



# THE DEVON HORSE SHOW MEANS FAMILY FUN

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Despite their long history,  
The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair  
continue to offer fresh fun every year.

**W**E'VE BEEN VISITING THE DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR for years and are enticed back to visit favorites and discover what's new. With special Family Days, Ladies Day, ponies, costumes and clowns, what's not to love? Add in Devon fudge, lemon sticks, tea sandwiches and shopping. So we'll share what we've learned from folks who've been going for generations.

Here are some highlights to consider as you plan your Devon visit.

## FIRST NIGHT AND FIRST WEEKEND

The Devon grounds open early on First Night as it's called for a peek at the year's festivities and a grand launch of the Show, on Wednesday, May 24. Join the glittering party and fundraiser at the Art Gallery at Devon that toasts the arts with signature cocktails. Read more in "Gallery Round-Up" in this issue and get a look at the 2017 Devon poster, suitable for collecting.





Action in the ring begins bright and early at 8 a.m. on Thursday—Family Day—and lasts until 10 p.m., with specials on Midway rides (including the antique carousel), souvenirs and food. Each year there are new souvenirs—toys, jewelry, athlesisure wear—and old favorites—stuffed animals, silver charms, horse-bedecked ties. Check out the other shops, too.

Dog owners will love the “Dog Show at the Horse Show” on Thursday night, featuring six classes of canine competition—from jumpers to tricks to a costume parade—at 7:30 in the Dixon Oval. Admission is free after 5 p.m. and entries are limited, so register online now to be part of the fun.

Junior riders are featured this first weekend—junior hunters and jumpers and future Devon stars, plus the colorful costumed Pony Hunt Teams. The even-younger set gets into the action as adorable three-to-five-year-olds parade in the Dixon Oval in the Lead Line, a Devon favorite at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Since things are always more fun with good food, pencil in grazing under the sycamores in the Country Fair grounds. Devon fudge and lemon sticks are two classics, but you’ll also find so much more. Crave quiche or tea sandwiches from the Tea Cart? Satisfying burgers and fries? Luscious lobster rolls, veggie taco wraps or a simple slice of pizza? And Mompops’ special Devon pop. For adult refreshment, there are theme dinners, plus wine at the Pavilion and beer at Clydesdale Corner.

While you’re there, stroll along the patio at Anniversary Square and see if you recognize any names on the bricks underfoot—loyal Devon fans who contributed to the Square’s construction. Purchase your own brick to cement your Devon memories and become a permanent part of the tradition.

## GRAND TRADITIONS, CARRIAGES AND VETERANS

Be transported back to slower, gentler times on Sunday and find a spot on the route for the Pleasure Drive, where antique carriages grace modern roads through nearby neighborhoods. You’ll see everything from simple carts with a single pony to grand four-in-hand teams pulling carriages of men in top hats and women in chic chapeaux.

Watch the period-perfect parade while enjoying your tasty tailgate picnic. Homeowners along the route have made parade watching a tradition and host front yard parties. Or get a front row seat at the special tailgate spot on Berkeley Road. There’s a tailgate competition, so bring your silver and your best recipes!

A new exciting Devon Arena Eventing competition has been added to the Sunday night schedule. The course takes horse and rider through both the Gold Ring and Dixon Oval with over a dozen cross country and show jumps mixed in to add thrills and chills. Winner takes the \$50,000 prize.

Memorial Day Monday’s activities honor veterans, with free admission for vets, military members, first responders and their families. There’s a Tribute to Heroes at 6:30 p.m.

Monday’s daytime action in the ring includes fast-paced scurry driving and the return of the Shetland pony races. Plus more fun for the kids with clowns and face painting in the evening.





## FAMILY DAY, LADIES DAY AND THE GRAND PRIX

Family Day is back on Tuesday, in case you missed the fun last week—again with specials at the Midway, souvenirs and food. There’s also a Back-Barn tour (3 to 6 p.m.) for those interested in a behind-the-scenes look at the magic that happens in the rings.

