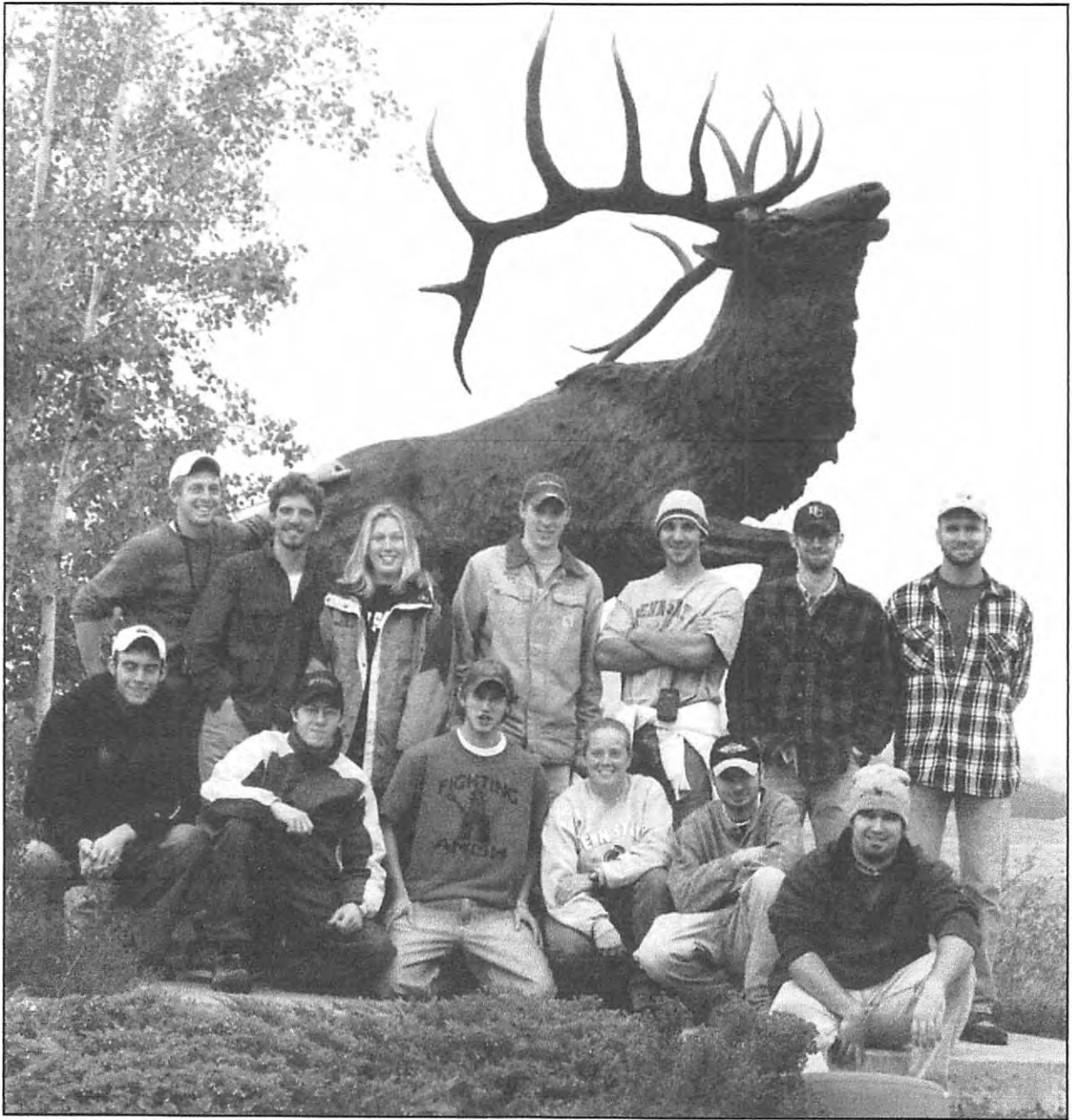
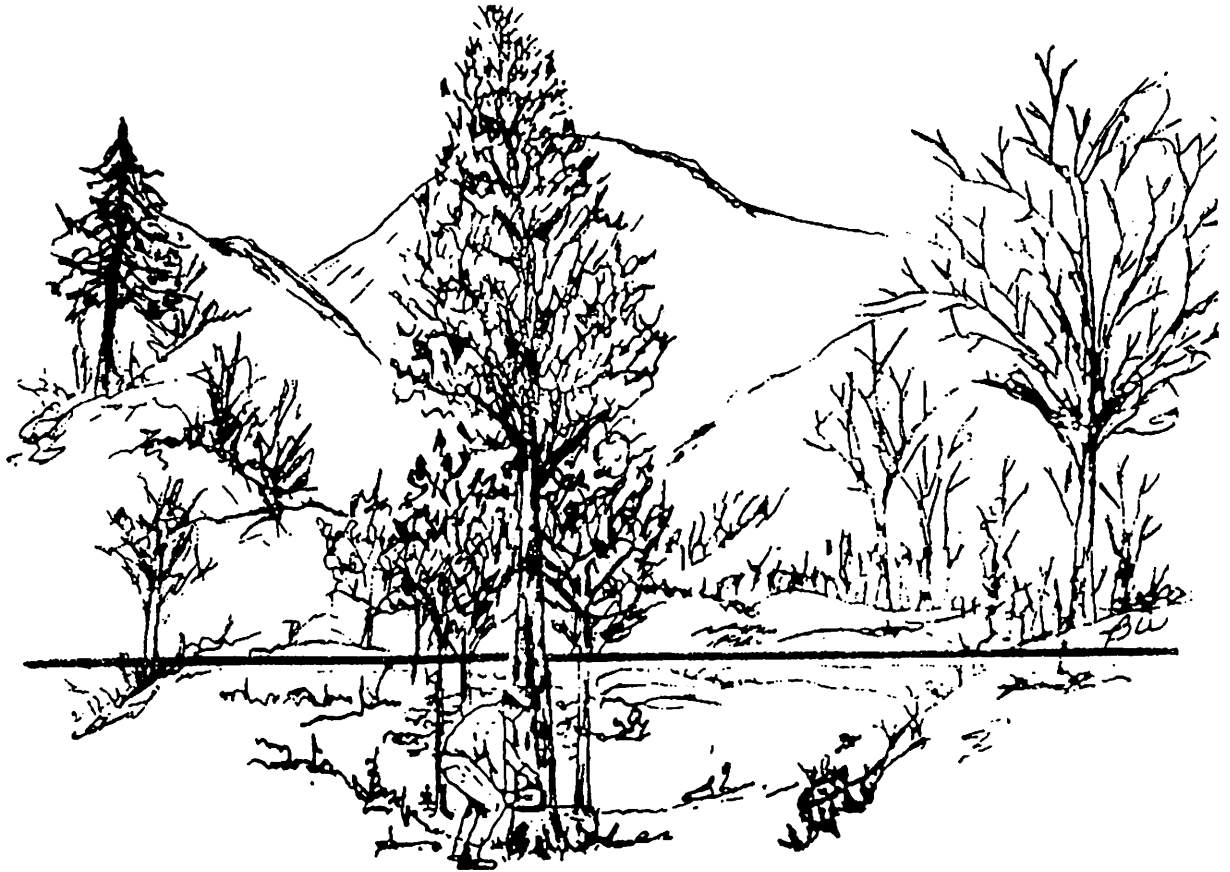


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Penn State Mt. Alto forest technology sophomores went on an educational trip to Idaho and Montana. See pages 22-25 for their diary.



## Chairman's Corner

By Kenneth W. Jolly  
Allegheny SAF Chair

There's BIG NEWS in the Allegheny - the 2006 National Convention is coming our way! Yes, that's right - after 30+ years, the Allegheny Section is finally getting a chance to host another National Convention!

The news was announced publicly to the membership at the recent February 18-20 Winter Meeting in Dover, DE, and the enthusiasm for helping to get involved and make the Convention a resounding success was heard all around. The selected location will be Pittsburgh, PA, and the dates will be October 25-29, 2006.

Much appreciation is extended to Kim Steiner, Tim Kaden, Mike Lester, Ken Kane, Jack Winieski, and others for their "behind the scenes" efforts to encourage the National Office to extend the Convention offer to the Allegheny State Society, and also to the newly elected Allegheny Executive Committee for officially accepting the Convention offer as one of their first "on the job" actions in their new leadership positions.

While the enthusiasm level for getting started is running high in the Allegheny, we've still got several months before we really need to gear up for action. At the present time SAF President John Beuter is in the process of selecting the three key leaders for the Convention - the General Chair, the Program Chair, and the Arrangements Chair; once these appointments are made, the initial 2006 planning efforts will get underway.

The Allegheny membership will have the chance to get highly involved in things sometime around eighteen months in advance of the Convention - in April or May 2005. This is when we will receive the 2006 Convention Manual, delineating the responsibilities of the Allegheny as the hosting society.

So while there's not a lot to do right now in getting ready for the Convention, we've been advised by the National Office that when the "Convention

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train leaves the station" (e.g., when the Convention Manual is sent to the Section) we'll have our hands plenty full with lots of opportunities for members to get involved! So sit tight for now, but get ready to "jump on the Allegheny Convention train" when the time comes!!

