



Water Gap Woodturners
Chapter of the AAW
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WGWT event notes-

Grey Towers Festival of Wood Event
National Historic Site
September 26, 2026

There was a surprisingly larger than we expected turnout to the WGWT table for the Festival of Wood event even though a nor'easter was in progress.

Thanks to Dave Robinson for arranging and have the club attend this event. Jared Simister, National Park Ranger was happy to have the club attend and is looking forward to future years. The club area was located within the educational tent. A great spot at the entrance to the tent was arranged by Jared due to the impending weather forecast.

Dave brought the club lathe, safety shield and plenty of supplies for use. Scott brought maple blanks from Bob Amarant for top turning. Many a top was turned by Joe, Dave & Scott and handed out to both adults and children. They are a big hit!! (This highlights why we need more for the Peters Valley store to keep them stocked) Steve was the head schmoozer, all members did their part. A couple of small plates were turned by Scott and & Jack, maybe they'll show up at the next S&T.

A lot of interest in wood turning and the club, potential for new members. The samples of turnings on view created a lot of interest and many of the visitors were looking to purchase some.

The sign up sheet had five people listed as interested in the club and WGWT business cards were taken.

In summary the event was a success!!!!

A few pics below and program.

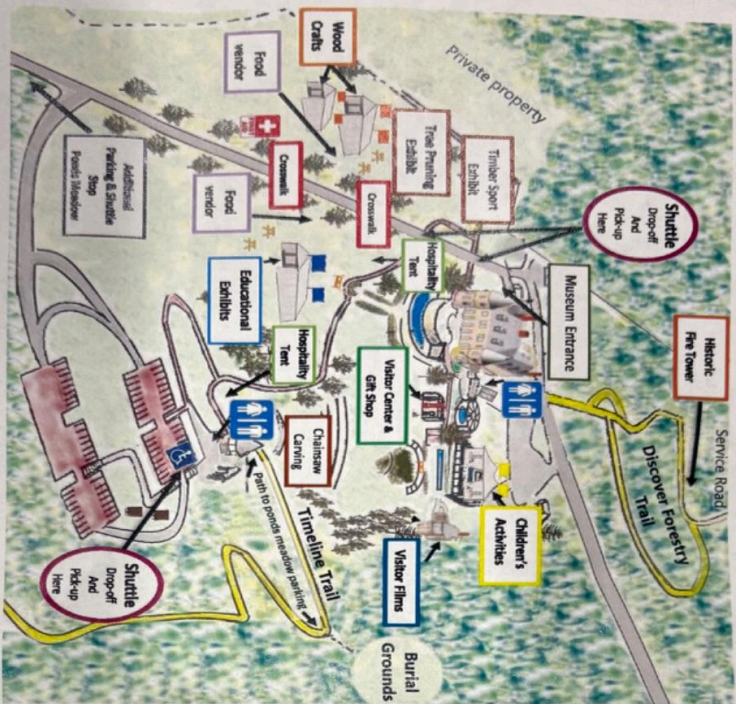








Festival of Wood Map



A complimentary shuttle is available to pick up & drop off at parking areas and designated stops.
Festival of Wood is a public educational program hosted and coordinated by the US Forest Service.

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at Grey Towers
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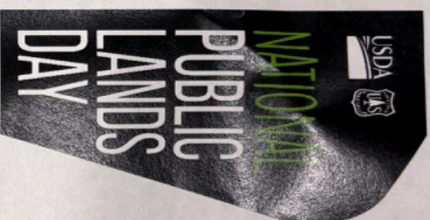
Saturday September 26, 2026
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Schedule and Map

Festival Of Wood Program Schedule September 26, 2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026 (10am - 5pm)	
Time	Activities
11:00 am	Walter Sansone chainsaw wood carving
Noon	Sequoia tree pruning demo
12:45 pm	Alabama A&M timber sports demo
1:00 pm	Walter Sansone chainsaw wood carving
2:00 pm	Smokey and Woodsy will be greeting visitors at the children's activities tent
2:00 pm	Sequoia tree pruning demo
2:45 p.m.	Alabama A&M timber sports demo
3:00 pm	Walter Sansone chainsaw wood carving
4:00pm	Sequoia tree pruning demo

Educational Exhibits and Demonstrations

DCNR	Penn State Gardeners
Delaware Wood Turners	Friends of DEWA
Upper Delaware S&RR	Forest Products Lab
PEEC	
Sierra Club	
Pike County Conservation District	
Delaware Highlands Conservancy	
A Touch of Health - Bee Education	
Audubon Society - Gifford Pinchot Chapter	
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	
-And more	



On National Public Lands Day, the Forest Service at Grey Towers National Historic Site collects non-perishable food items to donate to the local food pantry. In 2025, Grey Towers collected over 40 gallons of food donated from staff, volunteers, and visitors. Let's see if we can Collect even more this year! Drop off non-perishable food items outside the mansion or hospitality tents.



Ongoing Activities

Pool Terrace children's activities ~ 10am - 4pm
Films in the Baitbox ~ 10am - 4pm
Gift shop ~ 10am - 5pm
Wood crafts & educational exhibits ~ 10am - 5pm
Food trucks ~ 10am - 5pm
 -Glass Tiger Hot Dogs, Johns of Arthur Avenue, Sue's Thai Cuisine & Deez Donuts
Historic fire tower tours ~ 10am - noon
Self-guided first & second floor tours ~ noon - 4pm

A big thank you to our partners, exhibitors, volunteers and the Grey Towers Heritage Association for their support.