



WITH AN EARLY SPRING DRIVING SEASON UPON US
PLEASE

REMEMBER TO BE COURTEOUS WHEN DRIVING

As riders and horses of all ages and degrees of experience come to our drives, and cars share the road, it is important to remember the rules of driving, and riding courtesy.

- 1 - Arrive at the scheduled time - don't mess up the drive organizer's plans for a group lunch etc. by being late.
- 2 - Check in with the drive organizers and fill out your release form. Better yet bring it with you all filled out to give to the organizer.
- 3 - Please leave ample room when parking next to another trailer. Keep in mind that horse(s) will be tied there--even though they might not be there when you pull in.
- 4 - Be sure to have a slow vehicle triangle on the back of your carriage.
- 5 - Stay as far to the right on the road as possible except when passing.
- 6 - Always pass on the left.
- 7 - Check for cars coming from behind before pulling out to pass.
- 8 - Stop and look both ways at all intersections before entering.
- 9 - No tailgating.
- 10 - Never pass another horse or carriage without requesting and receiving permission.
- 11 - Walk past ridden horses if possible. Do not trot by without asking permission. They may not be used to seeing carriages.
- 12 - If someone is having trouble with a horse, always stop & wait until it is under control before passing from either direction.
- 13 - If someone is hitching or entering a carriage or mounting a horse, wait until they are in the carriage or on the horse and in control before asking to pass.
- 14 - NEVER PASS ANYONE AT SPEED. You could cause a serious accident!
- 15 - Always be polite, and respect people's property wherever you ride or drive.
- 16 - Be prepared to collect & remove your road apples if requested.
- 17 - Remember to thank the drive organizers and anyone else appropriate before you go home.

Happy riding and driving with the GSCA in the coming year!

MYSTERY DRIVE / RIDE AT CANTERBROOK MAY 7TH

You will have already received the flyer for this drive with all the details but we are including it again. Do plan to come out for this first drive of the spring season. It is sure to be fun!

BILLINGS FARM DRIVE COMING MAY 21ST.

This is a fun drive from the Billings Farm Museum and the trails run through the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park. Parking is limited so make your plans early. Details are in the attached flyer.

REMEMBER BIRDS DO NOT LIKE HAVING THEIR NESTS & BABIES TRAVEL!!!

Please remember those of you with fifth wheel trailers to take steps to prevent birds from nesting on those oh so safe and sheltered hitches on your trailers. One year two nests of babies made the trip to Acadia to the great distress of the bird parents and the trailer owners. Unfortunately none of the young ones survived with no parents to feed them.

SUMMER HORSEMANSHIP CLINICS AT CARRIAGE BARN

South Hampton, NH -- The Carriage Barn is pleased to announce that its 5th Annual Summer Horsemanship Clinics will be held at Black Magic Farm, in South Hampton, NH, weekly from June 27th through August 26th.

These clinics are for beginners and independent riders ages 6 to 10 & 10 to 15. Learn about horse care and handling, nutrition, first aid, and horseback riding.

Black Magic Farm has been located in South Hampton since 1988. We are pleased to have a wonderful country setting in which to hold our Summer clinics.

Horsemanship clinics will run Monday through Friday 9 am to cpm. Students must bring their own lunch, beverages, and snacks. Parent supervision is not required. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. For those that cannot attend a full week, riding lessons are available daily all Summer, as well as The Carriage Barn's annual Kids Carriage Driving Clinics.

Clinic proceeds help support The Carriage Barn's therapeutic riding & driving programs. For more information, please contact The Carriage Barn at carriage-barn@comcast.net or 603-378-0140.

HORSE TENDERS IN GREENFIELD, NH SPONSOR ACTHA (American Trail Horse Assn.) RIDE ON JUNE 4, 2011

ACTHA sponsors 6-10 mile trail rides in many areas of the country which will benefit horse rescue organizations. The ride's 'competitive' portion consists of trail obstacles not speed or endurance. This gives horses a chance to become good trail mounts, therefore, more valuable and adoptable. Last year a portion of the proceeds were donated to Ever After Mustang Rescue in Biddeford, ME (GSCA member) and this year it will go to the Mustang Heritage Foundation. This is a fun ride for you and your horse and you can opt out of the obstacles if your horse isn't ready.

