

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society

proudly presents
The 27th Lenox Tub Parade
A Gilded Age Tradition

Saturday, September 7th at 1:30 PM

Proudly sponsored by the Adams Community Bank and the Town of Lenox

Parade Coordinator: Maureen Gamelli
Event Manager: Harvey Waller
Grand Marshal: David Roche
Announcer: Jeff Morse

History of the Tub Parade

The end of the summer season and the beginning of fall in the Berkshire Hills during the Gilded Age of the 19th century was heralded by the annual Tub Parade in Lenox. Women and children from the local cottages brought their finest horses and carriages (or Tubs), decorated them with flowers from their gardens, and paraded down Main Street in a competition for the most resplendent turn-out. The events ceased around World War I and the advent of the income tax which brought an end to the Gilded Age of extravagant wealth and summer social seasons in the Berkshires. In the late 1980s, members of the Colonial Carriage and Driving Society worked together with the Lenox Chamber of Commerce to recreate the tub parade, to bring back the impeccably groomed horses put to antique, restored, or new vehicles in celebration of the role that the horse has played in times gone by. Club members take great pride in their presentation today. So please enjoy the 27th celebration of the modern Tub Parade along with them.

We are pleased to have Jeff Morse of Richmond once again announcing our parade. He is a nationally recognized driving horse exhibitor and trainer of Morgan horses at Green Meads Farm.

Special Added Attraction This Year

Before the parade starts with the horses, we have a high-wheel bicycle performer: Boris Kaski of Amherst, MA, along with a selection of vintage vehicles. The high-wheel bicycle was one of the modes of transportation during the Gilded Age.

**Spectators----please be careful and give the horses plenty of room!
Keep dogs, bicycles, balloons, and other spooky things away from the horses.
For your pleasure, the carriages will go around the parade route twice.**

2019 Entries

1. **Mary Stokes Waller and Harley Proctor Waller of Stockbridge, Massachusetts** driving four-in-hand. Ponies Kitty and Cato the leaders, Sporty and Elliot the wheelers. These ponies are Canadian bred and are half Welsh and half British riding ponies. They are put to a roof seat break made by Harley Chandler. Mary's great-grandfather, Anson Phelps Stokes, was the Grand Marshal in the 1892 Tub Parade. Today Colonial Carriage and Driving Society is honored to have as our Grand Marshal David Roche--the longest-serving Selectman for the Town of Lenox. He is an avid horseman who started riding at age 5 and completed his last 100-mile endurance ride at age 70.
2. **Peter Bravmann of Shelburne Falls, MA.** Peter is driving German riding ponies Bill and Max age 17 and 13 years. At 14.2 hands they are half-brothers and put to a Carriage Machine Shop wagon. Peter's passengers are his lovely wife Gioia and Rodger Kasbo.
3. **Karl and Laura Riva of East Canaan, CT.** Karl is driving a pair of Brabant draft horses BlueBerry and Crystal. A unique color and rare breed in the U.S. They are put to an eight-passenger wagonette.
4. **Deborah Manasse of Sharon, CT.** Deborah is driving Jesse James a 21-year-old Standardbred put to a sailor wagon also known as a Phaeton. This vehicle is approximately 30 years old and was

originally shown with a Hackney pony. This is Jesse James' and Deborah's first Tub Parade appearance.

5. **Hannah Harvey of Lenox, MA.** Hannah is driving Meadowlark a nineteen-year-old draft Mustang cross put to a road cart. Meadowlark is the pony that could. In 2014, she carried her rider Hannah from North Carolina to New Orleans. She currently lives at Undermountain Farm where she gives lessons and pony rides. Look for her in November at the West Springfield Equine Affaire competing in the Versatile Horse competition. Hannah's passenger is her nine-year-old niece Sofia Bella.
6. **Pat Musser of Uxbridge, MA.** Pat is driving Noodles an 11-year-old VSE (which is a Very Small Equine. He is put to an 1890's Saylor spindle-back which is a very quiet and wonderful cart to drive. This is Noodle's fourth Tub Parade.
7. **Sasha Truax of New Lebanon, NY.** Sasha is driving her 11-year-old mini horse Ruby put to a modern easy-entry road cart. Ruby has been owned by Heather and Sasha since she was 4 months old. Sasha is one of Colonial Carriage and Driving Society's Junior Drivers. Sasha's mother Heather, who is walking alongside her, is owner of Masterpiece Jewelry in New Lebanon.
8. **Diane Bozyczko of Cheshire, MA.** Diane is driving My Dreams Stingers Rain Gauge--also known as Gauge--an American Miniature Horse. He is 11 years old and half-brother to O'Henry. The standard measurement for a miniature horse is between 32 and 36 inches at the withers. He is put to an antique Walborn and Riker wicker cart made in the early 1900's in Saint Paris, Ohio. This company was well known for building carriages for very small equines and was also considered a status symbol of the day. Saint Paris, Ohio, was known as the Pony Wagon Town.
9. **Cindy Tirrell of Pittsfield, MA.** Cindy is driving My Dreams Stingers O' Henry--half-brother to Gauge. Henry is a 12-year-old Miniature Horse gelding put to an oak road cart made by the Carriage Machine Shop.
10. **Carol Terry of Lee, MA.** Carol is driving Vito a Mediterranean Miniature Donkey age 19 years put to a Fox Lane cart. Vito has been the star of the Tub Parade for many years and is also featured in a *Driving Digest* article coming out this month.
11. **Barry Roberts of Amherst, MA.** Barry is driving a pair of Belgian draft horses put to a milk wagon restored by Will I. Green at the turn of the 20th century. Currently owned by Highlawn Farm of Lee, MA, this vehicle has won the CAA (Carriage Association of America) Best Commercial Vehicle award.
12. **Harvey Waller of Stockbridge, MA.** Harvey is driving a four-in-hand. His Dutch Warmblood horses Bizet and Charon, leaders. George and Ilando wheelers. They are put to a Brewster and Company of New York Brewster Park Drag. This vehicle was made for Mr. J. Roosevelt of Hyde Park, New York, in June of 1881. Mr. Roosevelt was a member of one of the oldest New York families. Over the years, it was used for coaching competitions and was converted to a road coach at one point. It was fully restored back to a Park Drag in 2010 by Mr. Tom Shelton of North Carolina.

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society wishes to express their gratitude for the generous sponsorship by:

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Many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped with the running of this parade.

Please enjoy the rest of your afternoon in the beautiful town of Lenox.