4th Annual

GRAY Blueberry FESTIVAL

Celebrating Community & Culture and all things wild Maine Blueberry

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\textsuperscript{th} annual Gray Blueberry Festival

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

*** 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 1st Grade, and 2nd – 6th 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, 2nd Floor
- DIY Watercolor Workshop $ - Newbegin Hall, 2nd 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)*

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<td><strong>REGISTRATION:</strong> Fun Run &amp; Diaper Derby</td>
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<td><strong>REGISTRATION:</strong> Blueberry Pie Eating Contests &amp; Blueberry Bake-Off</td>
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<td>Knucklebusters Motor Club</td>
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**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 5th annual Gray Blueberry Festival - Saturday August 8, 2020
blueberryfestival@graymaine.org  https://Facebook.com/GrayBlueberryFestival/

** LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD **
- Finish: Fun Run and Sack Races
- Obstacle Course
- Bouncy Houses
- Corn Hole
- 9-Hole Course
- Wood-Carving demo
- Badminton
- Diaper Derby

** SOUTH FIELD **
- Under the Big Tent:
  - Stage & table seating
- *** Booths ***

** NEWBEGIN HALL **
- Water fountain outside
- Free Wagon Rides
- Entrance - Welcome Tent

*** THE MARKETPLACE ***
- Booths
- Registration Tents:
  - Pie, Bake-off, Fun Run, Diaper Derby
- EVO Tickets, T-Shirts & Tote Bag Sales
- Blueberry Festival Tent →

** SOUTH FIELD **
- 4-Tent Picnic Tables
- Sand Volleyball Courts →

START: Fun Run →
- EVO
- Fire Trucks
- *** Booths ***

Wagon ride “loop” & Parking in field across the street

Town Hall & Clock Tours
- Entrance – Welcome Tent
- Entrance to Town Hall
- Parallel parked at the Entrance

*** THE MARKETPLACE ***
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Sand Volleyball Courts →
- EVO
- Fire Trucks
- *** Booths ***

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