

# THE DRIVING LINES

## CHERRY VALLEY CARRIAGE ASSOCIATION

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**CVCA Board Meetings are held monthly online** – if you'd like a copy of the agenda or minutes, or if you'd like to log in to attend a meeting, contact any Board member for info. We'd love to see you at a meeting!

### 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 18th 7:00 pm: Webinar: guest speaker, Merri Ferrell, Brewster & Co History of Carriage Production

February 22rd 7:00 pm: Webinar: guest speaker, Dr Stephanie Hon, Equine Anesthesia

March 23rd 11:30 am – 2 pm: General Membership Meeting dish to pass lunch and membership meeting with Program by Paul Buck – CAA Trip to The Royal Windsor Horse Show at Delphi Falls Fire Dept, Delphi Falls NY

April 27 – Lynne Dunn, Competitive Trail Driving; Conditioning, Training and Competing at Carol Ilacqua's, Manlius, NY

May 12th: 11th Annual Bruce Haak Memorial Drive, Chenango Valley State Park

May 17 – 19th: Tracey Morgan Clinic, Morrisville College Equine Rehabilitation Center **(RESCHEDULED)**

June 1 & 2: Cones/Obstacle/Hazards Clinic with Sarah Bates & Bruce Jones, Sheffield Farm, Ithaca **(CANCELLED)**

June 29 & 30: Finger Lakes National Forest Pleasure Drive, Hector, NY **(CANCELLED)**

July 14th: Lorenzo Driving Competition Work-Day & Summer Picnic (\*note date change )

July 19 - 21: Lorenzo Driving Competition

August 17th: Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day, Ithaca

September 21th: Sadoff Davies Pleasure Drive, Nelson (rain date 9/22)

October 5th: Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive, Cazenovia (rain date 10/6)

November 9th Annual General Membership Meeting, The View ,Tully NY

**Upcoming Events**  
**Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive**  
October 5, 2024 (rain date 10/6) Cazenovia NY

November 9th,  
General Membership meeting  
The View , Tully NY

Details on pg 5&6



## President's Letter

October 2024

Greetings CVCA Family!

Fall has officially arrived and there is a definite cool, damp feeling in the air, foliage is starting to change color and the horses are getting fuzzy! The flies are diminishing in numbers. This just may be the best time of year to hitch up and enjoy a drive with your equine friend!

Several CVCA members did just that on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Sonia and Kevin Davies. It was a beautiful morning spent on well-marked and manicured trails. Plenty of open meadows and tree-lined wooded trails as well as a hilly stretch which opened up to spectacular views topped off by a relaxing trip on a quiet shady country road. The day was topped off with a memorable dish to pass picnic on the front lawn of the Davies' home. Raffle tickets were sold and there was lots of good conversation, fun and laughter!

Next up, is the drive at the Sears Family Homestead on October 5<sup>th</sup>. By the time you receive this newsletter it will be time to pack up for the drive. Be sure to check your trailer lights and brakes as well as air in the tires. We will start the day with coffee and donuts. This drive offers wonderful views of the Cazenovia area and good times with both equine and CVCA friends! A dish to pass lunch (*psst - let's not all bring dessert!*) will round out the day before good-byes and heading home.

Our final scheduled event of 2024 is our Annual Brunch and Meeting on November 9<sup>h</sup> at The View in Tully. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we will include a nostalgic look back over the years as well at what's ahead, a 2024 year in review, our always popular Silent Auction and the drawing for the 2024 raffle of a custom hand-painted tile by artist Judy Goldthwait! Bring your appetites, this brunch is sure to fill your belly and put a smile on your face! Full details and registration are included in this newsletter.

This is also the time to renew your CVCA membership! And also, the perfect time to reach out to a friend or family member that has caught the carriage driving 'bug' this year to invite them to attend our meeting and join CVCA!

Your CVCA board has worked hard this year to provide a full calendar of events with a mix of virtual and in-person as well as educational and fun activities. We are beginning to plan the 2025 CVCA calendar and encourage you to reach out and let us know what you would like to have included in the program! This is our club and we want to host events that appeal to as many members as possible!

Hitch up and drive safely!

Judy

# Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive

October 5, 2024 (rain date 10/6)

Come and enjoy the beauty of fall and the best views of Cazenovia and Nelson to be found! We will start the day with coffee, donuts and conversation in usual CVCA style! Then hitch up drive at will while you wind your way up the hillside enjoying the scenic landscapes along the way! We will enjoy a dish to pass picnic lunch with beverages provided by CVCA. Have a safe trip home!



