



# NEWSLETTER

The Granite State Carriage Association

<http://www.equinesite.com/gsca>

March 2011

## SHELBURNE FARMS DRIVE

The GSCA drive at Shelburne Farms still has one stall available for the full 4 nights plus 1 or 2 stalls for 2 nights only. This weekday drive on Lake Champlain in Shelburne VT. runs from Sept. 25-29 Sunday through Thursday. Stall fee is \$35 per night. See Shelburne Farms flyer in this Newsletter.

Please E-mail Connie, [connie@portraitswithhorses.com](mailto:connie@portraitswithhorses.com) or call 603-490-9694 to reserve your stall.

## TWO NEW SUMMER HORSE HAPPENINGS CELEBRATING MT. WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**The Great Glen Trails horse event Sat. July 16, for both riders and drivers**  
**the Mt. Washington Carriage Road open to drivers and riders, Sunday July 17.**

See this link for details, find the registration form for pricing.  
<http://horseweekend.mt-washington.com/>

Also see map of Great Glen trails <http://www.greatglentrails.com/winter/outdoor-center/trail-map/> which is oriented towards X-C skiers but helpful. I am told by the event director that Great Glen has 12 miles of carriage roads. There are several E-mail links and a phone number to call with questions.

GSCA MEMBERS PLEASE READ THE CAUTIONS and advice on the website concerning the terrain, conditions to expect, and "instant" weather changes. Anyone considering either of these events with their horses needs to plan and prepare, and to have their horse well-conditioned especially for climbing Mt. Washington. Those who would hate to miss our Chocorua drive/ride this same weekend (Fri.-Sun.) should consider Chocorua for 1 or 2 days and a potential Mt. Washington/Great Glen event on the other weekend day.

## ADULT SPRING INTRODUCTION TO CARRIAGE DRIVING COURSE

South Hampton, NH -- The Carriage Barn is pleased to announce that its Spring Adult Introduction to Carriage Driving Course will be held at Black Magic Farm, in South Hampton, NH.

Know the thrill of holding the reins and controlling a special journey known for centuries. Learn the fine art of carriage driving in a safe environment.

This course covers all aspects of horse harness, carriage styles and functions as well as ground driving, hitching and carriage driving. Students will be introduced to various antique and contemporary competition vehicles. The carriage collection of the Carriage Barn will be available for student use.

The Carriage Barn has a well established riding and driving program for children and adults of all ages. Our instructors are experienced professionals who possess the ability to work with clients at all levels. We would be glad to talk to you about your individual needs and goals.

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 Spring clinics.

The Adult Group Introduction to Carriage Driving Course will run Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, April 10th,

17th, 24th, and May 1st. No prior horse experience is needed. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. For those that cannot attend this course, driving lessons are available daily year round.

For more information or a registration form, please contact The Carriage Barn at 603-378-0140, e-mail carriage-barn@comcast.net, or visit our website at [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com).

### **REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION** **"Equestrians' Guide to Acadia" by Robyn Cuffey**

This past summer, when I went to Acadia with GSCA, I had the best trip ever. As always, it was beautiful. However, one of the primary reasons that I had a blast more so this year was because I did not get lost on the carriage roads.

For those members who know me, suffice it to say that my being navigationally challenged is an understatement. Having a horse that likes to go fast is not conducive to standing around while I try hopelessly to read a frustratingly small map. The Equestrians' Guide to Acadia by Robyn Cuffey got me to where I wanted to go, providing necessary routes on easy-to-read cards. What a relief her card guides were!

Cuffey's guide is well written, simple to read and an easy guide to transport with you in the park. You can purchase it online at the author's website and it is well worth the \$15 which includes shipping <http://www.photofinishfarm.com/books.html>

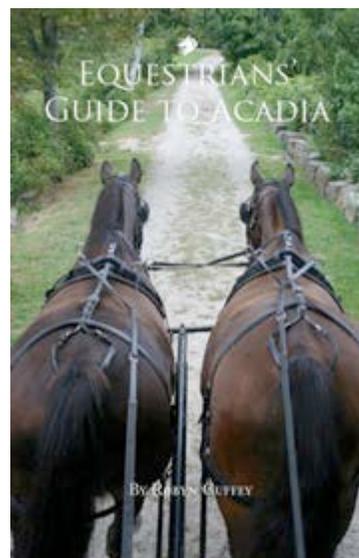
This book helps get you and your horse(s) around the park without getting lost. Convenient cards for each route and a carry pouch are very helpful. You simply follow the numbers on the park markers and make turns where instructed.

The Equestrians' Guide to Acadia gives accurate information so you can plan your daily route based on such criteria as mileage, difficulty, elevation, hazards and give highlights of the routes. Before you even get to the park you'll know what to expect and how to plan such things as; what to pack, rules/requirements and procedures, how to condition your horse to assure health and safety on your travels, hoof care and more.

