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## A note from the Director

The health impacts, uncertainty, and economic turmoil from Covid-19 are changing everything. Though I choose to focus on the hopeful signs of the positive effect of social distancing, vaccine development, and creative community support, there is no getting around that this pandemic is changing lives and work.

It's no surprise that the articles in this issue tackle the impacts of the pandemic. Read how the [Guild is finding ways to help us all stay connected and hopeful](#). For those of us living in fire-adapted ecosystems the start of [fire season brings increased responsibilities to preparing our homes and families for wildfire and preventing human-caused ignitions](#). Just like most organizations, the pandemic has forced some changes to the Guild's work to support the FSC controlled wood standard.



Wishing you good health, bright spirits, and strength.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zander".

\*Photo by Greg Iffrig.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

## Connecting our community

*Written by Colleen Robinson.*

No matter how you are weathering the current world-wide storm, we all can benefit from community now. The Guild is a powerhouse when it comes to like-minded forestry and allied professionals providing a strong, supportive community that can pull together and support each other. We are working hard to find ways to help us all stay connected and hopeful. But something even bigger exists here, and we see it in the Guild history we celebrate now in our organization's 25th birthday year. From these like-minds and yet varied perspectives, we can create something new. Solutions, support, or perhaps even a meaningful shift of the status quo.



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# Fire response during the Covid-19 Pandemic

*Written by Sam Berry.*

First responders from every jurisdiction are making plans for how to fight wildfires while keeping firefighters safe and healthy this year during the Covid-19 pandemic. While there are changes in store for all agencies, the local firefighters at volunteer, city, and county fire departments, that we rely on for most fire suppression near homes, may be the most impacted. Most importantly, while our first responders do everything they can to suppress wildfires, it's even more important than normal for all of us to do what we can to set them up for success. We can assist firefighters by preparing our homes and our families for



wildfire and preventing human-caused ignitions. On the Guild's new Wildfire Resilience and Covid-19 webpage, we list several news articles and resources about how firefighters and agencies are preparing.

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## Continued work to support FSC controlled wood standard

*Written by Zander Evans.*

The Guild is working with FSC certified companies from across the country to share information about the importance of old growth forests, biodiversity in the Klamath-Siskiyou Region, bottomland hardwood forests, mixed mesophytic forests of the Appalachians, and the threat posed by conversion of forest to other uses. We have recently expanded our education and outreach efforts, including hosting an array of webinars on these topics. Resources are collected on our website's pages for these topics. We've produced handouts for the FSC companies as well. As companies share these with clients, procurement foresters, and landowners, they'll be sharing our vision for ecological forestry.



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## MPC Update

Like most of us, your Membership and Policy Council representatives are busy re-directing, or finding new ways to accomplish the same goals. They definitely have your interests and well-being in mind and wish you all the best. [Read the April 2020 MPC Update.](#)

## Celebrating the Guild's 25 years...

[Registration is open for our 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering](#) in August! We're excited and hopeful to see you later this year!

And, before the next e-newsletter arrives in your inbox, our celebratory spring issue of the Forest Steward magazine will be mailed to members. Happy birthday, Guild!

Some new photos are available on our [anniversary webpage!](#) Remember to offer up your own reflections, photos, and other celebrations to share. Email [colleen@forestguild.org](mailto:colleen@forestguild.org).

## Upcoming Events

Want Forest Stewards Guild members to know about an event? Have a 2019 Guild Gathering site or project idea? Let us know! Email [colleen@forestguild.org](mailto:colleen@forestguild.org).

