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A note from the Director

Our thoughts have been with those effected by the wildfires sweeping the western US and in the path of southeastern hurricanes. These disasters only strengthen our commitment to work every day to slow and mitigate climate change which is a key driver of the destruction. [A new addition to the Guild team, Gabe Donaldson](#), is expanding our capacity to respond to the other driver of high severity wildfire by returning good fire to its ecological role. [The Guild is also hiring to expand our work in the Northeast!](#) We're heartened by the next generation and their passion for ecological forestry in [South Carolina](#) and [New Mexico](#).



Though we can't get together in person, our network of members and supporters across the country has provided a source of strength for 25 years, as [Bren Whittaker's reflections remind us](#). If you want to show your pride in our Guild check out the [25th anniversary t-shirts!](#) Professional members who want to get more engaged should [consider running for the Membership and Policy Council](#) and everyone is welcome to participate in the array of virtual [events](#).

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Zander".

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Guild interns at U.S. Fish and Wildlife offices (September's student voice)

Written by Mike Lynch.

The Forest Stewards Guild has partnered with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the last several years to provide students with hands-on experiences to learn how forestry and wildlife management work together on public lands. This position had historically been a 26-week position that was best suited for recent graduates. In 2020, we switched to a 12-week summer internship model which opened the opportunity to current students that were at or near the end of their academic studies. These students are hired by the Guild and based at the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge in McBee, South Carolina. We will be offering this opportunity again as a 12-week position in 2021 and look forward to getting to know another pair of great students like we had in 2020.



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Welcome Gabe Donaldson, to the Guild's fire team!

Written by Gabe Donaldson

My first experience with the Forest Stewards Guild was over two years ago, when I began to rely on the Fire Management Team to help fill critical leadership and operational roles on prescribed fires I was helping to lead or organize. Since then I have watched the Fire Program expand into well-aligned, strategic arenas, maintaining their focus on the Guild's overarching mission and strategy. As a partner to the Guild's work, it has been a privilege to transition from my role as the Colorado/Arizona Fire Program Manager at The Nature Conservancy into a new role as an Assistant Director of Fire Management with the Guild.

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Two FSYC members win North Face Explorer Fund scholarships!

Written by Gabe Kohler

Two individuals from the summer Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) demonstrated excellence in environmental stewardship, career aspirations, and community leadership in their applications to The North Face Explorer Scholarship. Scholarship winners Marisa Armijo and Derek Martinez from the Las Vegas Ranger District FSYC crew will receive \$1100 towards their college tuition and books this fall.

The North Face Explorer fund was created by the well-known outdoor recreation company to build community, connect people to the benefits of outdoor exploration, and empower individuals to be environmental stewards.

These two young individuals have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship through their shared career goal of conserving Fish and Game populations across Northern New Mexico.



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

Limited edition 25th anniversary T-shirts are available now! Order online by October 31, 2020.

Note: these t-shirts are **not** a Guild fundraiser. We are selling them at or very near cost. If you want to wear or gift a Guild anniversary t-shirt, please [buy one or more!](#) But if you are simply looking to support the Guild, a [direct donation](#) is the way to go.

Our own Dakota Wagner designed the art on these t-shirts, depicting various forest types and landscapes where we make a difference. These t-shirts will only be available until October 31, 2020. Choose from three short-



sleeve t-shirt colors and a long-sleeve in bright orange to be noticed in the field. 100% cotton. Order as many as you like and have them shipped directly to you! (Unfortunately, anniversary hats and other items will not be produced, but we intend to have more general Guild products available for purchase in 2021.)

If you cannot order online or need assistance, please contact membership@forestguild.org for help with your order.

Also, we have a new [founder's essay from Bren Whittaker](#) and some additional photos to share on our [25th anniversary webpage!](#) We'd love to share your stories, quotes, photos, ideas, and more. Please email membership@forestguild.org to submit thoughts and contributions to this page.

MPC Update - nominations accepted until Oct 6!

Nominations for next year's [Membership and Policy Council representatives](#) are being accepted now. If you would like to nominate yourself or another current, Professional or Retired Professional Guild member for our November election, please do so by October 6. To nominate someone, contact MPC chair Shane Hetzler at shane@troutmountain.com, or membership@forestguild.org, 505-983-8992 ext. 700 with the person's name. In a difficult year for forests, people, politics, and the world, this is one place where Guild members who are eligible to serve and vote can make a direct difference for forests by doing so.

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!

