

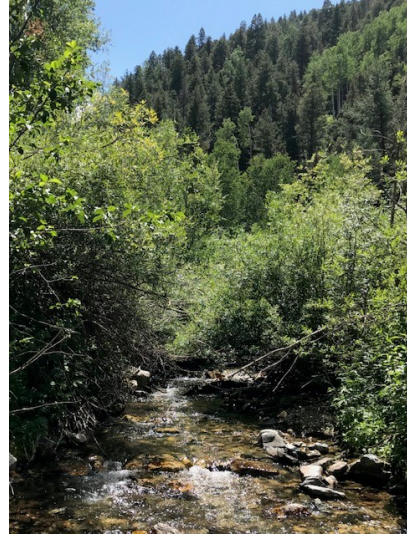


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## A note from the Director

2020 continues to be a struggle from climate change aggravated fires across the west to the ongoing pandemic. To stay optimistic, I focus on where we're making progress and the good work getting done in the forests. Even during a pandemic, the Guild was able to safely provide [summer jobs in conservation to rural New Mexican youth](#) and a [great office intern](#). We've welcomed [Dr. Jen Chandler](#) to our Southeast office and she's already presented for one of our [virtual events](#). Guild members continue to do [innovative work in the woods](#) and on [forest policy from Canada to New Mexico](#) (if you want to get involved in policy with the Guild consider [being part of our Membership and Policy Council](#). Nominations will be accepted soon). Our strong [membership renewal](#) response and donations show that Guild members are committed to this community, optimism, and continued work to put the forest first!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Chandler".



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### NEWS FROM THE FOREST

## Forest Stewards Guild: A view from Canada

*Written by Oliver Ray Travers.*

The COVID 19 virus is sending a message that humanity is putting excessive stress on nature. Conventional forest management based on assumptions of ecological stability and long-term predictability, no longer serve as the conceptual foundation for forest policy and practice. In central British Columbia, Canada there was a major mountain pine beetle epidemic 2003 to 2016. Combined with large-scale clearcut salvage logging, the results are numerous, unintended ecological, economic, social, and cultural consequences.



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## Welcome Jen Chandler, Guild Southeast Region Manager

*Written by Jennifer Chandler*

The thing that drew me to the Forest Stewards Guild was its vision of “ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry as the standard...” These words resonate with me and have formed a basis for the work I’ve done in the past, particularly with American ginseng. I feel fortunate to work for an organization that brings together people with vastly different backgrounds from all over the country to work toward a meaningful common goal. My background in ecological research spans from forest ecology work in Appalachia to climate change work in northern Alaska, and these research skills will translate to the active, applied work that I’ll be involved in as the Southeast Region Manager at the Guild.



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## FSYC - A summer of safety

*Written by Tyler Wysner*

The Forest Stewards Guild Youth Conservation Corps, or FSYC, aims to provide valuable field experience for young adults interested in forestry and conservation. In collaboration with the Forest Service, crew members participate in ongoing projects and gain hands-on skills in areas such as trail maintenance, fencing, stand monitoring, and more. Safety is always a top priority for the crews, but this year following safety protocols has taken on a new meaning. The Guild took special care to prepare guidelines and protocols in collaboration with physician recommendations to keep the crews safe and healthy.



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## A budding conservationist

*Written by Tyler Wysner*

I have always been fascinated and enamored by the natural world and how it works. Studying biological sciences enabled me to approach my wonderment of nature with a scientific mindset, and therefore deepen my understanding and captivation by it. I moved to New Mexico from Indiana about 4 years ago after a short visit that left me overtaken by the beauty of the landscape. I fell in love with the open sky, the elegant mountains, and the enchanting forests. It was then that I knew I wanted to be part of the conservation efforts to protect these amazing lands.



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## Celebrating our first 25 years...



Stay tuned this autumn for opportunities to purchase 25th anniversary Guild t-shirts and hats!! Please help us add to our [25th anniversary webpage!](#) We'd love to share your stories, quotes, photos, ideas, and more. You can email [membership@forestguild.org](mailto: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](mailto:colleen@forestguild.org). Also, check out our [new webinar library](#) of recorded webinars you may have missed!

Extended thru Aug 31	Online Materials	<a href="#">Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters available online – 40% off for Guild members!</a>
Aug 22	Clear Lake, WI	<a href="#">Women's Woodland Paddle</a>
Sept 4	Virtual	<a href="#">Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Tom's Run "Field Tour"</a>
Sept 14 - 17	Virtual	<a href="#">National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference</a>
Sept 17	Webinar	<a href="#">Insights for resilient forest landscapes in the Rogue Basin of southwestern Oregon</a>
Sept 24	Webinar	<a href="#">Physiological Response of Trees in Maine Mountain Forests to Climate Stress</a>
October 2	Webinar	<a href="#">Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Invasives Management</a>
October 6 - 10	Luxembourg	<a href="#">ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg</a>
October 12	Webinar	<a href="#">Inclusivity in Cooperative Extension Programming, With an Emphasis on Natural Resources and Climate Change</a>
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	<a href="#">Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains</a>
Nov 6 (tentative)	Webinar	<a href="#">Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Aquatic Biodiversity</a>
<b>Rescheduled...TBD</b>	Corvallis, OR	Innovative Forestry Summit and 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering!
Aug 19 - 22, <b>2021</b>	Asheville, NC	<a href="#">Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!</a>
September 18, <b>2021</b>	Centerville, PA	<a href="#">Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference</a>

