, July 16th marked the first pig roast at Deri Farm/Skyline Farm. It was a celebration with over 70 guests honoring friends, neighbors, the summer harvest, and the pig!

If roasting a whole pig sounds a bit overly adventurous, it is a commitment requiring ingenuity, time and elbow grease. However, it is also an amazing event that will be remembered for years to come. The pig, born and raised at Deri Farm, was butchered by Justin Deri with farm apprentices Alden Witham and Glenn Preston. The roaster itself was a sight to behold, hand-crafted from a household oil tank, it slowly turned the spice rubbed pig, creating glazed, golden, delicious meat. Guests enjoyed an abundant pot luck with local sauces from Chasin' the Ring BBQ, home baked pies and a wide variety of delicious side dishes.

The beautiful fields of Skyline Farm were the perfect backdrop for summer games and relaxation. A special thank you to all who contributed time and goods, to Skyline Farm, and to Keith Blackstone for the roaster.

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Skyline Benefit Trail Ride/Drive*Sunday, Nov. 6, 10 am*

Come join us in mid-coast Maine and enjoy the gorgeous views along the trails of Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm, 236 Phipps Point Road, Woolwich, Maine.

This event has become extremely popular, drawing a large field of entries each year. It has received rave reviews for both the scenic bayside trails and tasty lunch.

Hot food is available for purchase.

Due to the interest in this event, pre-entry (\$25) is strongly encouraged; \$35 post-entry. Once the event is full, riders/drivers will be put on a waiting list.

See www.skylinefarm.org for entry form in October. For more information, call Becky Totten (207) 522-9668.



Equine enthusiasts enjoy the trails and crisp fall weather at Kennebec Morgan Horse Farm in 2008.

Photo by Margaret Totten

“Back to the Land” Artists’ Reception for Fine Art and Crafts Show***“Back to the Land” Artists’ Reception for Fine Art and Crafts Show****Friday, Nov. 18, 5-7 pm*

Meet and greet the artists and ask them about the inspiration for their artworks. You can purchase items (credit cards are accepted) or bid on art-related silent auction items.

Enjoy light refreshments while mingling with these talented Maine artists and artisans who have created the artworks you will see in Skyline’s sixth invitational art show and sale.

For more information, call Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708 or e-mail info@skylinefarm.org.

“Back to the Land” Fine Art and Crafts Show with Silent Auction***“Back to the Land” Fine Art and Crafts Show with Silent Auction****Saturday, Nov. 19 through Sunday, Dec. 11**Weekends, 1-4 pm or by appointment*

Come one, come all, to Skyline Farm's 6th annual invitational art exhibit and sale, one of its most significant fund raisers!

For four weekends we will showcase talented Maine artists and artisans whose paintings, photographs, and fine crafts are inspired by Maine’s natural beauty.

“Back to the Land” is open to the public weekly, with no admission charge. Original artworks are for sale just in time for the holiday buying season. There are items for every taste and budget.

A Silent Auction, featuring artworks and related items donated by the artists and local businesses, will run concurrently with the art show, concluding at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11th.

Artists are generously sharing a portion of each artwork's sale and 100% of the funds raised from their Silent Auction donations will benefit Skyline Farm's programs and operations.

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Locally built and operated milk wagon owned by the Falmouth Historical Society



Maker's plate of Edward Dow



Ornate seat spindles uncommon on commercial vehicles



Above: Sarven style hubs to hold wheel spokes to central hub.

To right: Vertical "King Bolt" or "King Pin" holds axle to running gear. Axle swivels on steel plates. Safety hook is in case pin falls out! Note the curved carving on the upper plate. The mark of a violin maker?

An Old Friend Returns for a Visit

Article and photos by John Sowles

It seems only yesterday when, over dinner, Dad leaned to me and whispered, "I have something to show you at the farm." (Whenever he said that, everyone except Mom knew it was code that he'd picked up something very SPECIAL.) How he had acquired it I don't recall, but I do remember how pleased he was to have a beautiful milk wagon in original condition with bright lettering "Elmwood Milk Farm, West Falmouth." After Dad died, but before Skyline was even a passing thought, our family thought the wagon should return to the people of Falmouth, Maine.