Their mission is: "To create an enjoyable venue showcasing the wonderful attributes of the great American trail horse and granting them the recognition they so richly deserve.

To create a registry open to all breeds and a point designation system which will stay with each horse for its lifetime, thereby adding to their value and distinction.

To create and enable humane treatment options for horses in need." For more info visit. www.actha.us
sent in by Sonja Cahill.

SAD NEWS

Barbara Frake writes that Donna Sargent has had to put her 35 year old Merrylegs down. She had her mother Dolly and has been with Merr since she was foaled. Merr is buried next to Barbara's Gunther in her pasture. Donna can be reached at Donnatsunami@yahoo.com.

SHIRLEY SEAVEY ILL

Petr Lord informs us that Shirley has been in the Exeter Hospital with pneumonia and heart problems. She has now been moved to Rockingham County Nursing Home Rehabilitation and will be there for some time while she regains her strength and coordination. She greatly appreciated the calls, cards, visits and e-mails that she has received and her family appreciated everyone's kindness and support.

She can now have visitors any time except when she is in rehab. so it is advisable to call ahead if you wish to visit. She can be found in Room D028, Rockingham County Nursing Home, 117 North rd., Brentwood, NH 03833. The number for the phone in her room is (603) 658-2293. The building is Driscoll Ground Room 28B.

WHEN YOUR DAY SEEMS OUT OF BALANCE

When your day seems out of balance-
and so many things go wrong...
When people fight around you
and the day drags on so long...

When parents act like children,
in-laws make you think "Divorce"...
Go out into your pasture...
and wrap you arms around your horse.

His gentle breath enfolds you,
and he watches with those eyes.
He may not have a Ph D,
but he is, oh so wise!

His head rests on your shoulder.
you embrace him oh so tight.
He puts your world in balance,
and makes it seem all right.

Your tears they soon stop flowing.
The tension is now eased.
The garbage has been lifted,
and you're quiet and at peace.

So when you need the balance
from circumstances in your day...
The best therapy that you can seek...
is out there eating hay!!

Mary Anne Miller

HORSES ARE AMAZING CREATURES

An excellent quote from Jane Smiley's book *A Year At The Races.*

"Most horses pass from one human to another - some horsemen and women are patient and forgiving, others are rigorous and demanding, others are cruel, others are ignorant. Horses have to learn how to, at the minimum, walk, trop, canter, gallop, go on trails and maybe jump, to be treated by the vet, with sense and good manners. Talented Thoroughbreds must learn how to win races, and if they can't do that, they must learn how to negotiate courses and jump over strange obstacles without touching them, or do complicated dance like movements or control cattle or accommodate severely handicapped children and

adults in therapy stables.

Many horses learn all of these things in the course of a single lifetime. Besides this, they learn to understand and fit into the successive social systems of other horses they meet along the way. A horse's life is rather like twenty years in foster care, in and out of prison, while at the same time changing schools over and over and discovering that not only do their students already have their own social groups, but that what you learned at the old school hasn't much application at the new one .

We do not require as much of any other species, including humans. That horses frequently excel, that they exceed the expectations of their owners and trainers in such circumstances, is as much a testament to their intelligence and adaptability as to their relationship skills or their natural generosity or their inborn nature. That they sometimes manifest the same symptoms as Romanian orphans - distress, strange behaviors, anger, fear - is less surprising that that they usually don't. No one expects a child, or even a dog, to develop its intellectual capacities living in a box 23 hours a day and then doing controlled exercises the remaining one. Mammal minds develop through social interaction and stimulation. A horse that seems stupid might just not have gotten the chance to learn!"

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FOR SALE

Ariat riding boots Like new, worn only a few times - too small for me. Size 7.5, paid \$79.99 last year. Asking \$39. Please call Sonja at 978-851-5124.

Round pen is a 60' Powder Mountain brand. There are 15 12' panels and a 6' gate. Has the squared off top corners. Hooks together with pins on chains. \$850. Selling the complete pen, not separate panels.