Cuffey's Equestrian Guide to Acadia is the ONLY equestrian focused guide to the park. The bottom line is that this book will help you enjoy your days on the gorgeous carriage roads, be prepared, sage and have fun.

Happy Trails! Linda Roth

<http://www.photofinishfarm.com/books.php>



### **PONY FARM/HORSE POWER CHANGES NAME TO TOUCHSTONE FARM** **And needs to sell or barter a few things and acquire a few things**

They are reorganizing their driving program to streamline it and they have the things they need...and need to get the things they do not need moved on to make way for having a really good beginner driving program **So.....Here is what they have to sell or barter with someone you might know.** They are planning on going to take some things to Martin's Auction, too, but thought we would spread the word in the meantime and see if we could get things closer.

1. A beautiful Vanderveer pony 4 in harness with a Unicorn harness to match....All in good shape. Ready for ponies that are about 12Hhh to 13.2. Would love to see it put to good use. They have loved it but do not have that size welsh ponies any longer. It came from the Dolly Botswick collection from Aiken and the fancier harness is still up at the Shelburne Museum. Also have a little patten leather pair harness with brass that would fit a pair of welsh ponies that would be 11 to 12Hhh.

2. A large pony well restored picnic four wheeled wooden carriage, all in good shape, with a back seat that swivels around for easy passenger entry. Great for a fun pleasure show. Very comfortable. Suitable for a large pony.

3. A horse size wheelchair carriage with four wheels...all wood and new construction. Have used it for wheelchairs with a ramp on the back...or also just as a vehicle to carry kids down the road....Can hold two up front and four kids in back....Wheels sound and good, ready to drive right off. Always kept under storage. Pretty blond wood.

4. Want to sell Jog Cart off Standard bred track....not useful for us as a training cart and we don't have that size horse.

5. Have a black wooden mini Viceroy ( I sure might have this wrong) but it is wooden, with cloth seats and would be mini horse size and used for a pleasure class at a mini show or fair type pleasure show. Wooden wheels and with rubber.

6. They have a lovely black French Chunk donated to them by most generous Tim and Sharon Butterfield by the name of Ellie. She is black and most pleasant to drive. She is a little big for our kids programs....but is super as a driving mare. Their trouble with her is that she really wants to drive and doesn't like going in the ring much...or jumping....They simply need more versatile horses that can do both. She is a dream down the road as a ridden horse...would hunt, but just does not like a variety of kids and adults learning how to post on her...or jump. Most attractive. Could get pictures. Goes barefoot and has never had a lame step in her life. She simply is a good girl but wants to drive, not ride, in a lesson program!

7. They have some leather harness that they would like to move on that is service ably sound and has been well cared for. All equipment has been well stored in a barn with no water damage and has been kept up by either Lee Sawyer or local tack repair people. We are hoping to begin to move to more of the synthetic harness but that is not a top priority.

**And....here is what they need to really have a serviceable, safe and beginner program for everyone from Veterans', to our camp kids, to our fledgling driving programs....**

1. We need two mini easy entry carts...both need to be on the bigger side of the mini world...Wire/rubber wheels.

2. One bigger easy entry cart for a welsh pony who is only 11.2.

3. One bigger easy entry cart hopefully wooden for a welsh pony who is 13.2.....

We have the harness we need.....

It is Boo's huge desire that if you have the need for anything...and they have it, that we could make a deal. They do not need to get top dollar...Boo is a real barterer at heart and loves to create win wins....she is just putting this out there to see if what we have might help you and vice versa....

If this might be the case, please feel free to e-mail me at this email...or call my cell at 603-321-5255 or home at 603-654-2243 or farm at 603-654\*-6308. I promise I won't drive a hard bargain, and let's get ready to have some safe, fun, common sense driving fun together this season.

### **TWENTY ONE ELEMENTARY RULES FOR SAFE HARNESSING**

- 1 - Lead the horse out of his stall with a halter & lead rope, then cross tie him in the aisle. Harnessing in the stall is risky. When taking the horse back after taking off the harness, walk him into the stall and turn him to face the door before releasing him..
- 2 - Place the collar on first over the halter.
- 3 - Place saddle & crupper on the horse, buckle crupper around tail, and then buckle girth.
- 4 - Lay traces across horse' quarters, not across his neck.
- 5 - Draw reins through terrets, and fold neatly through the saddle terrets or on back strap.
- 6 - Remove halter, buckling it around neck, and put on bridle.
- 7 - Adjust the bridle for good fitting and fasten reins onto bit.
- 8 - Two persons should put to for greater sfety.
- 9 - Use shafts of correct length: not a small horse in long shafts, or vice versa.
- 10 - Place shaft points through tugs.
- 11 - Draw traces from quarter and attach to whiffle tree, or trace hooks.
- 12 - Wrap and buckle tie downs if using.
- 13 - Fasten breeching if one is being used.
- 14 - Driver MUST be in position before passengers take seats.
- 15 - The reins must NEVER be used in place of a whip but are held steady with constant mouth contact.
- 16 - Use bearing rein with consideration for the comfort of the horse and the job in hand.  
Some horses will not tolerate a severe check, and may go best without any bearing rein at all.
- 17 - A tighter noseband may be more effective than a more severe bit.
- 18 - Severe biting is a common cause of rearing.
- 19 - A collar of proper size allws best performance. Your hand should fit between the collar and the horse's throat.

