

SEPTEMBER 14 GUILD MEETING

We're going to do something a bit different for our first meeting of the new season.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation sponsors, in conjunction with other groups such as MA Woodlands Institute, the Massachusetts Town Forest Conference, an annual event to promote understanding of our forests and their relationship to land use, wood products, wildlife, and conservation. This year it will be at the Sherborn Town Forest. This is an event for both adults and families with a wide variation in program components. A preliminary program is attached; a final program will be circulated when we receive it.

The Guild will participate in this event in place of our regular September meeting. This participation will be in three parts.

Part 1 – Forest to finished product: Making wood products with hand tools. We will have a “booth” within the barn (that was recently refurbished by North Bennett Street School’s Restoration Carpentry program) where we will use New England wood to construct some simple projects that the public can watch, ask about, and perhaps participate in.

Part 2 – Display. We’ll have one table allotted for members to show their work, which can be for sale, if desired.

Part 3 – General Participation: We encourage the Guild to attend the overall program. It will include sawing a log into lumber (for those that missed our trips to Barre the past two seasons), timber framing, joinery, a tour of the restored barn, forest management talks, woodland and wildlife walks, children’s events, etc.

Now for a few more details:

Part 1 – We’re looking for a few volunteers to man the booth and make stuff; one group of 3-4 from set-up until lunch (about 10:00-12:30) and the other from lunch to clean-up (about 1:00-4:00). We may also need a few volunteers to pre-make components for assembly at the booth, so if you’d like to participate but can’t attend on the 14th, you can still help.

We’ll need to bring our own chairs, tools, clamps/work-mates/small benches to work on (there will be standard folding tables to attach things to) and wood (the Board has authorized a budget for materials). We have not decided specifically on what we’ll make yet; that should be up to the group that volunteers. We are preliminarily thinking of one or two simple furniture products, perhaps a small shaker table, a stool, shaker boxes and something that may engage youngsters, such as assembling a precut birdhouse or toy. If you would be interested in participating in this part, please send an e-mail to Don Michael, drmichael22@outlook.com. This will involve a couple of meetings in the coming weeks to make more detailed plans, decide what to make, identify supplies needed, etc.

Part 2 – If you would like to display some of your work, or sell a piece or two, please send a picture and dimensions to Ken Zoller, kzoller@comcast.net. We will have limited space and so must be selective. Please, no dining room tables or hi-boys and keep it to pieces made primarily with New England wood species.

Part 3 – A preliminary program along with this is attached. We will distribute a final program when it becomes available. There are many varied events; enough to interest anybody. The event is free, but if you want a free lunch, too, you must preregister so the caterer will have a head count with you listed. To preregister online, click [Sherborn Forest Conference](#).

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Sherborn Town Forest Event
September 14, 2019
8:30AM to 3:30PM
*****Update 7-18-2019*****

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, coffee and mingling at Sherborn Community Center
2 Sanger Street, Sherborn, MA 01770
<https://www.sherborncommunitycenter.com/>

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome & Introduction

- Overview of Town Forests
- History of the annual Town Forest Appreciation Day
- Description of Sherborn's Forest Stewardship Program

9:30 – 10:30 Raptor presentation by Wingmasters.

WINGMASTERS is a partnership of two people dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of North American birds of prey. Julie Anne Collier and Jim Parks are both licensed raptor rehabilitators based in Massachusetts. Together they care for injured birds of prey. Most of the birds they rehabilitate can ultimately be released back into the wild, but in some cases the birds are left permanently handicapped. Julie and Jim are further licensed to provide a home for these non-releasable raptors, and to use them for educational programs. Since 1994 WINGMASTERS has presented over 5000 programs at schools, libraries and museums throughout New England. <http://www.wingmasters.net/>

10:30AM Bus/Van Transfer to Barber Reservation and Morning Town Forest Tours

10:30 – 12:30 Morning Field Tour

- Sherborn Town Forest tour of proposed red pine management area with Phil Benjamin, Benjamin Forestry Services, Inc., South Easton, MA
- Sherborn Town Forest Committee Firewood Program
Including discussion of Local Wood Banks and Local Wood Programs (DCR)

10:30 – 12:30 Barber Reservation Morning Programming (FUN for ALL ages)

- Family-friendly forest walk & "Reading" the forested landscape
Enjoy a stroll with a DCR Service Forester (and surprise guests) through Barber Reservation and learn about bird habitat, past land use and all thing forestry.
- Ongoing Woodworking Demonstration(s) Inside the Historic Barn at Barber
The Eastern Massachusetts Guild of Woodworkers (EMGW) will be demonstrating the making of wooden objects using hand tools and, battery powered tools. Come see constructed a simple Shaker-style table, Shaker boxes, birdhouses or toys or some other combination of constructions that would demonstrate the use of local forest products to produce useful objects.

- Family activity tables
Tree Cookie decorating—always a big hit with the kids
Bat Box building—construct your own bat box (limited supplies)
Help build a community Bee House

Cider pressing with local apples from Dowse Orchards
<http://dowseorchards.com/>

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH provided by Zaftigs. FREE with advance registration at [Sherborn Town Forest Event Registration](#)

- 1:30 – 3:30 Afternoon programming at Barber Reservation
- Forestry & Invasives tour with Chris Politan and Ted Elliman

Part I: Presentation and discussion of vegetation management experimental results and results

Part II: Presentation and discussion of 3 year old logged area and regeneration issues caused by deer impacts, gypsy moths, and warmer climate. Visitation and discussion of deer exclosures and results
 - Forest Bathing and mindfulness walk with Nadine Mazzola, Certified Forest Therapy Guide, Trainer & Mentor. Founder-Director New England Nature & Forest Therapy Consulting (NENFT)

Forest Bathing, also called shinrin-yoku or forest therapy, is a rapidly-growing, research-based way of supporting health, happiness, and well-being.

<https://www.nenft.com/>
 - Tour the Barber Reservation Historic Barn, with North Bennett Street School

Learn about how the North Bennett Street School historic restoration program restored the barn using period tools and techniques.
- 12:30 – 3:30 Barber Reservation Afternoon Programming (FUN for ALL ages)
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- Demonstrations at Barber Reservation
- Growing mushrooms on wood with Wes Wirth
 - Local wild animals with Fred Dodd
 - Steve the Bike Guy
 - Sawmill demonstrations with Steve Geremia
 - Timber Framing with DCR
- Make Sure to Visit the Exhibitors at Barber Reservation
- ✓ Sherborn Forest and Trails Association *With Local Trail Maps and Trail Books*
 - ✓ **Eastern Massachusetts Guild of Woodworkers (EMGW)**
 - ✓ MA Association of Agricultural Commissions
 - ✓ Department of Conservation and Recreation
 - ✓ Mass Audubon Society
 - ✓ MA Department of Agriculture (invited)
 - ✓ MassWildlife (invited)
- 3:30 Closing Refreshments/Remarks and transportation back to Community Center