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**Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Announces “Devon Week” Activities and Events; Devon Fall Classic to be Held in Person at Full Capacity**

*Virtual and Adjusted In-Person Events to Take Place in May; Souvenirs Available and New History Book a Special Gift for Donations to Main Line Nonprofit*

**DEVON, PA** – May 25, 2021 – The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair has announced updated plans for 2021, including a mix of virtual and in-person events in May. The Devon Fall Classic is planned to be held in-person and at full capacity.

“It won’t be the same again this Memorial Day weekend, but there are a few things that will keep us going until we can celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022,” said Wayne Grafton, Chairman and CEO, referring to the organization’s cancellation of its signature event in 2021.

“We’re disappointed that due to the pandemic, once again we are unable to host the event everyone knows and loves, but we look forward to celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> year; it just might be a while and take a little more work to get us there.”

The 2021 schedule includes:

**Art Gallery at Devon-May 27- June 3rd**

Sponsors will have the ability to view and purchase art at a virtual First Night event on May 26, before the virtual gallery opens to the public on May 27. The gallery will be live from May 27 through June 3, and can be accessed at [www.artgallery.devonhorseshow.net](http://www.artgallery.devonhorseshow.net).

**Carriage Marathon - Sunday, May 30**

One aspect of the event will continue this year as planned: area driving clubs have graciously decided to continue the traditional Devon Pleasure Drive on Sunday, May 30, along the same route as in previous years. More information about the Pleasure Drive will be available on [www.DevonHorseShow.net](http://www.DevonHorseShow.net). While the grounds will not be open to the public, there will be picnicking at the preliminary judging field at the backside of the cemetery St David's Church, 63 S. Valley Forge Rd, Wayne, (entrance to the field is off the Church Road-side of the property) and there will be judging based on décor and food. The carriages are expected to progress through St. David's between 12:15- 12:45, followed by a ride through the neighborhoods.

### **Devon Horse Show History Book**

Part of the Images of America series, and written by Devon volunteers Charlene Fullmer and Kathryn Brown, this keepsake offers a comprehensive history of the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair, dating back to 1896. The book can be purchased at [www.store.devonhorseshow.net](http://www.store.devonhorseshow.net).

### **Souvenirs- Available now**

Souvenirs are available now through June 4, including special bundles that include collectibles for the 2021 event. Visit [www.store.devonhorseshow.net](http://www.store.devonhorseshow.net).

### **Devon Fall Classic – Wednesday, September 15 to Sunday, September 19**

On Wednesday, the Devon Fall Classic will open at 3 p.m. with family-focused events on the grounds a variety of activities and ring side activities including as well as BBQ and other food offerings, and live entertainment in the picnic grove. Equestrian competition will be held Thursday through Sunday afternoon. More information will be available over the next few months.

For more information, visit [www.devonhorseshow.net](http://www.devonhorseshow.net).

### ***About Devon Horse Show and Country Fair***

Started in 1896, the Devon Horse Show is the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed competition in the United States and draws in top competitors from around the world. With the grandeur of Philadelphia's historic Main Line as its backdrop, the show continues to reflect the local traditions and lifestyles of the community. The Devon Country Fair, run by more than 2,000 volunteers, offers a variety of boutique shops in miniature cottages, amusement rides and games for kids, multiple dining options, and special entertainment events. Proceeds support Bryn Mawr Hospital.

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