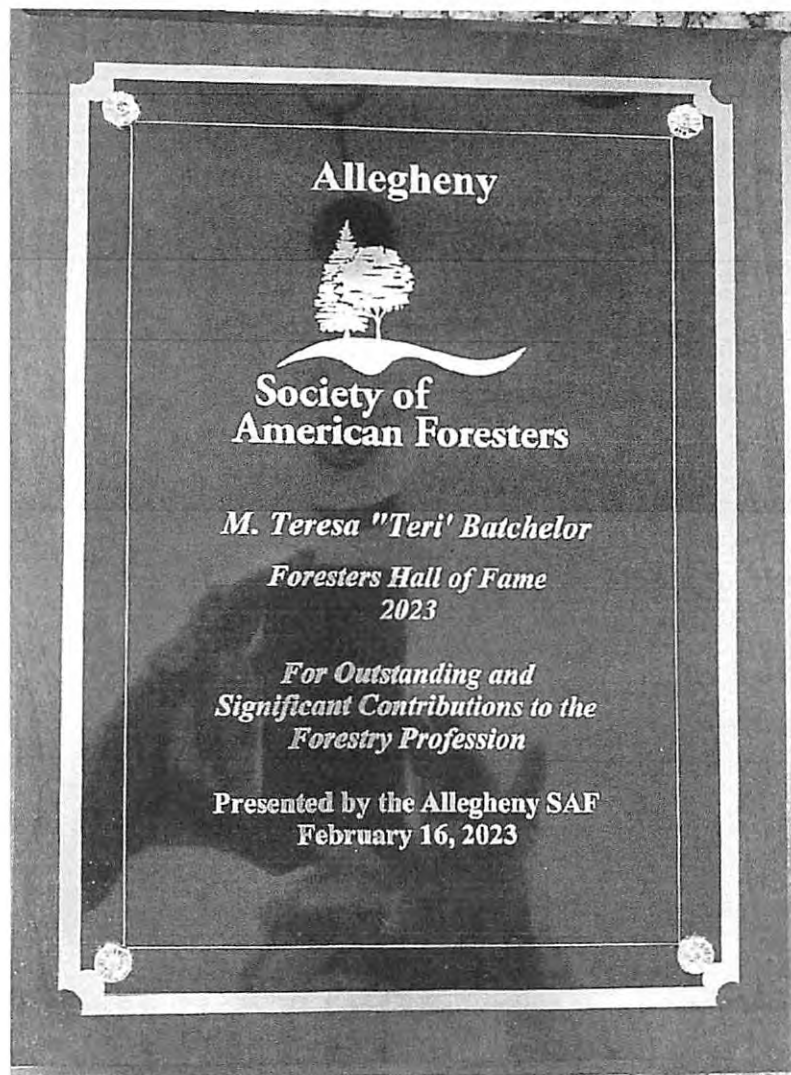


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Cover Photo – Plaque awarded to the family of Teri Batchelor for selection to Allegheny SAF Hall of Fame

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Chair's Corner

Cecile Stelter



As I write this column, there is already a change in the air --- school terms are back in session, leaves have started to change color and autumn harvests have begun. The fall season may be the best time of year to get people to notice and appreciate the work that we do as foresters/natural resource professionals.

There is perhaps no better time to “connect” with people than when they are enjoying nature’s fall palette of colors or perhaps getting out in the forest to participate in the fall recreational opportunities of our Allegheny Region.

As we are all aware, the forests in which we work today, are not products of happenstance, they are a result of management decisions that our forester predecessors made over the past 100+ years. By the time you are reading this article, the summer ANSAF meeting, held at Gifford Pinchot’s Grey Towers in mid-September will be wrapped up, and our time reconnecting with our ‘forestry roots’ will have ended. One of the consistencies that has remained true from the early days of forestry through today is the relevancy of the work that we do. Some of the challenges of forest management may have changed or evolved but the importance of the what we do, to benefit society --- provision of forest products, ecological and biological benefits of forests to health and well-being, opportunities to recreate and enjoy our woods and forests and the economic benefit of our forest industries to local, state and the national economies --- has remained as important and relevant as ever.

As foresters, we have always been part of the solution, but we must resist our introverted tendencies and take a seat at the table, be outspoken about the science behind our planning and management decisions and represent and promote our profession with each public engagement opportunity. SAF has many opportunities to serve your profession and I would encourage you to consider serving at the local, regional, or even national level. Whether you “officially” serve or just support your local chapter or division by your attendance and engagement --- know that you are important to ANSAF and to the profession! Society needs foresters and we need and appreciate the work that you do!

Wishing you all a safe and healthy fall season. Again, thank you for all that you do for our profession.

Teri Batchelor Selected for Allegheny SAF Hall of Fame

Teri Batchelor was the second person that has been named to the Allegheny SAF Hall of Fame. Teri sadly passed away in 2020 and was selected as an SAF Fellow shortly after her death. In February 2023, Teri was named to the Hall of Fame.

Forty-one years ago, none of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources Foresters were women. That all changed on June 13, 1979, when the Maryland Forest Service hired Margaret Teresa "Teri" Batchelor.

Raised in Kent County on the Eastern Shore, Teri always enjoyed the outdoors and decided early in life to pursue a career in forestry. She was undeterred by the fact that in the 1970s, forestry was almost exclusively a male-dominated profession. In high school, she was already breaking new ground when she applied to attend the DNR Forestry Career Camp and became the first female attendee.

