

# The Tub Parade

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The Gilded Age comes alive this weekend at the Tub Parade, in Lenox, MA. It's a carefully crafted tribute to a bygone era of the horse and carriage that draws hundreds of residents and visitors to the streets of Lenox each year.

The parade will be held **Saturday September 12, 2015 at 1:30 PM** in the center of Lenox. The carriages will travel along Kemble, Main, Church and Franklin St., with Shakespeare & Company as the staging area for the drivers and the carriage driving exhibition after the parade. Turnouts range from donkeys, miniature horses, ponies, horses and draft horses of all sizes.

The caravan of lavishly decorated horse drawn carriages traces its origins to the mid-1880s Lenox Floral Parade, a quintessential high-society event showcasing women and children in their finery at the close of high season.

The tubs (an Irish expression for a particular kind of cart) were decorated with flowers and autumnal decorations from local gardens, as participants competed for recognition. It was "a beautiful spectacle and the finest parade ever seen in town", according to a detailed 1888 article in the New York Times.

The gilded age and the parade disappeared after World War I, when the imposition of the income taxes spelled doom for the era of extravagant wealth and summer social seasons in the Berkshires then known as the summer Newport.

In 1990 the Lenox Chamber of Commerce and Colonial Carriage & Driving Society reinvented the Tub Parade in order to bring the history and tradition of the Parade back to Lenox, and to showcase impeccably groomed horses and well turned out carriages.

This year's 24<sup>th</sup> annual parade Grand Marshall is Edward Lane. Ed is a life long resident of Lenox and is currently Chairman of the Lenox Board of Selectmen. He retired from the United States Postal Service where he served as Lenox's Postmaster for over 25 years. Over the years he has served on many boards and committees. He was a member of the Lenox Fire Department and was heavily involved in youth sports programs. Ed and his family have a long history of community service and love for the town. Ed is riding in the lead carriage with Mary Stokes Waller of Stockbridge in her Spider Phaeton carriage. Mary drives the lead carriage in recognition of her Great Grand Father Anson Phelps Stokes who was grand marshal of the Tub Parade in 1892.

Harvey Waller, the Society's president and Tub Parade Event Organizer, will drive the Yellow Brewster Park drag, the last vehicle in the parade.

Sue Treat and Maureen Gamelli have decorated the viewing stand and highlights Sue Treat's wire sculptures. We are pleased to have as our announcer Jeff Morse from Richmond, MA and Maureen Gamelli as our Parade Coordinator.

After the parade the public is invited to follow the horses to the nearby Shakespeare & Co Compound on Kemble Street. There they may enjoy a cup of apple cider and watch the horses and carriages compete in a timed obstacle course. The drivers will be exhibiting their horse or pony through a course of traffic cones only a little wider than their wheels, where the best time wins.

The Tub Parade showcases the pageantry and beauty of the horses and carriages that played such an important role in the Gilded Age. Colonial Carriage is proud to bring this Parade to you.

We hope you will enjoy the town of Lenox by doing some shopping, having lunch and then settling back to watch the Tub Parade.

1. Mary Stokes Waller of Stockbridge, MA is driving her pair of Welsh ponies, Morton's Elliot and Morton's in Phay pulling a Spider Phaeton made by Hanley Chandler.
2. Ann Wiley of Chatham, NY is driving a Brewster Sailor Wagon pulled by High Hopes Sebring, a six year old Welsh pony owned by Mary Stokes Waller of Stockbridge, MA.
3. Carol Terry of Lee, MA is driving Vito, a 16 year old Gelding, who is pulling a Front Entry Cart. This cart is a good starter vehicle because of the easy storage and affordable price. It is easy to enter and exit as well as the wheels are removable and can be replaced by runners to make a sleigh. The decorations and flowers are by Maureen Gamelli. Sponsored by Hoplands Farm in Lee, MA.
4. Diane Bozyczko of Cheshire, MA is driving her My Dream Stinger's O'Henry, a Gelding, pulling an Oak Meadowbrook Cart made by the Amish at Pequea Carriage in Narvon, PA. Diane created the decoration and flowers with the help of Pamela Culver.
5. Patricia Musser of Uxbridge, MA with Bill Musser, is driving the 19 year old Shetland Gelding named Smudge who is pulling a 1890 Saylor Spindle Back that was purchased from Cat Luce. This carriage has been shown for 10 years in the Tub Parade. Decorations and flowers by Patricia and Bill.
6. John Frost of Rehoboth, MA is driving the Standardbred, Action. He and Sue Frost are riding in a Gentleman's Spindle Seat Runabout made by Ferd F. French Co. Ltd. from Boston, MA. The decorations and flowers are by Remembrance Hill Carriages.
7. Peter Bravmann of Shelburne Falls, MA with his wife Gioia Bravmann and Bill Broe are driving their horses Summer and Ronaldo, both Geldings, in a Kimball Brothers Park Phaeton. Both horses have been together many years. They have competed in pleasure, CDE and carriage racing over the years. Gioia made the decorations and flowers.
8. Karl Riva of East Canaan, CT with grooms Laura Riva and Patti Simone are driving the 8 passenger wagonette pulled by Baybrant mares, Crystal and Blueberry from Montrose, Minnesota. Fellow passengers are Danielle Riva, Grace Riva, Carson Riva, Sharon Dante and Janice Joseph.
9. Adrienne St. Cyr from Dudley, MA is driving a German-made Sport Break carriage with Canadian crossbreeds Hackney and Clydesdale, names Flora and Jester. Passengers Evan St. Cyr and groom Mary Murphy join them. The flowers are by Adrienne.
10. Harvey Waller of Stockbridge, MA with passengers Adeline Frelinghuysen, Dick Johnson and Susan Giodano, is driving Casar, Bizet, Clever and Fritz, warmbloods from Orleton Farm in a Park Drag made by Brewster & Co for J. Roosevelt. The coach was pictured in the recent Ken Burns television production, "The Roosevelts" with J. Roosevelt (cousin to the President) driving it in the film.

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