



WV SAF Holds Winter/Spring Meeting



Weyerhaeuser Mill Tour

The WV Division of SAF held its Winter/Spring meeting on March 1 and 2, 2023 at Jackson's Mill Conference Center. The theme of the meeting was Technology in Forestry. The first afternoon included a tour of the Weyerhaeuser Mill in Buckhannon followed by a demonstration of forestry measurement products by Brigg Abercrombie of Haglof Inc. Dave McGill made a presentation about the National 4H Forestry Judging Contest held at Jackson's Mill every summer. The Executive Committee also met on Wednesday evening.

Wednesday began with the SAF business meeting and welcome led by WWSAF Chair, Jeff Kochenderfer.

Meeting presentations included:

Using Lidar and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles - Paul Kinder NRAC Project Director
GIS Software and WV GIS Data - Steve Harouff, GIS Manager, West Virginia Division of Forestry
Cruise Control Software Demonstration - Brian Mills, Landmark Forestry LLC
Using Drones for Forestry Work - Rodger Ozburn WV Division of Forestry
Using GIS for Land Surveys - Marshall Robinson, Allegheny Surveys
Forest Service Use and Applications of GIS - Mark Schug, USDA Forest Service
Forest Technology Update: GIS, Drones, LTI Lasers LMSS Next Generation Integrated Spatial Forest Inventory - Mark Books, CF Geospatial Services Manager.

Plans for a Summer/Fall Meeting are underway. A joint meeting with Ohio SAF at Blennerhassett Island is being considered.



*Marshall Robinson
Allegheny Surveys*



*Davis and Elkins
Forestry Students*



*Brian Mills
Landmark Forestry*

<https://www.facebook.com/WVSAF/>

*Please visit and "Like" WV Division of the SAF Facebook page and share it with your friends.
Share your forestry activities and perspectives by commenting and posting.*



We would love to see what you're up to!

As a member of our society, you are encouraged to connect and engage with others through our Facebook page.

***IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE LEAD IN MAKING SURE THAT TIMELY AND INTERESTING INFORMATION IS POSTED TO THE WV DIVISION OF SAF FACEBOOK PAGE AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS, PLEASE CONTACT REXANA MCCOURT AT:
Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com***

[Benefits of being a Registered Professional Forester](#)

Part of the benefit of attending SAF meetings/training is the acquisition of CFE's needed to maintain your registration and/or licensing as a professional forester. In WV it is set out in H.B. 4447 30-19-6 (a) that registration is required "to use the title of "registered professional forester," "professional forester," "forester" or **other title connoting to the general public that the applicant is a registered forester qualified to perform professional forestry services.**"

The requirements and forms needed for registration can be found at:
<http://www.wvlicensingboards.com/foresters/registration.cfm> .

Renewal forms and requirements can also be found using this link. All renewals including CFE requirements are due by June 30th.

NEW LEADERS

Rexana McCourt – Chair

Steve Chhin - Chair-Elect

Jeff Kochenderfer – Past-Chair

Chuck Copeland – Secretary / Treasurer

Barb McWhorter – Communications Chair

Phil Spangler – Member-At-Large

Judson Collie – Member-At-Large

John Holstine – Member-At-Large

Linda Burke – Member-At-Large



From the Chair... Rexana McCourt

For those who don't know me; please let me introduce myself. I'm Rexana McCourt and I'm from and live in Webster County. I went to WVU graduating with a Forest Resources Management degree in 2006. I currently work for Pardee & Curtin Realty managing a tract in Webster, Braxton, and Randolph counties.

My goal as Chair is to help keep our group active. The WV Chapter is the largest group in the Allegheny SAF with 105 members. The average member has 27 years of experience and as a group we have 2,879

years of experience. That's a wealth of knowledge and experiences!

I know it may be hard to find topics to keep everyone entertained and learning, but I will do my best. All that I ask is that we all work together to help with projects. We also need to reach out to our younger members and colleges to help pass on the wealth of information that we have about WV forests, industry, and relationships.

Currently we are looking for someone to be nominated to serve as a member-at-large on the Executive Committee of Allegheny SAF. We are also looking for volunteers for the Scout Jamboree July 19-28, 2023. Please reach out to me or any of our executive committee members if you are interested in volunteering - Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com

Do you want to get more involved?

During the executive committee and business/training meetings many new ideas are discussed.

Are you interested in helping to develop some of these ideas?

If so, contact Rexana McCourt at:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO 50-YEAR MEMBERS

ED KRAYNOK and DENNIS DUNHAM

The WV Division of the SAF recently recognized Dennis Dunham and Edward Kraynok for being 50-Year SAF members.