Our Host – Judy Sears



## Schedule

Arrive - 9:30 am

Drive - 10 – Noon

Lunch - 12:30 pm

Good-byes - 2 pm

## Omissions from the September issue of The Driving Lines

Hi everyone,

I realized after sending in my submissions for the September issue of The Driving Lines, I omitted a few things from 2 of my articles

In my article about the Sheffield Farm Pleasure Drive and Fun Day, I forgot to include the Lorenzo Driving Competition as a prize donator.

In the same article, I listed a name incorrectly. Jennifer Goodwin from Ithaca Agway donated some great prizes for Fun Day. In my article, I listed Jennifer's name as Rebecca. My apologies to Jennifer and the LDC.

My article about the Avon Driving Park pleasure show, I omitted CVCA member, Patty Fulkerson from the list of show volunteers. Also at the Avon show, CVCA member Deb North worked as show announcer.

-Judy Sobczak

## Sadoff Davies Drive 2024



The preparations for the Sadoff/Davies Drive, September 21, 2024 began long before with charting the route, mowing trails, trimming back brush and picking up sticks and limbs that had cluttered the trails. Much of this work fell on the backs of our hosts, Kevin and Sonia Davies. **THANK YOU!**

The Saturday before the drive a group of CVCA members were hard at work with clippers trimmers and saws assure the trails were ready for all. You can be assured there was plenty of laughs and chatting along the way!

A total of 5 turnouts and 1 who went for a meet and greet enjoyed the beautiful trails which included grassy meadows, fields of goldenrod and wild flowers, wooded hillside trails and spectacular views of the countryside, including the farm of Beezie and John Madden.

Honoring late CVCA member Terri (*I'll get the donuts*) Mather the day started with coffee and donuts supplied by Kevin and Sonia. Of course, there was plenty of greetings and laughter before hitting the trails.

Following the drive approximately 15 CVCA members enjoyed a memorable dish lunch which included one salad a cheese and cracker tray and a wide array on the dessert table under the shade of the huge trees on the front lawn of the Davies' home. There were raffle ticket sales and plenty of time for story telling before packing up and heading for home!

Many thanks to those who assisted with trail preparations, setup and takedown and to everyone who came to the drive. And of course, a very special thank you to our hosts Kevin and Sonia Davies who host this drive each year to honor Sonia's parents, Mike and Jane Sadoff. Jane and Mike were among the founders of CVCA and created the trails and made it exclusively available to CVCA members. See you next year!



## 45th Annual Membership Meeting

The View Sports Bar & Restaurant, 4568 Octagon Rd Tully, NY 13159

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

Please RSVP! We need an accurate count.

Non-CVCA Members are welcome to attend!

**Price:** \$30 per person

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

11:00 AM- Welcome Reception and Silent Auction Bidding Begins

11:30 AM - Brunch Buffet

featuring bacon, scrambled eggs, French toast, salad, roasted chicken, potatoes and dessert

12:30 PM - Membership Meeting: Year End Business Meeting/Election of CVCA Directors

### ~ THE SILENT AUCTION ~

THIS is one of the most fun and anticipated parts of our Annual Meeting!

This is a MAJOR fundraiser to support our activities during the next year.

Bring in *no more than 3* quality "horsey" or "non-horsey" items: anything from prints, coolers, harnesses, bits, baskets of cheer, baked goods, or anything else!

Name(s) Attending	Special Dietary Needs

2024 Membership Renewal (\$25 adult; \$35 family) Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Bruncheon Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (optional) Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return luncheon RSVP and membership payments & form by Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to:**

Gloria Waro - 2415 Co Road 11, Mt. Vision, NY 13810

Questions?

Please contact Gloria Waro at [mommadukes3089@gmail.com](mailto:mommadukes3089@gmail.com)



CVCA 2024 Annual Membership Meeting

November 9, 2024

The View Sports Bar & Restaurant

4568 Octagon Road, Tully, NY 13159

**Call to Order**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Gloria Waro

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jay Williams

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Judy Cary  
2024 Year in Review

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Recognitions
  - a. Charter Members
  - b. CVCA Board
2. 2024 Raffle Results

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Tentative 2024 Calendar of Events
2. Agenda Items from the Floor

**Adjourn**

## **Volunteering: Do It!**

## **You Won't Regret It!**

Submitted by: Judy Sobczak

Many CVCA members step-up to volunteer to help make club events run smoothly. Other members volunteer to be officers or board members. There are many ways to volunteer to help our club. My mantra has always been, "if you are a member of a club or organization, you should help in whatever capacity that you can and your personal time allows". Deciding to volunteer is never a wrong choice. It can be very rewarding when an event has concluded and you, as a volunteer look back and reflect on all that was accomplished. I find especially gratifying: the smiles, laughter and positive comments received after an event concludes. These things make the time and work worth it. Plus, volunteering can be an excellent learning experience.