Finally, in closing this column, recognition is extended to the Maryland-Delaware Division for their outstanding efforts in hosting the Allegheny Winter 2004 Meeting! The meeting theme on "The Future of Large Forest Ownership" addressed a very timely topic for the forestry profession, and was covered from a variety of interesting perspectives. Kudos go to Chair Steve Resh and the entire MD-DE Planning Committee for a well-done Winter Meeting, and especially to everyone who attended to make the meeting another success for the Allegheny! ☺

## PA SAF Elects

By Doug D'Amore, PASAF Secretary/Treas

Bradley Elison was elected Chair-Elect and Doug D'Amore Secretary/Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Society of American Foresters for 2004-2005. Dave Miller, past Chair-Elect moved to the position of Chair for the same period. Thank you to Ned Karger (and Doug D'Amore) for the time and effort over the past four years as Chair-Elect and Chair. ☺

**Next newsletter  
deadline is June 15, 2004**

Send articles in the form of Microsoft Word documents and photos as 300 dpi JPEG files and e-mail to:

**ansaf@paonline.com**

# ANSAF Education Endowment Fund Reaches Over \$23,000

By Ron Sheay, Chair, Ad Hoc Education Endowment Fund Initiative

The sap is flowing in the trees and contributions are once again flowing into the endowment fund. Since the last report, 26 members and seven forest and allied industries have contributed \$4,195.00. It is interesting to note that eight contributors have given a second time - much appreciated! The non Ad hoc group is now concentrating the effort on the forest and allied industries in our five state area. Early implications, in this thrust, seem to indicate that when a SAF member has a contact in the forest products company being asked to give, we are more likely to receive a contribution. Any help in this effort will be greatly appreciated. However, we have not abandoned the effort toward the rest of the membership. Letters have been sent to the West Virginia Division and Golden Members recently with spotty results. Our \$40,000.00 goal remains firm.

Individual contributors since the Winter *Allegheny News*:

Alvin Allison	WV	Raymond Miller*	PA
Al Appel*	VT	John Moser	IN
Charles Beach	WV	Orange Mulhollen	PA
Errett Conway	PA	Ernest Ogden*	MD
Thomas DeLong	PA	Jim Parsons	MD
Henry Gerhold*	PA	Mark and Anne	
Manny Gordon*	PA	Conley-Pitchell	NJ
George Howard*	NJ	Walter Rossman*	PA
Russell Hutnik	PA	Robert Rumpf*	PA
Steve Koehn	MD	Anne Strang	MD
Gary Lovallo	NJ	Doug Toothman	WV
Helen Hughes McDermott	NJ	Jim Wiles	NJ
Charles Merroth	PA	Robert Williams	NJ

**Member Contributions** \$ 2,720.00

Forest & Allied Industry Contributors

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Long Life Treated Wood, Inc.	MD
Niederer Firewood & Tree Service	NJ
Penn Green Log, Inc.	WV
Riephoff Sawmill, Inc.	NJ
Schaier Bros. Sawmill	NJ
Stella Contracting, Inc.	NJ
<b>Forest &amp; Allied Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,475.00</b>
<b>Contributions received to date</b>	<b>\$23,310.00</b>

\*Denotes the second contribution made by this member

I thank all those who have made a difference by contributing to the Endowment Fund. If you have not made a contribution yet or would be willing to make a second contribution, you may do so by sending a tax-deductible donation to Allegheny SAF Education Endowment Fund and remit to Ron Sheay, 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559 ☺



# Professional in Training

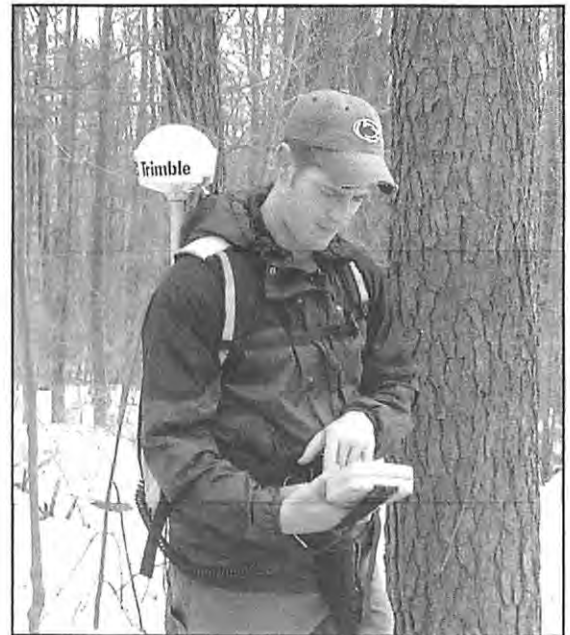
By Brent A. Harding, Senior Forester, PSU Forestland Management

Once again the Penn State Forestland Management Office is providing forestry students the opportunity to complement their forestry education with on the job training. **Chris Dahl**, a forest science senior and student member of SAF at Penn State, was hired at the start of spring semester 2004 to do just that. Chris's course schedule allows him to work Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM until 4:00 PM. His available time to work may seem limited but the forestry he has been exposed to is anything but limiting. The following are brief descriptions of some of the day-to-day projects he has been exposed to during his first eight weeks of the semester on the job:

- Stand delineation of 1300 acres of forestland designated as the Spring Creek Forest located in Centre County, the project provided experience with heads up digitizing of forest stands via the GIS software package FORMS.
- Logging supervision of a 9-acre clearcut timber sale, the project provided experience with the procedures and vigilance necessary to conduct a proper regeneration clearcut.
- Development of a timber sale prospectus, the bid procedure and the authoring of a sale contract for a first cut seed tree timber sale, the project provided experience with the paperwork and legal aspects of a timber sale.



Chris Dahl stands next to a black cherry log to give it dimension



Chris Dahl uses a GPS unit to capture the coordinates of a tree

- Collection of fixed plot radius inventories to determine survival rates in artificially regenerated conifer plantations, the project provided experience with progressive inventory methods as well as traditional and modern approaches to cruising.
- Acquiring, recording and mapping of GPS data points to be used in the future to evaluate the effectiveness of chemical herbicide, the project provided experience with GPS and the process of archiving field data.

Chris will continue working with our office for the remainder of the semester until he graduates in mid May 2004. At that time the Penn State Forestland Management Office will employ at least one, possibly two students to work for the summer months. The Penn State Forestland Management Office is committed to providing forestry students (not just to Penn State Main Campus enrolled students) the opportunity to gain hands on forestry experience while obtaining their degrees. Students can visit our website at <http://psuforestmgmt.cas.psu.edu/> to find more information about job and volunteer opportunities. We strongly encourage employers to visit our website at <http://psuforestmgmt.cas.psu.edu/> or contact us by phone 814-865-6272 or by e-mail at [psuforestmgmt@psu.edu](mailto:psuforestmgmt@psu.edu) to learn more about our operations and student employees. ☺

# Education Endowment Fund Has Money To Spend!

By Ron Sheay, Chair, Ad Hoc Education Endowment Fund Initiative

While emphasis over the past year has focused on increasing the Education Endowment Fund by \$40,000, the fund has an interest-earned balance of \$4,476 that is available for educational projects. This plea to the membership is to consider using some of these funds on projects within our Society or in outreach to the public. Grant and loan application and selection procedures are in the EEF Charter. Here is how you can request these funds.

The Education Endowment Fund Charter's objective is to provide funds for the support of educational programs within the Allegheny SAF region.

## Program Format:

- Our treasurer under the auspicious of the Executive Committee will maintain the ASAF Education Endowment Fund in a separate account.
  - The Education Committee will review all applications for funding and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval.
  - Income from the fund may be used for funding publications produced by the Allegheny SAF and the Allegheny News with limitations.
  - Eighty percent of each year's income can be used for funding educational projects. The remaining twenty percent will be reinvested in the Fund. Unused funds will be allowed to roll over and be available to fund future projects.
2. Successful programs would also be requested to return fifteen percent of their profit to the Fund
  3. Upon request, and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, the fund interest could be used to cover all or a portion of the losses incurred by those programs where revenues did not cover expenses.
  4. Grants may be used to subsidize the cost of programs. The grant would reduce costs so that it would be economically feasible for the greater number of participants.
  5. As a general rule, the training of individual SAF members will have a low priority for funding, except if unusual training opportunities arise.

## Funding Criteria:

- Income from the Fund may be used for any expenditure involved with developing, promoting, or carrying out education programs for forestry professionals, and the public.
- Highest priority for funding will be given to those programs, which provide the greatest benefit to the Allegheny SAF.
- All recipients of loans and grants shall furnish the Executive Committee with an evaluation report of the funded project within 30 days of its completion.
- The following criteria will be used to allocate Fund interest.
  1. Loans to help initiate self-supporting education programs that must be paid back in full upon completion of the program.

## Application Procedure:

Requests for funding should be sent to:

Mark Webb  
Chair of the Education Committee  
11021 Route 6  
Union City, PA 16438  
Telephone: (814) 663-5393

All requests for funds should contain the following:

1. Estimated number of contacts.
2. Complete program plan for the proposed education activity.
3. Proposed budget including all estimated expenditures and all sources of income.
4. Type of funds requested, i.e. loan or grant.

Now you have all the information needed to request funding for an effective educational project. Please help to put these educational funds to good use – of course an evaluation and report on your project will be published in *The Allegheny News!* We can facilitate intra-Society education and further public understanding of our profession and professional forest management with judicious use of these funds. If you believe in the fund's goal and if you haven't subscribed to its growth with a donation yet, consider helping to keep the fund growing. ❁



## Councilman's Corner

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

Awards are an important function of any professional organization. It is one method for recognizing the truly excellent work done by our members. The Presidential Field Forester Award is one of the more important awards, initiated by SAF President Fred Ebel and first awarded in 2000.

Nominations for the 2004 Presidential Field Forester of the Year are due soon. The purpose of the award, according to the SAF website is to "... recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The 2004 Presidential Field Forester Awards will be presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management."