And Devon remembered the ladies. Wednesday is Ladies Day with free admission for ladies wearing elegant hats and special events and other goodies (tickets required for this)—champagne, tasty bites and goodie bags. And all the shops are open for this stylish crowd.

Ladies parade on the grounds with their millinery masterpieces, often towering several feet high! The sky and your imagination are the only limits for crafting a crafty topper in hopes of being judged best in this show. The hat contest begins at 10:30, as a panel of judges convenes to award prizes in several categories. See photos that follow.

Ladies Day is a fitting time to feature the popular Ladies Side Saddle event. Check out the period riding costumes, authentic down

to the flask of sherry tucked into the saddle. Then marvel as fearless riders don’t merely parade around the ring but clear the jumps. Jumps ... while sitting sidesaddle!

The equestrian highlight of each year’s show is Thursday night, the Sapphire Grand Prix, an exciting display of show jumping by top riders before one of the most knowledgeable and appreciative audiences in the country. Olympians, hopefuls and the best of our local talent jump astonishing heights on exquisite steeds for the \$225,000 grand prize. A thrilling evening that’s quintessentially Devon. Reservations for this event are a must.

You could win a prize, too. Thursday marks the drawing for Operation Goldmine—a chance to win a gold bangle bracelet with diamonds and sapphires. Then Friday’s Devon Derby drawing gives the winner a two-year lease on a 2017 luxury vehicle and other great prizes. Purchase a “full boat”—two Operation Goldmine chances and five Devon Derby books—to maximize your chances to win.

## FINAL WEEKEND

The last days of Devon provide future stars a chance to ride in the famed rings in several amateur owners events.

Closing day, Sunday, June 4, brings Devon to an end for this year with a final Family Day, filled with special activities for kids. The food vendors enjoy their last day of serving up their specialties and the almost 60 shops may just have a treasure you can’t live without. It’s your last chance to take home your personal souvenir to mark this year. And for gardeners, there’s even a plant sale to find homes for the gorgeous greenery that’s decorated the grounds over the eleven days of the show.

Then it’s time to head home with your Devon memories. ♦

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair  
**WHERE:** Devon Horse Show Grounds, Lancaster Ave., Devon

**WHEN:** May 25–June 4; gates open at 8 a.m. and close around 10 p.m.

**INFORMATION:** [DevonHorseShow.org](http://DevonHorseShow.org) and Facebook





# Hats are Happening at Devon





# Your Guide to 11 Days of Fun at the DEVON HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

MAY 24 TO JUNE 4

## WEDNESDAY ~ May 24

### First Night at Devon

See Gallery Round Up in this issue.

## THURSDAY ~ May 25

### Junior Weekend –

### Thursday through Sunday Family Day

Specials on Midway rides, souvenirs and food. Country Fair open til 9 pm. Get your ringside seats for the Dog Show with a fun exhibition and 6 classes. Admission is free after 5 pm.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ USEF Talent Search
- ✦ WIHS Equitation Jumper

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Pony Hunter Breeding
- ✦ USEF Hunter Seat Medal

7 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ The Dog Show at the Horse Show, 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY ~ May 26

Visit the official Souvenir booth and the newly renovated Anniversary Square just outside Clydesdale Corner.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ ASPCA Maclay & R.W. Mutch Equitation Champ.
- ✦ Junior Hunters

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Pony Hunters

7 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Junior Jumpers, 8 p.m.

## SATURDAY ~ May 27

Sample a lemon stick and take a ride on the antique carousel.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Junior Hunters
- ✦ Pony Jumpers
- ✦ Lead Line, 1 p.m.

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Pony Hunters
- ✦ Costume Pony Hunt Teams, 4:30 p.m.

