



# We Have an Announcement

THE DEVON HORSE SHOW WILL BE BACK ... IN 2022.

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Many Devon Horse Show fans may remember where they were on that sad Saturday in April when they learned the deeply disappointing news that the 125th Anniversary would be postponed and, for the second year in a row, this cherished rite of spring was cancelled. It was quite an announcement.

Yes, we could understand that this grand tradition, mixing equestrian excellence with family fun, requires substantial lead time to produce a world-class event. In fairness to the competitors, supporters, spectators, volunteers, vendors and others—plus the health and well-being of the entire community—the cancellation decision was determined to be the best option.

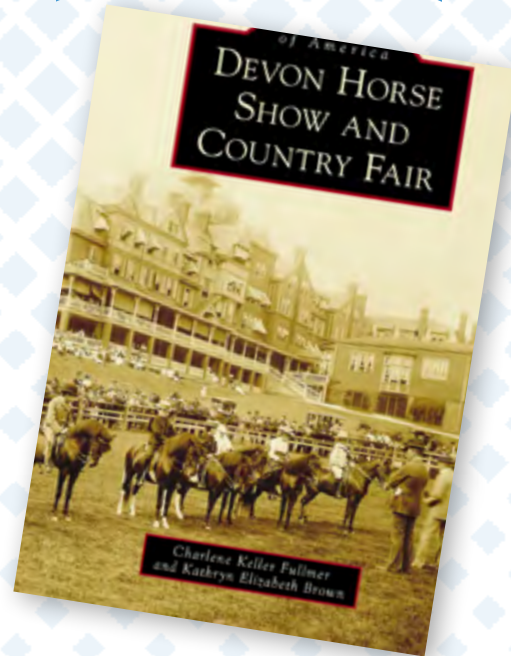
So, for 2021, we'll keep calm and carry on with a virtual art show, a great new book and the beloved carriage marathon.







## Devon in 2021: Virtual Art Gallery, New Book, Carriage Marathon



### IMAGES OF AMERICA

A new book was launched as part of the Horse Show's 125th anniversary. The *Images of America* series published the *Devon Horse Show and Country Fair* volume by Charlene Keller Fullmer and Kathryn Elizabeth Brown. Fittingly dedicated to the generations of volunteers who supported the event for over a century, the book depicts the history of this iconic community event.

Recapping the show's growth from its humble beginnings in 1896, through the World Wars, to its rise as a premier international equestrian competition, the book captures the major milestones and highlights them with wonderful historic photos.

From the Lead Line to the Grand Prix, with tiny tots and famous Olympians, the sheer scale of the Devon Horse Show is something to behold.

Copies of the book are available for order at [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net) and at your favorite local independent bookstore. A great present for fans and supporters.

### CARRIAGE MARATHON

There will be a bit of Devon magic this year as the classic Carriage Marathon delights fans as it rolls through the usual Devon neighborhoods on Sunday, May 30th.

Spectators can enjoy the pageantry of horse-drawn carts and carriages making their way through 21st-century streets and be whisked back to another time.

You have time to make friends with someone lucky enough to live on the route. And maybe you'll get invited to the picnic!

### FINAL WORDS

One thing we've learned again during the past year is that things change. So check the Devon Horse Show website and social media for updates, developments and news. Here's hoping it's all good!

Visit [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net). ♦



Fans along the Carriage Marathon route come out to watch the pleasure drive—everything from small pony carts to grand four-in-hand carriages with drivers and passengers in their finery.



TOP: First Night was known for its festive kick-off to 11 days of the Horse Show, lubricated with help from 13th Street Cocktails.  
BELOW: The walls of the Art Gallery at Devon are packed with beauty.

### DEVON (VIRTUAL) ART GALLERY

There won't be the excitement of the usual First Night party, marking the beginning of another year of the Devon Horse Show and giving guests an in-person first look at the many works at the Art Gallery. The charming white cottage and temporary home of the Devon Art Gallery is usually a magnet for art lovers and those looking to take a break from the action in the ring.

Instead, a virtual Art Gallery will offer works of over 50 juried new and returning artists working in an array of styles. Expect art with horses and bucolic landscapes to figure prominently.

Tour the virtual gallery from May 27 through June 3. Early access is available during the traditional First Night time slot, May 26th at 6 p.m., for anyone wishing to become a sponsor (starting at \$100).

Learn more at [DevonHorseShow.net](http://DevonHorseShow.net).





Returning in 2022: At the Country Fair



Returning in 2022: Inside the Horse Show Rings



- 1. More lemon sticks and Devon fudge
- 2. Plenty of family fun
- 3. Dogs get their day
- 4. Great volunteers, like the late Betty Moran
- 5. Ladies Hat Day is a highlight
- 6. Elegance in the boxes
- 7. Brushes with celebrities

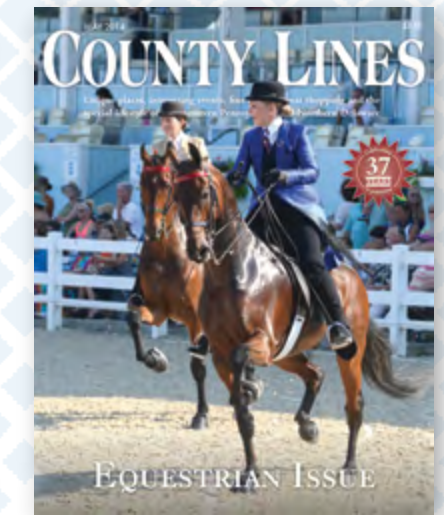
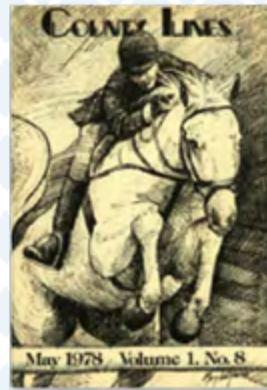


- 8. Watch the munchkins in the Lead Line
- 9. See the smile on a winner's face
- 10. Admire the skill of sidesaddle riders
- 11. Enjoy the friendships of the Juniors
- 12. Be in awe of Grand Prix performances
- 13. Thrill to the speed in the ring where champions meet
- 14. Wait another year to see champions, like McLain Ward and Sapphire





Looking Back at *County Lines*' coverage of the Devon Horse Show







*We're all waiting for 2022 ...*