Sept 22	Webinar	Prospects for Resistance Breeding in Trees
Sept 23	Webinar	Woodland Owner Webinar Series: Forestry and Climate Change
Sept 24	Webinar	Empowering and Engaging Vermont's Women Landowners
Sept 24	Webinar	Efficacy of Post-fire Treatments
Sept 24	Webinar	Physiological Response of Trees in Maine Mountain Forests to Climate Stress
Sept 30	Webinar	Virtual and interactive workshop on prescribed fire in northern Minnesota
Sept 30 - Oct 1	Virtual	Colorado Wildland Fire Conference
October 2	Webinar	Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Invasives Management
October 8	Webinar	Invasive Plants & Their Impact on Wildlife and Landscaping for Wildlife with Native Plants
October 8	Webinar	Cold Hollow to Canada Evening of Story and Conversation
October 12	Webinar	Inclusivity in Cooperative Extension Programming, With an Emphasis on Natural Resources and Climate Change
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains
Nov 6 (tentative)	Webinar	Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Aquatic Biodiversity

November 12	Webinar	Managing Woods and Fields for Wildlife
November 19	Webinar	Fueling Collaboration Panel Discussion Series kick off (fire mgrs and researchers)
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
December 10	Webinar	Human Wildlife Interactions and Identifying Wildlife by Tracks, Marking, and Scat
June 9 - 12, 2021	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg (postponed from Oct 2020)

Welcome New Members (started students for sept)

Affiliate members

Jonathan Brooks, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Westwood, MA
Patrick and Bet Z Smith	Woodstock, CT

Student members

Meredith Bean, Clemson University	Pendleton, SC
Walker Cammack, Yale School of the Environment	New Haven, CT
Jamie Dahl, Colorado State University	Fort Collins, CO
Victoria Peck, Michigan Technological University	Hancock, MI
Sean Sellers, University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation	Sarasota, FL

Stewards Circle Donors

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Phillip Battaglia	Redding, CA
Seth Cohen	Santa Fe, NM
Charles Moreno	Center Strafford, NH

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Organizational Sponsors

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



How to help

Membership: Be sure your membership is always up to date. We are happy to help with [renewals](#) or status checks, and you can also view your membership status online by logging into your membership portal if you've set that up. [Renew today](#) through next June if you haven't already...it's an excellent way to help. Renewal online, over the phone, or by mail can be fast and easy. Email membership@forestguild.org with questions. 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!

Financial support: As always, you can become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) today! A [donation](#) at any level directly supports our forests.

During giving seasons: 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! Your autumn anniversary issue of the Forest Steward will be in the mail before the next e-newsletter! Watch for it in October and enjoy sobering and inspiring insights from Guild members pondering our next 25 years in excellent, conservation forestry. If you have not yet [renewed](#) for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, please [do so now](#) to ensure you receive your autumn Forest Steward magazine. For those of you who read it online, it will be available there and announced in October's e-newsletter too.

The Guild is dedicated to fostering an environment that is sensitive and responsive to issues of harassment, insensitivity, and bullying. As our organization continues to grow, so does our need to develop and implement formal, robust anti-harassment and active bystander curricula. The Guild was recently awarded funds from the Sapelo Foundation to consult with experts as we develop and codify anti-harassment training materials that are applicable across the Guild, from our Forest Stewards Youth Corps to our executive level. Additionally, we will learn to “train the trainers” so that the lessons learned and the curriculum developed can be spread throughout the Guild to ensure long-lasting and far-reaching impacts. This effort represents just one of the many ways that the Guild strives to ensure people feel heard, included, and safe in the workplace.

Clemson University is conducting a survey called Assessing Attitudes Towards Women in Forest Entomology and Pathology. The purpose of this survey is to assess current attitudes towards women in forest entomology and pathology and to identify gaps in support available to women in these fields. All genders are encouraged to complete the survey! Questions or concerns can be sent directly to Jess Hartshorn, Ph.D. at jhartsh@clemson.edu. The survey closes at the end of September

Guild member Lynn Levine has a Woodland Wanderings YouTube series, for those who have trouble getting into the woods.

The Guild's FSYC Coyote Crew Leader, **Selina Chacon, was on the radio** a few weeks ago with New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps executive director Sarah Wood.

Undoing Injustice: Roanoke Electric Works to Empower Black Landowners.

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

Publications and Research

Invasive shrubs in Northeast US forests grow leaves earlier, Science Daily.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include our own Northeast Region Coordinator opening in ME, a Plant Diagnostic Lab Supervisor in MO, a Forestry Office/Accounting Manager in NH, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager and Fire Management Officer in NM, a Forest Ecologist in Maine, State Lands Management Forestry Director in Mass., a Forest Analyst in North Carolina, a Lead Ecological Forester in OR, another Fire Management Officer in NM, an early outreach notice for a Biological Science Information Specialist in WI, and a flexible but leadership position in southern Colorado, and more!

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