

NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR

PULL-OUT CALENDAR INSIDE

Fall/Winter 2011

A Message From the President

As we welcome Autumn, the Grey Towers Heritage Association approaches the end of another successful year.

One of the highlights of this year was the first Grey Towers Heritage Association Gala event in early September. This was one of the first steps in our plan to make Grey Towers' 50th Anniversary in 2013 a truly memorable event. The Delaware Valley Opera Co. serenaded our 92 guests with a beautiful program and wonderful food was provided by the River Rock Bistro.

I would like to thank our Gala sponsors for their tremendous help in launching our fund-raising effort. Those sponsors are: Atlantic Ambulance of Newton, NJ; Holley Chant; Litzenberger Family Foundation; Beth and Ed Nikles; The Milford Journal and the Sussex County Journal; Richard Snyder; L.R. Costanzo Co.; Barbara J. Buchanan; Michael & Elizabeth Geitz; Robert Knowles; Richard Nachman & Sally Giffit; Emily Thompson of Thompson Studios; Ray Weeks, and 2 anonymous donors.

We still have many events on our schedule before the end of the season and I invite you to join us as we continue our mission to assist in education, improvements, promotion and conservation at Grey Towers. We also invite you to become a part of GTHA and assist us as we grow the legacy of this treasured National Landmark and the Pinchot family.

Please enjoy this Newsletter as we review the highlights from our 2011 season and visit us at:

www.greytowers.org for more information and upcoming events.

Barbara J. Buchanan
President

Where Were You on Sept. 24, 1963?

For many in the Milford community, Sept. 24, 1963, is a day they will always remember: President John F. Kennedy, setting out on a 5-day conservation tour, arrived by helicopter on the grounds of Grey Towers to address an audience estimated at 10,000.

The President was here to accept the gift of Grey Towers to the American public and to dedicate the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies. Dr. Gifford Bryce Pinchot donated the mansion and 102 acres to the US Forest Service to carry forward the conservation legacy of his father, Gifford Pinchot.

"Every great work is in the shadow of a man, and I don't think many Americans can point to such a distinguished record as can Gifford Pinchot," the President told the enthusiastic crowd. *"He was more than a forester,"* the President remarked. *"He was the father of American conservation."*



President John F. Kennedy at Grey Towers, 1963.

As we approach the 50th anniversary commemorating public ownership and use, the Grey Towers Heritage Association is planning a number of projects and events with the US Forest Service and others, **including capturing memories from that unforgettable day.**

We would love to hear from anyone who was at Grey Towers on Sept. 24, 1963, or have any memories from family members or friends. We also are collecting memorabilia (for loan) for a public exhibit that will help illustrate the significance of the President's visit to Milford, and what Grey Towers means to the nation.

If you think you can help, please contact the Grey Towers Heritage Association at 570-296-9625 or by email at info@greytowers.org.

Today the US Forest Service and many partners, including the Grey Towers Heritage Association, work to carry forward the Pinchot legacy with active use of the site as a conservation learning and conference center. Public programs, tours, conferences, projects, preservation and maintenance of the mansion and grounds help share the Pinchot story of all that the family contributed to American society.

We look forward to hearing from you!

GTHA Assists Forest Service with Laurel Hill Cemetery Preservation Work



The Grey Towers Heritage Association is seeking descendants of people buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery, Old Owego Turnpike, Milford, to assist with research, preservation and maintenance. Established in 1821 as the town's original graveyard, it is located on the grounds of Grey Towers National Historic Site and contains 112 monuments, ranging from undressed markers for paupers' graves to more elaborate obelisks and carved markers.

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SEASON



Al Sample, President of the Pinchot Institute; Allison Stewart, Director of Grey Towers; Michael and Elizabeth Geitz; Ray Weeks, Treasurer of GTHA, and Barbara J. Buchanan, President of GTHA, greet the 92 guests for the first Grey Towers Heritage Association Gala which took place in September.



Maxwell "Kofi" Donkor and friends performed West African drumming and dancing, a celebration of wood and the International Year of the Forest at the Festival of Wood in August.