Travel panel pen black, square metal tubing, 3 rail. There are 16 6' panels, 5'+ tall. This comes with 4 metal brackets for hanging in your trailer to use as a portable pen for camping. This would make one 12 x 36 pen or 2 12 x 12 pens. \$550

storytella@comcast.net

Anne



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAY 8 & 22 SPRING FLING ADT. Mary Gray Driving Center. Contact: mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net / or (603) 974-2357. **NOTE: DATES CHANGED!**

APRIL 16 COLONIAL CARRIAGE SPRING SEMINAR. Orleton Farm, Stockbridge, MA. Contact: Kay Konove (413) 298-3810 or kkfjords3@gmail.com

APRIL 16 JOHN GREENALL DRIVING CLINIC. Just in Time Farm, Londonderry, NH. Contact: (603) 674-2040

APRIL 23/4 CLINIC WITH MUFFY SEATON. Seacoast Farm Contact: Jenny Wells seacoastfarm@roadrunner.com www.seacoastfarm.com

MAY 7/8 LISA SINGER CLINIC. Seacoast Farm Contact: Jenny Wells seacoastfarm@roadrunner.com www.seacoastfarm.com

MAY 7 GSCA MYSTERY DRIVE/RIDE. Canterbury, NH. Contact: Ginger Laplante (603) 783-4702 or Claudia Libis (603) 463-9812

MAY 21 GSCA BILLING'S FARM DRIVE.RIDE. Woodstock, VT. Contact: Becky Greenan (603) 632-4752 or Carolyn Townsend (603) 448-3476.

MAY 28-29 SPRING TUNE-UP WEEKEND OF INTENSIVE DRIVING Mary Gray Driving Center. Contact: mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net/ or(603) 974-2357.

JUNE 5 AMERICAN SCURRY DRIVING EVENT Mary Gray Driving Center. Contact: mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net/ or (603) 974-2357.

GSCA 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW!!
PLEASE RENEW NOW AS WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOSE YOU !!!

A list of all members paid up to date is below. If your name is not on the list hurry up and renew or this will be your last issue and you will miss the information on our spring drives!

Albright, Cresca	Guasaldi, Gino	Owen, Jim & Lucia	Warren, Philip & Jan.
Barry, Mark	Hamlen, Nell	Parks, Bess Arden	Wilking, Eric & Linda
Bennett, Linda	Hayes, Richard & Mary	Pearson, Pat, Nils, Keely	Williams, Marilyn
Booth, John & Susan	Herrick, Dave & Liz	Peterson & Valz	Williams, Ralph
Burnham, Jim & Nancy	Hill, Carol	Roth, Linda & Trubey	
Cahill, Bob & Sonja	Holman, Helen	Rourke, Dorothea	Goode, Heather
Carmola, John & Mary	Hurld, Barbara	Saari, Holly	Huether, John
Charbonneau, Donna	Jarvis, ralph & Nancie	Seavey, Shirley	
Chase, Victoria & Todd	Kokal, Stephanie & Fam.	Sensel, Sandra	
Chiappetta, Ginger	Lanza, Marilyn	Slnbo, Nancy	
Clifford, Ellen	Laplante, John & Ginger	Smith, Laura	
Davidson, Linda	Libis, Claudia	Stebbins, Linda	
Deane, Peg	Lowes, Barbara	Tyler, Mala	
Demers, Joan & Hewett	Marshall, Tom & Linda	Terkelsen, Marie	
Deplante, Lora & Lance	Martin, Isabella "Boo"	Townsend, Carolyn	
Dunn, Kathi & Bill	McLeod, Catherine	Turgeon, Joanne	
Egge, Joyce	Merrill, Stephanie	Turner, Tracy & Paul	
Finerty, Judy	Misiaszek, Dick & Linda	UX, Stacy	
Fortier, Keath & Dawn	Miskoe, Sylvia	Vanderploeg, Rick & Joan	
Frake, Barbara	Mooney, Virginia	VanSchaik, Rolf & Carol	
Glidden, Ray & Norma	Morrison, Jim & Elaiane	Veinot, Terry	
Gray, Mary	Moses, Connie & Rick	Vieira, Steve	

THE GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.
A PLEASURE DRIVING CLUB
DRIVE WITH US JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT
(Riders Welcome)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ Address: _____

_____ State _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

New Membership ____ Renewal ____

Any Changes from last listing? Yes No What? _____

Annual Membership Single or Family \$20.00.

For more info. call: Treasurer Marilyn Williams (603) 594-0987

Please make checks payable to: GSCA

Mail to: Marilyn Williams, 54 Pilgrim Drive, Litchfield, NH 03052



Making do with what you have.

