

Enjoy Groton's "Bully"*

Conservation Areas

(*As Teddy Roosevelt would have said!)

Wild Wharton Guided Hike

Sunday, February 19, 1-3 pm

Come see this spectacular conservation area featuring beaver ponds, eskers, varied wetlands, upland forest, and hopefully lots of interesting animal tracks in the snow.

Vivid Vistas Guided Hike

Sunday, March 19, 1-3 pm

Traverse the two highest points in Groton, both with open views, with members of the Groton Trail Committee. See wild wetlands, beaver ponds, upland forests, and open meadows.

For more information, contact Olin Lathrop at olin@embedinc.com or (978) 742-9014.

Did you know that Theodore Roosevelt was friends with GS Founder Endicott Peabody and that TR was one of the earliest supporters of the Groton School? That all 4 of his sons attended after TR enrolled them at birth? Or that TR spoke at GS's 20th Prize Day in 1904?

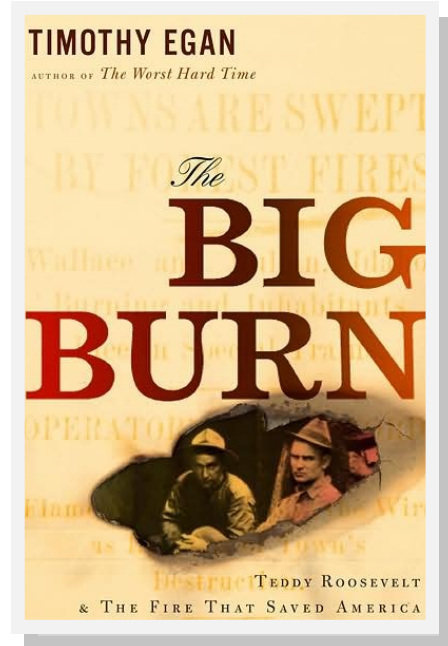
Did you know the Groton Fire Department is looking for volunteers?

GFD VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

1. **Explorers Program**—For youth (young men and women, ages 14 to 20) to get involved in firefighter service and in the community. Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Center Fire Station.
2. **Auxiliary Firefighter Program**—Volunteer to help at fires or at Station events. Even if you are not interested in the firefighter component, there are many specialized and support roles available. For adults.

Interested? Please contact Fire Chief Steele McCurdy at 978-448-6333, or stop by the Center Fire Station at 45 Farmer's Row.

Groton READS 2017



The Big Burn:

Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire
that Saved America

by Timothy Egan

Event Schedule

Groton READS is generously supported by
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Groton Public Library

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Groton, MA 01450
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gpl.org

Groton READS 2017 Schedule of Events

To sign up for a program, visit gpl.org, or call (978) 448-8000

An Afternoon with TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Sunday, February 26, 2-3:30 pm

One great man, one great hour! Not to be missed! Actor/Author/Educator Ted Zalewski bring to life one of America's greatest presidents! Combining history, drama, and fun, he gives voice to many of Roosevelt's own words, writings, and beliefs. Cowboy, soldier, naturalist, historian, father, statesman, and Nobel Peace Prize-winner, Theodore Roosevelt lived a life that inspires us still.

Pizza & a Movie at the COA: *The Big Burn*

Monday, March 13, 12 pm

LOCATION: Groton Senior Center

Watch this "American Experience" PBS documentary with discussion to follow. Lunch provided.

View & Discuss: *The Big Burn* Documentary With Special Guest Fire Chief Steele McCurdy!

Thursday, March 23, 7-8:30 pm

Watch the 2014 PBS documentary (60 minutes; TV -PG) and join in the discussion led by GPL's Lisa Baylis with Groton Fire Chief Steele McCurdy.

GPL Book Group Discussion of *The Big Burn*

Tuesday, March 28, 7-8:30 pm

Join in the discussion or simply come and listen!

Presentation: ANSEL ADAMS — Environmentalism & Photographer

Thursday, March 30, 7-8:30 pm

Join us for a slide presentation by Lance Hidy on Ansel Adams and his long career—including his work with the National Park Service, Sierra Club, and the environmental movement of the 1960's. *Lance Hidy is a Professor of Art at Northern Essex Community College. He knew Ansel Adams personally and has designed several books with Adams' photography.*

ABOUT THE BIG BURN BY TIMOTHY EGAN :

The Big Burn narrates the struggles of the over-matched rangers against the implacable fire of August, 1910, and Teddy Roosevelt's pioneering conservation efforts that helped turn public opinion permanently in favor of the forests, though it changed the mission of the forest service with consequences felt in the fires of today. Available for checkout in paperback, hardcover, nooks, audio CDs, and downloadable audio.

WILLIAM WHARTON: Groton's Early Conservationist **Tuesday, April 4, 7-8:30 pm**

New England Forestry Foundation's Frank Lowenstein will speak about William P. Wharton, one of its founders. Mr. Wharton was a lifelong Groton resident, forest manager, ornithologist, and creator and donor of Wharton Plantation, Groton's largest conservation area. Co-sponsored with the Groton History Center.

Children's Events

SMOKEY THE BEAR VISITS with Groton Firefighters and a Groton Fire Truck!

Tuesday, February 21, 11 am-12 pm

Learn about fire fighting & fire safety. For all ages.

Teddy Bear Picnic Concert

with Musician Philip Alexander

Wednesday, February 22, 10:30-11:15 am

"Today's the day, the Teddy Bears have their picnic!"

All ages welcome. Be sure to bring your teddy bear (or other favorite stuffed animal!)

Movie: Disney's *Planes: Fire and Rescue*.

Friday, February 24, 10:30 am-12pm.

Rated PG. For ages 5 +.

Young Adult Event

The History of Fire & Fire Making with Tim Swanson For Young Adults (Grades 6-12) and Adults

Sunday, March 19, 2-3:30 pm

Primitive skills instructor Tim Swanson will lead this seminar both on the history of fire and how to create fire using the bow drill friction method—and you will get to bring a bow drill home! We will meet outside in the garden and enjoy the warmth of a fire pit.

Limited to 20 participants, so please sign up.

YOUNG ADULT COMPANION READ:

THE BIG BURN BY JEANETTE INGOLD (2002)

Jeanette Ingold's award-winning historical novel for teens captures the momentum of the largest single fire in the history of the U.S., which burned an area the size of Connecticut in Idaho, Montana, and Washington in only 36 hours in 1910. Against the atmospheric backdrop of beauty and devastation, it tells the story of three teens who bravely battle the fire.