April 15 - Aug	Online course	<a href="#">Northeast Silviculture Institute for foresters available online</a>
April 20-June 12	Online course	<a href="#">Adaptation and Practices online course</a>
April 21	Webinar	<a href="#">Virtual Guild Gathering - share stories and ideas of adaptation and resilience</a>
April 22	Webinar	<a href="#">Communicating with Landowners about Oak Forest Resiliency</a>
Apr 25 & May 2	Webinar	<a href="#">Women's Chainsaw Safety Fundamentals two-part, interactive webinar</a>
April 28	Webinar	<a href="#">Unlocking Carbon Markets for Family Forest Owners in the PNW</a>
April 29	Webinar	<a href="#">Southwest Fire Season 2019 Overview and 2020 Outlook</a>
May 6 and June 3	Webinars	<a href="#">Forest Climate Working Group Learning Exchange Series</a>
May 7	Webinar	<a href="#">SCGIS: Lessons learned from the front lines of climate change</a>
May 15	Belchertown, MA	<a href="#">Foresters for the Birds training</a>
May 21	Webinar	<a href="#">Forest Birds. #6 in the Forest Adaptation Webinar Series</a>
June 25	Webinar	<a href="#">Regeneration issues. #7 in the Forest Adaptation Webinar Series</a>
June 27 - 28	Springvale, ME	<a href="#">Women's Chainsaw Safety Course</a>
August 20 - 22	Asheville, NC	<a href="#">Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!</a>
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	<a href="#">Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains</a>
<b>Postponed</b>	TBD	<a href="#">Mountain Cover Forest Management and Conservation in the Central Appalachians</a>
Coming...TBD	Webinar	Wildlife Forestry in Bottomland Hardwood Forests
Coming...TBD	Webinar	Ecological Forestry in Mountain Cove Forests of the Appalachian Region
<b>Rescheduled...TBD</b>	Corvallis, OR	<b>Save the date!</b> 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! More details soon.

## Welcome New Members

Professional members

Tommie Herbert, The Forestland Group	Durham, NC
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## Student members

Marlon Andrew, College of the Atlantic	New Canaan, CT
Lily Bennett, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
Rebecca Bland, Yale University	New Haven, CT
Makayla Corrigan, College of the Atlantic	Narragansett, RI
Kiernan Crough, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
Hannah Darrin, Yale University	Hague, NY
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Seth Inman, Yale University	New Haven, CT
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Reid Lewis, Yale University	New Haven, CT
Isidora Liliana Muñoz Segovia	Bar Harbor, ME
Eliot Nagele, Yale University	Lawrenceville, NJ
Hugo Navarro, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
Danielle Parker, College of the Atlantic	Monmouth, ME
Alexander Percy, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
James Puerini, Yale University	New Haven, CT
Michael Storace, Yale University	Nashua, NH
Daniel Tomlinson, Paul Smith's College	Keuka Park, NY
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Abbey Warner, Yale University	Walnut Creek, CA
Allegra Wiprud, Yale University	New Haven, CT

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Zander Evans, Forest Stewards Guild	Santa Fe, NM
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## Organizational Sponsors

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## How to help

Thank you to those who have helped us with our 25th Anniversary Challenges! Set up [auto-renew](#) when you renew your membership (goal: 25% of memberships on auto-renew), or set up [monthly giving](#) when you donate (\$25 monthly recurring donations put you in the Stewards Circle level, but no amount is too small). These tools help save the Guild administrative costs. As always, you can also: become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) today! In fact, a [donation](#) at any level directly supports our forests. We also welcome professional and affiliate [members](#) who advance the stewardship of forests across the landscape. If your membership isn't current, **renew or join today to receive our May birthday issue of the Forest Steward magazine!**

You can also support the Forest Stewards Guild by shopping on [Amazon Smile](#) for any holiday gifts you cannot buy locally. And, share our [GuideStar Profile](#) with anyone looking for an upstanding charity.

## Notes

**Longtime beloved Guild member Peter Bundy died on April 5, 2020.** Peter was a discerning forester and creative author. This most recent book was released at the end of 2019 ([read a review here](#)).

**The Guild signed onto letters in support of the Joint Fire Science Program to the Senate and House, 2020**

**Read our Gulf Corps partner's newsletter.** Complete with job opportunities, updates, and other stories.

Have notes you'd like to share with fellow Guild members? Contact Colleen Robinson, [membership@forestguild.org](mailto:membership@forestguild.org).

## Publications and Research

***Climate Adaptations in the Northeast's Forest Products Supply Chain.*** This recent report describes specifics of climate impacts and adaptations for three links in the Northeast's forest products supply chain.

***Challenges, tactics and integrated management of emerald ash borer in North America.***

***Forests: Carbon sequestration, biomass energy, or both?***

***Long-Term Greenhouse Gas Benefits from Salvaging Dead Trees Balance Short-Term Excess Emissions.*** This is a piece by the New Hampshire Agricultural Research Station, highlighting work by the Guild's own John Gunn.

***Carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits of preserving forests in the western United States.***

## Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include an [Associate Director](#) and [Senior Analyst](#) for NewForests in CA and MORE!

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