THE GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION
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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
1978 - 2008
*The Granite State
Carriage Association*



GRANITE STATE CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION
Beginning the driving season with a
MYSTERY DRIVE

MAY 7, 2011

at John & Ginger Laplante's
Canterbrook
Canterbury, NH

beginning at 10:00 AM

Come and drive/ride Canterbury's scenic country roads during May's lovely spring weather. There will be 2 three mile loops which can be driven together as a figure eight if you wish, and an eight mile loop with a "twist". What's a "twist"? That's the mystery. Routes are a mixture of pavement and dirt.



Bring a picnic lunch and a chair and we will eat together after everyone returns from the drive.

PARKING

Follow the GSCA signs past the house and right onto the pavement. Almost immediately turn right onto dirt lane past far end of riding ring and into tree shaded parking. Stop and turn in your filled out release forms on the way in.

THERE IS NATURAL WATER IN BROOK AND POND.

DIRECTIONS TO CANTERBROOK ON REVERSE.

INFORMATION

Contact John or Ginger Laplante
(603)783-4702 or canterbrk@aol.com

DIRECTIONS TO CANTERBROOK

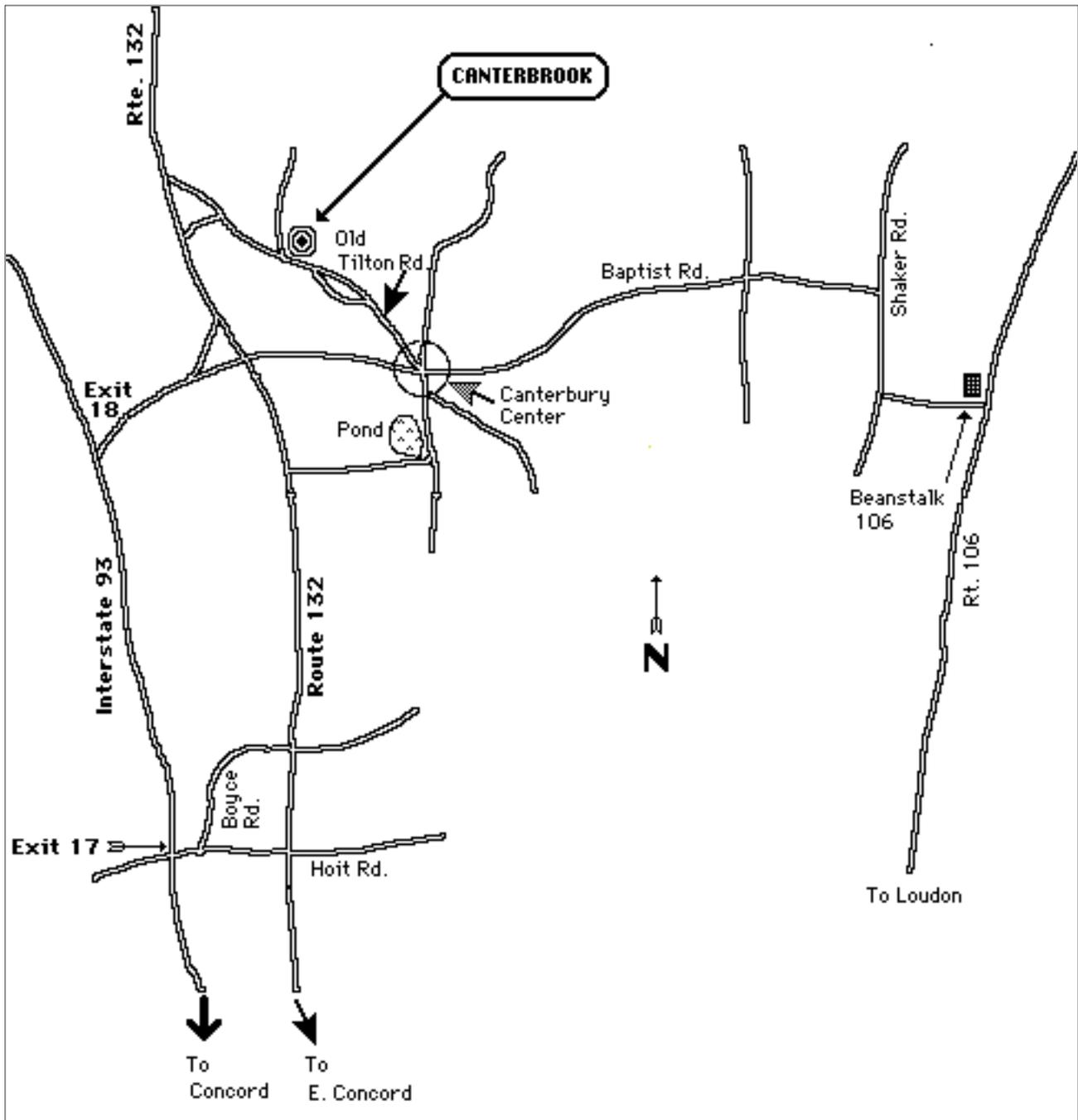
John & Virginia Laplante & Family, 137 Old Tilton Road, Canterbury, N.H. 03224
(603) 783-4702

