

RGS SKYLANDS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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A Puppy at the Banquet, Work Days Ahead and Grey Towers

There is a lot going on this month, besides the new governor being sworn in. So let's get started.

At the beginning of December I was fortunate enough to be invited for a private tour of Grey Towers in Milford just a few minutes from my home. What does this have to do with grouse? Grey Towers was the vacation home of Gifford Pinchot. Who is Gifford Pinchot and why does this matter? Gifford Pinchot was America's and probably the world's first expert on sustainable forests. He was the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and set into motion many of the policies that we use today that allow us to manage our national forest and public lands for the good of all Americans. I would strongly recommend you go to the Towers for a guided tour when you can. It is extremely educational and the grounds are phenomenal. Thanks to the Staff at Wallkill River N.W.R. for inviting me to go!

We received a donation to our banquet this year we have never had before. We received a **female English Setter puppy** to auction off. I have information on the pedigree of this pup and will make her available to anyone not attending the banquet. The information is as follows:

Breeder: Paul Cascais, Mendham NJ.
Breed: English Setter
Whelped: 11-18-09
Both Sire and dam are Field Dog Stud Book Registered (FDSB)
Both Sire and Dam are my personal grouse and woodcock dogs and family pets.
Litter is registered through Field Dog Stud Book (FDSB)
Well bred with a long line of field champions in the pedigree on both sides.
Puppy to be auctioned is a tri-color female with gorgeous markings. (Black, white and tan)

The sire and dam come from a long line of Champion grouse and woodcock dogs. The grandsire of the litter on the sire side is 2x Ch & 3x R U CH. Long Gone George, Grandsire of the litter on the Dam side is 5X CH. Pennstar. There are many champions in the pedigree on both sire and dam side including two that won the prestigious Grand National Grouse Championship. Both sire and dam are intelligent and biddable. I will bring a copy of the five generation pedigree with me to the banquet along with the veterinarian paper work for the first vaccinations which were given on Monday, December 28th. By the time of the Banquet the pup will have received its second vaccination.

This is a wonderful donation and an opportunity to own a great breed of grouse dog and to help out RGS as well. **Anyone wishing to bid on the puppy but who can not attend our banquet**, please contact me via email jjdesaye@yahoo.com. Please give contact information, bid amount, and I will need a credit card to reserve your bid. Your card will only be charged the night of the banquet if you are the winner. Please only bid on this puppy if you are serious about giving it a good home.

Our next work day has been changed. It was originally supposed to be January 3, but has been moved to **January 17**. We will be meeting at Jumbo Land at 8:00 A.M. and travel to the work site from there. This will be a multi-day project so there is no worry we will run out of work after an hour or two.

Our next meeting is Monday **January 11 at 7:00 PM** at the Lafayette House. This is our final meeting before the banquet so the push is now on.

The cost of a couple to go to the banquet is \$110.00. A single ticket is \$65.00. This is less than last year and there has been considerable confusion in the way the flyer is worded.