Dennis Dunham grew up in Eagles Mere, PA. He graduated from Penn State University in 1973 with a degree in forestry. After graduating he started working for Westvaco in Elkins WV, where he would spend the next 30 years working on their properties in that area. After leaving Westvaco, he worked for TimberVest a TIMO with lands across the eastern US. For the last 14 years he has worked as an independent contractor in the gas and oil business in WV, dealing mainly with mineral rights leasing and pipeline right-of-way acquisition, including working with the Mountain Valley pipeline the last few years.



Edward Kraynok graduated Penn State University in 1973. He started his career with the Frazee Lumber Company in Uniontown, PA where he served as forester at the Hacker Valley, WV sawmill, manager of the Hopwood, PA pressure treating plant and forester for the Horseshoe Run, WV sawmill. In 1977 he went to work for Coastal Lumber Company, where he was instrumental in the purchase of the Frazee Lumber Company by Coastal Lumber. He went on to become Land Manager for Coastal Lumber's Appalachian Division, their properties in WV, PA, and MD, in 1979. Ed became Vice president of Coastal Timberland Company in 1996, which managed all coastal timberlands. And he remained in that position after 2004 when the timberland division became its own company, Coastal Forest Resources Company. Ed retired in 2018, with 41 years with the Coastal organization and 44 years in the profession. He also served in various roles in the WV SAF, as a member of the WV Board of Registration for Foresters and president of WVFA. Jeff Kochenderfer recognized Ed with a 50—Year Membership Certificate at the Winter/Spring Meeting.



Engage. Educate. Inspire.

West Virginia has successfully utilized Project Learning Tree within classrooms and group settings since 1976. Project Learning Tree is a nationwide award-winning environmental education program that acts as a “window to the world” to engage children in learning – both inside and outside. Designed for teachers, educators, parents and other community leaders, this program provides professional training, integrated lesson plans and a variety of resources. Individuals participating in Project Learning Tree are professionally trained in effective and engaging methods for teaching youth about the world around them and their place within it.

Children from preschool through 12th grade benefit from the hands-on learning that helps them excel in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Students gain awareness of their surroundings. They learn to think critically and responsibly, and they learn to respect the opportunities our trees and forests provide, as well as the protection they require.

Want to learn more about PLT in West Virginia? Visit the [West Virginia PLT Website](#) and contact:

Linda Carnell - West Virginia Division of Forestry
West Virginia PLT State Coordinator

304-822-4512
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The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame is an incorporated, independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan foundation, devoted to honoring those West Virginians who have made outstanding contributions to the “establishment, development, advancement or improvement” of the agricultural and forestry industries in West Virginia and the nation.



Nominations for 2024 induction to the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame will be due in February 2024. If you would like to nominate someone, the nomination form can be found at:

[2022-AFHOF-Nomination-Form.pdf \(wv.gov\)](#)



**The National Scout Jamboree will take place at the
Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia
from**

July 19, 2023 – July 28, 2023

If you would like to assist with this important educational outreach event, please
contact Rexana McCourt at: Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com

Dr. Dave McGill Recognized as 2022 SAF Fellow



Dr. Dave McGill was elected an SAF fellow last Fall. A 38-year member of SAF, he has served as WV Division Chair and on the Executive Committee. Dr. McGill has also served on the Allegheny SAF executive committee. At the national level, Dr. McGill has chaired the silviculture working group and was associate editor for the Northern Journal of Applied Forestry. Dave earned his undergraduate degree in forestry from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, CA. He went on to earn his MS in Forestry from the University of

Wisconsin and PhD from Penn State University. He started professional career in 1995 with Westvaco corporation in Rupert, WV as a Research Scientist, focusing on hardwood regeneration research. He then moved on to his current job with WVU in 2001 as a Professor/Extension Specialist – Forest Resources Management. As extension forester, Dave has developed several landowner engagement programs, been involved with the National 4-H Forestry Judging Competition and has also organized a series of webinars on various forestry topics. Dr. McGill served on the WV Board of Registered Foresters where he has promoted the forestry profession in the state. Dave also serves as the chair of the WV Tree Farm Committee where he has organized many field trips of forest landowner's property demonstrating sustainable forestry practices. He has also worked with the WV Forest Stewardship Committee to provide funding for forestry practices for private non-industrial landowners. Dave has been very committed to the SAF, always willing to help and promote the SAF to the public at every opportunity. Congratulations Dave!

Are you interested in serving as a
***Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee
of the Allegheny SAF?***

Please contact Rexana McCourt at:
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National 4-H Forestry Invitational

The National 4-H Forestry Invitational is the national championship of 4-H forestry! Each year, since 1980, teams of 4-H foresters from all over the United States have come to Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center to meet, compete, and have fun! The following pages will help your team prepare and register for the competition!



Where: Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center- Weston, WV

When: July 23-27, 2023

Who: High School Students (ages 14-18, must be a 4-H member)



***If you are interested in learning more about the National 4-H Forestry
Invitational,
contact Dave McGill at: dmcgill@wvu.edu***

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR



THEIR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS?



