**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/*](http://dowseorchards.com/)

12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH provided by Zaftigs

 FREE with advance registration at [Sherborn Town Forest Event Registration](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecnblnVRYAXBHSZrOBgCwNHzEV99ltqsz4pdg8L7BDRbqzXg/viewform)

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 areas 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.*

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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