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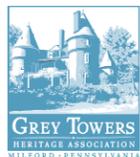
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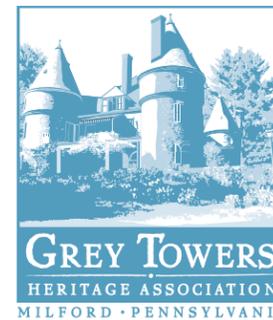
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Fall/Winter 2010

A Message From the President

Welcome to Autumn 2010! Another beautiful season to celebrate the heritage of Grey Towers – the bountiful past and the future to be filled with cherished memories.

This past year, the Grey Towers Heritage Association has worked to fulfill that heritage with music, arts and literary programs, funding interns at Grey Towers and helping to honor the volunteers who keep alive the traditions at Grey Towers National Historic Site. We also sponsored a living history program at Delaware Valley High School and the Pike County Senior Center. This year we launched the Scholar in Residence program in conjunction with the US Forest Service. We supported the music and children's programs at the Festival of Wood. We helped produce a Self Guided Landscape brochure and created copies of a DVD with a collection of films that illustrate the history of the family, Grey Towers and the US Forest Service.

In keeping with how the Pinchot family enjoyed their home, we once again will present a dramatic reading of selections of Edgar Allen Poe and a dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol." We will host the environmental portion of the Black Bear Film Festival and sponsor a history walk of the Laurel Hill Cemetery on the grounds of Grey Towers.

Our focus – on Community, Culture and Conservation – enables us to reach out to the community to bring you closer to the ideals and philosophy of the Pinchot family.

Won't you join us in our endeavors and become a member of the GTHA? We welcome you with enthusiastic appreciation.

Barbara J. Buchanan
President

GTHA Supports Smokejumper Research

African American Smokejumpers Provide Oral Histories

By Annie Hanshew, Grey Towers Scholar-in-Residence

Earlier this year I spent some time at Grey Towers as a Scholar-in-Residence. Support from the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the US Forest Service gave me a peaceful week of writing and contemplation in the gorgeous, inspirational setting of Gifford Pinchot's historic home, which was significant because I was writing about an agency program that Gifford would probably enjoy today!

My dissertation examines the US Forest Service smokejumpers, wildland firefighters who parachute to fires in remote western forests in an effort to extinguish them rapidly. Begun by the US Forest Service in 1940, the smokejumping program quickly garnered national attention for the agency, and along with Smokey Bear, the manly, heroic smokejumpers provided a powerful popular symbol for the Forest Service's battle against fire.



Annie Hanshew with Roger Walden, member of the first all-African American paratrooper test platoon and former US Forest Service smokejumper (Oregon, 1945) Photo credit: Rodney Roycroft, WWII Airborne Demonstration Team Foundation

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Construction at Grey Towers Renovates, Repairs and Restores

A number of construction projects were underway at Grey Towers over the past several months. Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the projects were identified as critical restoration and facilities needs that would renovate the historic landscape and other historic features, fix and repair deteriorating features and help improve the safety and efficiency of the site.

Though some of the work had an impact on the visitor experience at Grey Towers, the staff opted to keep the site open and work around the projects so as not to affect the local economy and disappoint visitors.



Part of the intent of the ARRA was to help stimulate regional economies. The Grey Towers projects were advertised and regional contractors were awarded the contracts. In addition, some of the work was completed by Job Corps crews from throughout the Northeast, as required by the ARRA legislation. The Job Corps students gained valuable on-the-job work experience while working on the Grey Towers projects that will help them when they enter the workforce.

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The Job Corps students, as well as the regional contractors and sub-contractors, gained a sense of pride and stewardship from working on a site of national historic significance.



The Projects:

The largest and most extensive ARRA-funded project is restoration of the Black Locust Allee.

The Black Locust Allee was installed by Cornelia Pinchot in 1915 and was intended to create an entrance to their home that was better suited to their active lifestyle and prodigious entertaining. Cornelia planted more than 70, 20-foot high Black Locust trees and wide borders of herbaceous plant material and shrubbery to provide natural “walls” and to draw the eye towards the mansion’s entrance.

In 1963, the Forest Service removed the herbaceous material and shrubbery, paved the dirt drive and covered over the cobblestone gutters to modernize the approach to the mansion for its new, intended use as a public conference and education center.

The Black Locusts, now about 90 years old and suffering from root compaction, have become a serious safety hazard; large limbs often come down upon the main visitor walkway. Approximately half of the original Locusts have already been removed due to premature aging caused by the severe growing conditions. The remaining trees have reached the end of their life cycle and may die within the next 10 years.

Finally, the approach as it appears today is nothing like what it looked like when the estate was in its heyday. Full and accurate interpretation of how the Pinchot family used the estate when they lived here is best appreciated with completion of the landscape restoration that was identified in the Master Facilities Site Plan completed in 1994.