After high school she entered the "pre-forestry" program at the University of Maryland, and after two years transferred to West Virginia University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in forestry in 1978.



Her first position with the Maryland Forest Service was managing the Baltimore County Forestry Project, supervising a staff of five Forest Rangers. After successfully working there for more than two years, Teri transferred to the Kent and Queen Anne's County Forestry Project in 1981. The transfer presented new opportunities to grow in her career, and in 1992, Teri became the Upper Shore Project Manager, expanding the geographic area under her supervision to include Caroline and Talbot counties. As Project Manager, she oversaw delivery of all Forest Service programs across this wide swath of the Eastern Shore.

"Teri was outstanding at everything she did," Eastern Regional Forester Matt Hurd said.

Through her career, she planted more than 3,000 acres of new forests—1.3 million tree seedlings. In addition to that, Teri helped hundreds of private woodland owners each year achieve their woodland management goals, whether for improving wildlife habitat or growing forest products. In total, she gave professional forestry recommendations covering over 36,000 acres of woodland in her career.

Sharing her love of forestry with all age groups and interest levels came naturally to Teri. Through local presentations and hands-on workshops she spread the knowledge that trees do more than just provide shade on a hot day, that they clean our air, protect the Chesapeake Bay and prevent soil erosion.



Teri made sure every Arbor Day in the Upper Shore Project felt like a holiday to school-age children, complete with a poster contest and Smokey Bear appearances. Her outreach even caught the attention of the International Society of Arboriculture, earning Teri the prestigious Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Arbor Day Activities.

Teri worked with local officials to participate in national community tree management programs such as Tree City USA. She also served as Executive Secretary of the Kent and Queen Anne's County Forestry Boards. "Teri was a fixture—her experience was unmatched," Kent County Forest Board Chair Andy Simmons said.

Teri's influence spread beyond the Maryland Forest Service. She was active in a number of professional forestry organizations, including serving as a Governor-appointed member of the Maryland State Board of Forester Licensing for 15 years, including 5 years as vice chair. She also served on the Maryland Forests Association Board of Governors for six years as a professional forester representative.

Teri was also a leader in the Society of American Foresters. In 1982, she was first elected to serve on the Maryland-Delaware Executive Committee and continued to serve on the Executive Committee in various leadership positions for the next 38 years. For this career of service, Teri received an honor that very few achieve when she was named a Fellow of the Society of American Foresters in June 2020. Teri is the first and only woman to ever receive this honor in Maryland.

For these amazing contributions, Teri Batchelor has forever made her mark as Maryland's "First Woman of Forestry."



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2023 Summer Training • September 13-15

Grey Towers National Historic Site

Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing • Rte 6 • Matamoras, PA



Our Growth Curve: Beginning from Yesteryear, Challenges of the Present, Strategies for the Future

Program Agenda

Wednesday, September 13

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Optional Hike at Milford Experimental Forest

Additional information will be provided to those who sign up for the hike on the registration form

Location: Best Western, Matamoras PA

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Registration Desk Open

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Ice Breaker / Welcome / Social Reception

**Wednesday Dinner is on your own*

Thursday, September 14

**Thursday Breakfast is on your own. Travel on own or carpool to Grey Towers*

Location: Grey Towers National Historic Site

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration Desk Open - Pool Terrace Pavilion

9:00 - 9:30 AM

Welcome and Introduction from Peter Pinchot - Pool Terrace Pavilion

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Grey Towers National Historic Site Tours - Please come prepared to walk

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch - Box lunch provided, selection on registration form

1:30 - 2:30 PM

History of Ecosystem Management - Pool Terrace Pavilion

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Break - Explore the grounds on own

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Forest Management in a Dynamic Ecological and Social Environment - Pool Terrace Pavilion

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Travel to Lily Pond Pavilion for BBQ (41.359475, -74.854106; Delaware State Forest)

6:00 - 7:30 PM

BBQ Picnic and Fly Fishing Demonstration - Lily Pond, food and beverages provided

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Housekeeping and remarks about next day events



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**Friday Breakfast is on your own or continental at hotel*

Location: Best Western, Matamoras PA

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Allegheny SAF Division Meetings
8:45 - 9:30 AM	Allegheny SAF Business Meeting
9:30 - 9:45 AM	Morning Break - Refreshments available
9:45 - 10:45 AM	Current Market and Timber Industry Trends in PA and the Northeast
10:45 - 11:30 AM	Seeking a Bright Future: Reframing Forestry for the 21st Century and Beyond
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Remarks

Please watch for program updates as we continue to prepare for a great training celebrating our history, considering our challenges, and looking with optimism and hope towards the future!

And don't forget to check out all that Milford has to offer!

*“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future”
Theodore Roosevelt*

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Coming Events

October, 2023

5 Roach Bauer Forestry Forum
Wilcox, PA
Allegheny NF Centennial

November, 2023

15-17 Allegheny/NY/New England
Leadership Academy
Milford, PA

February, 2024

21-23 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting
Red Fern Conference Center
St. Mary's, PA

Summer, 2024

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting
Cacapon State Park
West Virginia

Future SAF National Conventions

2023: Sacramento, CA
October 23-28

2024: Loveland, Colorado

2025: New England

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