There is one Presidential Field Forester of the Year award presented in each Council District. It has been left up to each Council member to designate a process within the District they represent. The approach that I'm planning to use for District VII is to solicit nominations from the membership in the Allegheny and National Capital Societies. The nominations should be directed to your Chapter, Division, or State Society Chair. They will forward the nominations to me. I have asked the Division Chairs from the Allegheny and the Society Chairs from the National Capital and the Allegheny to help me select the best candidates.

What are the selection criteria?

- Must be a member of SAF
- Must have practiced forestry for at least 15 years
- Major portion of career must be in field application of forestry
- Must be recognized locally or regionally by peers for excellence in field application of forestry
- Understands the forest and uses science along with the adaptive management process to achieve landowner objectives and insure forest sustainability
- Management intensity may range from very intensive applications to more extensive management regimes
- May be from any employment sector

In the past we have had few, but excellent nominations. I would prefer to have many excellent nominations. I work with and come in contact with many excellent field foresters, and I'm sure that you do also. Please take this opportunity to nominate a deserving candidate. If at all possible, the nominations should be in electronic format. If you can't get the nomination into electronic form, send it anyway.

The successful candidate will be honored at the National Convention in Edmonton, Alberta. The Convention will last from October 2-6. If you need additional information, please check out the awards section of the SAF website at [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org)

Also, time is running out to register for the 2004 Leadership Academy, May 22-25. If you ask someone who has attended past Leadership Academies, they will tell you it is one of the best professional experiences of their career. If you are planning to register, please access the SAF website for complete information. Keep in touch.

Carpe Diem.

# Allegheny Society of American Foresters 2003 Treasurer's Report

## BEGINNING BALANCES (on January 1, 2003)

Checking Account	\$ 4,775.83
Endowment Savings	7,826.33
Endowment CD	14,150.00

## CHECKING ACCOUNT INCOME:

2003 Allegheny Dues	\$ 12,757.48
2004 Allegheny Dues	4,231.00
2003 Div/Chp Dues (pass through)	4,765.09
2004 Div/Chp Dues (pass through)	1,566.00
2002 Summer Meeting-Keystone	1,000.00
2003 Winter Meeting-Northern Hardwood	1,800.00
2003 Summer Meeting-Rothrock	1,000.00

## Other Contributions:

New Jersey Division [A]	160.00
R. LaBar [B]	150.00
D. Galway [B]	140.00
2002 Summer Meeting [C]	235.00
K. Horn, Inc. [D]	735.00
NJ Forester Fund Grant (pass through)	2,000.00
Checking Account Interest	10.60
<b>Total Checking Account Income:</b>	<b>\$ 30,550.17</b>

## CHECKING ACCOUNT EXPENSES:

2003 Div/Chp Dues (pass through)	\$ 4,765.09
2004 Div/Chp Dues (pass through)	1,566.00
NJ Forester Fund Grant (pass through)	2,000.00
HSD Assessment	497.51
Allegheny News (4 issues/Bulk Mail Imprint)	6,935.35
Executive Director Stipend/Expenses	6,640.00
Awards	99.70
Reginald Forbes Art Awards	210.00 [E]
Student Travel	200.00 [F]
Teachers for the Forests 2003 Corp. Mem.	100.00 [C]
<b>Total Checking Account Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 23,013.65</b>

CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES      \$    7,536.52

CHECKING ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE                              \$    12,312.35

ENDOWMENT SAVINGS BEGINNING BALANCE                      \$    7,826.33

### Endowment Savings Activity:

Endowment Fund Contributions	\$ 11,250.00
Contributions transferred to CD	(13,320.00)
Interest            34.98	
Interest (received from CD)	229.16
Endowment CD Close-out	27,470.00
PA Division Mailing Expenses	(255.27)
Bank Service Charge	(18.30)
<b>Endowment Savings Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 33,216.90 [G]</b>

ENDOWMENT CD BEGINNING BALANCE                              \$    14,150.00

### Endowment CD Activity:

Interest	\$ 229.16
Interest transferred to Endow. Sav.	(229.16)
Contributions (transferred from Sav.)	13,320.00
Endowment CD Close-out	(27,470.00)
<b>Endowment CD Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## ACCOUNT SUMMARY: ENDING BALANCES (on December 31, 2003)

Primary Account (Checking)	\$ 12,312.35
Endowment Savings	\$ 33,216.90 [G]
Endowment CD	\$ 0.00

## NOTES:

[A] Designated for General Operations.

[B] Designated for Reginald Forbes Art Contest.

[C] Voluntary contribution collected from those present at the 2002 Allegheny Summer Meeting, designated as follows: \$100 for Teachers for the Forest membership, \$135 for General Operations.

[D] Designated for Allegheny News paper expenses.

[E] The R. Forbes Art Awards are a non-budgeted item, funded through designated contributions. Fund balance at the beginning of 2003 was \$0.00. Contributions received totaled \$290; awards distributed totaled \$210.00, leaving a fund balance of \$80.00. The \$80 in art awards remaining in the fund were donated back to the fund from award winners L. Casey, D. Galway, R. LaBar, and K. Sykes.

[F] Student travel support requested/received by Allegheny College and Penn State Mt. Alto.

[G] This amount consists of \$4,476.90 of Endow. Sav. funds, and \$28,740.00 of Endow. CD Funds.

Respectfully prepared,  
Kenneth W. Jolly, Secretary/Treasurer

Audit Confirmation:  
Ronald J. Sheay,  
Auditing Committee Chair



## The Golden Touch: 50 years of SAF Membership

In recognition of 50 years of dedicated service to the Society of American Foresters and to the forestry profession, SAF Golden Members receive a certificate and letter of appreciation from the SAF President, commemorating their career milestone. In appreciation, SAF also waives their membership dues in perpetuity.

The following Allegheny SAF members were recognized from the banquet podium at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting in Dover, DE:

### PA Division

#### Keystone Chapter:

Joseph E. Ibberson, Retired Fellow  
Frederick Umholtz, Retired Member  
William F. Vandestine, Retired Member

#### Northern Hardwood Chapter:

Edward F. Kocjancic, Member

#### Pinchot Chapter:

Albert J. Huber, Retired Member  
Mark R. Zimmer, Member

#### Rothrock Chapter:

Frank J. Wawrynovic, Retired Member  
Harry V. Wiant, Jr., Fellow

#### MD/DE Division:

Henry W. DeBruin, Retired Fellow  
Samuel H. Dyke, Retired Member  
Murray F. Valentine, Retired Member

#### WV Division:

Alphonse L. Vorselen, Retired Member  
Floyd L. Wiles, Retired Member

## In Memoriam 2003

The following Allegheny SAF members died during the calendar year of 2003:

Mark H. Cleveland, Maryland  
George German, Pennsylvania  
Conrad R. Lickel, Pennsylvania  
Donald E. Ryan, New Jersey  
Harry W. Staley, Maryland  
Jack Tillinghast, West Virginia

These individuals will be remembered for their hard work and dedication to the profession of forestry. 🌲



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# SAF Strategic Plan 2004

Submitted by Mike Lester

## Strategic Outcome #1: A Strong, Forward-Thinking Organization

SAF is recognized by all foresters as their primary professional Society that meets their needs for service, networking, and professional growth.

### *Basic Strategies:*

- Seek to achieve a profession with membership that is as diverse as society at large.
- Create an environment that welcomes and includes those having or developing specialized knowledge and experience in forestry.
- Target recruitment of students, graduates, and faculty associated with SAF recognized or accredited programs and retain them as members; recruit other students who show an interest in joining the field of forestry.
- Promote professional excellence.
- Promote a vital and stimulating organization at all levels.
- Promote awareness of internal and external factors, and current and emerging issues, affecting society and the profession.
- Provide effective communication and mutual support among all members.
- Provide a forum for open and civil discussion of diverse philosophies and opinions.
- Explore opportunities for SAF members to participate in international forestry programs.

## Strategic Outcome #2: Enhanced Service to Landowners and Employers

SAF is an organization that promotes sound scientific and experiential knowledge to meet landowner and employer objectives.

### *Basic Strategies:*

- Enhance capabilities to serve landowners and society with personal integrity, ethical behavior and accountability.
- Promote science-based management that ensures the availability of sustainable supplies of timber and non-timber forest products to meet expanding landowner and societal needs while sustaining diverse forest values

## Strategic Outcome #3: Enhanced Service to Society at Large

SAF will be broadly recognized as the primary organization that fosters sound scientific and experiential forestry knowledge to balance society's current and emerging needs and values from commodities to wilderness and protection of the environment.

### *Basic Strategies:*

- Provide the public, educators, and decision-makers with current scientific information related to forestry.
- Gain broadly based public support by demonstrating that professional stewardship of forest resources is the most effective means to achieve a balance between people's needs from forests and society's environmental goals.
- Refine and communicate our collective professional view regarding the importance of managing forests.
- Expand local and national media exposure to the profession of forestry.
- Expand the cultural diversity of SAF communications themes and contacts.
- Expand the dialogue with environmentalists, community groups, and elected officials.

## Strategic Outcome #4: Effective Engagement in Forest Policy

SAF will be recognized by decision-makers and in policy development as the leader in providing credible and reliable forestry information.

### *Basic Strategies:*

- Expand the use of current, high-quality scientific and technical information in development of forest policy at the local, state, national, and international levels.
- Effectively engage and advocate in all important forestry-related public policy issues at the national, state, and local levels.

- Become a leader in policy development, communication, and delivery strategies for sustainable forest management systems, including criteria and indicators.
- Work cooperatively with other natural resource professional organizations to better integrate management of forests and to strengthen the voice of the natural resource community.

**Strategic Outcome #5: Enhanced Professional Education, Performance, and Leadership Capability**

SAF will ensure high professional forestry standards in service to society.