Other Projects:

Stone Wall & Masonry Repairs:

- Repairs to and restoration of: stone walls, including the walled garden and the wall along Old Owego Turnpike and stone staircases
- Stucco refinishing of the Garden Shed, Milkhouse & Gatehouse

Roadwork:

- Asphalt resurfacing and regrading.

Tree Work:

- Hazard Tree Mitigation
- Historic tree pruning & cabling
- Organic Debris Removal

Roofs:

- Repair flashing, gutters, and heat tape
- Wood roof replacement on Icehouse, Pool Pavilion, and tool shed (near walled garden)

Paint & Finish Restoration:

- Exterior and interior painting

Storm Windows/Panels/Doors:

- Storm panel installation

Electrical Utility Upgrades

- Exterior Lighting and Electrical Service
- Electrical Supply Protection
- HVAC improvements and upgrades

Repair of Fences/Install Gates

- Repair fences and install gates in various locations

Replace Landscape Stairs to upper parking lot

- Replace wooden stairs behind mansion to upper parking lot

We appreciate everyone’s patience while Grey Towers undergoes these improvements.

GTHA Supports Smokejumper Research (continued from page 1)

This dissertation blends gender and environmental history to investigate the smokejumper’s heroic, hypermasculine culture over time. Because the smokejumpers represent an extreme iteration of western masculine identity, they offer a unique lens into the complicated, evolving, and often contradictory relationship between American manhood and the natural spaces of the American West, a relationship that surprisingly few historians have explored.

One aspect of the smokejumper program that has never been documented is the personal accounts of the “Triple Nickles,” a group of African American paratroopers who served as smokejumpers during World War II. Very few of these incredible men have ever been interviewed and, given their advanced age, I was concerned that their stories needed to be captured. Additional support from the Forest Service and the Grey Towers Heritage Association has been made available so that I could conduct those interviews in a timely manner and include their oral histories in my research.



Annie Hanshew



GTHA Programs Connect Community, Culture and Conservation at Grey Towers

By Sheldon Polishook, GTHA Board of Directors

The Grey Towers Heritage Association is the proud sponsor of educational and entertaining programs for the public: programs with historic significance, relevant to the Pinchot legacy; programs in the arts, music and conservation.

Here is a round-up of this past year:

In April we presented a living history program, with *President Theodore Roosevelt*, played expertly by re-enactor Joe Weigand, whose realistic and convincing portrayal shed much light on the Roosevelt Presidency and relations with Gifford Pinchot and the start of the US Forest Service. The program also was presented for free to students at Delaware Valley High School and to guests at the Pike County Senior Center.

A series of musical programs was held throughout the season, starting with a free outdoor program of chamber music, performed by members of the Black Bear Conservatory of Music, Hawley, Pa. In July we partnered with the Kindred Spirits Music and Arts program to bring the guitar music of Brasil Guitar Duo to Grey Towers. We sponsored the music provided during the Festival of Wood in August, and in September we partnered with the Port Jervis Council of the Arts to bring a violin and harpsichord duo to Grey Towers.

Artists in the area, under the auspices of Joan Polishook, founder and coordinator of Come Paint With Me®, since 1997, a free program for plein air painters, enjoy painting the landscape and the architecture of Grey Towers as they see and interpret it, while being closely in touch with nature. New this year was a plein air painting workshop sponsored by GTHA and the US Forest Service and facilitated by Bucks County, PA artists, George and Emily Thompson. The GTHA will help coordinate the annual holiday show of the artists’ original paintings of Grey Towers.

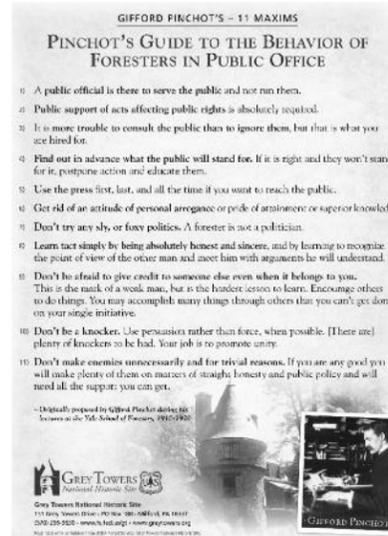
In keeping with the Pinchot family tradition of literary readings in their home, the GTHA once again sponsored the popular dramatic readings of selections of Edgar Allen Poe (Oct. 30) and “A Christmas Carol” (Dec. 4-5).

Assisting with the popular community Black Bear Film Festival, the GTHA sponsored the EnviroFest on Oct 10, a day-long event of free environmental films at Grey Towers.

In addition to the Arts, the GTHA proudly carried on another Pinchot tradition: the annual ice cream social. Gov. Gifford Pinchot offered ice cream socials in the 1930s and the GTHA now re-creates this tradition each year on National Public Lands Day, when the US Forest Service opens Grey Towers to the public for free. The GTHA and Forest Service collected four boxes of non-perishable food items at the event, which then was donated to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Milford.

