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## A note from the Director

This is not a time to stay silent. The grave injustices and racism in our country demand a response. Read a statement from Zander Evans on [Racial Justice and the Role of Socially Responsible Forestry](#).

The Guild's members, board, staff, and Membership and Policy Council are all thinking about what we, as individuals and as an organization, need to do to help overturn systemic racial injustices. [The Guild is working to take concrete steps to address inequity in our work](#). Making forestry, conservation, and land stewardship more diverse and inclusive will take all of us, and we welcome your ideas and feedback.



The Guild has always recognized that the social and the ecological are inseparable, as our student member Hanusia Higgins notes in her [article on saving hemlocks](#). We also know that the more holistic our community is, the better we can serve the forests and all who depend on them. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership recently! If you haven't already, [please do so now](#), as this membership year ends next week. We welcome many new members this month and offer all the best to our own [Nick Biemiller, whose partnership with the Guild will continue to be valued as he moves to new opportunities](#). We thank you all for your presence in this community and look forward to hearing your ideas for future virtual and on-the-ground [events](#) and [publications](#).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Zander".

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### NEWS FROM THE FOREST

## Helping hemlocks, helping humans (student voice installment #2)

*Written by Hanusia Higgins, Guild student member.*

Last year, I served as an AmeriCorps member with the Hemlock Restoration Initiative of WNC Communities in Asheville, North Carolina. This program's mission is to protect and preserve the hemlock trees of western North Carolina from a devastating invasive pest: the hemlock woolly adelgid. I got to monitor for adelgid-eating beetles, educate landowners on how to save their trees, and treat hemlocks with chemical insecticide to protect them from the adelgid. One experience that stands out most is treating the majestic hemlocks of Violet Hill Cemetery. The fates of



hemlocks and of humans are inextricably intertwined. These trees provide us with clean air, cool water, and countless other services. In return, we unknowingly introduced a pest that may lead to their demise, but we may also be their only chance at survival.

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## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and the Guild

*Written by Corrina Marshall and Leonora Pepper*

At the Forest Stewards Guild, our staff is reckoning with our country's violent history and taking a hard look at the ingrained and systemic racial injustices present in our field. From their respective (home) offices in Colorado and Massachusetts, Corrina and Leonora reflect on how the Guild is responding.

Last week we heard from Zander on Racial Justice and the Role of Socially Responsible Forestry. Concurrently, Guild staff members also put our heads together to define some areas for action. We are currently working to define the action steps—for both the short term and the sustained long term—by which we believe we can have the greatest impact.



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## New opportunities, new connections

*Written by Zander Evans and Amanda Mahaffey*

As many of you have heard, Nick Biemiller has transitioned from the Forest Stewards Guild to the Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society (RGS/AWS). We are fortunate to have a great staff at the Forest Stewards Guild, and while we would like to keep all our energetic, enthusiastic, and effective staff, change is inevitable. In fact, supporting staff in new endeavors has helped the Guild grow. Nick's move, for example, opens up a golden opportunity to build new partnerships.



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## Celebrating our first 25 years...

We have announced that our 25th anniversary Guild Gathering event in Asheville, NC is postponed until 2021. More details will be shared soon about that. Meanwhile, we are still celebrating! Please visit our [25th anniversary webpage](#) and help us virtually gather by sharing your stories, quotes, photos, and more. You can email [membership@forestguild.org](mailto:membership@forestguild.org) to submit thoughts and contributions to this page. Also, we are accepting ideas for an alternative celebration that we can still safely have this year, online, on the phone, in print, or otherwise. Please send your ideas our way!

## Upcoming Events

Want Forest Stewards Guild members to know about an event? Have a 2020 Guild Gathering site, webinar, or project idea? Let us know! Email [colleen@forestguild.org](mailto:colleen@forestguild.org). Also, check out our **new webinar library** of recorded webinars you may have missed!

Now thru July 31	Via email	<a href="#">Call for Presentations for NM Wildland Urban Fire Summit</a>
Now thru Aug 1	Online Materials	<a href="#">Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters available online – 40% off for Guild members!</a>
June 25	Webinar	<a href="#">Regeneration issues. #7 in the Forest Adaptation Webinar Series</a>
July 22	Webinar	<a href="#">Managing Emerald Ash Borer and Climate Change</a>
July 29	Wautoma, WI	<a href="#">Sustainable Forestry and Managing for Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species</a>
August 7	Morgantown, WV	<a href="#">Mountain Cove Forest Management and Conservation in the Central Appalachians</a>
August 22	Webinar	<a href="#">Forest Adaptation Webinar Series Forum</a>
<b>Rescheduled to 2021...</b>	Asheville, NC	<a href="#">Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!</a>
October 6 - 10	Luxembourg	<a href="#">ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg</a>
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	<a href="#">Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains</a>
<b>Rescheduled...TBD</b>	Corvallis, OR	Innovative Forestry Summit and 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering!
September 18, <b>2021</b>	Centerville, PA	<a href="#">Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference</a>