*Basic Strategies:*

- Maintain and enhance standards for professional forestry education.
- Expand the use of current, high-quality scientific and technical information in professional education.
- Provide ethical awareness, education, and training at all levels of the organization.
- Foster a climate for life-long learning.
- Aggressively champion credentialing programs involving forestry and its specialties.
- Continue the Leadership Academy as the foundation of SAF's leader training.
- Promote opportunities for leadership development and succession for all members.

**Strategic Outcome #6: Development and Sound Stewardship of Financial Assets**

SAF at all levels is recognized for conserving and enhancing its human, financial, and physical resources.

*Basic Strategies*

All Levels:

- Develop non-dues ways and means of securing funds that support programs and activities.
- Develop methods that ensure sound budgeting, financial management, and reporting.

## Symposium Hosted by Allegheny SAF and Penn State School of Forest Resources Well Attended

By Jim Finley

The Symposium entitled *Forest Property Tax Issues* co-hosted by the Allegheny Section and Penn State's School of Forest Resources was attended by nearly 80 foresters, policy makers, and landowners interested in advancing the dialogue about forestland taxation in the Keystone state. In 1974 Pennsylvania passed a preferential assessment program for farm and forests commonly called "Clean and Green," which taxes these land uses at current use value instead of fair market value. The objective of the program Clean and Green was to help landowners keep their land in forest.

The speakers during the day's program described how the tax

works, concerns about the programs efficiency, equity, and administration. The speakers illustrated how Clean and Green unintentionally encourages development, negatively impacting the long-term management of forests and forest retention. In the end, the participants had an opportunity to interact with a panel of tax experts and a state legislator to explore approaches for advancing this important dialogue.

Proceeds above expenses from this meeting will be returned to the Allegheny Section to help support its operation. To learn more about the workshop contact Ken Kane at Keith Horn, Inc., PO Box 319, Kane, PA. ☺

## A Layman's Key to Native WV Forest Trees

An illustrated guide entitled "A Layman's Key to Native West Virginia Forest Trees," which is useful in adjoining states and in much of the eastern hardwood forest, is now available on my web site <http://www.geocities.com/harryvwiant>. The pages of the key are in jpg format and can be printed from your PC (see second link under CONTENTS on the web site). ☺

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## Pinchot Chapter Meets at Grey Towers

By Bob LaBar, Past Chair Pinchot Chapter

Twenty members of the Pinchot Chapter met on Friday, March 5, 2004 at Grey Towers in Milford, Pennsylvania. In addition to a power-point presentation by one of the staff regarding invasive species, Frank Huber, a local forester also provided slides on the subject based on his experiences.

Following the luncheon the group organized with incoming Chairman, Dick Cary taking over. Al Knox was asked to



Lori McKean (far right) introduces the program (photo by David B. Soete)



Bob LaBar examines and explains invasive species at the recent meeting of the Pinchot Chapter (photo by David B. Soete)

continue in his role of Secretary/Treasurer and Nick Lylo was chosen to be the Chair-Elect.

The group continued the meeting, devoting their efforts towards organizing for the 2005 Annual Winter Meeting of the Allegheny SAF, which will be hosted by the Pinchot Chapter. ❄️

## The 2004 Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl

By Beth Brantley, Penn State Mont Alto

The 17<sup>th</sup> Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl was held on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover, DE, during the Annual Winter Meeting. Mary Ann Fajvan chaired the student quiz bowl with Ron Sheay serving as timekeeper, Wade Dorsey as scorekeeper, and Karen Sykes doing an excellent job as moderator of the competition. Four teams competed, with each round lasting 20 minutes.

First round saw the Allegany College of Maryland team (Justin Wiemer, Dustin Kennedy and Tigie Kabia) providing excellent competition for the Penn State Mont Alto team (Zack Kane, Justin Kaskan and Aaron Feather). Final score was Allegany-40, Mont Alto-70.

The second round pitted the 4-year schools against each other: West Virginia University's team of Matthew Perkowski, Joseph Rossetti, and Trey Lundy, and Penn State University's team of Jamie Murphy, Chris Dahl and Pete Kilpatrick. Penn State University, coached by Mike Powell, won this round with a score of 80 to 10.

The final round pitted the Pennsylvania schools against each other. After a tense 20 minutes, Penn State University was declared the winner with a final score of 20 to 0. All competitors answered the questions well - it's tough being up there under pressure!

Good luck to the Penn State University Quiz Bowl Team at the national SAF meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada this October!

If you would like to submit additional questions for consideration in future Quiz Bowls, please send them to Mary Ann Fajvan via email at [mfajvan@wvu.edu](mailto:mfajvan@wvu.edu) ❄️



Chair, Mary Ann Fajvan (L), presents the 2004 Student Quiz Bowl first place plaque to the Penn State team of (l to r) Jamie Murphy, Pete Kilpatrick and Chris Dahl



# Dorothy (Dot) Abbott-Donnelly Recognized as 2003 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year

By Kenneth W. Jolly, Awards Committee Chair

Dorothy (Dot) Abbott-Donnelly, Renewable Resources Extension Agent for the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, and President of the Delaware Forest Association, was the recipient of the 2003 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award, presented at the Allegheny 2004 Winter Meeting held in Dover, DE.

Abbott-Donnelly has been an SAF member for 25 years. She was recognized for many outstanding forestry accomplishments in 2003, including:

- representing forestry interests on the Governor's Energy Task Force on two sub-committees - Transportation Fuels and Diversity of Fuels - where she stressed the role that forests can play as an alternative sustainable energy source for heating/cooling and transportation fuels
- representing the Northeastern States on the US Department of Energy Biomass Partnership Council

and the State of DE on the NE Regional Biomass Program Steering Committee, coordinating state/regional interests in biomass and bioenergy programs

- leading numerous forestry education and outreach events, such as "What in the World" workshops for developmentally challenged children to introduce them to the benefits of forest products

- management of a Wildlife & Conservation Plant Demonstration at the University of DE Georgetown Research & Education Facility

- revitalization of the wooded trail network at Delaware State University

- serving on the DE State Envirothon Planning Committee, providing forestry education, and

- expansion of the "Woodland Classroom" program to reach 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with the positive message



Awards Committee Chair Ken Jolly (left) congratulates Dot Abbott-Donnelly as she receives her 2003 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award

of forest management.

These highlights from Dot's activities this past year are indeed commendable, demonstrating her leadership and outstanding forestry accomplishments for the year, as recognized by her receipt of the 2003 Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year Award! ❁

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# Robert C. Webster, Jr. Receives 2003 Bob Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

By Kenneth W. Jolly, Awards Committee Chair



Ken Jolly (left) presents Robert Webster with the 2003 Allegheny SAF Bob Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award

Robert C. Webster, Jr., Western Regional Forester with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, was the recipient of the 2003 Allegheny SAF Bob Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award, presented at the Allegheny 2004 Winter Meeting.

Webster received his BS in Forestry in 1975 from the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. He began his professional career with the MD DNR Forest Service as a Service Forester on Maryland's Eastern Shore in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, where he served for 6 years.

He then accepted a promotion to the Annapolis HQ Office, where over the next seven years he rose to the position of Chief of Administration for the combined MD Forest, Park, and Wildlife Service. After this, Webster left HQ administration duties to transfer out to

Western MD to become the Western Regional Forester, overseeing all MD Forest Service operations in the four western MD counties, some of the most heavily wooded areas of the state.

For the past 15 years in his role as Western Regional Forester, he has inspired the Western Region forestry staff to provide superior landowner forestry services and has been responsible for implementing one of the first ecosystem based management projects in the nation, the Town Creek Watershed Project, encompassing forests in both MD and PA. He was also instrumental in the development of the multi-state Potomac Watershed Project, one of only a handful of large-scale watershed projects in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Webster has been active in SAF activities since college, serving in officer positions on the MD-DE Executive Committee and in the planning of numerous Division and Section technical meetings. He served as Chair of the MD State Board of Foresters for 10 years, overseeing the changing of MD's Forester Registration Law to one of Licensing and incorporating the SAF Code of Ethics into the Law. In addition to SAF, he is also active in numerous community and civic organizations, including leadership positions with the Boy Scouts and in the Allegheny County Board of Education. He has also served as President of his Community Association and is active in his local church.

For these and many other achievements, and for his sustained and dedicated leadership in professional forestry and commitment to the SAF throughout his career, Robert C. Webster, Jr.'s recognition as the 2003 Bob Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award recipient was certainly well deserved! ❄️

## Bauer Scholarship Fund Print Raffle

By Howard Wurzbacher, CF

A print raffle was held during the 2004 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting in Dover, DE to benefit the Bob Bauer Memorial Scholarship Fund in the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. Ticket donations for the print drawing amounted to \$530.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission donated the print, titled "Winter Rendezvous." It is

one of a series of prints by artist Stephen Leed depicting various songbirds in the four seasons of the year. One-half of the cost of framing was donated by Scott McCray, the owner of Victorian City Art & Frame of Franklin, Pennsylvania, who provided an excellent presentation of a beautiful print.

We all know that Bob was passionate about the practice of

forestry, and delighted in professional dialogue, communication, and technology transfer. It is gratifying to see that passion for learning continued through his scholarship fund. Thanks to all who supported the raffle, and especially to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Victorian City Art & Frame for their generous donations. ❄️

# Maryland/Delaware Hosts 82<sup>nd</sup> Winter Meeting

By Steve Resh, Forestry Program Coordinator, Allegany College of Maryland

What had lots of great information, good food, professional contacts and no sales tax? Based on a preliminary review of attendee evaluations, the answer is the 82<sup>nd</sup> Winter Meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters held in Dover Delaware on February 18-20, 2004 and hosted by the Maryland/Delaware Division of the SAF.

