

Vermont

Green Mountain Draft Horse



ASSOCIATION ♦ Winter 2019

Annual Meeting, January 13, 2019

Our Annual meeting was held at Shelburne Farms, in Shelburne VT. We started with a lovely potluck lunch. I think the pot lucks alone are worth the cost of membership. Once everybody was full and happy we got down to business.

We started with electing new officers. Rose-Ann Lombard is our new president. You might remember she had been president for about 15 years. Jean Cross took the role on for 3 years, and Ted Russell had it for the last two years. Congratulations to Rose-Ann. We all know you will do a great job.

Cathy Wells was reelected as Vice President. Lori van Handel is the new Secretary and Jean Cross will continue as the Treasurer. Ted Russell will be our moderator at the meetings. Ted has a good understanding of Robert's Rules and our bylaws, which helps to keep the meetings running smoothly and efficiently.

After the officers were elected we went over the 2019 calendar. Our first event will be the spring meeting. This will be held April 13th in Brandon VT. We will be at Steve Dombrowski's yak farm. We tried this last year and had to cancel due to really bad weather. Hopefully that will not happen this year.

The Driving Clinic is April 20th and 21st at Shelburne Farms. We realize this is Easter Weekend therefore we will start a little later on Sunday to give people a chance to attend their church service. This clinic will be held rain, snow or shine. We will have teams and singles of draft horses and minis. Please join us if you can.

The Auction is May 4th. Ron Wright will be the auctioneer once again. We will need some new help this year as some of our regular help will not be able to attend. Please contact Rose-Ann if you want to help. We will need people to help consign items, hold items up for the crowd to see, hand out bid numbers and someone to manage the club table.

Our summer meeting will be held either in Brookfield VT or Sudbury VT, location and date to be determined.

Addison Fair and Field Days will be August 6th - 10th in New Haven, VT. We will be doing field demos and cook fresh sweet corn for the fair goers. This might be the best chance to see antique farming equipment in use. It is also the best place to enjoy fresh corn. You will not get it fresher unless you grow it yourself. We will need help in the tent husking and cooking the corn. This is a fun task and in the shade of the tent. You could not ask for a better view of the teamsters working the field.

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Calendar of Events

April 13, Spring Meeting - Brandon, VT Steve Dombrowski's Yak Farm Contact Steve 907-830-8124

April 20 - 21, Beginner's Driving Clinic, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne VT Contact Jean Cross 802-377-2259

May 4th - Annual Auction, New Haven, VT Contact Rose-Ann Lombard 802-425-2824

Summer Meeting TBD

August 6 - 10, Addison Fair and Field Days, New Haven, VT. Five days of draft horse demos. Contact Jean Cross 802-377-2259

September 21- Harvest Festival, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne VT. Contact Pat Palmer 802-377-0921

Oct 4 - 6 Draft Animal Power Network Field Days, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, VT Contact dapnetinfo@gmail.com 802-763-0771



Ted Russell and Clayton in Jeffersonville, VT. Come join us for our fall ride and drive.

All photos by Lori van Handel



From the Editor

We are on the tail end of a recent cold snap. I hope you all survived with minimal pipes frozen. Keeping horses in the cold is a struggle for me. I am often in the barn alone wondering why I do this. I know that if I really needed help and was not just being a whiner I could reach out to the club and help would show up. I want you all to know that is true for all of us. If you need help caring for your animals we are here for you, just ask.

Jean Cross

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2019 Annual Auction

Changes to the 2019 auction include no commission on horse sales. If you want to sell a horse at the auction the only fee will be a \$10 fee to help cover the costs of the paper work required for owner transfer papers.

We will also have locations that items can be brought to prior to the auction, which will allow us to get pictures of the items on our webpage and Facebook page. Check both of those sites for listing of locations.

If you have any questions about the changes please call Rose-Ann Lombard at 802-425-2824.

If you would like your horse or equipment listed on the website prior to the auction contact Jean Cross at jean@greenmountaindraft.org

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As usual the Harvest Festival at Shelburne Farms is the third Saturday in September. This year that will be September 21st. We do need teams and wagons for that event. Teams do wagon rides for about 3 hours. If you are interested please contact Pat Palmer.

A big event is coming up on October 4 - 6 at Shelburne Farms. Draft Animal Power Network is having their Field Days! This is an exciting event for GMDHA to be part of. Friday will be all day intensives, including market gardening with horsepower, logging, and training. Saturday and Sunday will have breakout sessions. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be able to camp for free, and get one meal a day. This will be a great weekend to meet up with other draft animal folks. It would be wonderful for all our members to show up for this event. Who knows? Maybe it will kick start the return of our own Draft Horse Field Day at Shelburne Farms.

If you would like to host an event at your farm, we would love to hear about it. Members are always looking for ways to connect with other members and visit other farms.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Meeting.

Jean Cross



Ron LaRock at our fall gathering in Jeffersonville, VT. This weekend is always a good time.



Randy Mayhew standing over the fire in Jeffersonville, VT.

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Please check: New Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

If you are not going to attend the clinic, share this with your friends that might need a brush up, or that want to learn how to drive. Post it at your local feed shop. Want more to hang in your area, let Jean know.



Green Mountain Draft Horse Association

Sign up for the Spring Driving Clinic
April 20, 2019 9am-4 pm
April 21, 2019, 9:30am-2 pm
Shelburne Farms Breeding Barn
We supply the horses, you supply the fun

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Level of Experience Never touched the lines
 Driven some with someone else in the cart Have taken the clinic before

Mail form with check paid to GMDHA to
Jean Cross 271 Plank Rd, Vergennes VT 05491. Phone 802-377-2259

Cost \$130 for members
\$145 for non-members-includes 1 year membership.
Saturday only \$75 for member. \$90 for non-member
Sunday only \$70 for member. \$85 for non-member
Sunday participants must have been at Saturday's clinic or taken
the driving clinic from us in the past.

Green Mountain Draft Horse Association

Spring Driving Clinic April 20 & 21, 2019

Shelburne Farms Breeding Barn

jean@greenmountaindraft.org

Saturday– Learn the basic of draft horses, how to harness, ground drive, and safely hook to a cart or wagon, focusing on safety working around large horses.

Sunday– Spend your time driving and using the skills you learned on Saturday or in a previous GMDHA driving clinic. This day will be spent in the carts and the wagons working with an obstacle course and driving around the farm.

Hands-on Beginner Driving Clinic. Come learn to drive draft horses from experienced teamsters. We will have single and double setups. Feel the difference in driving one horse versus two. Lunch will be served both days and a light breakfast will be offered. Space is limited so sign up early!



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For Sale: Abby; 17 year old Clydesdale mare, rides and drives, haven't used her in a team in the years we have had her but I believe she would be fine. We are finished with doing "farm classes" while showing and just going to focus on show classes so she needs a new home where she could do just that for someone else or go into just riding/trail. She is not for a beginner, she will out smart someone if they don't know what they are doing, she doesn't need an expert just not a beginner. \$3000 obo
Contact Amanda Morse 802-373-1295

For Sale: Clydesdales Bubba age 11, Buster 9 Long tails full brothers match perfectly. Contact [Roy Ross](mailto:Roy.Ross@comcast.net) home 518-623-2899 his cell 518-480-1233 wife cell 518-744-8719

For Sale: Visa Single Seat \$4000. Contact Roy Ross contact info home 518-623-2899 his cell 518-480-1233 wife cell 518-744-8719 Photo on Facebook