7 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Junior Jumper Classic

- ✦ Horse Hunt Teams

- ✦ Parent & Child & Family Class

## SUNDAY ~ May 28

The Carriage Pleasure Drive goes through Devon neighborhoods and is the highlight today. Pick up dinner at the Garden Café, enjoy it in the Pavilion with some Devon fudge.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Carriage Pleasure Drive
- ✦ Handicapped Riders' Div.
- ✦ Pony Jumpers
- ✦ Adult Amateur Jumpers

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ \$50,000 Devon Arena Eventing

## MEMORIAL DAY

### MONDAY ~ May 29

Memorial Day—free admission for all military personnel, first responders and their families. Visit the Tea Cart for a special blend of iced tea, specialty coffees, tea sandwiches and pastries. Stop by the Derby Booth for a chance to win the raffle.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Hunter Classes
- ✦ Scurry Driving
- ✦ Adult Jumpers
- ✦ Carriage Driving

✦ Exhibition:  
Return of the  
Shetland Pony races

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Clowns / Face Painting
- ✦ Tribute to Heroes at 6:30
- ✦ NAL Adult Amateur Jumper Classic
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Single / Pair Pony Driving

## TUESDAY ~ May 30

### Family Day

Specials on souvenirs, food and Midway rides. Guided Back-Barn Tours, 3 to 6 p.m. for a behind the scenes look at the Devon stables.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Hunter Classes

7 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Exhibition: Guy McLean
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI \$50,000 Welcome Stake
- ✦ Single Horse Driving
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Coach Horn

## WEDNESDAY ~ May 31

### Ladies Day

Ladies Day at Devon! Ladies Side Saddle Classes and the Ladies Hat Contest. Free admission until 1 p.m. for ladies wearing elegant hats. Stop by the Art Gallery.

8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Hunter Classes
- ✦ Ladies Side Saddle
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ 7-Year-Old Jumpers

Gold Ring, morning only

- ✦ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers

7 to 10:15 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Exhibition: Guy McLean
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI, \$40,000 Speed Stake
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Coaching
- ✦ Friesians

## THURSDAY ~ June 1

Experience the magic of the Devon Grand Prix showcasing the best riders at Devon. Don't forget to take a chance on this year's Operation Goldmine prize, a beautiful gold bangle bracelet with diamonds and sapphires.

8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ 5- & 6-Year-Old Jumpers (morning only)
- ✦ USHJA Hunter Derby
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Coaching

## SAPPHIRE GRAND PRIX OF DEVON

7:15 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Exhibition: Guy McLean
- ✦ FEI—World Ranking Comp. \$225,000 Sapphire Grand Prix

## FRIDAY ~ June 2

Take a little piece of Devon home. Stop by the Souvenir Booth where you'll find everything you can imagine.

8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Amateur Owner Jumpers & Hunters
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters
- ✦ Local Hunters

7 to 10 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Exhibition: Guy McLean
- ✦ \$35,000 Devon Speed Challenge
- ✦ Coaching Championship & Coach Horn
- ✦ Hackneys & Saddlebreds
- ✦ Fresians

## SATURDAY ~ June 3

Another night of spectacular jumping. Win a lease on a 2016 car or other great prize at the Devon Derby Drawing.

8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Amateur Owner Hunters
- ✦ Saddlebreds & Hackneys
- ✦ Amateur Owner Jumper SJHOF Classic

### Gold Ring

- ✦ Amateur Owner 3'3" Hunters
- ✦ Local Hunters

7 to 10:30 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Exhibition: Guy McLean
- ✦ Open Jumpers—FEI \$50,000 Idle Dice Jumper Stake
- ✦ Saddlebreds
- ✦ Hackneys & Roadsters

## SUNDAY ~ June 4

### Family Day

Lots of activities for the kids—pony rides, Itty Bitty Hat Parade. Enjoy free admission. The Devon Plant Sale takes place at the end of the show.

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dixon Oval

- ✦ Hunter Breeding Division
- ✦ Young Hunter Under Saddle ♦

Updates at [DevonHorseShow.org](http://DevonHorseShow.org).