Close to 200 professional foresters, forestry students and their guests jammed the meeting rooms of the Sheraton Dover Hotel to celebrate the greatest gathering of the greatest professional group in the country for an examination of the topic: "The Future of Large Forest Land Ownerships."

After greetings from E. Austin Short, Delaware State Forester, and Steven W. Koehn, Maryland State Forester, Keynote Speaker Lloyd Irland of the Irland Group and the Yale School of Forestry gave a historical prospective of large forest land ownership. Dr. Irland, a consultant and educator currently living in Maine who previously served as Maine's State Economist, shared his unique insider's view of land divestiture by large forest products companies in Northern New England. He challenged all of us to "not eat the seed corn" with respect to providing perpetual supplies of



Keynote Speaker Dr. Lloyd Irland

raw material for the forest products industry.

Mike Clutter, who serves as the Hargreaves Professor of Forest Finance at the University of Georgia and had previously held decision-making positions with industry, provided a unique view of how decisions are made within the corporate world. Dr. Clutter's talk made us more aware than ever that corporate officials who have very little connection with the land are making land ownership decisions that affect every forester present.

Kirk Rodgers, who is the past President of the Forest Land Owners Association sent prepared remarks which indicated that small woodland owners realize that corporate decisions will have an impact on the future of small, private landowners, but they currently have more questions than answers. David Sutherland of the "Conservation Fund" completed the morning presentations with a look at the role the conservation organizations have in large forestland acquisition.

Matt Sampson of the Forestland Group began the afternoon session with a look inside the relatively new player in land ownership, the TIMO (Timber Investment Management Organization). Matt spoke of how on-the-ground management has intensified because of the need to have an improved product, capable of showing a good return for patient, but profit oriented investors.

Steve Koehn took the podium again during the afternoon session in order to describe a unique



Walter R. Rossman (left) was present to receive his award for Election to Fellow in the Society of American Foresters from Past Allegheny Chair Ken Kane

"marriage" of public to private landholdings, which resulted when the Chesapeake Corporation decided to divest themselves of forestland holdings in Maryland.

Finally, The President of the American Forest Management Company, David Pritchard, presented an interesting talk where he contrasted real estate and timberland values. Afterwards, all of the speakers came together to answer questions. The give and take between the audience and the panel was very interesting and thought provoking. The information presented during the day was new to many of us, but it was very apparent that the members of the Allegheny were quick to apply the day's lessons to their particular management situation or agency.

The future of our profession took the stage next as four schools competed in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Forestry Quiz Bowl. In the first round of competition, Penn State, Mont Alto narrowly defeated the defending champions from Allegany College of Maryland. Round two saw the students from Penn State,

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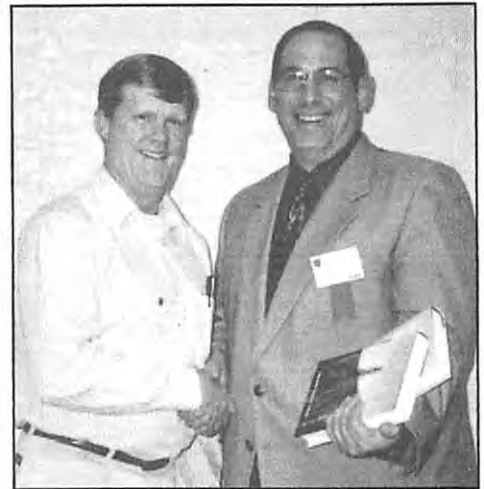
University Park defeat West Virginia University. The final match was a back and forth battle that finally had Penn State outlasting their Mont Alto counterparts to capture the winner's plaque.

The banquet that evening allowed everyone to enjoy good food, good conversation and some special recognition of fellow members. Bob Webster, Regional Forester for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service, was given the "Service to Forestry" award. Dot Abbott-Donnelly of the Extension Service in Delaware was awarded the "Forester of the Year" award, and Steve Ditmer of the Glatfelter Pulp and Paper Company was recognized as the recipient of the "National Tree Farm Inspector of the Year" award. Following the food and

costume, of farming, logging and railroading from long ago.

The next day started with the Chairman's Breakfast where our own Mark Webb reminded us of the things in life that really matter. A business meeting conducted by our new Chair, Mr. Ken Jolly, followed the breakfast. Ken had some good news to present with respect to the budget, namely that we should finish the year in the black thanks to the generosity of several individuals and groups within the Allegheny. Ken informed all present that the selection of the Allegheny as the host of the 2006 National SAF Convention would require the participation of every member in the Society.

Three speakers rounded out the remainder of the morning and all three participated in a group question and answer period



Stephen L. Ditmer (left) received the 2003 National Tree Farm Inspector of the Year Award from Steve Resh (right)

help large landowners retain their forestland. Brett Butler from the Forest Inventory and Analysis group of the US Forest Service reported on the most recent statistics regarding land ownership, and finally, Al Todd, also of the U.S. Forest Service, took a close look at the possible impacts on watersheds caused by changing landownership patterns.

Harry Wiant closed the meeting with a synopsis of what had been presented to us during the preceding two days. Most foresters left the meeting a bit awed by the abundance of new information, but all were glad for the time spent catching up with old acquaintances and renewing their vision of the ever-changing world of forestry.



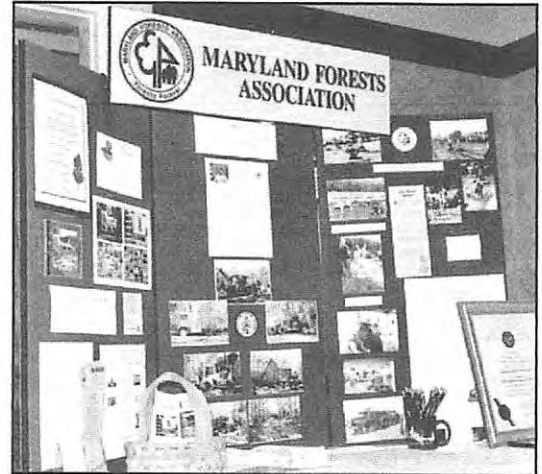
awards, Linda Chatfield, of the Delaware Agriculture Museum, told stories while dressed in period

following their presentations. Neil Sampson of Vision Forestry presented some ideas that could





# Allegheny SAF 2004 Winter Meeting Photos



# 2003 SAF Fellow Awards - Allegheny Members Recognized

## Elections to SAF Fellow

*Election to Fellow in the Society of American Foresters is the highest form of recognition from one's professional peers. The fellow award is limited to less than 5% of the 17,000 National SAF membership. Four Allegheny SAF members were elected this year.*

**Bruce B. Brenneman** retired as Research Center Leader at Westvaco, having been a research Forester/Associate at Summerville SC and Rupert, WV (1967-2002). He was with the US Forest Service, Boise National Forest, 1961-67 (with a break for service in the US Army 1962-64), and Forester, USDI, Bureau of Land Management, Ukiah, CA, 1961.

Brenneman received a BS in Forestry at Penn State University in 1961 and has been an active member of SAF for 44 years, elected to Fellow in 2003. As a member of the West Virginia Division and the Allegheny SAF Multi-state Society he served on Program Committees and the Tree Improvement Committees, presenting numerous papers on research in the two units.

He was a leader in applied tree research, pine plantations culture, Silviculture and protection of mountain hardwoods for over 35 years, promoting sound science and

influencing management of natural hardwoods in the southern Appalachians - deriving hardwood weight and volume tables; advanced generics and the management of pitch x loblolly pine hybrids in West Virginia and Ohio to maximize pine fiber production and minimize affected acres; established the Appalachian Research Center in 1973 as part of Westvaco Forest Research; he has authored or coauthored 90 internal and 10 external technical publications, presenting many at professional meetings. Brenneman is West Virginia Registered Professional Forester #117, and has served on the WV Board of Registration for Foresters from 1991- 96 as secretary and president; served on the Advisory Board of the WV Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station, 2001- present; WV University Center for Extension and Continuing Education, 1984-89; NC State Harwood Research



Bruce Brenneman

Cooperative, Advisory Committee, 1995-2001; national, regional, and local gypsy moth committees.

A member of the Lewisburg United Methodist church and the Rupert Rotary Club, Brenneman is a Trustee of the Greenbriar County Youth Camp and has been the President of the Rupert Public Library, 1978-present.

**James C. (Jim) Finley** began his forestry career in 1970 after graduating in forestry from Penn State by working for the US Forest Service Northeastern Forest Experiment Station doing forest inventory and assessment in seven states, helping with the region's first ownership studies, and conducting utilization studies. After completing a master's degree at Penn State in 1975 he accepted a position as an area extension agent with the School of Forest Resources working in a five county region in north-central Pennsylvania. In 1980 he moved back to University Park to continue as an extension specialist in forest



Jim Finley

management and specialty products. In 1991 he completed a doctorate in

Ag and Extension Education at Penn State, and in 2003 he was promoted to professor of forest resources. Jim was the assistant director for extension in the School of Forest Resources from 1997 to 2003 and currently serves as the extension coordinator. His extension and research activities focus on forest sustainability, forest regeneration, private forest landowners, and human dimensions of natural resources.

Jim has supported the Society of American Foresters by serving in chapter and division offices as well as serving as program chair for several meetings. He has also been



involved in organizing numerous professional development programs for foresters and other resource professionals. Among these have been the Forest Resources Issues

Walter R. (Dick) Rossman was employed by the Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec), 1956-88, retiring as Forestry Manager, Johnstown in 1988. He was President, Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, 1997-98. From 1950-56, served as Forester for the Potomac Edison Company, Hagerstown, MD.