In the late spring of 2024, for a variety of reasons, I decided to put showing in pleasure shows on the backburner. I decided to make this summer, my summer of volunteering. It has been a choice that I didn't regret! Though, admittedly, I do like to compete and on occasion, I felt twinges of missing being in the show ring.

Pleasure shows always need volunteers! For pleasure shows, HDTs, CTs, ADTs and CDEs, etc. to happen and run efficiently, a group of volunteers is extremely important! Yes, shows need competitors in order to happen. But, without volunteers, shows really couldn't function.

This summer, I volunteered at Lorenzo and the Avon Driving Park pleasure show. I had planned to volunteer at the Orleton driving show as well. But something came up with my schedule and I had to bow out. Both Lorenzo and Avon were very positive experiences

This year was the 2nd time that I volunteered at Lorenzo. Working the in gate on Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday was very rewarding. I really enjoyed "welcoming" the competitors into the ring. Greeting them with a smile and wishing them "good luck". On the flip side, congratulating the winners as they departed the show ring was fun as well. To those who weren't judge's "picks", I gave encouragement. On Sunday, I "managed" the holding area for the obstacle ring. Checking in competitors as they arrived, then sending them to the obstacle ring ingate area.

When I offered to volunteer at the Avon show, I expected to help in many of the same ways I had done at Lorenzo. Well, best laid plans...

At the suggestion and encouragement from my carriage driving instructor, Sue Sheffer, (who had learned during a phone conversation with the show organizer, there was an intermediate need for a show secretary). I became co-show secretary with her! Yikes! Assuming this task wasn't even on my radar to volunteer for! Talk about a learning curve! I will say that I have always been interested in learning about this position and all that it entails. I just didn't think I would be doing it for the Avon show! With Sue's many years of experience organizing and running all types of horse shows and doing a variety of "jobs" at shows, the weeks leading up to show weekend and during show weekend, I learned so much! It certainly is a very busy job. But I enjoyed every minute!

Volunteering; you might be stepping out of your comfort zone, but you are guaranteed to have fun, and learn new things! The real bonus is you will be spending time with like minded people and their equine partners. There is nothing wrong with that! Give it a try! You just might be glad you did!

# Out and About

## THE YEAR OF MANY FIRST

### What a Honor

*On July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of being the Ringmaster at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Avon Park Pleasure Driving Show. It was a first for me but I was to give it my best shot. With a quick run down and some pointers from Bruce I knew this was going to be a grand time. The judge for the weekend was William H Venditta and with it being my first time as Ringmaster you couldn't have asked for a better Judge to work with. It was great fun being able to watch a class from the inside and to learn a lot from Mr. Venditta. It was interesting to learn what a judge looks for in each different class. To make the weekend go even better on Sunday I was able to ride along with Dirk Young from Twin Birch Farm in the morning parade through town before we started the ring classes. It was a wonderful ride along with the towns people greeting us through the parade route. I had such a great time being the Ringmaster this year that I volunteered for next year if they want me.*



*Another first this year was for both me and Clover. Even though it wasn't driving Clover and I did our first Ridden Dressage show at The Classic at Twin Birch. It was Intro test A and for our first show ever we did pretty good scoring 61.875 putting us at 2<sup>nd</sup> place.*



## 2024 CARRIAGE DRIVING EVENTS:

OCTOBER		
October 5	Sears Family Homestead Pleasure Drive Cazenovia NY	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: <a href="http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com">http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com</a>
October 9-13	ADS 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Annual Mtg of Members Big Sky Farm, Southern Pines, NC	American Driving Society FMI: <a href="https://www.americandrivingsociety.org">https://www.americandrivingsociety.org</a>
October 13	WNYCCA Fall Trail Challenge Raspberry Hill Farm, Penfield NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: <a href="https://www.wnycca.org">https://www.wnycca.org</a>
October 18	Martin's Select Carriage Auction Lebanon County Expo Center, Lebanon PA	Martin's Auctioneers FMI: <a href="https://www.martinauctioneers.com">https://www.martinauctioneers.com</a>
October 27	WNYCCA Spooktacular ECHO Victor NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: <a href="https://www.wnycca.org">https://www.wnycca.org</a>
NOVEMBER		
November 9	CVCA 45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting The View, Tully NY	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: <a href="http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com">http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com</a>