The Grey Towers Heritage Association sponsors the Grey Towers Volunteer and Student Intern Program each year. Volunteer Deanna Fontaine and Intern Becky Taggart, both of Milford, pose with Smokey Bear this summer.



Steve Jacobi and Fiddlin' Around of Beach Lake, PA, entertained the crowds during the Festival of Wood weekend. The GTHA sponsors the music at the event.

Laurel Hill Cemetery Preservation Work (continued from page 1)



Broken gravestones are in need of repair.

The US Forest Service at Grey Towers, dedicated to preservation, rehabilitation and maintenance of the estate, has mitigated some of the problems and issues at the cemetery: removal of dead and hazardous trees, treatment of invasive vegetation and maintenance of trails (including the original hearse drive) for public access. The Grey Towers Heritage Association will be developing and installing a second interpretive wayside exhibit this year. A brochure has been developed and public walks offered.

The next steps for preservation of the cemetery include replacement of the iron railings around family plots and care and repair of the gravestones, many of which are broken or damaged by fallen trees and decayed from natural elements. Materials, methodologies and techniques developed and used for monument restoration have been researched and will be utilized.

If you have ancestors who are interred in this burial ground, or if you are interested in this project, including volunteering to assist in this effort, contact the GTHA at 570-296-9625 or Ken Sandri at Grey Towers at 570-296-6061, Ext 1, or send an email to info@greytowers.org. For a list of those buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery, visit www.greytowers.org and click on the "publications" tab.

FINDINGS FROM OUR SURVEY

ASSIST IN PROGRAM PLANNING

Earlier this year the Grey Towers Heritage Association asked you for feedback on public programs at Grey Towers National Historic Site. We received many great responses and helpful commentary.

The purpose of this survey was to find out which programs you would like to see more of in the future, to learn why our members joined our organization and what more, if anything, we could provide. We learned a lot from all your responses and were very pleased at how many people took the time to respond; we thank you.

We would like to share some of the highlights with you. Below are two key questions and the responses:

Chart 1 comes from the question “What events are you attending in 2011?” There were 18 different events offered this year that reflected the Pinchot family’s historic interests and philosophies. By telling us which events you planned to attend, we are able to plan more events in the future that will appeal to you.

Chart 2 shows the reasons why our members joined the Grey Towers Heritage Association. We wanted to determine why people were joining us: was it because they believed in and wanted to support our mission of assisting in education, improvements, promotion and conservation at Grey Towers National Historic Site? Or were they joining because they enjoyed the member benefits and incentives? As you can see, most of our members joined because they want to help promote the Pinchot’s conservation legacy and attend the public programs at Grey Towers.

The survey responses were refreshing and educational. We thank you again for your time again and we look forward to using your feedback and responses to help us plan and grow into the future.

Question 1:

Please tell us which programs you intend to attend in 2011.

Answer Options	Response Percent
Come Paint With Me (any or all of 4 sessions: June 2, July 14, Sept. 8, Oct. 13)	13.1%
Art of Lacemaking Demonstration (June 11)	12.1%
Outdoor Concert (June 18)	37.4%
Outdoor Concert (July 9)	42.1%
Festival of Wood (August 6 & 7 at Grey Towers)	71.0%
Ice Cream Social-Public Lands Day (Sept. 24)	48.6%
EnviroFest Film Festival (Oct. 16)	39.3%
"A Night with Poe"	
Halloween Dramatic Reading (Oct. 29)	27.1%
"A Christmas Carol"	
Dramatic Reading (Dec. 3 & 4)	31.8%
Landscape Tours (May 7 & Oct. 15)	30.8%
Mansion Tours (ongoing)	43.0%
Pre- and Post-Season Mansion Tours	19.6%
Cemetery Walk (Oct. 30)	30.8%
Forest History Hike (June 25)	25.2%
Art Show (December)	29.9%
Holiday Decorations (December)	48.6%
Milford Downtown Walking Tour (May 14 & Sept. 18)	28.0%
Architectural Tour (Aug.28)	27.1%
Artifact Tour (July 3)	19.6%

Question 2:

Why did you/will you become a member of the Grey Towers Heritage Association? (check all that apply to you)

Answer Options	Response Percent
To support conservation	77.4%
To help preserve the house and gardens	79.0%
To promote the Pinchot conservation legacy and the public programs at Grey Towers National Historic Site	80.6%
To support the arts	50.0%
Believe in the mission of the Grey Towers Heritage Association	71.0%
Member benefits	32.3%

Scholar-in-Residence Program Advances Academic Research on Pinchot, Forestry

Academic research on two topics that would have been near and dear to Gifford Pinchot's heart -- Forest Technology and Progressive Politics - were advanced this year by scholars participating in the Scholar-in- Residence program sponsored by the US Forest Service and Grey Towers Heritage Association at Grey Towers.

Now in its second year, the Scholar-in-Residence program provides an opportunity for academic researchers to spend time at Pinchot's ancestral home, Grey Towers, to work on scholarly research that help carries forward the work that Pinchot started here. The program reaches out internationally and has attracted a number of qualified and competent candidates.

Robert C. Gardner, Department of History and Philosophy, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, worked on his dissertation, “Technological Forests: Engineering Nature with Tree Planting on the Great Plains, 1870-1942,” while at Grey Towers this year. His work centers on Gifford Pinchot's belief that the USFS could not only learn to regenerate logged over areas but could also develop scientific methods for creating forests wherever society desired them.

Brian Balogh, Department of History, University of Virginia, pursued his research on “Gifford Pinchot and the Tangled Roots of Modern American Governance” while at Grey Towers. Through his intellectual history of Pinchot, Dr. Balogh illustrates the rise of the national administrative state, and how Pinchot did not draw a bold line between public or private, national or local, mandated or market- driven mechanisms. Rather, he and other Progressive and New Era state builders drew upon long-standing American preferences for the use of intermediary institutions, ranging from the professions to interest groups, as well as market mechanisms, to enhance national authority while ameliorating long-standing anti-statist criticism.

“No political administrator better represents the transition to national governance than Gifford Pinchot,” Dr. Balogh claims. A public lecture offered in August by Dr. Balogh focused on the Progressive Era, the period that witnessed the rise of a national administrative state and offered a glimpse into Dr. Balogh's extensive research, much of which he conducted in the archives of the Library of Congress.

The “Tangled Roots” lecture was the first in a series of conservation history lectures sponsored by the Grey Towers Heritage Association and the US Forest Service. The next lecture, on Cornelia Pinchot, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to join the Grey Towers Heritage Association.

Please choose your membership level. (*Memberships are annual except where noted.*)

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Individual Associate:** \$30 – (Senior Citizen: \$25, Student: \$10) Free tour ticket to Grey Towers for the calendar year.
- Associate/Household:** \$50 – Two free tour tickets to Grey Towers for the calendar year, and donation toward tree planting.
- Patron:** \$250 – Two free passes to Grey Towers for the calendar year and a GTHA recycled cotton tote.
- Sponsor:** \$500 – Two free passes to Grey Towers for the calendar year and copy of *Gifford Pinchot & the Making of Modern Environmentalism*.
- Sustainer:** \$1,000 – Four free passes to Grey Towers for the calendar year, copy of *Gifford Pinchot & the Making of Modern Environmentalism* and GTHA recycled cotton tote.
- Lifetime Benefactor:** \$5,000* – Two lifetime passes to Grey Towers, copy of *Gifford Pinchot & the Making of Modern Environmentalism*, GTHA recycled cotton tote and one-of-a-kind piece of Grey Towers-inspired art. *50% goes toward endowment (*Leave A Legacy*).

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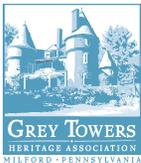
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For More Information: 570.296.9630

OCTOBER

Saturday & Sunday, October 15-16 (in conjunction with the community Black Bear Film Festival)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: CORNELIA PINCHOT DAY

WALK: THE GREY TOWERS LANDSCAPE: AUTUMN IN CORNELIA'S GARDENS, 1:30 pm

Brilliant red, yellow and orange leaves will be ablaze for this landscape tour through Cornelia Pinchot's gardens. Meet at the Visitor Pavilion. Regular tour fees apply.