The GTHA also assisted the Forest Service with the development of a Self-Guided Landscape brochure for visitors and created copies of the popular visitor films shown at Grey Towers that help tell the story of the Pinchot family. The GTHA website now provides a downloadable version of “Gifford Pinchot’s 11 Maxims,” popular guidance from the early 20th century about how to succeed in public office.

As we approach the end of a busy year, the GTHA looks with pride on its accomplishments and is looking forward to continuing to focus on Community, Culture and Conservation through its programs for all who come to Grey Towers National Historic Site to enjoy.



Autumn at Grey Towers

For More Information: 570.296.9630

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 23rd

**EVOLUTION OF THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE:
AUTUMN IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS, 1:30 P.M.**

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, the Japanese maple display, the historic Sugar Maple planted by General William T. Sherman and the historic landscape. Regular tour fees apply.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29th: REGULAR WEEKDAY TOURS END

Saturday, October 30th

DRAMATIC READING: 6 PM (8 PM SHOW WILL BE ADDED WHEN 6 PM SELLS OUT)

Halloween Dramatic Reading by the American Readers Theatre Company. Selections from Edgar Allen Poe. \$15 per person. Contact or call 570-296-9625 or on the web: greytowers.org.

(Sponsored by the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the US Forest Service at Grey Towers)

Sunday, October 31st

CEMETERY WALK, 1:30 P.M.

Local historian Peter Osborne will share the history of the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Milford's original town graveyard, on the grounds of Grey Towers. Meet at the Visitor Pavilion in the parking lot. Wear sturdy shoes. Free.

REGULAR SEASON TOURS END.

NOVEMBER

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 pm and 3 pm (Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21)

POST SEASON MANSION TOURS

See all three floors of the mansion on these special guided tours. Regular fees apply.

(Closed Thanksgiving weekend)

Internship Sponsorship Provides Educational Opportunities

If you attended an interpretive tour at Grey Towers this year, you may have had the pleasure of meeting one of the interns who were sponsored by the Grey Towers Heritage Association. In a new program launched last year, the GTHA provided support for recent college graduates who donated more than 400 hours each and led tours, assisted visitors, helped deliver public programs and completed individual projects in their areas of study.

The experience provided an opportunity for the students that enhanced their academic experiences. In the past, interns were recruited from environmental and/or conservation programs. The GTHA program opened up the Grey Towers opportunity to students pursuing other academic interests that could be explored through the program.

For example, Nicki Bertsch of Atlanta, GA, received her degree in Art History from the University of Georgia. As a GTHA intern, she learned about James Pinchot's instrumental support of the Hudson River School art movement and the efforts he made to connect conservation and the arts. She also learned valuable skills on how non-profit organizations assist public agencies with programming, which she will be able to utilize as she continues her studies in the Master's Program at New York University this fall.

Richard Rudoff of Red Bank, NJ recently graduated from West Chester University in West Chester PA with a degree in History. In addition to learning conservation history, public speaking skills and research techniques, Rich assisted the GTHA with event marketing and outreach; he will be able to use these skills as he pursues a career in museum and historical society support.

College student or recent grads who could benefit from an internship experience at Grey Towers, should contact the GTHA at 570.296.9625 or send an email to info@greytowers.org.



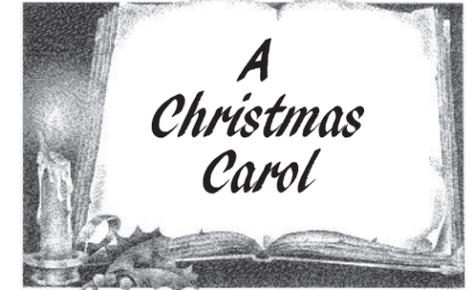
DECEMBER



A Celebration of the Season at Grey Towers

Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.:

“A Christmas Carol” dramatic reading by Joe Plummer and Son. Tickets, \$15 pp, at Grey Towers or call 570-296-9625 or online at greytowers.org



Monday thru Friday, Dec. 6-10, 1 & 3 p.m.:

Guided tours, all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club. \$4.00 per person.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.: Gifford Pinchot Audubon Holiday Program and Tea. Free admission and refreshments.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 1-4 p.m.: FEE FREE Holiday Open House. See all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1-4 p.m.: Holiday Open House. See all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club. \$4.00 per person.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1-4 p.m.: Lost Art Lacers of North New Jersey.

Monday thru Friday, Dec. 13-17, 1 & 3 p.m.: Guided tours, all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club. \$4.00 per person.

Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19, 1-4 p.m.: Holiday Open House, See all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club. \$4.00 per person.



Holiday schedule
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before visiting.



*THANKS FOR A
WONDERFUL YEAR!
SEE YOU NEXT SPRING!*