Rossman served in the US Army Air Corps from 1944-46 and received his professional education at Penn State University, receiving a BS in Forestry in 1950. He is presently chair-elect of the Western Gateway SAF Chapter and served as Chapter chair in 1972. He was also a founding member of the chapter in 1971, and co-chaired the Allegheny SAF Summer Meetings in

Susan L. Stout is the second in her family elected SAF Fellow. "My father, Dr. Benjamin B. Stout, a former Chair of the Allegheny Section, was elected Fellow about 15 years ago," said Stout, research silviculturist and project leader for the Northeastern Research Station in Warren, PA. "We've been



Susan Stout

Conferences, which Sandy Cochran and he started and are now held biannually at Penn State. Jim received the SAF National Technology and Extension award in



Dick Rossman

1972 and 2001.

Awards and Recognition: The USDA National Resources Conservation Service, PA Conservation Hall of Fame, 1996; Certificate of Recognition, Southern

celebrating this honor together."

A member of SAF since 1981, and the Plateau chapter since 1983, Stout co-developed the "Woodswalk" chapter meeting format with Bob Bauer; served as officer of the National SAF Silviculture Working Group; Science and Technology representative to the Allegheny Section board; and on the planning committee for several chapter and section meetings on regeneration and deer impacts. She was co-founder, with Sandy Cochran, of the Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, serves on its Steering Committee, and on the Pennsylvania DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee. "The foresters and forest scientists in the Allegheny Section are at the forefront of sustainable forestry," said Stout. "To be elected Fellow by this

2001, the Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award in 1986, and the Sandy Cochran Award for Logger's Education Programs in 2001. ❖

Alleghenies RC&D Area, 1995; Meritorious service recognition, PA State Conservation Committee; PA Forestry Association "Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year", 1994; DER, Bureau of Forestry "Samuel S. Cobb Award of Excellence in Urban and Community Forestry", 1988.

Rossman is past president of the PA Forestry Association; member of the Forestry Committee, National Association of Conservation Districts; past president, PA Association of Conservation District Directors; cofounder and chair of the Stonecreek/Conemaugh River Improvement Program.

Richard and Mary Rossman are members of the South Ebsenburg United Church of Christ. ❖

wonderful community is truly a high honor."

Stout's research includes development of relative density equations for Allegheny hardwoods, uneven-age silviculture, and the impact of deer on forest resources. Under her leadership, the research team in Warren has incorporated wildlife, herbaceous plants, and biological diversity among the responses studied to develop guidelines for sustainable forestry. They have also strengthened their award-winning commitment to technology transfer, through annual training sessions, the SILVAH computer system, and development of the SILVAH Oak training sessions and extension of the SILVAH computer program. ❖

# 2004 Reginald Forbes Art Winners

By Charlie Newlon, Artistic Director

The following is a list of winners of the 2004 Reginald Forbes Art Contest, held at the Annual Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting in Dover, DE.

Place	Subject	Artist	Prize
<b>SAF Student Category</b>			
<i>Color Photo</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tree-lined Sunset	Joe Rossetti	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunset on Lake	Joe Rossetti	20
<b>Professional Photo Art</b>			
<i>Color Photo</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Life of Reilly	Dennis Galway	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cormorants	Dennis Galway	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Costa Rican Logger	Dennis Galway	10
<b>Amateur Flat Art</b>			
<i>Watercolor</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fall Riparian Scene	Marilyn Hennion	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stone Barn in Snow	Marilyn Hennion	20
<i>Embroidered Landscape/Stichery</i>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Birch Lake	Betsy Hale	10
<b>Amateur 3-Dimensional</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Quilting/Wall Hanging	Karen Sykes	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Recipe Box	Lloyd Casey	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quilted Table Runner	Betsy Hale	10
<b>Amateur Photo Art</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Large Maryland Tree	Sam Mace	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Retired Pro	Sam Mace	20
<b>Amateur Sculpture</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Carnival Mask	Ashley Wurzbacher	\$30

Thanks to all members and family members entered and thanks to the Allegheny members who appreciated the art enough to carefully scrutinize the presentations and voted accordingly. Thanks again this year to Dennis Galway and the Bob LaBar family who heavily supplemented the Allegheny prize money. ☺



Reginald Forbes Art Contest Director Charlie Newlon (3rd from left) with the artistic gene pool, representing themselves and their families!

## A Recently Discovered Biography of Reginald Forbes

### Forbes, Reginald

Born in Morristown, New Jersey, July 8, 1891. Educated at Friends Seminary, New York City; Williams College (B.A. 1911, M.A. 1932 - Honorary); Yale Forest School (M.F. 1913).

Vermont Forest Service, 1912: Assistant State Forester, New Jersey 1916-17; State Forester, Louisiana, 1917-21; 24 years in US Forest Service, including Directorship of Southern Forest Experiment Station (1921-27) and of Allegheny Forest Experiment Station (1927-39); Consulting Forester, (1942-1960's)

Worked professionally in 20 states and was an Associate Professor (Woodlot Management, and English) at National Agricultural College, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

Member, Society of American Foresters since 1918; Chairman, Allegheny Section, SAF, 1932; member of numerous Section and National SAF committees; Editor, Forestry Manual of SAF; Board of Directors and Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (1928-?). Author of numerous technical and popular forestry bulletins, articles, etc.

Alex Day discovered this biography of "Reggie" while going through old papers at the Penn Nursery in Pennsylvania. The biography was probably written in conjunction with his receipt of the 1965 Allegheny SAF Outstanding Service to Forestry Award. At the time of the writing he served as a member of the PA Forestry Commission. According to Alex, the PA Forestry Commission went out of existence in 1971 with the reorganization and re-naming of the old Dept. of Forests and Waters to the Department of Environmental Resources. Reggie was no doubt as faithful and active a participant in The Forestry Commission as he was in the Allegheny SAF. ☺

# CEFTS Recognizes Forest Technician Graduates

By Steve Resh, Alumni Award Coordinator, CEFTS

The Council of Eastern Forestry Technician Schools (CEFTS) bestowed recognition on three graduates of forest technician programs located in the Allegheny SAF during their most recent meeting held at the Mont Alto Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. CEFTS is an organization committed to improving education within forest technician programs in the United States and Canada. The Graduate Forest Technician Achievement Award was initiated in 1995 to recognize graduates of technician programs who have made significant contributions to the profession of forestry and/or to technician education. To date, 35 graduates throughout the US and Canada have been given awards. A maximum of five awards per year may be made.

Two 2003 awards were given to graduates of Glenville State College in Glenville, WV. Ed Grafton who chairs the forest technician program at that institution nominated both recipients. Award winner John Lockwood graduated from Glenville in 1986. Even though he worked full time for Sun Lumber Company during his matriculation, he was a superior student and was granted membership in the North American Forest Technician Honor Society. A year after graduation, John purchased a sawmill which produces between 8 and 12 million board feet annually. Mr. Lockwood is member of the WV Forestry Association as well as a registered forest technician in his home state. He has become a strong advocate of forest technician education through his membership on the Glenville State College Forestry Advisory Committee and has funded a scholarship to Glenville in honor of his father. John provides a tour of his sawmill and land management operations during the school's annual forest management trip and provides a cookout for the students following the tour.

John Holstine, the second award recipient, graduated from Glenville in 1981. Trus-Joist MacMillan, a branch of Weyerhaeuser in Buckhannon, WV, currently employs him. John's contribution to forest technician education has been significant. He is a member of the Forest Technology Advisory Committee at Glenville and guides the annual golf tournament, which has raised over \$60,000 in the last five years. John arranges for annual student tours of wood utilization facilities and is a strong advocate of forestry education and natural resource management within West Virginia's government. He is a member of the WV Forestry Association and actively supports the Logger Safety Initiative program of that organization.

The final 2003 award winner is Pam Hoskins who

graduated from Allegheny College of Maryland in 1978. Pam was nominated by Program Coordinator Steve Resh who wanted to recognize Pam for her outstanding contributions to the Forestry Alumni Association at the college. As a founding member of that organization in 1980, Pam has helped make the group an integral part of the program and the college. She has held every office within the group and has missed only one annual meeting in its history. Pam, who helps operate a family-owned sawmill/logging company with her husband Gene, has helped raise money to support an alumni scholarship, and has made significant contributions of time and materials to aid the association and the program. Resh gives credit to Pam for the continued existence, as well as the growing importance, of the oldest alumni association at the college.

The Council of Eastern Forestry Technicians Schools is proud of the contributions made by forestry technicians to the forestry profession as well as to the education of technicians. It is especially significant that all three of this year's inductees are from schools located in the Allegheny Society of American Foresters.

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# WV SAF and the WV Society of Fisheries Hold Joint Meeting

By Steve Stasny

On February 5 and 6, 2004, the WV Society of American Foresters and WV Society of Fisheries held a joint meeting in Clarksburg, WV. The meetings theme was how Forestry and Fisheries can compliment each other. Talks were given on data collected on Forest Hydrology, Improving Stream Habitat, Amphibians in the Stream Management Zone, and on Friday presentations were made from WVU Fishery Graduate Students on their Graduate Assistantships.



