

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

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 **GRAY**   
*Blueberry*  
**FESTIVAL**

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**Celebrating  
Community & Culture  
and all things  
wild Maine Blueberry**

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019**

**9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**24 Main Street, Gray, ME**



# A Special Thank You to our 2019 Blueberry Festival Sponsors!

Their financial & in-kind support  
helps make this event possible:



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Spring Meadow Golf Course  
Wild Blueberry Commission

Festival is hosted by



the Town of Gray

# Welcome to our 4<sup>th</sup> annual



Gray is a quintessential New England town with a proud tradition of honoring our past, dating back to the mid-1700's. The Pennell Municipal Complex where we are gathering here today is a perfect example – originally built in 1876, it served our community as the high school through 1962. In 2010, it was carefully redesigned as our Town Hall.

Ninety percent of our 46 square miles in Gray are covered with pristine rural forests and sparkling freshwater lakes. The Maine Wildlife Park, Spring Meadows Golf Course, and Libby Hill Forest Trails' multi-use trails are just a few of the ways to take advantage of Gray's recreational offerings. And in the fall, there is the '*Patriot Crossroad Challenge Tournament*'.

Gray is home to 200+ businesses, including: shops, services, farms, restaurants, credit union, banks, and state-of-the art engineering and manufacturing.

A new generation is now raising their families in Gray, and volunteering to serve on numerous Town boards and committees, breathing new life and vitality into our community. Our Blueberry Festival is the result of the creative and hard work of some of those volunteers.

We invite you to: stroll the Pennell grounds; shop in the Marketplace; enjoy old-fashioned lawn games; enter one of the contests; support community fun'raisers; take a Pennell Clock tour; wild Maine blueberries; listen to live music; meet an alpaca; ride in the horse-drawn wagon; play Corn Hole; run in the Fun-Run Dash; learn about beekeeping and jam making; buy a Festival T-shirt or canvas bag...

Thank you for being here today to share in the spirit of our community!

**Your 2019 Gray Blueberry Festival Committee:**

Lacy Antonson

Karen Fuller

Renee Robbins

Cindy Somes

Tammy Fields

Bruce Foshay, Town Council Liaison

Kathy Tombarelli, Town Planner

# **Vendors · Artisans · Crafters**

**Bee sure to visit these booths  
located in the Marketplace, Little League Field,  
South Field, Food Court, & Newbegin Hall**

Aloha Maine - M	LocalCentric – M ***
Androscoggin Fallen Angels - SF	Lost & Found Farm - M
Butterfly Stitches - M	Mainelee Handiwork – M
Café Crepe - FC	Maple Street Stitches & Whimsie - SF
Carrageen Alpacas, LLC - M	Marvel Glass, LLC - M
Colorful Lady Bug - M	Master Beekeeper, Larry Pfeiffer - M
Creaky Cat Studio - M	North Corner Smash/Super Smash Bros.- LLF
Cumberland County Federal Credit Union - SF	Paintings by Helen - M
Fast Eddies - FC	Paparazzi by Emily - M
Edward Jones, Gray - M ***	Personalized Style with Asia - M
Eighty-8 Donuts & Café - FC	Posh and Perfect 10 - M
Gracewoods Stitchery - M	Sara's Photography Shop - M
Henna by Ankita - SF	Shiny Moment Photography - M
Hillview Mini Barns - M	Splinters and Bristles - NBH ***
Inklings, LLC - M	Strong Towns, Maine - M
Jamz & More - M	SubZero Ice Carvings, wood carvings - M
Jesse MacDonald Photography - M	The Old Sawdustmaker - M
Jewel of Maine Creations - M	Timber Creek Designs of Maine - M
Kelli McNichol, watercolor artist - NBH	Usborne Books & More - LLF
Kristin Piccone, Landings Real Estate - SF	Varney Agency - M ***
Lady Huck Lobster Rolls - FC	Wonders from the Waves - M
Lazy Dog Farm & Creamery - FC & LLF	

\*\*\* Designates one of the 9 booths listed on your Scavenger Hunt card.

Visit their booth to get your card stamped.

Return completed card to the Blueberry Festival booth -

*next to Newbegin Hall in the Market for a chance to win.*

Door prize drawn every half hour starting at 11:00 am – 3:30 pm.

