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A note from the Director

Summer is in full swing. It may not feel that way with the pandemic gaining force in hotspots across the country, but forests are flourishing.

There is so much to do, so much to learn. In this issue of *Across the Landscape*, we highlight stories about learning, re-learning, and putting forward ambitious plans. The next generation of forest stewards is addressing climate change through a better understanding of the diversity of stakeholder experiences, needs, and motivations. The Guild staff is investing time to re-learn about the places we work on through the lens of racial justice. Guild partners and members at NEFF have launched an ambitious plan to connect climate-friendly wood products for construction with a sustainable local wood supply. There are more opportunities to learn online and interesting publications than ever. Our membership is growing and membership renewals are pouring in (if you haven't renewed, please do so now). Thank you for your partnership, your support, and all you do for our forests.



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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Climate Change in Maine's Forests – A Graduate Project (student voice installment #3)

Written by Alyssa Soucy, Guild student member.

In Maine, the forest industry contributes to the state's economy through job creation and social well-being. Impacts from climate change require the use of adaptation strategies to ensure the future of Maine's forests. As part of my masters, I sought to understand perceptions of climate change impacts and adaptation among forestry professionals, as well as assess vulnerabilities to climate change in the state.

Specifically, there was growing concern regarding insects and pathogens, extreme rainfall events, shifts in forest composition, invasive species, and changes in forest growth. Despite this, there was hesitancy to formally incorporate climate change into the forest management planning process due to uncertainty in climate change impacts and barriers to adaptation. Results of this research are being



used to consider outreach strategies to communicate adaptation and help influence best management practices to cope with climate change impacts.

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Forest-to-Cities Climate Challenge of NEFF

Written by Jennifer H. Shakun, NEFF

We are in the midst of an important national conversation about the role of forests in climate change mitigation. It often centers on the perceived tension between the role of forests as a natural mechanism for carbon capture and storage, and their role as a source of renewable raw materials. Of course, with the right management approach, it is possible to achieve both of these goals on portions of the forest landscape.

Truly sustainable solutions must recognize how our natural, economic, and socio-political systems are interconnected. It is in this spirit that New England Forestry Foundation launched the Forest-to-Cities Climate Challenge (www.ForesttoCities.org). The effort brings together a broad array of stakeholders from different segments of the value chain.



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Re-learning our regions through the lens of racial justice

Written by Corrina Marshall

The Forest Stewards Guild has mentioned our intentions to better learn about our respective regions that we work on through the lens of racial justice. We have outlined the information we would like to learn and share with each other, our members, our partners, and the public. In the Intermountain West, we are beginning that work by learning about the indigenous history of the land where our office is and where we work to promote prescribed fire as a tool for ecologically minded land management. We read *People of the Poudre*, an ethnohistory on the different indigenous histories in the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area. This area has a deep indigenous history and historical accounts of the area teach us not just about the human history of this landscape but reaffirm how the ecology of the area has changed due to European settlement here.



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

We have confirmed the same venue for our rescheduled [25th anniversary Guild Gathering event](#) in Asheville, NC. The new dates are August 19 - 21 and more details are coming soon. 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 to submit thoughts and contributions to this page.

Upcoming Events

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

Now thru July 31	Via email	Call for Presentations for NM Wildland Urban Fire Summit
Extended thru Aug 31	Online Materials	Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters available online – 40% off for Guild members!
July 17	Webinar	State of Montane Conservation and Management in Maine
July 22	Webinar	Managing Emerald Ash Borer and Climate Change
July 23	Webinar	Restoring resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies in complex terrain: the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership
July 29	Wautoma, WI	Sustainable Forestry and Managing for Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species
August 7	Morgantown, WV	Appalachian Cove Virtual Series - The effect of timber harvest on the growth of American Ginseng
August 13 (new date)	Webinar	Communication for Climate Change Adaptation (formerly "webinar series forum")
Sept 14 - 17	Virtual	National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference
Sept 24	Webinar	Physiological Response of Trees in Maine Mountain Forests to Climate Stress
October 6 - 10	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains
Rescheduled...TBD	Corvallis, OR	Innovative Forestry Summit and 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering!
Aug 19 - 22, 2021	Asheville, NC	Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!
September 18, 2021	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Robert Addington, The Nature Conservancy	Boulder, CO
Chris Coxen, National Wild Turkey Federation	Aberdeen, NC
Sara Kelso, Delta County Conservation District	Gladstone, MI

Affiliate members

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Molly Anderson	Gresham, OR
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How to help

We are now in a new membership year (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021). If you haven't yet [renewed](#), doing so as promptly as you are able is an excellent way to help. 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), and give extra peace of mind. 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 for your membership renewals for the 2020-2021 membership year! If you haven't yet renewed, perhaps you prefer to do so by mail. You are in luck because we will be sending renewal reminder letters soon! If you don't mind online renewal but just haven't gotten to it yet, please do as soon as possible and we can spare your mailing. Also, we are happy to help anytime! Renewal online, over the phone, or by mail can be fast and easy. For help email membership@forestguild.org.

The Guild joins outdoor industry leaders pledge to be inclusive. The Outdoor CEO Diversity Pledge connects leading outdoor brands with inclusion advocates to advance representation for people of color across the industry. We're focused on enhancing representation across staff and executive teams, media and marketing, and athletes/ambassadors. By building a relationship of support, empathy and understanding, versus external skepticism and internal stress, we're moving the outdoor industry towards authentic inclusion.

The Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters is available online for Guild members at 40% off! This offer has been extended until the end of August for Guild members. Check out this series of 5 two-day graduate-level training sessions for northeast foresters. Receive forester credits while staying safe at home. Click the link above for details and the promo code.

Covid impacts policy, regulation, and markets. Learn more with a **subscription to the Forest and Markets email list**. An example from a recent email is the announcement of a new podcast from the Western Governor's Association on the *Next Generation of Rural*.

Lomakatsi Restoration Center will continue the legacy of the Northwest Forest Worker Center serving hundreds of forest workers throughout California, Oregon and Washington with resources and counsel around safety and workplace rights.

Understanding Forest Carbon Management is an intensive, online short course from Michigan State University designed to provide a robust introduction to the benefits of forest land management specific to carbon while offering clear action paths.

Maine Audubon has posted a webinar recording on Forestry for Maine Birds, co-hosted by the Guild. Also see their **video shorts** introducing Forestry for Maine Birds (scroll to bottom of that page).

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

Publications and Research

Burning Without Borders: Cooperatively Managing Wildfire Risk in Northern Colorado, mentions the Guild, and is one in an entire Fact Sheet Series they have put out this year.

Finding common ground: agreement on increasing wildfire risk crosses political lines. "Decision makers have an opportunity to engage diverse stakeholders in developing policies to mitigate increasing wildfire risk without invoking climate change, which remains politically polarizing in some communities."

Bioregional Assessment of Northwest Forests, USDA.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the job opportunities in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include two graduate research assistantships in MS and SC, the Chief State Forester in WI, a Regional Plant Pathologist USFS outreach notice in WI, a Forester in NH, a Lead Ecological Forester in OR, 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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