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 -- Dates to Note on your calendar...MORE TO COME!		
January 29-31	CAA Winter Meeting Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale FL	Carriage Association of America <a href="https://www.caaonline.com">https://www.caaonline.com</a>
March	CVCA Spring Meeting	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: <a href="http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com">http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com</a>
May 19-22	CAA Trip to Royal Windsor Horse Show	Carriage Association of America <a href="https://www.caaonline.com">https://www.caaonline.com</a>
July 18-20	47 <sup>th</sup> Lorenzo Driving Competition Lorenzo Historic Site, Cazenovia NY	LDC FMI: <a href="https://lorenzodriving.org">https://lorenzodriving.org</a>
July 25-27	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show Avon Driving Park, Avon NY	Western NY Combined Carriage Association FMI: <a href="https://www.wnycca.org">https://www.wnycca.org</a>
August	Sheffield Farm/CVCA Fun Day Sheffield Farm, Ithaca NY	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: <a href="mailto:judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com">judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com</a>
October	CAA Trip to Long Island NY	Carriage Association of America <a href="https://www.caaonline.com">https://www.caaonline.com</a>
November	46 <sup>th</sup> CVCA Annual Meeting	Cherry Valley Carriage Association FMI: <a href="http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com">http://www.cherryvalleycarriage.com</a>

For additions, corrections, deletions, please contact Judy Sobczak at [Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com](mailto:Judy.carriagedriver1@gmail.com)

\*\*\*Permission is given to share this calendar with other organizations, online and in print\*\*\*

# *Hitching -UP*

Driving Equipment for Sale:

For sale small donkey/pony harness and cart.

\$500.00

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CWPTCtDa1hs6D9BHA>

call Tacie 315-730-4103

Ithaca Area

1905 Walborn and Riker back to back pony Wicker Trap. Shown as a single or with a pair.

Show ready! Asking \$5,500. (585)820-9568 or [dee.mccartney7@gmail.com](mailto:dee.mccartney7@gmail.com)



Zilco adjustable terret neck strap Med. Pony size, \$20. plus shipping

Patty Fulkerson 585-330-1706 [justahorse1@gmail.com](mailto:justahorse1@gmail.com)



# Hitching -UP

**2012 Featherlight aluminum 12 ft bumper pull stock trailer center divider, metal floor with rubber mats, swing out rear gate with integrated small slider. One owner used less than 1000 miles , stored indoors when not in use . Was Used to haul 46" pony and steel cart. \$10,500**

**Contact Judy Bennett 607-334-5912 or olinbennett65@gmail.com**



# 2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs December 1 to November 30



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

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note!***

***If you do not want your address or contact info listed in the membership directory, please indicate that on this form below in "Contact Info Restriction."***

***Thanks!***

Membership Type:  Single - \$25.00

Family - \$35.00 (includes all children under age 22 who reside with parents)

Donation (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Contact Information Restriction (optional):*

I do not want my contact information in the Directory. I understand that CVCA Board members will have access to my contact information.

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Please make checks payable to **CVCA**

Mail to:

Jay Williams  
99 Kirkland Avenue  
Clinton, NY 13323

## CVCA 2024 Raffle



We are pleased to announce that CVCA's 2024 raffle is for a  
12" x 12" ceramic tile custom painted in acrylic  
with an image of the winner's choosing by artist Judy Goldthwait

***Tickets are:            1 for \$1    6 for \$5    12 for \$10***

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on November 9, 2024!

*Tickets will be available for purchase at all CVCA events.*

Judy Goldthwait graduated from Cazenovia College in 1998, with a BFA in Commercial Illustration. By specializing in equine art and pet portraiture, Judy has found a way to make a living by painting what she knows best. Judy currently resides in Cazenovia, New York with her husband Andy, daughter Ansleigh and a herd of furry friends!

Although most of her work is done by private commission, Judy also has a wide variety of hand-painted gifts, prints and original oil paintings available for sale. She has illustrated posters and designed promotional material for multiple organizations, including the Lorenzo Driving Competition!

Her paintings have been exhibited all over the country and she has clients from the United States, Canada, England, Holland and France. Please like Judy's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Judy-Goldthwait-Equine-Art-Pet-Portraits> and visit her website for information: [www.JGportraits.com](http://www.JGportraits.com)



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Long Sleeve T	PC61LS									
Ladies T	LPC61									
Regular T	PC61									
V-Neck Ladies T	LPC450V									
Crew Sweatshirt	4662M									
Polo Men's	K8000									
Polo Ladies	LK8000									

Color Choice - Maroon or Navy

Logo Placement - F = front (large logo); B = back (large logo); or LC = left chest (small logo)  
add F, B or LC in the color box

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