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A note from the Director

The Forest Stewards Guild has always acknowledged the intricate connections – ecological connections that link all species in the forest and economic connections that link forest products and ecological forestry. The Covid-19 pandemic underscores how we are all connected. We are concerned about all who face this disease, particularly the most vulnerable and those working on the front lines to care for others. Covid-19 will have long-lasting impacts both directly and indirectly as the economic impacts continue to reverberate. As the Director-General of the World Health Organization said "The days, weeks, and months ahead will be a test of our resolve, a test of our trust in science, and a test of solidarity."



We are [doing what we can to reduce spread](#). At the same time, there is so much to do for forests and communities, we are diving into projects that don't require working face-to-face.

I hope it is a welcome change of topics to delve into this issue of *Across the Landscape* highlighting stores of [exceptional Guild women in forestry](#), [the Guild's collaboration on fire science](#), and [mitigating the impacts of smoke from fires](#). There are [new publications](#) to read and [changes to up-coming events](#).

In these stressful times I'm thankful to be part of the Guild community that fosters resilience and connections.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zander".

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Collaboration to advance fire science and practice

Written by Zander Evans.

The Forest Stewards Guild has worked with the Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) for more than a decade and our collaboration has grown from one research project to a nation-wide engagement on outreach, education, research, and policy. The federal agencies involved with wildfire response and fire management created JFSP to solve the pressing fire research questions land managers asked. JFSP has taken seriously the need to engage scientists and managers in two-way dialog. This two-way connection between science and management mirrors the Guild's approach to science-based stewardship.

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HEPA Air Cleaner Loan Program – Helping communities be more prepared for smoke

Written by Sam Berry

Since 2018 the Forest Stewards Guild has been running a HEPA Air Cleaner Loan program in Northern New Mexico to support individuals during smoke impacts from fires. Although at first glance this seems like a program that a public health organization should take on instead of a forestry-oriented one, it fits perfectly into our mission of building Fire Adapted Communities, that guides most of our work in the Southwest. Our long-term goal with this program is to assist communities that live in fire adapted forests to be prepared to deal with smoke from these fires as well.

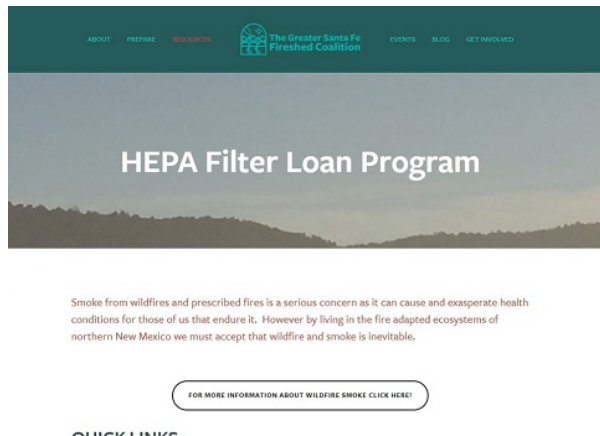
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Celebrating two Guild women in forestry during Women's History Month

Interviewer: Colleen Robinson.

Two women, Amanda Mahaffey and Barrie Brusila, who have been critical to the success of the Forest Stewards Guild, will be receiving awards in the near future for their outstanding work in forestry. The New England Society of American Foresters will share their own announcement and we don't want to steal their flame. Instead, as we prepare to celebrate several individuals and their contributions to forestry and forestry programming, this article takes a closer look at how, not surprisingly, these women are both Guild members and have shared values that prove essential for our world.

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Celebrating the Guild's 25 years...

We've announced the dates and location for our first 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! [Check out the details](#) so far on our events webpage. We're so excited to see you later this year!

This month's Founder's Essay is by Robert Perschel. Enjoy! Remember to offer up your own reflections, photos, and other celebrations to share on our [anniversary webpage](#)! Email 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.

March 26	Webinar (11a MT)	Conversion from Forest to Non-Forest

Postponed	Cedar Mtn, NC	DuPont State Recreational Forest Learn and Burn
April 3	Proposals due	National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference runs Aug 31 to Sept 4
Postponed	Lyman, ME	Women's Chainsaw Safety Course
May 16	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference
Postponed	Morgantown, WV	Workshop focused on ecological management in central Appalachians hardwood coves.
August 20 - 22	Asheville, NC	25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry.
October 8 - 9	Corvallis, OR	Save the date! 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! More details soon.

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Liz Thompson, Vermont Land Trust	Richmond, VT
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Student members

Jacob Craver, Paul Smith's College	Lisle, NY
Gregory Davis, Paul Smith's College	Gloucester, MA
Mackenzie Merbach, Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches, TX
Emily Nelson, Paul Smith's College	Paul Smiths, NY
Matthew Wedge, Paul Smith's College	Verona, NY

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How to help

Please help us reach 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 the Guild redirect time and resources from administrative tasks to work we all want to see done on the ground. As always, you can also help in these ways: 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.

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

How The World Of Building Materials Is Responding To Climate Change. Our friends at New England Forest Foundation and others were featured on Science Friday discussing carbon sequestration and future uses for forest products.

Longtime Guild member Darcie Mahoney, receives lifetime achievement award!

The New Mexico Out of School Time network is posting resources for meals, childcare and activities. You may find it useful, please pass on to your communities as well.

**Have notes you'd like to share with fellow Guild members? Contact Colleen Robinson, membership@forestguild.org.
Publications and Research**

Social Vulnerability and Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

Forest Management for Carbon Sequestration and Climate Adaptation. A number of Guild members are authors on this article, which cites past Guild research and highlights the Foresters for the Birds program.

Monitoring Update: Restoration Objectives in the Zuni Mountains CFLR Landscape. This update synthesizes Chris Guiterman's analysis of forest overstory data from permanent plots in the Zuni Mountain CFLR Landscape.

Federally protected lands reduce habitat loss and protect endangered species. Significantly greater habitat loss occurs on private lands, indicating a need for more uniform conservation efforts.

Insights and Suggestions for Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Programs. The Guild's Intermountain West Manager, Meg Matonis, published a new report that delves into how certified prescribed burn manager programs can provide training and expertise to private landowners, contractors, non-profit employees, and others who are using prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels and restore ecological health.

Jobs

Wow - something for almost everyone this month! Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include [Forest Stewards Youth Corps Crew Member and Crew Leader positions](#) in NM, several positions from [Limited Term](#) to [Career Executive](#) levels at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, a [seasonal Crew Leader](#) in VT, a [Forester](#) for the state of Utah, an [Executive Director](#) of Maine TREE Foundation, a [Postdoc and a PhD RA](#) for wildfires and WUI at the University of Wisconsin Silvics Lab, a [Tribal Forest and Fire Project Manager](#) in CA, two Assistant Fire Manager positions with the Washington Dept of Natural Resources in [Dayton](#) and [Husum](#), a [Master's of Science Assistantship](#) at the University of Georgia, and MORE!

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