# **Local - Regional - State Organizations**

**Bee sure to visit these booths  
located in the Marketplace, Little League Field  
South Field, & Food Court**

A Family for ME - LLF  
Boy Scout Troop #86, Gray - LLF  
Compassion Calling - M  
Crystal Lake Association - SF  
Cumberland County Emergency Management Association - M  
Dry Mills Schoolhouse Museum - M \*\*\*  
Girl Scouts of Maine - LLF  
Gray Blueberry Festival Info - M (*Drop off Scavenger Hunt & 9-Hole Score Cards here!*)  
Gray Community Economic Development Committee - SF \*\*\*  
Gray Community Food Pantry - M *Pie Contest Registration*  
Gray Comp Plan Committee - M \*\*\*  
Gray Congregational Church - FC  
Gray Democratic Committee - SF  
Gray Fire Rescue's - *Fire Engine & 1936 Antique Fire Truck*  
Gray Firefighters Union's - LLF *Obstacle Course*  
Gray Historical Society - M  
Gray Republicans - SF  
G-NG ATV Club - SF  
G-NG Destination Imagination - LLF  
G-NG High School 4-H Food Pantry Project - FC  
G-NG High School Athletic Boosters - *Parking Attendants*  
G-NG High School Class of 2020 - M *Dunk Tank*  
G-NG High School Class of 2023 - LLF *9-Hole Course*  
G-NG Lions' Club - *Festival Greeters*  
G-NG Little League - FC  
Knucklebusters Motor Cars & other older car hobbyists  
Little Sebago Lake Association - SF  
Maine Bureau of Insurance - M  
Open Space, Gray - SF  
Pathway Vineyard Church - LLF *Bouncy House for pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarteners*  
Univ. of Maine, Cooperative Extension Food Preservers - SF *Blueberry Jam Making*  
Univ. of Maine, Cooperative Extension Master Gardener – SF \*\*\*



To everyone who  
volunteered  
today to represent  
these organizations!!

# Gray Blueberry Festival Activities

## Rides & Games

Bungee Jumping \$\* - South Field  
Climbing Wall \$\* - South Field  
Obstacle Course – Little League Field  
Dunk Tank \$ - Marketplace  
Bouncy Houses – Little League Field  
Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wagon Rides - near Main Entrance  
“9-Hole Course” – Little League Field  
Corn Hole - Little League Field  
Badminton - Little League Field  
Sand Volleyball – South of Newbegin Hall

## Contests & Prizes

Blueberry Bake-off - Marketplace  
Pie Eating Contests \$ - Marketplace  
Fun Run Dash - SF >> LLF  
Diaper Derby - Little League Field  
Sack Races - Little League Field  
“Spelling Bee” - Little League Field  
Scavenger Hunt – (9) booths in the  
M, LLF, SF, NBH, FC

## Skill Share, Educational & Animals

University of Maine, Cooperative Extension - South Field  
Master Gardeners & Blueberry Jam Making  
Master Beekeeper, Larry Pfieffer - Marketplace  
(Sub Zero Ice Carving) Chainsaw Wood Carving - Marketplace  
Knucklebusters Motor Cars & other older car hobbyists - Marketplace  
Chalk artist - outside Newbegin Hall  
Plus Carrageen Suri Alpacas - Marketplace  
and Lazy Dog Farm & Creamery's goats - in East Field

## Indoor Activities

DIY Sign Making \$ DMSM Fundraiser – Newbegin Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
DIY Watercolor Workshop \$ - Newbegin Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Pennell Clock History Tours - meet in Town Hall Foyer

## Bands under the Big Tent

Firefly Performing Arts & Youth Bands  
Seagrass  
SL'ukes (Sebago Lakes Ukulele Society)  
Ronda Dale Band  
The Sofa Kings  
Plus, *Northern Pitch* – near Main Entrance

\$ Denotes money is required to participate.

\* Last EVO tickets sold at 3:30 PM.

# Schedule of Activities

(subject to change)