## Welcome New Members

### Professional members

Sarah Ford, Butternut Mountain Farm	Stowe, VT
Maren Granstrom, University of Maine	Orono, ME
Wayne Glenn, Elk Valley Forestry Association	Belfast, TN
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy	Brainerd, MN
Logan Johnson, University of Maine	Calais, ME

### Student members

Trestan Bryant, Sul Ross State University	Chester, TX
Kate Jones, North Carolina State University	Cary, NC
Virginia Samons	Rockford, IL
Brittany Wienke, Yale School of Forestry	New Haven, CT

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## Organizational Sponsors

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## How to help

**Please renew your membership by June 30, 2020** for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 if you haven't already. Prompt renewals save the Guild a bundle in administrative time and expenses. You can help us more confidently plan for the future too if you set up [auto-renew](#) on your membership or [monthly giving](#) when you donate (\$25 monthly puts you in the Stewards Circle, but no amount is too small). As always, you can also: become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) today! A [donation](#) at any level directly supports our forests. We welcome professional and affiliate [members](#) who advance the stewardship of forests across the landscape. If you currently have a gift membership, or are not a member, please [join](#) today! If you haven't renewed yet, please [renew now](#).

**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

**Thank you to all who have renewed for 2020-2021.** Renewals are due by June 30th. Please let us know if we can help you complete your renewal online, over the phone, or by mail. Just email [membership@forestguild.org](mailto:membership@forestguild.org).

This month we are launching an **Oak Resiliency Tool Kit** as part of a 3-year project on Increasing Resiliency in Southern New England's Oak Forests. The tool kit includes resources for outreach and communication with landowners, field tools, wildlife resources, and relevant research to support foresters and natural resource professionals in building oak forest resiliency. We continue work on this....stay tuned as it grows!

**The 2020 Call for Nominations for the FSC US Board of Directors is now open!**

Nominations and seconds are due by Sunday, June 21.

**Two new position statements are available this month from the Guild:** a letter in support of the Great American Outdoors Act and Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Rural Resilience & Recovery Policy Recommendations. Check them all out on [our policy webpage](#).

**Don Handley, a longtime Forest Stewards Guild member, died in December at the age of 90.** Guild members will remember his passionate conversations about the need for more Guild-style forestry in South Carolina, where he practiced forestry for over 60 years. He lived a pretty incredible life that is worth celebrating as we look back on 25 years of the Forest Stewards Guild. [Read more about Don from a few Guild members.](#)

**Public and private foresters in the northeast region: The University of Vermont is conducting a survey** to understand the current status of forestry practices used when managing maple forests. The purpose of this study is to conduct a multi-state survey of northeast public and private foresters to understand current status of forest management related to maple sap production. Survey results will be compiled and summarized to help educate interested stakeholders as to best practices. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose to withdraw at any time. If you take part in the survey you will be asked to complete the following online (or print survey). The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to request a printed hard copy you can contact Mark Isselhardt at (802) 899-9926 or [mark.isselhardt@uvm.edu](mailto:mark.isselhardt@uvm.edu) to have a copy sent to you. All information collected about you during the course of this study will be stored without any identifiers. If you have any questions about this study contact Mark Isselhardt at the following phone number (802) 899-9926. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact the Director of the Research Protections Office at (802) 656-5040.

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

## Publications and Research

*A cost-effective field measurement protocol to support lidar-assisted carbon monitoring programs.*

*Fostering collective action to reduce wildfire risk across property boundaries in the American West.*

*Disturbance-based silviculture for habitat diversification: Effects on forest structure, dynamics, and carbon storage.* Managing for bird habitats improves forest heterogeneity while maintaining high carbon stocks.

*Outdoor Recreation and New Mexico's Economy.* New Mexico's outdoor recreation industry supports \$1.2 billion in income and 33,500 jobs, helping diversify the state economy and improve quality of life.

*Strategies for Increasing Prescribed Fire Application on Federal Lands: Lessons from case studies in the U.S. West.* This new publication highlights the Guild's work.

## Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include a [graduate research assistantship](#) in MS, a half-time [Program Director](#) in VT, a [Special Projects Forester](#) and a [Fire Management Officer](#) in NM, [Forest Stewards Youth Corps Crew Members](#), and a flexible but leadership position in southern Colorado, and more!

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