20 - When at rest, the horse should be tied with the tie rope around his neck and drawn THROUGH the cheek ring of the bit, but not attached to the bit. It is safer to remove the horse from the vehicle.

21 - NEVER remove the bridle while the horse is still harnessed to the carriage.

*These simple rules, or guidelines, were drawn up by the Special Committee on Safety While Driving, John Fairclough, Chairman. Originally printed in "The Carriage Journal" Autumn 1980, reprinted from the News Notes of The Mid-Hudson Driving Association, August 2010.*

### **HORSE TRIVIA**

1635 Speed limit of 3 miles per hour (speed of a moderate walk) is set on London streets.

The American Civil War: One casualty estimate includes approximately 1,500,000 horses and mules killed.

1885 Horse-drawn streetcars in US cities have over 6000 miles of track and carry over 188 million passengers per year (average 12 rides per year per local resident), far in advance of all other nations.

1910 US farms and ranches have 24,000,000 horses and mules, 1,000 tractors, 50,000 cars.

US farms and ranches have 25,000,000 horses and mules, 246,000 tractors, 139,000 trucks, and 2,000,000 cars.

1940 US farms and ranches have 14,000,000 horses and mules, 1,500,000 tractors, 1,000,000 trucks, and 4,000,000 cars.

1960 US farms and ranches have 3,000,000 horses and mules, 4,800,000 tractors, 3,100,000 trucks, and 4,300,000 cars.

1970 US farms and ranches have 8,000,000 horses and mules (only 1 percent used for work), 5,400,000 tractors, 3,000,000 trucks.

Jeff Morse ~ Morgan Horses & Carriage Training  
Green Meads Farm ~ Richmond, MA ~ USA [www.green.meads.com](http://www.green.meads.com)

### **FOR SALE**

**Horse Blankets.** The Carriage Barn still has a large number of used horse blankets for sale at \$25 each. Sales will benefit their Equine Assisted Therapy Programs. For a detailed list contact Ann Miles at [carriage-barn@comcast.net](mailto:carriage-barn@comcast.net)

### **WANTED**

**Bumper Pull Horse Trailer being sought** - 2-Horse - does not need to have a dressing room - newer model in great condition inside and out - please contact [fuzzypets@hotmail.com](mailto:fuzzypets@hotmail.com)



### **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

APRIL 23 SPRING FLING ADT. Mary Gray Driving Center. Contact: [mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net](mailto:mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net)/ or  
MAY 8 & 22 (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](mailto: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](http://www.seacoastfarm.com)
- MAY 7/8 LISA SINGER CLINIC. Seacoast Farm Contact: Jenny Wells seacoastfarm@roadrunner.com  
[www.seacoastfarm.com](http://www.seacoastfarm.com)
- MAY 14 GSCA MYSTERY DRIVE/RIDE. Canterbury, NH. Contact: Ginger Laplante (603) 783-4702 or  
SAT. Claudia Libis (603) 463-9812
- MAY 21 GSCA BILLING'S FARM DRIVE.RIDE. Woodstock, VT. Contact: Becky Greenan (603) 632-4752  
SAT. 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 BY THE END  
OF APRIL !!**

**PLEASE RENEW NOW AS WE DO NOT WANT TO LOOSE YOU !!!**

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Changed from last listing? Yes No

New Membership \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Other changes in your listing? \_\_\_\_\_

**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



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**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS**  
1978 - 2008  
*The Granite State  
Carriage Association*



# Shelburne Farms Drive 2011

## September 25-29 (Sun.-Thurs.), Shelburne, VT

*For Experienced Carriage Horses (sorry no riders, no dogs, no bicycles)*



hores of Lake Champlain, Shelburne Bay



Coach Barn - stabling at Shelburne



"Tea Time"



Driving out on GSCA Picnic Drive 2010

**RESERVATIONS:** 12 STALLS only. Use Stall Request form included.

Reservation requests accepted by mail and Email beginning March 12, 10 AM.

Mailed requests to be postmarked no earlier than Saturday March 12.

• **Reservation pre-payment required.** also current GSCA membership:

\$35 per stall per night inclusive, IN Sun.- OUT Thurs. noon,  
4 overnights total = \$140. Sorry, no trailer-ins.