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Festival Opens</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>9:30 -10:15 am</b>	<b>REGISTRATION: Fun Run &amp; Diaper Derby</b>	Next to Newbegin Gym
<b>9:30 am until slots are filled</b>	<b>REGISTRATION: Blueberry Pie Eating Contests &amp; Blueberry Bake-Off</b>	Gray Food Pantry – outside Newbegin Gym
<b>9:30 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>U.ME Cooperative Extension - Jam Making</b>	South Field
<b>9:30 am - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Knucklebusters Motor Club</b>	On the blacktop
<b>9:30 am - 3:30 pm</b>	<b>EVO ticket sales, and Festival T-Shirts &amp; canvas Tote Bags for sale</b>	On the blacktop
<b>10:00 - 10:30 am</b>	<b>Firefly Performing Arts &amp; Youth Bands</b>	Music, under the Big Tent
<b>10:00 am -12:00 pm</b>	<b>'Minute to Win It'</b>	Basketball Court
<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Fun Run Dash</b>	Sand Volleyball to LLField
<b>10:30 am - 3:30 pm</b>	<b>DIY Sign-making fun'raiser for DMSM DIY Watercolor Painting (begins 11:00 am)</b>	Newbegin Gym
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Diaper Derby</b>	Little League Field
<b>10:45 - 11:45 am</b>	<b>Seagrass</b>	Music under the Big Tent
<b>11:00 am - 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt &amp; 9-Hole Course Door prize drawings on the :00 and :30</b>	Blueberry Festival Info Booth outside Newbegin Hall
<b>11:00 am - 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides</b>	Departs from the blacktop
<b>11:00 - 11:45 am</b>	<b>Northern Pitch - A Cappella</b>	Near Main Entrance
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Pie Eating Contests - Kids &amp; Adults</b>	Next to Newbegin Hall
<b>11:30 am -2:30 pm</b>	<b>Wood Carving Demo</b>	Market
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Pennell Building - Clock Tour</b>	Starts in Town Hall foyer
<b>12:00 - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>SL'ukes - Sebago Lakes Ukulele Society</b>	Music under the Big Tent
<b>12:45 - 1:45 pm</b>	<b>Ronda Dale Band</b>	Music under the Big Tent
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Judging starts for the Bake-Off</b>	On the black top
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Spelling Bee</b>	Sign-up at the Kids Tent
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Sand Volleyball - come play a game!</b>	Court located south of Newbegin
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Sack Races - several age brackets</b>	Little League Field
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Pie Eating Contests - for Kids &amp; Adults</b>	Next to Newbegin Hall
<b>2:15 - 3:45 pm</b>	<b>The Sofa Kings</b>	Music under the Big Tent
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Pennell Building - Clock Tour</b>	Starts in Town Hall foyer
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Sand Volleyball - come play a game!</b>	Court located south of Newbegin
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Last Wagon Ride &amp; Last EVO tickets sold</b>	Departs from the blacktop
<b>4:00 pm - Festival Ends - Look for Festival photos on our Gray Blueberry Festival Facebook Page.</b>		

## OFFERED ALL DAY LONG:

Master Beekeeper, Goats & Alpacas, Bungee Jumping \$, Climbing Wall \$, Dunk Tank \$, Scavenger Hunt, Fire Engines, Obstacle Course, Bouncy House, 9-Hole Course, Corn Hole, Kids' Tent: Face Painting \$, Origami, and Fairy House Building, Gaga Pit, Sandboxes, Marketplace \$, Food Trucks \$, Henna Artist \$, Chalk Artist, Sand Volleyball

# **Please join us in thanking ...**

**Allen Hamilton & Gary Foster**

**American Legion Hall #86** - *displaying American flags in Town*

**Brock Photography** - *event photographer*

**Charlie Abrams & CORE Installations** - *transporting tables & stage*

**Chipman's Farm** - *raffle prizes*

**Everpresent Audio Visual & Dan Harris**

**Fiddlehead Art & Science Center** - *stage*

**G-NG High School Athletic Boosters**

**G-NG High School Community Service Club** - *Volunteers*

**G-NG High School Class of 2020** - *Dunk Tank*

**G-NG High School Class of 2023** - *9-Hole Course*

**G-NG Lions Club** - *Festival Greeters & Tally Counters*

**Gray Fire Rescue** - *Traffic Safety & Pedestrian Crossing*

**Gray Firefighters Union** - *Obstacle Course*

**Gray Community Food Pantry** - *Pie Contest Registration*

**Gray Recreation Department**

**Gray Shop n' Save** - *raffle prizes*

**Gray Administrative Staff and Buildings & Grounds Staff**

**Gray Town Council, including Bruce Foshay** - *Festival Liaison*

**Gray Transfer Station** - *repurposed items for 9-Hole Course*

**Kelli McNichols** - *Watercolor Artist*

**Kirsten Eubank** - *Chalk Artist*

**Larry Pfieffer** - *Master Bee Keeper*

**Pineland Farms Market** - *raffle prizes*

**SAD 15 - Administration**

**Splinters and Bristles** - *Dry Mills Schoolhouse Museum Fundraiser*

**Stillbrook Acres** - *Horse-Wagon Rides*

**The Naked Blueberry** - *raffle prizes*

**Tsukroff Photography** - *Traffic Safety & Pedestrian Crossing*

**University of Maine, Cooperative Extension**

**Wild Blueberry Commission** - *wild blueberry grant & print materials*

***And all of our new and returning Volunteers !!***

# Blueberry Festival Menu

## Food Trucks & Community Groups in the Food Court\*

### **G-NG Little League's Snack Shack**

Burgers, Cheeseburgers  
Pulled Pork, Hot dogs  
Chips  
Cold Beverages

### **Lady Huck Lobster Rolls**

Toasted Lobster Rolls with a pickle & chips  
Blueberry Buckle  
Cold Beverages

### **Cafe Crepe**

Baked Brie w walnuts & blueberry preserves,  
Blue Billy Goat w blueberries,  
Tom Jack, Roma, Club, Ham Melt  
Cold Beverages