FILM: CORNELIA PINCHOT, ACTIVIST, 3 pm

Viewing of the film "Triangle Fire," a commemoration of the lives lost in the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire of 1911, which launched Cornelia Pinchot's activism and advocacy toward instituting safety regulations to protect women and children working in factories. Free.

TALK: CORNELIA PINCHOT: ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, 4:30 pm

Dr. Leila Pinchot, GTHA board member and great-granddaughter of Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, will share photos and information about Mrs. Pinchot's activism, pursuit of civil rights and social justice and support of her husband's progressive political agenda. Free.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16: ALDO LEOPOLD AND A LAND ETHIC FOR OUR TIME

FILM: GREENFIRE FREE MOVIE SCREENINGS, 12 pm and 3 pm

Free screenings of the film "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time," a 72-minute film about the famed conservationist Aldo Leopold, who attended forestry school at Grey Towers in the early 1900s, which inspired him to pursue a career teaching people about land ethics as a product of social evolution.

TALK: LEOPOLD BIOGRAPHER AND GREENFIRE FILMMAKERS, 1:30 pm

World-renowned Leopold biographer Curt Meine and US Forest Service filmmakers Steve and Ann Dunsky will share their thoughts about how Leopold's work influenced – and continues to influence – conservation of our natural resources today with an intimate Q&A following the film.

WALK: FORESTRY SCHOOL CAMPSITE, 2:30 pm

Take a short hike to the re-created campsite at Grey Towers to get a feel for how Leopold and his fellow classmates lived while studying forestry at Grey Towers in the early 1900s. Hear a reading of the letters he wrote while in Milford.

Saturday, October 29th

"A NIGHT WITH POE" DRAMATIC READING: 6 pm

Halloween Dramatic Reading by the American Readers Theatre Company. Selections from Edgar Allen Poe. Tickets \$20 per person at 570-296-9625 or online at www.greytowers.org.

Sunday, October 30th

CEMETERY WALK, 1:30 p.m.

Local experts 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. \$6 per person; \$5 seniors.

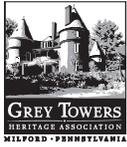
NOVEMBER

Saturdays and Sundays, 1 pm and 3 pm (Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20)

(Closed Thanksgiving weekend)

POST SEASON MANSION TOURS

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



Visit the Grey Towers Interpretive Gift Shop for unique holiday gifts
December 5 through 18 and receive a 10% discount!



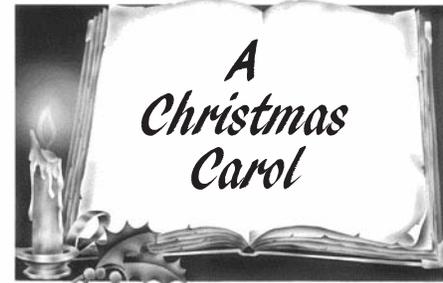
DECEMBER

A Celebration of the Season at Grey Towers

*Enjoy the beautiful decorations and traditional programs
with our Annual Celebration of the Season.*

Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m.:

“A Christmas Carol” dramatic reading with Joe Plummer and Son. Tickets, \$20 pp, at Grey Towers or call 570-296-9625; online at greytowers.org



Monday thru Friday, Dec. 5-9, 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. 10, 1-4 p.m.: **FEE FREE** Holiday Open House. See all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated by the Milford Garden Club. Enjoy traditional holiday music. (FREE: Happy Holidays!)

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-4 p.m.: Holiday Open House, Visit all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated for the season, at your own pace. Guides in each room can assist you. \$4.00 per person.

Monday thru Friday, Dec. 12-16, 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. 17 and Sunday, Dec. 18, 1-4 p.m.: Holiday Open House, Visit all three floors of the mansion, beautifully decorated for the season, at your own pace. Guides in each room can assist you. \$4.00 per person.



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before visiting.



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WONDERFUL YEAR!*

SEE YOU NEXT SPRING!