• Check payable to **GSCA** WITHIN ONE WEEK of Email request for your Reservation to be confirmed.

• Cancellations will be accepted with refund before August 25. We *WILL* maintain a waiting list.

**WHAT IS SHELBURNE FARMS??** ( <http://www.shelburnefarms.org/> )

Near Burlington, VT, Shelburne opens its stable doors to the GSCA again this year. Shelburne Farms is located on the shores of Lake Champlain, with 1,400 scenic acres, miles of dirt roads, and woods and field trails. Originally a Vanderbilt/Webb family estate, Shelburne features unbelievably huge Adirondack-style mansions and barns interesting in their own right; a working dairy barn; cheese-making on site; Farm Barn with activities and farm animals; Market Garden; gift shop. Shelburne Farms is a non-profit organization promoting environmental and agricultural education to the public.

### **STABLING:**

Beautiful Shelburne Coach Barn with 12 box stalls, water, covered carriage storage, and toilet in building. Must supply own shavings, feed and hay, horse care and cleanup.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Make your own arrangements early... numerous hotels and B&Bs are in the area; luxurious Shelburne Inn is adjacent to the Coach Barn; camp in your trailer/RV or tent in nearby Shelburne Campground. Local information will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Driveouts daily at your leisure. Traditional GSCA Picnic drive to the shores of Lake Champlain; possible dress "Tea Time" presentation at Shelburne Inn, as first done in 2010. Attractions abound in the area, such as the famous Shelburne Museum of Americana (including hundreds of antique carriages), Lake Champlain cruises, the Vermont Teddy Bear factory, UVM Morgan Horse Farm, the American Morgan Horse Museum, Ben & Jerry's Factory, Nordic Farms "automated" dairy, and more.

### **CONTACT:**

Connie Moses  
141 Gunstock Hill Road  
Gilford, NH 03249

[cmoses@metrocast.net](mailto:cmoses@metrocast.net) for Stall Requests  
603-528-1531 for more details

**STALL REQUEST for GSCA at SHELBURNE FARMS --  
SEPT. 25-29, 2011 (Sun.-Thurs.)**

Shelburne stall fee \$35/night for 4 nights (IN Sun.-OUT Thurs. noon) = \$140 per horse

*Requests accepted beginning Saturday March 12 at 10am.*

*Postmark your mailed requests/checks on March 12 or later. E-mail requests must be followed immediately by Pre-payment before Reservation can be confirmed.*

DRIVER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST./ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NOS.: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL TEL. NO. while in Shelburne \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT 2011 GSCA MEMBER? : YES or NO (If NO, please add GSCA dues payment to total) (need NOT be member of Shelburne Farms -- sorry, no trailer-ins)

BRINGING OTHER PERSONS or GUESTS?: (name) \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVING WITH OTHER DRIVER/HORSE?: NO \_\_\_  
YES (name) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUESTS/ ADJACENT STALL DESIRED/ NOTES:

**NO. OF STALLS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **x 4 nights** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$35 = FEES DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and E-mail on March 12 or later to [cmoses@metrocast.net](mailto:cmoses@metrocast.net) followed by mailing your check.

OR, print and Mail completed form with check postmarked March 12 earliest to:  
(Make check payable to GSCA)

Connie Moses  
141 Gunstock Hill Road  
Gilford, NH 03249  
Tel. 603-528-1531 if questions

Shelburne Area information will be sent with your Reservation Confirmation.

for Drive Host's use: -----

DATE/TIME REQ. REC'D/ Postmark: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PYMT. RECD: \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ BAL. DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **John Greenall Clinic**



**American Driving Society (ADS) Driving Judge  
United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Driving Judge**

**Saturday April 16, 2011**

**Just In Time Farm  
191 Litchfield Road  
Londonderry, NH 03053  
(603) 674-2040**

**\$100 to participate**

**(includes one-hour lesson with your horse or farm horse, PowerPoint Presentation, Q & A and lunch)**

**\$20 to audit - includes PowerPoint Presentation, Q & A and lunch**

**Clinic begins at 9:00 A.M.**

**Helmet is required.**

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**John Greenall Clinic Registration**

**Space is limited, register early!**

**\_\_ participant (\$100) \_\_ auditor (\$20)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Time for Lesson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Horse:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Vehicle:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration form & check payable to:**

**Just In Time Farm  
191 Litchfield Rd  
Londonderry, NH 03053**

**Questions? Call us at 603-674-2040 or e-mail [JustInTimeFarm@hotmail.com](mailto:JustInTimeFarm@hotmail.com)**

**Proof of Negative Coggins and the following vaccinations: Rabies, Tetanus, Strangles, West Nile, and Influenza dated within a year of the clinic must be included with entry.**

**Signature of Driver**

**(if under 21, signature of parent or guardian):** \_\_\_\_\_