### **G-NG High School's 4-H Food Pantry Project**

Blueberry-Lemonade  
Gluten free baked goods  
Water & soda

### **Lazy Dog Farm & Creamer**

Blueberry Pies  
Blueberry Pound Cake  
& other yummy blueberry-baked goods  
Goat Cheese  
Cold Beverages

### **Eighty-8 Donuts**

Hand-dipped specialty donuts,  
including lemon dipped w/ blueberries  
Iced coffee & water

### **Fast Eddies Ice Cream Tents**

Blueberry Ice Cream & other flavors,  
Milk Shakes, Sundaes, Root Beer Floats,  
Shaved Ice  
Cold Beverages

### **Congregational Church**

Sugar Cookies – decorate your own  
Bottled water

### **\*G-NG High School Class of 2023 - Little League Field**

Blueberry bake sale  
Cold Beverages

(Menu items and vendors subject to change.)





## Celebrating Community & Culture

- **Dry Mills School House Museum:** is the beneficiary of our Festival's DIY Sign-Making Workshop inside Newbegin Gym. The mission of the Dry Mills Schoolhouse Museum - located adjacent to the Maine Wildlife Park's campus in Gray, Maine - is to offer a venue to 'take a step-back in history', an experiential visit in a mid-1800's schoolroom. The restored, one-room schoolhouse displays old photographs, hands-on items, and period books, including a copy of one of the century's teacher journals.

Dry Mills Schoolhouse Committee strives to: fully restore and secure the Dry Mills Schoolhouse for posterity, preserve its rich history, open and present it to the public on a regular basis for educational immersion experiences and events.

- **Gray Community Food Pantry:** is the beneficiary of our Festival's Blueberry Pie Eating Contests. The volunteers of GCFP are a dedicated bunch ensuring quality, food safety, distributions, pick up runs, square accounting, and fundraising. Its partners in hunger prevention are Good Shepherd Food Bank, Gray Shop N Save, Wayside Rescue, and the USDA.
- **Gray-New Gloucester High School 4-H Food Pantry Project:** uses the funds raised to help support their annual Gray Food Pantry Project. *Stop by their 'blueberry-lemonade stand' to learn more about it!*
- **Pennell Clock Tower's - 20 minute historical tours:** meet in foyer of the Town Hall, today at 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm. The Henry Pennell Institute finished construction in 1879 with the installation of a weight-driven "Howard Round-Top" clock. When the Town renovated the Pennell Institute to the Town Hall in 2010, the clock was restored and placed back in its historic location for town display.
- **Wild Blueberry Barrens:** The Town of Gray, and other villages in southern Maine, and Downeast have/had harvested wild blueberry barrens & family farms for generations. 'Back in the day', it was common for grade-school students to be transported by school bus from town to town and hand-rake wild blueberries over their summer break, for pennies on the pound. Many Gray residents still have fond memories of their blueberry raking days. Lost & Found Farm is one of several wild Maine blueberry farms harvesting here in Gray.

# Facts about Wild Maine Blueberries

## #1 Double the Antioxidants!

Wild blueberries contain 2x's the antioxidants of regular cultivated blueberries.

## #2 Truly Wild.

Wild Blueberries emerged on the desolate plain following the retreat of the glaciers more than 10,000 years ago. They are a truly wild fruit, - wild blueberries are indigenous and spread naturally, with thousands of naturally genetically different varieties in every field.

## #3 Natural.

Wild blueberries have never been cultivated or modified by man to enhance or alter their naturally occurring characteristics.

## #4 Flash Freeze!

99% of the annual wild blueberry harvest is IQF - individually quick frozen and the remaining 1% is sold fresh. Flash freezing fruit within 24 hours of harvesting is a great way to lock in nutrients! Smoothies anyone?

## #5 Happy Planet.

Wild blueberries are often referred to as a low input crop because they are native to the region and naturally resistant to pests.

## #6 Rare and Rad.

Wild blueberries are commercially harvested only in Maine, eastern Canada and Quebec.

*Adapted from an excerpt, "Going Wild in Maine" by Kathy Patalsky published online 8/25/2016*

**To help conserve paper, please return your Program to the Lion's Tent. Or, keep this a souvenir of your day in Gray.**

**To help reduce the Festival's impact on our Town's Transfer Station, we encourage you to sort your 5-cent recyclables, trash, and food compost in the boxes & trash cans located throughout the Festival.**

Help us plan our plan our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Gray Blueberry Festival - Saturday August 8, 2020  
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