

VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC VISITOR'S GUIDE – 2019



EVENT & LOCATIONS

MAIN ARENA – hosts arena classes including

- **Reinsmanship** – the emphasis of the judging is on the performance of the driver
- **Turnout** – the judging is focused on the look of the horse, driver, vehicle and tack
 - **Working** – the spotlight is on the performance of the horse(s)
- **Picnic** – turnouts present in the arena for a brief viewing, followed by the presentation of a picnic on the front lawn of the Villa Louis – spectators are welcomed to attend and cast your vote for the “Spectator’s Choice” – the awards are presented at the Awards Party.
- **Drive & Ride** – a class in which horses are shown in harness followed by a tack-change where the same horses are shown under saddle
- **Carriage Dog** – the judging for this class is on the canine attendant of the carriage – audience participation is invited to assist in the judging
- **Attendant’s Class** – a chance for the “behind the scenes” folks to take the stage and show off their skills at driving in the class
 - **Concours d’Elegance** – an invitational class in which the most elegant turnouts are shown for the top honors

OBSTACLE AREAS

- **Gambler’s choice obstacles** – just north of the main arena is the “Gambler’s Choice” obstacle area – in this class, the drivers are given 120 seconds to accumulate points for negotiating obstacles. The driver may do each obstacle twice, but not in succession. Higher point values are assigned to obstacles that are technically more difficult or take more time.
- **Cross country obstacles** – this obstacle course consists of colored numbers along with a pair of red and white markers. Turnouts drive on a simulated country drive with the red marker on their right-hand side. An ideal time is established and the driver that completes the obstacle course without any penalties and comes closest to the ideal time is the winner. Obstacles include laundry lines, a bridge, a water crossing, and trails through the woods.
- **Timed obstacles** – for this cones course, turnouts must drive between paired cones (#1-#12) that are set about a foot wider than the width of their carriage. Knocking the balls from atop the cones adds 5 seconds for each ball down to their time on course. The fastest time wins.

BRIEF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. – Obstacle competition in arena (Reverse Psychology) and North Lawn (Timed Obstacles)
- 10:00 a.m. – Gloria Austin, Guest Lecturer- Club Tent
- 11:00 a.m. – Lecture - “The Artesian Stock Farm” – Mary Antoine – Club Tent
- 1:30 p.m. – Obstacle competition in arena (Your Route/My Route) and North Lawn (Gambler’s Choice)
- 1:30 p.m. – Stable tour begins – meet under the Villa Louis Visitor Center (admission area)
- 3:30 p.m. – Live Demo – Gloria Austin Stables – in stabling area near parking lot
- 7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Dinner (Catfish & Chicken) – reservations required

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. – Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Gloria Austin, Guest Lecturer – Club Tent
- 10:00 a.m. – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near red brick building)
- 11:00 a.m. – Lecture - “The Artesian Stock Farm” – Mary Antoine – Club Tent
- 12:00 p.m. – Picnic Class – main arena and Villa lawn
- 1:00 p.m. – Gambler’s Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 1:30 p.m. – Stable tour begins – meet under the Villa Louis Visitor Center (admission area)
- 3:30 p.m. – Live Demo – Gloria Austin Stables – in stabling area near parking lot
- 4:00 p.m. – Drive & Ride class (main arena)
- 7:00 p.m. – Saturday Night Dinner – reservations required

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. – Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Gloria Austin, Guest Lecturer – Club Tent
- 10:50 a.m. – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near red brick building)
- 11:00 a.m. – Lecture - “The Artesian Stock Farm” – Mary Antoine – Club Tent
- 11:50 a.m. – Carriage Dog Class – main arena
- 1:20 p.m. – Gambler’s Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 1:30 p.m. – Stable tour begins – meet under the Villa Louis Visitor Center (admission area)
- 3:30 p.m. – Live Demo – Gloria Austin Stables – in stabling area near parking lot
- 4:00 p.m. – Concours d’Elegance – main arena

