

Summer/Fall 2023 Newsletter



WV SAF Holds Summer/Fall Meeting



The WV Division of SAF held its Summer/Fall meeting on September 28 and 29, 2023 in the Parkersburg area. Attendees met at the Island Belle Sternwheeler and rode to Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park where they visited a Black Walnut Plantation and talked about veneer in this historic year-old 80+ black walnut planting, reflected on the “nurse tree effect” in a new experimental plantation, and hear from the WVDOF about some of the WV big tree measurements that have been taken on the island. The Executive Committee and Social Hour preceded a dinner cruise on the Island Belle Sternwheeler.

Friday’s meeting at the Grand Pointe Conference & Reception Center began with the WV SAF Business Meeting and welcome led by WWSAF Chair, Rexana McCourt.

Meeting presentations included:

Bluesource Carbon Management - Israel Golden, Bluesource Sustainable Forest Co.

Oil & Gas in WV - Jeff Brown, Pardee Resources Company

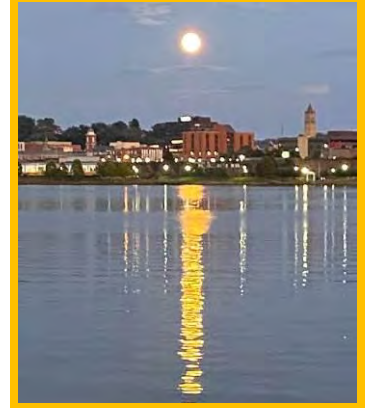
Ohio River National Wildlife Refuge - Michael Schramm

Managed Timberlands Program Online - Jeremy McGill, WV DOF

Impacts of forest management on Carbon Sequestration and Storage - Steve Chhin, WVU

Forest Farming - Elizabeth Moss, WVSU Extension Service

Plans for a Winter/Spring Meeting on March 7-8, 2024 in Summersville, WV are underway.



Eleven students from the WVU Chapter of SAF attended the meeting



<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.

Do you want to get more involved in WV SAF?

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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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



LEADER SPOTLIGHT –



Chair-Elect -Steve Chhin

Dr. Steve Chhin is an associate professor in the Forest Resources Management program in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources at West Virginia University and specializes in the area of quantitative forest management. Prior to joining WVU in December 2016, Dr. Chhin was on the faculty at Michigan State University and also provided outreach and leadership by serving as the President of the Michigan Forest Foundation. Dr. Chhin received his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta which is located in western Canada near the Rocky Mountains.



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

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The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame



Congratulations to the 2023 class of the WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

First Row: Michelle Crawford Miller (daughter of enshrinees Jim and Enid Crawford, Jim Foster, Arthur Mouser
Second Row: Bill Crawford, Martha Crawford Snider, Mindy Crawford Double (children of enshrinees Jim and Enid Crawford, Jewell Plumley, Larry Six, Joseph McNeel Not Pictured: Anna Mouser
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 \(wv.gov\)](#)



Over 15,000 Scouts, representing all states and US Territories attended the National Scout Jamboree that took place at the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia from

July 19, 2023 – July 28, 2023

WVDOF Foresters partnered with the WV Division of SAF and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to offer a stamp for the Conservation Trail where scouts could earn a patch once all stations were visited. Activities were also available to help scouts earn a forestry merit badge.





2023 National Christmas Tree

The 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree has been selected from the USFS Monongahela National Forest. In November, the 63-foot Norway Spruce will make its way from West Virginia to Washington, DC, with a series of events in communities along the way. Handmade WV ornaments and a tree skirt will adorn the tree at the Capitol.

Between November 4th and 17th, local communities will welcome the tree. Well-wishers can see the wrapped-up tree on its trailer, sign large banners on the truck sides, learn about the Monongahela National Forest, purchase US Capitol Christmas Tree merchandise and enjoy the holiday spirit.



Photos: USFS

The schedule of tour events includes:

- **Saturday, Nov. 4**, 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Elkins Depot Welcome Center (315 Railroad Ave, Elkins, WV 26241)
- **Sunday, Nov. 5**, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Summersville Arena and Conference Center (3 Armory Way, Summersville, WV 26651)
- **Monday, Nov. 6**, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mitchell Chevrolet (400 8th St, Marlinton, WV 24954)
- **Tuesday, Nov. 7**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tamarack Marketplace (One Tamarack Place, Beckley, WV 25801); 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. WV State Capitol Complex (1716 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston, WV 25305)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Former ACF Industries Parking Lot (3rd Avenue 22nd and 24th streets, Huntington, WV 25703)
- **Thursday, Nov. 9**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. White Palace at Wheeling Park (1801 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003)
- **Friday, Nov. 10**, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 84 Lumber (3208 Earl L. Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26508)
- **Saturday, Nov. 11**, 11:00 between a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Operation Welcome Home at Mylan Park (452 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown, WV 26501); 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. West Virginia University at Downtown Morgantown (243 High St, Morgantown, WV 26505)

- **Sunday, Nov. 12**, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Swilled Dog/Raymond’s Gymnastic Center (28 Industrial Park Road, Upper Tract, WV 26866)
- **Monday, Nov. 13**, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Davis Yard (533 William Avenue, Davis, WV 26260)
- **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. WV Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (301 E Main St, Romney, WV 26757)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center (146 Buffalo Dr, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425)
- **Thursday, Nov. 16**, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Joint Base Andrews (Base only)
- **Friday, Nov. 17**, Delivery to West Lawn, U.S. Capitol Building

Festivities are free and open to the public for all to enjoy. Tour dates and locations are subject to change at any time. Monitor www.uscapitolchristmastree.com/calendar for updates. Beginning November 4, the tree’s journey can be tracked online at capitoltreetracker.com, hosted by Spireon, a Solera solution.

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 21-25, 2024

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

Unframed "Forester at Home" prints are available for \$50 plus \$10 for shipping and handling. Unframed "West Virginia Logging" prints for \$30 plus \$10 for shipping and handling are also being offered. Soon the WVU Student Chapter will be handling online sales of these prints, but in the meantime, those interested in purchasing them should contact Charles Copeland at: Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov

WV WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS UPDATE



Members of WV Women Owning Woodlands recently attended a tour of the Crawford Tree Farm in Marion County, led by retired WVDOP Forester, Juergen Wildman (center)

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 Conferences/Meetings

SAF Rising Professionals Conference – February 6-9,2024, Baton Rouge, LA

WV SAF Winter/Spring Meeting – March 7-8, 2024 – Summersville, WV

WV SAF will be hosting the Allegheny Chapter for the Summer/Fall Meeting
Sept. 25-27, 2024 – Cacapon State Park

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)