Bruce Brenneman (right) is honored by MeadWestvaco

because Vic Ford, who was to become the next chair, had been transferred to Alabama. Some other highlights at the meeting were that Glenn Juergens, the going out chair, was presented the original print from the WV Societies new fund raising project. Bruce Brennemen was also presented a plaque from MeadWestvaco for his long service with the company. 🌿



Vic Ford (right front) presents a framed "Logging in West Virginia" print to Glen Juergens (left) for his leadership of the WV SAF Division

Also during the meeting the new Chair Elect, Rudy Williams, took over the reins of the WV Society. Rudy was the newly elected Chair-Elect, but had to take over the chair position



Past Chair Glen Juergens passes the gavel to new WV Division Chair Rudy Williams (right)

## Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting to be Hosted by the West Virginia Division: August 4-6, 2004

The annual Summer meeting of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters will be hosted by the West Virginia Division of SAF. Watch for a first class mailing with the complete program, registration information and room reservations. Commit these dates on your calendar NOW and register early when you get the mailing to assist host committee planning.

**Topic:** The History of Forest Management and Logging  
**Place:** The Inn at Snowshoe and Cass Scenic Railroad  
**Tours on Thursday August 5th:** 1) Meadwestvaco Research Forest; 2) Plum Creek Timber Company and Monongahela National forest lands; 3) Consulting foresters projects on non-industrial private land.

**Events:** Social on Snowshoe Mountain 8/4 pm; Ride on the Cass Scenic Railroad to Whitaker station for barbecue on Thursday evening, 8/5; Golf on Snowshoe Mountain Raven Golf Course - designed by Gary Player; Mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, scenic lift rides, canoeing, paddle boats, swimming, clay disk shooting. Shopping and restaurants on top of Snowshoe Mountain - fun for the whole family! 🌿

## Pennsylvania SAF Division Meeting Minutes

The Pennsylvania SAF Division meeting was held on February 20, 2004 in conjunction with the Allegheny Society-SAF 2004 Winter Meeting at Dover, Delaware, February 20, 2004 at the Sheraton Hotel.

A report by Secretary Doug D'Amore was distributed to members and a motion was approved to accept the minutes by voice vote.

Under old business, Ned Karger gave an update on the Jim Nelson-PA Forest History video being produced through a Foresters Fund grant. It should be finished this spring and copies available later this year. Mark Webb reported that contributions toward the Bob Bauer Scholarship Fund had reached the minimum amount needed to activate the scholarship. Details were being worked out with the family and future contributions were encouraged to keep it growing.

Under new business, Chairman Miller announced that there would be an opening on the State Conservation Commission because of a vacancy left by departing Plateau Chapter member Dave Trimpey. Any interested members were encouraged to apply to fill this seat so we would have a continuous presence from the professional forestry community. It was motioned and passed that the Division Chair write a letter of support for any member who wished to seek the vacancy on the Commission.

Ken Kane announced an upcoming seminar on Forest Property Tax Issues to be held at the Penn Stater in State College on March 23, 2004. The PA Division-SAF, PA Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters, Penn State Extension and Keith Horn, Inc will sponsor it. All profits will be donated to the Allegheny SAF.

Bob LaBar moved to donate the sum of \$1,000 from the PA Division to the Allegheny Society to help with general expenses. Mark Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Don Oaks gave an update on forester registration/licensing issues.

Roy Siefert moved to donate \$1,000 to the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters. After discussion a hand count vote was taken and the motion passed 20-Yea and 10-Nay.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Dave Miller, Chairman  
March 12, 2004



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# Penn State Mont Alto Forest Technology Student Trip

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In early October 2003, a group of sophomore forest technology students went on an educational trip to Idaho and Montana. We were escorted by our instructor, Dr. Beth Brantley. We were introduced to a number of USDA Forest Service and USDI National Park Service employees, as well as a Plum Creek Timber Company forester. We talked to several individuals about the role wildfire plays in the west and learned how forestry strategies have changed over the previous decades. We arrived in Missoula, MT on Wednesday, October 8, and spent the first night at the Powell Ranger District on the Clearwater National Forest.

## Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

We were introduced to Kearstin Edwards, the lead wilderness ranger at Powell, and welcomed to the area by Larry Dawson, the Forest Supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest. He informed us that the Clearwater has 1.8 million acres divided into 4 districts. He described characteristics the Forest Service looks for on personnel applications; hardworking, enthusiastic individuals with good interpersonal and public relations skills. He informed us about the application process and job opportunities and outlined the structure of the Forest Service.

## Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday we met Pat McKinnon, the sale administrator for the Powell Ranger District. He told us of his background as a seasonal technician and as a forester. He now does planning work, writes and implements timber sale plans, marks sale boundaries, roads, and landings, and some precommercial



thinnings. About half of his time is spent implementing reforestation projects. It is his duty to announce upcoming sales to prospective sawmills and other buyers by placing ads in newspapers. About one quarter of his time as sale administrator consists of evaluating contracts and implementing them. Mr. McKinnon has to report the amount of trees harvested, and tree mortality from disease and fire. He also informed us that Powell has about 300,000 acres, some of which is in a checkerboard ownership pattern with Plum Creek Timber Company.

We visited three different harvesting sites and learned about improving and accelerating tree growth, increasing the yield of timber, restoring timber zones, and retaining riparian buffer zones. We discussed reserved species, such as western larch (*Larix occidentalis*), Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), and ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) which are more fire resistant than others. At the Shoot Creek Timber Sale our group learned how a skyline

logging system is used to haul logs up steep embankments to a landing area. This has little impact on the soil, but damage was evident on the first log of many of the residual trees from the swinging logs. There are times, such as on steep slopes, when cable yarding is used in logging. Cut-to-length and hand felling are methods that are also used in the western United States.

We discussed habitat typing, the effects of logging on wildlife, different logging techniques, average stand diameters, tree problems, and general forest management techniques (e.g., shelterwood harvests). Habitat typing involves managing stands for the climax species in a given area. We observed several areas where the Forest Service logged small patches of land to promote windthrow resistance, maintain restricted water flow and allow seed from surrounding trees to regenerate the area. Logging affects many wildlife and fish species, but does not seem to heavily impact the Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*). We also learned the

general behavior of large animals, such as elk (*Cervus* spp.) and moose (*Alces* spp.), which forage in the lower valleys for the winter when the hills are covered with snow.

One of the major problems with trees that average 150 years old or more is *Armillaria* root rot. Another situation is bark beetles that are attracted to stressed trees. They release pheromones that bring in large numbers of other beetles, usually causing a mortality spiral which usually ends in the death of the trees. Dead and fire damaged trees are sold in salvage operations. The Forest Service does not try to change natural occurrences, but instead tries to reenact natural forest disturbances (such as fire, insect infestations and disease). For instance, if the stand was even-aged they treat it with even-aged management, rather than try to make it an uneven-aged stand.

We also met with Scott Kuehn, a forester for Plum Creek Timber Company. Plum Creek bought Georgia-Pacific two years ago (2001), bringing their total land ownership to 8 million acres. In the Lochsa area of Idaho they have 36,000 acres, with one forester for each 15,000 acre block. They harvest between 3 and 4 million board feet of lumber each year. They also spend about \$50,000 annually on road maintenance for 15,000 acres. Their foresters are generalists, required to perform many duties such as culvert, waterbar, and road installation; as well as overseeing harvest and salvage operations. This year alone Plum Creek lost 2,500 acres to fire and had to perform salvage harvests in all of these blocks.

Following forest fires, Plum Creek plants trees to meet regeneration requirements set by the state. They also do this to help preserve habitat for native fish and wildlife (e.g., bull trout). Under the

Forest Practices Act they also use Best Management Practices (BMPs), tree buffers around streams, and other precautions to protect the integrity of the land.

Early Thursday evening we met with Steve Munson, the Assistant Fire Management Officer on the Powell Ranger District. He talked about the duties and daily activities of a fire crew. Fire crews not only spend their time fighting fires, but also do other work around the forest. Establishing and maintaining trails, thinning stands of trees to prevent fires, highway cleanups, and prescribed burning are some of the other duties he described. He then went through the different levels of wildland firefighters, and described the different types of training required at each level, and the physical abilities that they need to possess. We enjoyed a fine supper at the Lochsa Lodge and spent another wonderful evening at the Powell Ranger Station.

#### Friday October 10<sup>th</sup>

We met with Rick Parker on the morning of Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>. Rick is the Fire Management Officer (FMO)



Cory and Justin

on the Lochsa Ranger District in the Clearwater National Forest. As an FMO his job is to supervise and monitor all fires, as well as the fire crews on his district. Part of Rick's job is to decide whether or not to allow a fire to burn or to suppress it. If a fire is allowed to burn freely, it will help the forest ecosystem by allowing fire dependent trees to regenerate on the bare mineral soil. Fire is also beneficial for removing understory vegetation and returning nutrients to the soil. This provides good germination sites for western larch (which are fire hardy) and serotinous-cone pines.

A prescribed burn may be instituted in an area where there is a need for fuel reduction. This decision is made by the FMO of the particular district. Drip torches, Heli (ping pong fireballs), and propane torches are some of the tools used for ignition.

Friday afternoon we traveled north to the restoration nursery at Glacier National Park. The nursery was established in 1987, but funding for the program began in the 1970s. We listened to a presentation about Glacier's restoration program. The main emphasis of the greenhouse is to produce native plants found in the area of a disturbance and replant the site with those species. The workers at the greenhouse document all of the native plants they grow, most of which have seed sources located in the park. We learned how seeds are extracted from the fruits of plants and scarified or stratified to promote germination. Dawn Lang also met us at the greenhouse and gave us information on applying for a summer job at Glacier National Park. Although they do not offer housing, persons that show genuine interest have a good chance of getting hired on either the fire crew, trail crew, or as an interpretive guide.

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We spent a relaxing evening in Columbia Falls and enjoyed the lodging at Glacier Bible Camp.

