

Gentle Giant Journal



Welcome Draft Horse Fans!

"FOUR AT REST, ABREAST," SHARON O'BRIEN-LYKINS

Welcome everyone who loves horses and a great show! Welcome those who love live entertainment, harvest fairs and festive events! We've got it all at the 24th annual Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair, September 23–26, at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley.

With six majestic performances, this event features all that our loyal enthusiasts have come to expect. Whether it's the Draft Horses working farm equipment, pulling carriages, or working side-by-side on a hitch – these animals compete with elegance and power and are the best of the best.

This year, we've got some new specialty acts performing between competitions. See the West Coast Cowgirls Drill Team, pageantry at its best; and watch Dianne Olds Rossi, "master of the dance," and her World of Dancing Horses. Dianne and her "magical" horses will perform equine dances that are beautifully costumed and precisely choreographed.

When the arena events end, take a break and enjoy the Harvest Fair. The gate fees have been waived for this portion of the Classic – so stop by anytime.

Amble down Treat Street and grab a bite to eat, stroll

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the exhibits of arts and crafts, and enjoy the agriculture and horticulture displays. Or, visit the ongoing entertainment at the Pine Tree stage, take in a lumberjack show or two, and enjoy the barn tours.

This is your advanced invitation to reserve tickets early. Once again, our prices have not changed. Advanced tickets for reserved seating are \$21 a person, or \$24 if purchased on the day of the event. General admission seats – first come, first seated – are \$18 in advance or \$21 the day of the event.

Parking at the Classic is \$5. RV camping is reserved for ticket holders, but space is limited so make your reservations when you place your ticket order.

We've placed our ticket orders into time slots so that we can provide you with the best possible customer service.

Beginning May 1, we'll be accepting mail and FAX orders only.

Beginning June 1, we'll be accepting phone orders and walk-ins.

Order forms can also be downloaded at www.NevadaCountyFair.com and either mailed or faxed beginning May 1. See the ticket order page for more details.

Welcome, one and all! Enjoy the show!



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2010 Performance Schedule

Order of Appearance

PERFORMANCE #1

Thursday, Sept 23, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

1. Singles, Gentlemen, Hitch Type
2. Farm Wagon
3. Pairs, Ladies, Hitch Type
4. Three & Four Abreast
5. Six-Up Driving Competition

PERFORMANCE #2

Friday, Sept 24, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

1. Tandem
2. Singles, Gentlemen, Pleasure Type
3. Pairs, Junior
4. Four-Up Rail

PERFORMANCE #3

Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 @ 10 am

1. Gambler's Choice
2. Singles, Youth
3. Street Working Competition, Fours
4. Four-Up Driving Competition

PERFORMANCE #4

Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

1. Six-Up Rail
2. Singles, Ladies, Pleasure Type
3. Americana, Commercial or Municipal
4. Unicorn

PERFORMANCE #5

Sunday, Sept 26, 2010 @ 10 am

1. Log Skidding Eliminations
2. Four-Up Amateur Reinsmanship
3. Lightweight Pull
4. Heavyweight Pull
5. Farm Implement

PERFORMANCE #6

Sunday, Sept 26, 2010 @ 4 pm

1. Singles, Ladies, Hitch Type
2. Americana, Farm
3. Pairs, Gentlemen, Hitch Type
4. Log Skidding Finals
5. Six-Up Ultimate Hitch Championship

Note: Schedules subject to change.

The Harvest Fair: Free Fun for All Ages



*In between the Draft Horse performances, the Harvest Fair is bustling with activity. Featuring live entertainment, lumberjack shows, Treat Street goodies, Art at the Classic, and hundreds of community exhibits, the Harvest Fair is an experience that can be enjoyed by kids and adults! **Better yet – it's free.***

Art at the Classic

This world-class equine and western art show features works by painters, sculptors, photographers, and other fine artists. Take time to browse the show, meet some of the artists, and purchase beautiful works of original art, photography, cards, and other items from the artists' booths.

Barn Tours & Special Breed Pavilion

Be sure to visit the barns during your visit to the Classic. It's here that you'll get to meet the horses and really experience the enormity of these beautiful animals. The barns are open throughout the four-day event, but, for safety reasons, closed to the public shortly before and after each show. Our Special Breed Pavilion, open even while performances are going on in the arena, features numerous Draft Horses with their owners, allowing Classic-goers another opportunity to see the horses up close.

New this year – guided barn tours! If you're interested, contact the Fair Office for details. Tours require reservations, and are limited to groups of eight or more.

Treat Street

An event favorite and a Fairgrounds mainstay, Treat Street will once again be open to serve delicious festival food. Specialty vendors will be on hand to sell a variety of goodies, including burgers, corn dogs, quesadillas, chicken sandwiches, pasties, bratwurst, barbecue pulled pork, tri-tip sandwiches, caramel corn, specialty coffees, cinnamon rolls, baked potatoes, beer and more. Yum!

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Clogging Jamboree

Fun, upbeat music, colorful costumes, and dancers of every age show off their talent and unique choreography skills at the Clogging Jamboree. This year will feature special performances, as well as a clogging workshop.

Western Music Fest

Draft Horse Classic visitors delight! During the Classic, the Fairgrounds resound with music, cowboy poetry, and stories of the old west. This on-going, free entertainment takes place Friday to Sunday at the Pine Tree Stage, and is sure to get your toes tapping and your hands clapping.

Lumberjack & Horseshoeing Shows

See world champions compete in axe throwing, chainsaw mastery, and log chopping competitions. These shows always draw large crowds, so stop by one of the shows on Saturday or Sunday.

Watch the shoeing feats of professional blacksmiths on Saturday as they rise to the challenge of shoeing 2,000 pound Draft Horses in a live shoeing contest.

Western Trade Show

Whether you plan to simply browse or to make a purchase or two, make time to visit the Western Trade Show. Lined up to show their wares are vendors offering everything from horse-related outdoor wear to hand crafted pottery to jewelry to decorative items for the home. The Trade Show is open during the duration of the Classic, so stop by anytime.

A Taste of the Gold — Food & Wine Fest

This fun and tasty event features fine food and drink from some of the Gold Country's finest restaurants, confectioners, and wineries – all served to a background of cool jazz and beneath the shade of the tall pines at the Fairgrounds. "A Taste of the Gold" takes place between Draft Horse performances on Saturday, September 25, from 1-4 pm. Fairgrounds admission is free, but "tastes" must be purchased for a separate ticket price. Tickets include five food tastings, unlimited wine tasting, and a commemorative wine glass. Tickets are available to purchase online at www.nswinecountry.com.

Or, to purchase hard copy tickets, call the Grass Valley Downtown Association at (530) 272-8315 or visit www.historicgrassvalley.com for information.



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