Other than a maker's plate indicating the vehicle was built by an Edward Dow and the ornate lettered "Elmwood Milk Farm", we knew little else of its history, its provenance. We estimate it was built sometime around the 1880's based on a few construction features. The wheels use metal Sarven style hubs rather than mortised and tenoned hubs of solid wood. Sarven hubs became relatively common, especially on commercial vehicles after about the 1840s. The shafts are permanently fixed to the front axle and a simple "King bolt" connects the front axle to the frame rather than a 5th wheel as seen on later vehicles.



But research by members of the Falmouth Historical Society has turned up some interesting history.

This particular wagon was built for and used by Mr. Gorham R. Whitney & Son, who ran Elmwood Milk Farm at 276 Falmouth Road, across from the present Falmouth Town Hall.

And Edward Dow's shop was located at 207 Foreside Road, just south of Handy Boat Yard where his shingle indicated "Violin and Carriage Maker." Violins!! We are told Mr. Dow was in fact quite renowned as a maker of fine violins. And upon closer examination of the vehicle, some commonalities between these two apparently incongruent objects emerge.

Like a violin, the body is feather light, flexible yet strong using stays and painted canvas in place of heavy wood. The fine spindles on either side of the bench seat hint at a violin maker's predilection for details. Even the normally mundane running gear includes hand carvings that remind one, me at least, of a violin scroll.

Thanks to David Merrill and the Falmouth Historical Society, the Falmouth Milk Delivery Wagon was loaned to Skyline Farm as part of our Summer Exhibition.

Mr. Merrill and the Falmouth Historical Society have shown the old milk wagon is in good hands.

The Milk Delivery Wagon will return to the new Falmouth Historical Society facility on Woods Road, Falmouth where we look forward to hearing more results of this wagon's local history and of the characters associated with it.

Horsemanship Clinic by Kristi Wright

Skyline Farm and Carriage Museum returned to its roots this summer with two special events: A Horsemanship Clinic for Horse-crazy kids in June and a demonstration and tour for school-age children in early July.

Ten children ages 5 through 12 participated in Skyline's first Horsemanship Clinic for Horse-Crazy Kids in June. Board Members Sheila Libby Alexander, Lynn Young and Kristi Wright with the help of Pony, Peanut Butter and Mesa introduced the girls to all things horses and riding from pony breeds to picking hooves; saddling up to scooping poop (Patrick Strawbridge made a special appearance for the pen-cleaning demonstration.) Everyone had an opportunity to ride and judging from the smiles on the participants' faces, everyone seemed to think that was the best part. Ponies and horses and instructors and helpers enjoyed many heart-felt thank you's and horses enjoyed carrots around.

"I had three little bitty girls and I was worried when I found out how young they were," said instructor Sheila Alexander. "But they listened to every word I had to say and we had a wonderful time. We picked up hooves and found frogs and all kinds of things."

Sheila has taught many beginning riders at Skyline Farm. She first learned to ride at the Farm in 1958 and continued as an instructor there from 1961-65.

"Thank you so much for the great horsemanship clinic," said Trisha Small of Cumberland, whose daughter, Emily, attended the clinic.

Proceeds from the clinic went into Skyline Farm's general fund, and more clinics will be planned for the future. Look for dates and times on the Skyline Farm website and future newsletters.

Visiting Campers by Kristi Wright

In July, 30 children ages 5 through 10 who were participating in an English Language Learners Camp in South Portland visited Skyline Farm and Carriage Museum. The children who were accompanied by five teachers and several middle-school-age counselors watched patiently as Kristi Wright hitched Peanut Butter to his cart and then lined up to pat the pony. They then toured the museum and enjoyed tasty snacks prepared and served by Pam Ames.

"50 pounds!"

"1000 pounds."

"A million!"

Such were some of the enthusiastic responses to Kristi Wright's question: "How much do you think Peanut Butter, the pony, weighs?" Kristi asked the question as she demonstrated how to harness and hook up her 27-year-old Welsh Pony to a cart.

Eventually one girl answered correctly – 400 pounds – and the discussion changed to horse power. The children were studying various types of transportation at their summer camp. Several said they had not ever seen the origins of horse power. In fact, their teachers said that explaining horse transportation is difficult because in this modern, automobile-driven world, the concept of horse-drawn vehicles is impossibly unfamiliar with the children. Thus, Skyline Farm's museum and a live demonstration provide perfect hands-on experiences for the kids.

Nor had they ever seen hitching posts or blankets made especially for horses, as were on display at Skyline Farm's Summer Delivery Exhibit.

