

## West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

### Winter/Spring 2024 Newsletter



## ***WV SAF Holds Winter/Spring Meeting***



The WV Division of SAF held its Winter/Spring meeting on March 7-8, 2024 in Summersville. On Thursday afternoon, attendees met at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center and travelled to Calvin the Appalachian State facility. They then toured the Columbia Forest Products operation. The social hour, Executive Committee meeting, and dinner were held at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center.

Friday's meeting at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center began with the WV SAF Business Meeting and welcome led by WWSAF Chair, Rexana McCourt.

Meeting presentations included:

***Tethered Assisted Logging*** - Mike Moran, Weyerhaeuser

***An Operational History of the WV State Parks*** - Jesse Anderson, WV State Parks

***WV 2023 Forest Fire Season*** - Jeremy Jones, WV DOF

***Monongahela National Forest*** – Jeff Kochenderfer, US Forest Service

***What's Happening at WVU – an Update*** - Joe McNeel & Jason Hubbard, WVU

***Nicholas County 4-H Forestry Club*** - Amy Walker, 4-H Extension

***WV SAF will be hosting the Allegheny Chapter for the Summer/Fall Meeting -  
Sept. 25-28, 2024 – Cacapon State Park.***



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<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](mailto:Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com)***

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## **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 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## **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:**

[Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com](mailto:Rexana.McCourt@pardee.com)

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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 –

### Secretary/Treasurer – Chuck Copeland

*Long serving WV SAF Secretary/ Treasurer, Chuck Copeland, was recently elected to the position of Member-at-Large of the Allegheny SAF.*

CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK!

## WV SAF will be hosting the Allegheny Chapter for the Summer/Fall Meeting

Sept. 25-28, 2024 at Cacapon State Park

Rooms will be from \$109-\$169 per night.



*Plans are currently underway and more information will be made available as meeting details are finalized. Current plans include:*

*Open bar Wednesday evening.*

*Breakfast pastries and fruit - Thursday and Friday.*

*Lunch of sandwich, chips, and cookie - Thursday*

*BBQ - Thursday evening - Honey BBQ Chicken, BBQ ribs, hot dogs & hamburgers*

# The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

## WV 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 2025. If you would like to nominate someone, the nomination form can be found at:***

[2022-AFHOF-Nomination-Form.pdf \(wv.gov\)](https://www.wv.gov/2022-AFHOF-Nomination-Form.pdf)

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## WV SAF Members Provide Tree Farm Program Training

WV SAF members, Dave McGill and Jim Mitchell, provided Tree Farm Program training on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The sessions were held at Coopers Rock State Forest and Charleston. The purpose of the training was to certify Tree Farm inspectors and provide information on the latest American Tree Farm System Standards.

WV SAF also provided a donation toward the lunches provided at these sessions.



Photos provided by Rudy Williams, WVDOF

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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 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](mailto:dmcgill@wvu.edu)*

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**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## Fellows

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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

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### 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

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### 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

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### **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

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### **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

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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

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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.

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

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## 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](mailto:Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov)



# WV WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS UPDATE

*Fellow WV SAF members, registration for the WV Women Owning Woodlands weekend workshop (April 12 – 14) is now open. If you have a friend, family member, or landowner you work with who may be interested, please let them know about this event. Thank you and happy spring! – Barbara Breshock*

*Come join us to learn about tending your woodlands!*

## **WOMEN OWNING WOODLANDS (WOW) WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

At the beautiful  
[Watoga State Park & Calvin Price State Forest](#)  
in Pocahontas County  
April 12 – April 14, 2024

**At this workshop you will:**

- Walk in the woods with other women woodland owners to identify common trees
- Explore ways to make a woodland more attractive to wildlife
- Learn about resources available to help you nurture your land
- Discover forest ecology and the complexities of managing forests
- Find out how to enhance the value of your woodland for timber & non-timber products
- Take a trip to watch wildlife in their native habitats



The Women Owning Woodlands Weekend at Watoga registration will be posted at:  
<https://wvforestry.com/landowner-assistance/>

**Questions: contact Barb or Amy at [wvwomenowningwoodlands@gmail.com](mailto:wvwomenowningwoodlands@gmail.com) or call WV DOF (304) 256-6775**



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

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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

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## ***Upcoming SAF Conferences/Meetings***

**SAF National Convention – The Resources We Manage**

**September 17-20, 2024 – Loveland, Colorado**

***Are you interested in speaking at the 2024 National SAF Convention***

***The SAF Call for Proposals is now open. The deadline for all proposal types – except posters – is March 29<sup>th</sup>***

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

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## ***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](mailto:mcwhorterbarb@gmail.com))***