## Welcome New Members

### Professional members

Scott James	Loveland, CO
Will Harling, Mid Klamath Watershed Council	Orleans, CA
Andrew McComb, Consulting Forester	Monona, WI

### Affiliate members

Jai Lakshman, Native Development Associates	Santa Fe, NM
Ken Law	Chattanooga, TN
Katie O'Brien	Marquette, MI
Kate Sayles, Northern RI Conservation District	Wakefield, RI

#### Student members

Bradley Coco, Yale University School for the Environment	San Antonio, TX
Nancy Marek, University of Connecticut	Storrs, CT
Ryan Smith	Columbia Cross Roads, PA

### Stewards Circle Donors

Peter Evans	Albuquerque, NM
Scott James	Loveland, CO

Thank you to all of our [Stewards Circle donors](#) for supporting the Guild's work! Stewards Circle donors and their regular support makes a huge difference!

### Organizational Sponsors

Thank you to our [organizational sponsors](#)! Your support is essential to fulfilling our mission of putting the forest first.





## How to help

If you have not yet [renewed](#) for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, please respond to the letter you recently received in the mail. Your prompt response and renewal are an excellent way to help. As always, you can 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!

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, please respond to your mailed reminder letter soon! 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](mailto:membership@forestguild.org).

**At the Guild, we have been diligently working to put our words into actions when it comes to social justice.** In our Southeast office, one of the first steps we have taken is recognizing and acknowledging Indigenous relationships with the landscape. We are working toward incorporating Indigenous Land Acknowledgements into our regional management plans and facilitating conversation about what it looks like to recognize Indigenous relationships with southern forests both historically and presently.

**Introducing the Women's Forest Congress**, a forum to develop strategies and solutions for forests through a female lens.

**Guild member Sarah Deumling has been highlighted** for her forest management that aids in carbon-drawdown.

**Access a survey** to contribute to the first comprehensive global assessment of forest education at all levels, from primary school to university, technical and vocational training programmes, and share the survey with your networks. The survey is led by FAO, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

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

## Publications and Research

**Check out *SilviCast***, a podcast devoted to silviculture: the science, the practice, and the art of forestry.

***The impact of urban sprawl on forest landscapes in Southeast Michigan***. An increase in forested area across the region as a positive finding, this analysis also revealed that the region's forested lands grew increasingly fragmented due mainly to increased urban sprawl.

***Native American Imprint in Paleoecology*** is cited in [this PennState News article](#), which states that "The historical record is clear, showing that for thousands of years Indigenous peoples set frequent fires to manage forests to produce more food for themselves and the wildlife that they hunted, and practiced extensive agriculture."

**Evidence for a paradigm shift in wildfire management** is shown in *2009 Policy Guidance* along with other concurrent advances in fire management that motivated an increase in the number of naturally ignited wildfires managed with strategies other than full suppression.

**Forest density intensifies the importance of snowpack for tree growth**. A new study suggests that future reductions in seasonal snowpack as a result of climate change may negatively influence forest growth in semi-arid climates, but less so in wetter climates.

**Guild member Mark Jacobs has been recognized in a new book on Ecological Silviculture**. The authors include some names familiar to Guild members.

In their ***White Paper: Family-owned Forests and Carbon***, the American Forest Foundation (AFF) has explored how forests, specifically U.S. family-owned forests, can be a significant component to a comprehensive strategy to reducing carbon.

***Expanding the use of prescribed fire in New Mexico, final report***. The New Mexico House of Representatives passed House Memorial (HM) 42 in the 2019 session requesting the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) explore ways to expand the practice of prescribed fire on private lands in New Mexico. The memorial, drafted by the Guild and partners, created a broad working group of experts and stakeholders from across the state, including the Guild, to conduct research and analysis of expansion strategies and to develop a report to the legislature. The memorial identified liability, permitting, training, and smoke as major interconnected issues to be examined by the working group.

This final report was presented to the New Mexico Senate Water and Natural Resources Committee in July 2020. The Guild, the New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council, The Nature Conservancy, and others continue to work with elected officials so that the report's recommendations can be used to create and pass new prescribed fire legislation.

## Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include an [Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager](#) and a [Fire Management Officer](#) in NM, a [Regional Plant Pathologist](#) for USFS in WI, [State Lands Management Forestry Director](#) in Mass., a [Lead Ecological Forester](#) in OR, another [Fire Management Officer](#) in NM, and a [flexible but leadership position](#) in southern Colorado, and more!

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