

# *Colonial Carriage and Driving Society*

## proudly presents The 26th Lenox Tub Parade

### *"A Gilded Age Tradition"*

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 residents and visitors to the Lenox downtown.

The caravan of decorated horse drawn carriages traces its origins to the mid-1880s. The Lenox floral parade as it was called back then, was a quintessential high-society event showcasing women and children in their finery at the close of the high season. The Tubs (an Irish expression of a horse drawn cart) were decorated with flowers and autumnal decorations from local gardens, as participants competed for recognition. Today there is only one other horse drawn parade still in existence, called the battle of the flowers in California, still going for over 109 years.

Colonial Carriage and Driving Society reinvented this beautiful parade over 27 years ago, and it is a state recognized Gilded Age event. We have been able to bring this parade to you with the sponsorship of The Town of Lenox, its merchants, the Chamber and most importantly Adams Community Bank. Please enjoy this part of history as exhibitors will go around twice and the calliope will be parked so you can enjoy the music. Our Grand Marshall is Kris Bona representing the Adams Community Bank, a vital sponsor in making this parade happen. Kris is an avid and accomplished horsewoman and she will be riding in the lead carriage with Mary Stokes Waller.

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.

#### **1. Mary Stokes Waller of Stockbridge.**

Mary is a descendent of her great grandfather Anson Phelps Stokes, Grand Marshall of the 1892 Tub Parade. She is passionate about keeping history alive in the Berkshires and is a fountain of knowledge in regards to local history.

She is driving a Roof Seat Brake, made by the Schwartz Carriage Company. This is a replica of a pony Brewster carriage. The 4 in hand ponies are leaders Miss Kitty Anne, Morton's Cato, and wheelers are Morton's Elliot and Morton's In Play. Mary is accompanied by her son Harley, also an accomplished driver. Their guest of honor and Grand Marshall is Kris Bona. Kris is representing the Adams Community Bank, a local bank that supports many local cultural events.

#### **2. Carol Terry of Lee.**

Carol is driving Vito in a Foxlane Road cart. Vito is our most popular Tub Parade exhibitor and he is a Mediterranean miniature donkey now 18 years of age.

#### **3. Kay Konove of Stockbridge.**

Kay is driving Miss Daisy, a 13 year old dapple palomino miniature horse, put to a Pacific Smart Cart.

#### **4. Diane Bozyczko of Cheshire.**

Diane is driving Gage, half-brother to Henry. Gage is 10 years old and was born in Quakertown, PA. He is put to a Meadowbrook made by Pequea Carriage Shop.

#### **5. Cindy Tirrell of Pittsfield.**

Cindy is driving Gage's half-brother, O'Henry. Her vehicle is a Road Cart by Carriage Machine Shop.

#### **6. Pat Musser of Uxbridge.**

Pat is driving Star Light Macaroni Man (Noodles) in an 1890 Saylor Spindle back. Her passenger is Dot Rourke and her flowers are by 77 bloom.

#### **7. Karin O'Brien of Amherst.**

Karin is driving Cole Porter, a 12 year old American Miniature horse, pulling a Meadowbrook. Her flowers are by Wishing Well Farm.

#### **8. Sue English of Wendell, MA.**

Sue is driving Tally Ho, a 13 year old American Miniature horse, put to a Road Cart. Her flowers are by Wishing Well Farm.

#### **9. Sasha Truax of New Lebanon.**

Sasha is driving 10 year old Ruby Thursday, an American Miniature horse they have owned since 4 months of age. Their vehicle is a mini road cart. Fifteen year old Sasha, is one of our junior drivers in Colonial Carriage and her mother, Heather is also an accomplished whip (driver). Flowers are by Masterpiece Studio Jewelers.

**10. Linda Petersen of CT.**

Linda is driving her pair of American Miniature horses -Tyler and Black Knight, ages 16 and 17. They are put to a restored and adapted Runabout Wagon c.1940.

**11. Michelle Hulse of Middletown, CT.**

Michelle is driving Chloe, a 17 year old Section A Welsh pony in a Walborn And Riker Co. Carriage. These carriages were made in St. Paris, Ohio and are considered the ultimate in pony carriages. This is a rare and exquisite made Carriage c.1881.

**12. Cynthia Bliven of CT.**

Cynthia is driving Spencer, a 17 year old Welsh pony who is also the 2018 preliminary pony Champion. He is put to a Country Road Cart.

**13. John Frost of Rehoboth.**

John is driving Action, a 23 year old retired Standardbred. Action came from the Standardbred Retirement Foundation and he is put to an 1895 Country Gig. This Gig was originally from the Lara Anderson Estate in Brookline, MA. It is made of natural wood and has a unique suspension to keep it light and smooth which is the prototype for car suspensions today.

**14. Karl Riva and Laura Riva of Canaan, CT.**

Karl and Laura are driving a pair of Brabant blue roan draft horses from a breeder in Minnesota, specializing in this rare color. The pair are full sisters, Blueberry and Kristal and are put to an 8 passenger wagonette. Their passengers are Greg Tidd, Nancy Tidd and Willa Giordano and their flowers are by Long Oak Campground.

**15. Barry Roberts of Amherst, MA.**

Barry is driving Percheron geldings put to the fully restored antique Highlawn Farm milk wagon.

**16. Harvey Waller of Stockbridge, MA.**

Harvey is the president of Colonial Carriage and Driving Society and is driving 4 in hand, which is the traditional German Achinback style of rein handling (all four reins in one hand). His horses are Dutch Warmbloods. The Wheelers are Elmax and Ilando and the leaders are Bizet and Charon. They are put to a fully restored 1880s Cowlard and Shelby park drag made in England.

**17. Duffy and Cindy Layton of Stanfordville, NY.**

Duffy is driving Ted, Rascal, Jack and Knight, grey Percheron geldings. They are put to a circus calliope built by Duffy. This calliope was a circus wagon that was sent to town ahead of the circus to announce its arrival. This calliope has been in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Milwaukee Circus Parade and many others. It has a working organ that runs by a generator as well as a player piano, with rolls and keyboard that can be played manually.

The calliope will stay in town for a short period of time so you can enjoy the music.

A variety of 1940 and older vehicles will appear in the parade.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers and a special thank you to our sponsors,  
whose sponsorship helps to decorate the carriages.

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A very special and heartfelt thank you to the Town of Lenox, whose support allowed this parade to happen.  
Please stop by to shop and visit downtown Lenox!

Enjoy the parade!!

Maureen Gamelli - Tub Parade coordinator,  
Vice President of CCDS

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