National Awards, Fellow Nominations SAF Introduces Three New Awards

Time is running short to identify and nominate your worthy peers for the service and contributions they provide to the Society and the forestry profession. Nominations are due March 15th of each year. Three new awards have been added to the suite of national awards to provide for recognition of excellence in the areas of student leadership, leadership in diversity, and leadership in employer support. The three new awards are the Diversity Leadership Award, Employer Leadership Award and Student Leadership Award.

Nominations for National Awards

Please contact Jennifer Watson at jwatson@safnet.org with any questions, Additional information about National SAF Awards is available at: [Awards \(eforester.org\)](http://Awards(eforester.org))

Fellows

One of the highest honors for members of the Society, the rank of Fellow is an exceptional recognition bestowed on a member by his or her peers for outstanding contributions and service to the SAF and the profession.

Forest Science and Technology Awards

Award in Forest Science

The Award in Forest Science recognizes distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry.

Barrington Moore Memorial Award

The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry.

Technology Transfer Award

The Technology Transfer Award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension.

Communications Awards

Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award

The Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award

The Hagenstein Communicator Award recognizes an SAF member who leads innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

Professional Development Awards

Carl Alwin Schenck Award

The Carl Alwin Schenck Award recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education.

John A. Beale Memorial Award

The John A. Beale Memorial Award recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society.

Gifford Pinchot Medal

The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry.

Sir William Schlich Memorial Award

The Sir William Schlich Memorial Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry with emphasis on, but not limited to, policy and national or international activities.

Honorary Membership

The Honorary Membership Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

Young Forester Leadership Award

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

Leadership Awards

Diversity Leadership Award

The Diversity Leadership Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement leading to innovative and exemplary diversity and inclusion efforts.

Employer Leadership Award

The Employer Leadership Award recognizes an employer that demonstrates leadership through consistent support of employee participation in SAF and broad engagement in the profession.

Student Leadership Award

The Student Leadership Award recognizes individual student achievement and leadership at the local, regional, or national level.

Presidential Field Forester Awards

The Presidential Field Forester Awards 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 awards are presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award

The Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award recognizes the outstanding SAF student chapter in the nation and its faculty representative during an academic year.

Three student chapters are recognized annually during the SAF National Convention. The first-place student chapter will receive a \$500 honorarium. All three student chapters will be recognized in *The Forestry Source*. The school's department head and/or dean, the university president, and the SAF faculty representative will receive notification of the award.

More information regarding Allegheny SAF Awards can be found at: <http://www.alleghenysaf.org/awards>

Allegheny SAF Awards

The deadline for annual award nominations is December 5.

**Presidential Field Forester
Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry
Forester of the Year
Student Leadership Award**

<https://www.alleghenysaf.org/awards>

Contact: [Kelsey Delaney](mailto:Kelsey.Delaney) at delaneyk@safnet.org or call (866) 897-8720 ext.202.



For Sale - "West Virginia Logging" and "Forester at Home" Prints

"Forester at Home" prints are available from the West Virginia Forestry Association as they have agreed to handle print sales for the WV Society of American Foresters. Unframed: "Forester at Home" are \$85 plus shipping and handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 681-265-5022 or e-mail at wvfa@wvfa.org. In the near future WVFA will also be handling the "West Virginia Logging" prints for \$35 plus shipping and handling. In the meantime, those interested in the "West Virginia Logging" print should contact Charles Copeland at: Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov

WV WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS UPDATE

WV Women Owning Woodlands (WOW) was on hand for the November 18 & 19 Women in Agriculture event at Glade Springs. Barb Breshock and Amy Cimarolli used this opportunity to promote the program among women who are likely woodland owners. It gave those in attendance a chance to learn more about the program, the spring workshop (May 5 – 7) at Watoga (for which the registration will soon appear on the WV Division of Forestry website) and chainsaw safety training workshop being planned for June 10th.



If you, or someone you know, is willing to provide consulting services for small woodland owners, please send contact information, along with the areas served to wvwomenowningwoodlands@gmail.com .



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....



A listing of upcoming state and national training opportunities both in person and online can be found on the SAF Website:

<https://www.eforester.org> Certification and Education > Continuing Education > CFE Event Calendar

Upcoming SAF National Convention

The 2023 National SAF Convention will be held October 25-29 in Sacramento, CA.

“Forestry: It’s in Our DNA” referencing both the proud legacy and the ongoing challenges and opportunities we face.

Submission Deadline for Posters – May 5th

Check out the SAF Website at: <http://www.safnet.org/>



HELP WANTED.....

As the Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc.

Thank you --- Barb McWhorter (mcwhorterbarb@gmail.com)