



United States Department of Agriculture



2016 CALENDAR of EVENTS



Grey Towers National Historic Site
Milford, PA



Join the U.S. Forest Service at Grey Towers National Historic Site and its partners as we share the legacy of Gifford Pinchot and his family! We provide a variety of public programs geared toward education and awareness of their contributions to conservation, community, social justice, and improvement of mankind.



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Grey Towers
National Historic Site

April–November 2016

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APRIL

18 MONDAY, 11:30 AM **GREY TOWERS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM: "CORNELIA PINCHOT: ACTIVIST AND GOVERNOR'S WIFE"**

A brief introduction to the many contributions Cornelia Pinchot made to society and how she helped advance Gov. Gifford Pinchot's political career. Lunch included in fee; registration required. Call 570-296-9625 or email info@greytowers.org.



23 SATURDAY **GREY TOWERS HERITAGE 8K RUN/WALK FOR THE BEECHES**

An Earth Day 8K Run/Walk will start at Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, PA, and follow the Pinchot Greenway through Milford Borough to Milford Beach and back to Grey Towers. Proceeds go toward preservation of Gifford Pinchot's favorite trees, the European copper beeches. For information or to register, visit www.greytowers.org, 570-296-9625, or info@greytowers.org.



MAY

7 SATURDAY, 10 AM **GIFFORD PINCHOT AND FLY FISHING PROGRAM**

A lecture, films, and fly fishing demo will illustrate Gifford Pinchot's enthusiasm for the sport and how it helped shape his ideas on conservation. **Free.** Group size is limited. Registration required. Contact the Grey Towers Heritage Association at info@greytowers.org or call 570-296-9625 for more details and to register.

14 SATURDAY, 11 AM **WALK: THE PINCHOTS AND MILFORD**

What was the Milford Community House before it became the former library? Who built Forest Hall and what purpose did it serve? Where did the family worship? Learn the answers to these questions and how one family helped shape the community of Milford on this walking tour. **FREE** but registration is required. Call 570-296-9625 or email info@greytowers.org.

28 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND) **REGULAR TOUR SEASON RESUMES: EVERY DAY FROM 11 AM - 4 PM ON THE HOUR**

Guided tours of the mansion and grounds share the story of the Pinchot family and the role Grey Towers played as they advanced their social, political, and conservation ideals. **SPECIAL:** Three-floor tours of the mansion offered on weekends only at 4 pm.



JUNE

4 SATURDAY, 10 AM **WALK: EVOLUTION OF THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE: SPRINGTIME IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS**

Come see the gardens and their late spring blooms and hear about Cornelia Pinchot's landscape design vision. Meet Horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke at the Visitor Pavilion for a guided tour of native flowering shrubs, blooming perennials and mountain laurel. Reservations suggested. Call 570-296-9630. Regular tour fees apply.



4 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM **LECTURE: "THE MEANS OF SEEING: CONSERVATIONISM AND THE NATURE ESSAYS OF JOHN BURROUGHS"**

The Pinchots included Burroughs' writings in their collection of books that influenced their thinking about nature and conservation. Matthew Nickel, Ph.D., published author and assistant professor of English at Misericordia University, is the guest speaker for this lecture illustrating conservation and the arts. A reception with light refreshments will follow. **FREE.**

Co-hosts: Gifford Pinchot Audubon Society and Grey Towers Heritage Association.

11 SATURDAY, 1-4 PM **DEMONSTRATION: LOST ART OF LACEMAKING**

Watch as the Lost Art Lacers of North New Jersey practice the art of lacemaking. Learn about the Pinchot lace collection at the Smithsonian. **FREE** and open to the public.

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9 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM OUTDOOR CONCERT

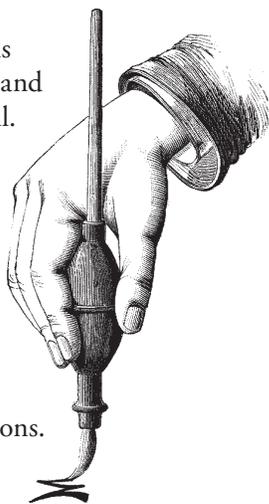
Music can heighten one's sensitivity toward nature. The U.S. Forest Service and Kindred Spirits Arts Programs offer this musical performance in our tented pool pavilion terrace. For tickets, call 570-296-7429 or visit www.kindredspiritsarts.org.

14 THURSDAY 10 AM-4 PM COME PAINT WITH ME

This free plein air painting program is open to the public and is non-instructional.

You can either join the artists or observe them at work in the fields and forests of Grey Towers for these outdoor painting and sketching sessions. Bring your own materials and a picnic lunch.

Meet near the mansion (Visitor Pavilion in inclement weather). No reservations needed. Rain or shine. **FREE**. Visit www.joanpolishook-art.com or call 570-775-6896 for information.