From Interstate 93 take either Exit #17 (Pennacook) or Exit #18 (Canterbury).

From Route 106 turn West on Shaker Road at the Beanstalk 106 Store. From both directions follow the signs to Canterbury Center.

From The Center go Northwest on Old Tilton Road (marked) which leaves The Center immediately to the left of the Town Hall, as you face that building, and curves around behind it. Keep left with pavement at the bottom of the hill and later take a right when the road forks and becomes dirt. Farm is 1.3 miles from The Center.

Coming South on Rt. 132 pick up the North end of Old Tilton Rd. (dirt) on the left approx. 2 miles South of where Rt 132 crosses the Interstate. Farm is 1.5 miles from Rt 132.



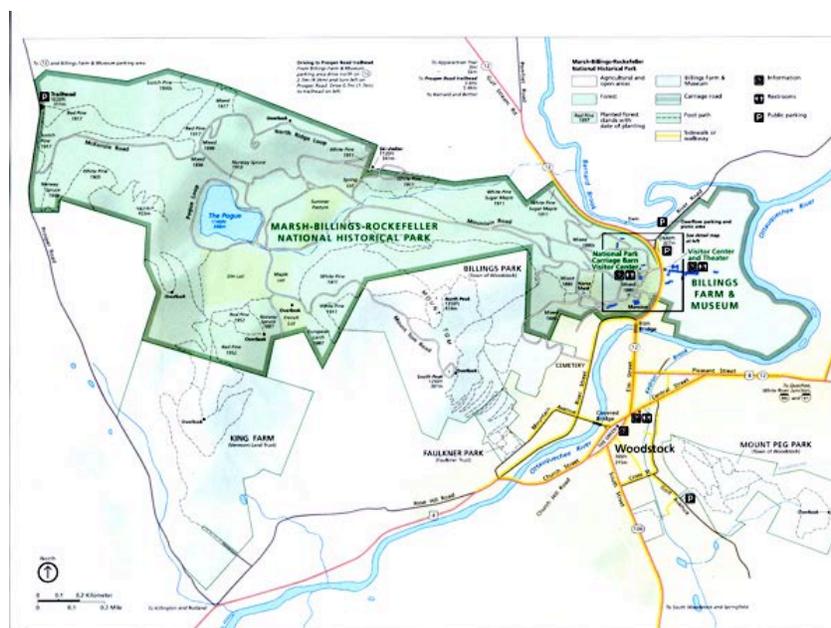
Billings Farm Drive in Woodstock, VT.



Saturday, May 21, 2011

Drive out at approximately 10:00 AM

14 miles of carriage roads, built in the 1880s by Frederick Billings, traverse the gentle slopes and historic woodlands of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP.



See the web site for maps and more information. www.billingsfarm.org

The [Billings Farm & Museum](#) was opened in 1983 as an operating dairy farm and a living museum of Vermont's rural past. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, which includes the property's residential core and 550-acre forest, was created in 1992 as a gift to the American people by Mary and Laurance Rockefeller.

Please note the parking is limited. The Granite State Carriage Association will be parking at the Billings Farm & Museum. We have space for eight trailers. Although, there are two other parking areas they have been reserved for the day by other groups.

Please call or email ahead to let us know you are coming.

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We have printed maps like the one above.