#### **Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday morning we were greeted at the Glacier National Park Apgar visitor center by Doug Follet. He told us the history of the park, using his many personal experiences including the blister rust eradication program in 1947. He said that bears in the park at one time were an attraction, but then became a nuisance and a liability. He spoke of Glacier losing 26 of its glaciers to warmer temperatures, and how the few remaining glaciers may become snowfields within the next 30 years. Many of the roads throughout the park were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's.

We arrived at Northwest Connections, near Condon, MT late Saturday afternoon. There we met with Scott Tomson, a wildlife biologist for the Lolo National Forest. He discussed endangered species in the western United States.

Scott has much experience with the lynx through a research project he is involved in. He shared with the class various aspects affecting the lynx populations in the area, including habitat loss, prey habitat and population decrease, and human impact. More specifically, he focused on the practice of pre-commercial thinning being detrimental to the habitat of the snowshoe hare, the main prey of the lynx.

Scott also answered general questions about endangered species. Some involved the grizzly bear, various owls, and the bald eagle. This session with Scott enabled the

students to become more aware of how endangered species are dealt with in the western United States, and how the public reacts to new laws and regulations.

One significant aspect of endangered species management Scott addressed was the public's reaction to research. Most residents in areas near possible endangered species habitat are very leery about conducting research. They believe that if the animal is found in the vicinity, new regulations will be imposed, inhibiting their recreational opportunities. Scott explained an educational tactic he is using to convince the public that finding the animal is not a bad event. If the animal is found, it is a good thing, and there is a possibility no new regulations will be imposed. By explaining this to residents, previous misconceptions about the program can be changed.

We also met with Melanie and Tom Parker, co-owners of Northwest Connections. This is an original homestead located in the Swan



Valley. This area is in a snow belt along with a migration link for grizzly bear, deer, coyotes, and other forms of wildlife. Melanie and her husband run Northwest Connections as a conservation business and educational program in rural areas. Tom is an outfitter and

gives guided hunting tours.

Melanie's background is in education; she believes in practical hands-on experience for students. For research projects during the summer and winter they hire local trappers and outdoorsmen who know where and how to find elusive wild animals. They try to involve the local communities in conservation programs that are beneficial to the wildlife communities in the area.

Northwest Connections is involved in several education programs that can be used for college credits through the University of Montana. Some of the programs that exist are Study the Tracks, Snow Camping, and Landscape Livelihood. These camps last as few as 8 days in the spring, and as long as 8 weeks in the fall.

Another project that Melanie has worked on over the summer is a Grizzly census across the Rocky Mountains. If funds are allocated, they plan to continue studying the genetic links of the grizzlies by assembling barbed wire snags to get hair samples for DNA comparison. With the samples they can get the DNA, estimate the number of bears in the area, and track their relationships. She covered a total of 7½ million acres working on the crew, in conjunction with Plum Creek.

We stayed up late at Northwest Connections and listened to Justin Kaskan play guitar by the campfire. Most of the students stayed in the open air attic in the "barn" for the night.

#### **Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday we visited the residence of Bud Moore near Condon, MT. Mr. Moore worked for the US Forest Service from 1934 to 1974. He spent much of his time as a Forest Ranger in the Lochsa area of the Bitterroot Mountains. Before Mr. Moore's time with the Forest



Service, he familiarized himself with the Lochsa area by hunting and trapping as a child.

Mr. Moore lives on an 80-acre homestead that was abandoned by settlers in the Swan Valley area of Montana. Bud's land is bordered on two sides by US Forest Service land, and by Plum Creek Timber Company on the other two. Bud gave us a tour of his buildings and the land he manages. The areas around his buildings are secured with a fireline around the perimeter, which is anchored to a pond. Bud calls his property Coyote Forest.

Bud first showed us his log home that he built out of lodgepole pine. Near his home is another log building, which his office for forest management business is located. Bud also has a small sawmill set up with another handmade log building for drying and storing lumber. He described how he built all the structures in one general area and constructed the entrance to his road so that a minimal area of land was disturbed. Bud uses complete ecosystem management technique in his forestry practices. He says that the biggest problem with modern philosophy is that everything is specialized rather than generalized. Other than just managing for one wildlife species, Bud manages for all species while using the resources on the land for economical purposes. His main perspective is to keep the natural connectivity of the land and its organisms.

Bud Moore is a very knowledgeable and experienced man, as well as a local legend. He has seen the changes in forest practices and the impact that humans have on our ecosystem over the many years of his exploring the land as a woodsman. He is particularly knowledgeable of timber harvesting operations, wildlife management, and the landscape of

the Lochsa area. He also has written a book entitled The Lochsa Story, Land Ethics in the Bitterroot Mountains, which outlines and

cultural resources while providing a place for contemplation. The areas are also a reference resource (for study) where the land has not been



The group with Bud Moore in front of one of his many hand-built log structures

describes his experiences as an early trapper in the Lochsa Valley. He personally autographed each book the students bought, wishing them success in their forestry careers. He seemed to enjoy our interest and questions as much we enjoyed his wisdom and advice.

Sunday evening we met with Kearstin Edwards, the Lead Wilderness Ranger at Powell, to learn about "Wilderness in the West." We were told that there are 4 million acres of wilderness in Idaho, and 3 million in Montana. There are a total of 150 million acres in the United States. These areas were created after the Wilderness Act in 1964.

Wilderness is an area protected from the effects of humans for future generations. These are remote areas where no vehicles or mechanical equipment can be used. Wilderness areas provide recreation and protect ecological resources. They also protect historical and

greatly disturbed by the actions of man. Working as a Wilderness Ranger, Kearstin checks areas where camping occurs often to make sure areas are not overused or damaged, and also helps with volunteer projects. She was very informative in her presentation and played a major part in the planning of our trip.

We spent the evening at Lubrecht Experimental Forest with Dean Perry Brown and Professor Ron Wakimoto from the University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation. They presented information on their baccalaureate degrees and on transferring to the University of Montana.

#### Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>

On Monday morning we visited the headquarters of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) in Missoula, MT. We returned home flying the friendly skies on Delta. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this trip a success! ☺

# Silviculture News: Identification and Management of Invasive Plants

By Mary Ann Fajvan, Forest Science Coordinator

Plant species are considered “invasive” when they successfully become established in locations outside of their native habitat. The Weed Science Society of America recognizes about 2,100 invasive plant species in the United States and Canada. Many of these invasive plants were introduced for horticultural and agricultural purposes without regard for the long-term ecological impacts of removing their natural predators and control agents. Plants become invasive because their ecology favors population increases through strategies such as early maturation, rapid vegetative reproduction, frequent, abundant seed production, longevity of buried seeds and allelopathic characteristics.



A West Virginia University student SAF member assists a landowner with herbicide control of tree-of-heaven that invaded a woodlot after repeated diameter-limit harvesting

Invasive plants can confound our silvicultural efforts because many are either introduced or can expand their site occupancy in conjunction with a disturbance. Dense ground covers of herbaceous forbs, such as, garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata* (Bieb.) Cavara & Grande) and grasses, such as, cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica* (L.) Beauv.) can prevent tree seedlings from germinating. Some vines, such as, English ivy (*Hedera helix* L.) are shade tolerant, regenerate under closed canopies and become adapted to higher light levels with maturity. In addition to amassing in tree crowns, this ivy serves as a reservoir for bacterial leaf scorch that infects oaks, elms and maples. Invasive tree species compete with new seedlings and saplings for site resources and can reduce

species diversity of natives. Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima* (P.Mill) Swingle) is a shade intolerant species but can rapidly invade partially harvested areas through root sprouts and wind/water dispersed seeds. Understory thickets (see photo) and dense stands can form and overtake growing space from native species.

Early detection of invasive plants during forest inventories followed by effective control measures will prevent or minimize the effects of widespread infestations. Most invasive plants are perennials and have extensive root systems and runners. Currently, effective herbicide application offers the best means of containment or eradication although, biological control measures are also being tested for some species.

Several excellent resources are available to assist you in the identification and control of invasive species in the eastern United States. A list of plants and links to other online resources is available at <http://www.invasive.org/weeds>. Several publications are also available online at this site, including:

1. Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests: A Field Guide for Identification and Control. USDA Forest Service. General Technical Report SRS-62
2. Invasive Plants of the Eastern United States: Identification and Control. USDA APHIS PPQ and USDA Forest Service. FHTET-2003-08
3. Biological Control of Invasive Plants in the Eastern United States. USDA Forest Service. FHTET-2002-04

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22-25 2004 SAF Leadership Training Academy  
Nebraska City, NE

31 Deadline for SAF Fellow nominations  
Nomination packets on [safnet.org](http://safnet.org)

### June

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the  
Summer 2004 issue of *Allegheny News*

15-16 SAF 2004 Legislative Days, Washington  
DC. Rita Neznec, 301-897-8720 x115

15-16 Council for Research/Reclamation of  
Disturbed Lands in PA meeting, Jersey  
Shore, PA. Information 570-674-7993

### July

12-17 18<sup>th</sup> North American Forest Biology  
Workshop at Michigan Tech University in  
Houghton, MI. Info at [forestbiology.org](http://forestbiology.org)

### August

4-6 Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting sponsored  
by the West Virginia Division "The History  
of Logging in West Virginia" at the  
Snowshoe Resort near Cass, WV. Ride on  
the Cass Railroad and other events; see  
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### September

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the  
Fall 2004 issue of *The Allegheny News*

### October

2-5 Joint SAF/CIF National Convention in  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

### December

15 Deadline for articles and photos for the  
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### Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

Winter 2005 - Joint Pinchot/NJ Chapters

Summer 2005 - Plateau Chapter

Winter 2006 - Valley Forge Chapter

Summer 2006 - Cancelled because of 2006 SAF  
National Convention hosted by  
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### Future SAF National Conventions

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October 25-29, 2006 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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