The children, however, were very familiar with the sound of sleigh bells. When their tour guide shook a string of bells, the kids began singing: Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way ...



Children visiting from a South Portland camp attentively watch a demonstration by Skyline Farm President Kristi Wright and her pony Mr. Peanut Butter, while Wright's children assisted.

Photo by Pamela Ames

Penny Rug Workshop - Sat., Nov. 19, 10 am - 12

Back by popular demand, local artist and retired art teacher Anne Tarbox will instruct you in the basic principles of making a 'penny rug', a form of appliquéd table rug that became popular during the mid 18th century. It was named this because of the small circular patches used to create designs. These patches soon became flowers, animals, and scenes.

During this session, you will make a small round mat to learn the technique of layering and stitching the pieces together with a blanket stitch. All wool, thread, fusible web, and patterns will be provided. Each participant must bring good sharp fabric scissors. Cost: \$35 includes materials. Reserve with Pam Ames and pre-pay by Friday, Nov. 11th. Limited to 8 participants.

For more info, call Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708.

Sitar Music - Live! - Saturday, Nov. 26 - 1 to 3 pm***Sitar Music - Live! - Sat., Nov. 26, 1-3 pm***

Come and experience the mystical sounds of India! Performing on the Sitar, Jeff Herbster of Brunswick weaves a fabric rich with the traditional and authentic music of Northern India while performing several traditional and ancient ragas.

Jeff will play his instrument for an hour or so and then allow time for a discussion of the music and instrument. Free admission.

Jeff has been a professional musician for more than 40 years with nine musical instruments in his resumé, and is well known throughout Maine as a bagpipe player. He has appeared at numerous events, weddings, and Skyline Farm's Lobster Bakes.

As a sitarist, his talent has been used by schools, libraries, churches and, most recently, at the Taste of South Asia Dinner and fundraiser in Augusta.

For more info, call Pamela Ames, (207) 829-5708.

Upcoming Events Hosted by Other Organizations

- Sept. 10 ***Open Barn Fundraiser at Open Gates Equine Rescue***, 10 am to 3 pm, Rain date: Sept. 17
Horse enthusiasts and other shelter supporters won't want to miss this fun and informative event. Dr. David Jefferson of Maine Equine Associates will speak on chiropractic practices for horses at 10. Catherine Foley, a horse trainer in Virginia, will present a clinic beginning at 11 a.m. Dr. Thomas A. Judd of Equine Veterinary Services will speak on acupuncture for horses at 12:30 p.m. Saddle fitting instruction by Cohne Goodwin (riding instructor/judge) will start at 2 p.m. Open Gates Equine Rescue is located at 407 Morse Road, New Gloucester, Maine. FMI: Call 926-5570.
- Sept. 11 ***7th Annual HenryFest Music Festival***, 12 to 7 pm at Skyline Farm
Skyline Farm is pleased to welcome back 317 Main St. Community Music Center for their community music event. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and music! Family-friendly; open to all ages. Some of the performers: Heather Masse, Jerks of Grass, 317 Main Street Ensembles, and Local Circus. The fun includes the legendary 317 Pie Table; a Kid's Area including toys, Face Painting, and a Story Corner; Food Vendors, a bonfire, and of course, GREAT MUSIC all day long! \$35 family, \$20 person. FMI: 317 Main St., (207) 846-9559 or e-mail frontdesk@317mainst.org. Visit www.317mainst.org.
- Sept. 24-25 ***34th Annual Maine Carriage Days***, Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, Maine
Come join us for a beautiful Maine weekend with food, fun and competition. Judge: Susan Koso (MA), TD: John Greenall (VT). All breeds and sizes welcome! Classes will include Dressage, Pleasure, Cones and an Obstacle Course. Prizes, division awards, silent auction, and a catered dinner including southern-style BBQ. For more information, contact Sandy Welsh, organizer, (207) 343-0249, e-mail organizer@mainecarriagedays.com, website: www.mainecarriagedays.com.



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

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Julie Pew of Yarmouth, Maine and her three granddaughters Libby, Annie and Kate von Seggern from South Portland mull over the amount to bid for a gift certificate to "The Meat House" at the Skyline Summer Celebration silent auction, July 9.

Photo by Patti Mikkelsen

NOTICE:
"Harvest Day," originally scheduled for September 24, 2011, has been cancelled.

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).

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