16 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM LECTURE: JERVIS McENTEE: PAINTER-POET OF THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL

Guest speaker Kerry Dean Carso, associate professor of art history at SUNY New Paltz, will help redefine McEntee's place in the history of 19th century American landscape painting and will show how James Pinchot helped support him as a patron of the arts. This lecture illustrating conservation and the arts will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. **FREE**. Co-hosts: Grey Towers Heritage Association and U.S. Forest Service.

AUGUST

6-7 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WOOD

Handmade crafts, music, arts, programs, children's activities, educational exhibits, and more! Visit www.fs.usda.gov/greytowers for a full schedule. Free programs/events, parking & shuttle. Self-guided tours of all three floors of the mansion (\$5 per person). Rain or shine.



11 THURSDAY 11 AM - 4 PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY GIFFORD PINCHOT!

Help celebrate Gifford Pinchot's 151st birthday with a **FEE-FREE** day! All three floors of the mansion will be open.

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20 SATURDAY, 10 AM WALK: "BY GEORGE, I'D LIKE TO COME BACK 100 YEARS FROM NOW AND SEE MY TREES..." - GIFFORD PINCHOT

Today you can join us for this 1-hour introductory walk to his trees. Participants will be given a "Trees of Grey Towers" pamphlet. Regular tour fees apply and spots are limited. Call 570-296-9630 to register.

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Music can heighten one's sensitivity toward nature. The U.S. Forest Service and Kindred Spirits Arts Programs offer this musical performance in our tented pool pavilion terrace. For tickets, call 570-296-7429 or visit www.kindredspiritsarts.org.



27 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM LECTURE: THE SPIRITUALITY OF GIFFORD PINCHOT

Former Grey Towers Director Ed Brannon continues his exploration of Gifford Pinchot's view of the afterlife and discusses how Pinchot's personal diaries are a gateway to understanding his spiritual beliefs. Reception with light refreshments to follow. **FREE**.



SEPTEMBER

10 SATURDAY, 11 AM A MOVEABLE FEAST: PINCHOT FAMILY AND MILFORD HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Munch your way through Milford on this walking tour that takes you to some significant locations where the Pinchot family had an influence. Fee includes guided tour, printed guide book, and food at various locations. Contact info@greytowers.org or call 570-296-9625 to register.

17 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM LECTURE: "THE CLEAREST WAY INTO THE UNIVERSE: NATURE'S MEANING IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANSEL ADAMS"

Gifford Pinchot was one of the first Americans to recognize that photography could influence the Nation's conservation thinking. Ansel Adams was also a visionary figure in nature photography and wilderness preservation. Dr. Brian Carso will present this lecture in which he reflects on how Adams' famous photographs continue to inspire an appreciation for natural beauty and a strong conservation ethic. Reception with light refreshments to follow. **FREE.**
Co-hosts: Gifford Pinchot Audubon Society and Grey Towers Heritage Association.

24 SATURDAY 11 AM – 4 PM NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY, and ICE CREAM SOCIAL (2 PM)

A **FEE-FREE** day of self-guided mansion tours, music, children's programs, Smokey Bear, and more! Enjoy free ice cream during a re-creation of Gov. Gifford Pinchot's ice cream social, the best way the U.S. Forest Service and the Grey Towers Heritage Association know how to thank the community for its support all year round.



OCTOBER

8 SATURDAY, 5:30 PM SCREENING OF NEW DOCUMENTARY: "AMERICA'S FIRST FOREST: CARL SCHENCK AND THE ASHEVILLE EXPERIMENT"

This is the first film to examine the pivotal roles of the Biltmore Estate, Schenck, and Gifford Pinchot in establishing forestry in America.

15 SATURDAY, 10 AM WALK: EVOLUTION OF THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE: AUTUMN IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS

Brilliant red, yellow, and orange leaves will be ablaze for this landscape tour. Meet Horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke at the Visitor Pavilion to view the fabulous foliage displays of the native shrubs, Japanese maple, historic sugar maple planted by General William T. Sherman, and the historic landscape. Regular tour fees apply; reservations suggested. Call 570-296-9630 for registration.



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22 SATURDAY 11 AM – 4 PM PROGRAM AT LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

This unique public program introduces one of Milford's first graveyards, located on the grounds of Grey Towers, and how those buried there helped shape the community. Meet at the Visitor Pavilion in the parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes. For tickets, contact www.greytowers.org or call 570-296-9625.



29 SATURDAY 6 PM & 8 PM HALLOWEEN DRAMATIC READING: "A NIGHT WITH POE"

Appropriate for age 13 and up. Tickets required. Contact info@greytowers.org or call 570-296-9625.

NOVEMBER

11 FRIDAY, 11 AM – 2 PM VETERANS WELCOME

In the 1930s Gov. and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot would welcome veterans into their home at Grey Towers to thank them for their service, a tradition the U.S. Forest Service continues today. Veterans and active military are invited to tour the mansion for free. Hourly.

