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A note from the Director

Fall has come to forests across the country and it's a great time to be in the woods. In the Southeast, we're continuing our work on [shortleaf restoration](#). In the Southwest, we're celebrating the growth of the [next generation of forest stewards](#) like [Chris Martinez](#), who used the Guild's Forest Stewards Youth Corps to launch his career. Across the country, there are great [virtual events](#) including discussions of [deer and regeneration](#), [inclusivity in extension](#), and [managing wildfires for resource benefit](#). The [Membership and Policy Council](#) continues to wrestle with challenging policy questions (like [Managing Plantations with the Guild](#)) and we have a great slate of new candidates to join the council.



We continue to celebrate the Guild's first quarter century. Publication of the [new book on Ecological Silviculture](#) this year is a nice coincidence. [Founding member Jeff Smith](#) shares his [reflections on the Guild](#) on our anniversary webpage. It is your last chance to get the [25th anniversary t-shirts](#)! Our 2020 Annual Review will be in mailboxes next month for current members and donors. If you are a late-in-the-year donor, please consider [donating in November](#) rather than December to save the Guild time and expense on end-of-year appeals and processing.

Thank you all for your work, your perspective, and for being part of this community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zander".

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Shortleaf restoration continues...from a distance.

Written by Dakota Wagner.

Partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Guild has been promoting shortleaf pine habitat restoration on the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee and Kentucky since the Fall of 2019. Our partnerships continue as we build on the work completed thus far: hosting learn-and-burns and other educational events for landowners and practitioners, implementing prescribed burns, and more. Now, the Guild is working with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to produce a shortleaf pine restoration plan for their Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA.



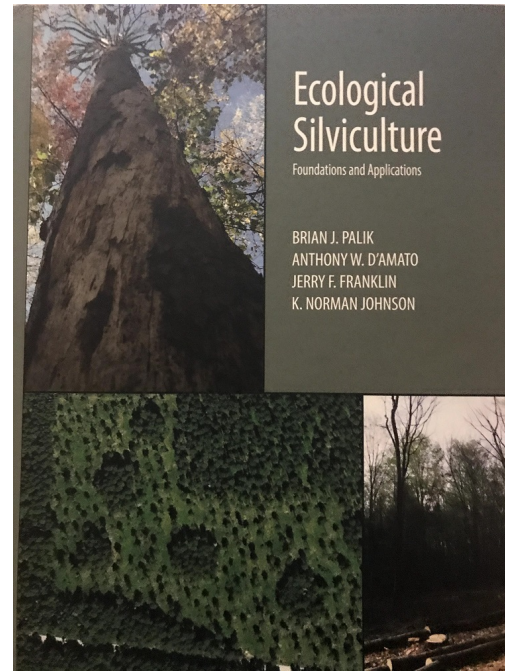
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Ecological Silviculture: Foundations and Applications

Written by Amanda Mahaffey and Zander Evans

In the early days of the Forest Stewards Guild, silviculture was largely seen as a means of maximizing timber production. Today, a new textbook captures the tenets long upheld by Guild members and provides a comprehensive, scientific reference for justifying the holistic approach we take in our work. Furthermore, this text addresses ecological silviculture in the context of today's world of climate change and an ever-shifting forest policy landscape. *Ecological Silviculture: Foundations and Applications* is a worthwhile read for foresters of today and tomorrow.

The book is rich with thoughtful silvicultural approaches and photos from well-managed forests across the country, including examples from Guild foresters.



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Open Doors: An FSYC success story (October's student voice)

Written by Tyler Wysner and Chris Martinez

Many of us have dreams of working in a particular place or doing a particular job, but not everyone possesses the resources or connections to turn those dreams into reality. For Christopher Martinez, the Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) Program opened doors that allowed him to make his dream of working with the Forest Service a reality.

Living in Peñasco his whole life, Chris had the mountains as his backyard. Jicarita and Truchas peaks are among his favorite spots to visit. Growing up with hiking, fishing, and hunting as a central part of his lifestyle, he aspired to work in the Forest Service from the start.

“It was my goal from high school to get into the Forest Service, and FSYC opened that door for me.”



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

Remember to **order** your limited edition T-shirts by **October 31, 2020**.

All orders will ship on October 31 and arrive in mid-November to the address you put into your order.

Note: this is **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. More Guild products will be available for purchase in 2021, without the anniversary design.

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 Jeff Smith](#) 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 for next year's [Membership and Policy Council](#) representatives are finalized. Elections will start in November, so keep an eye out for your voting survey email if you are a current Professional or Retired Professional member. Meanwhile, here is your [October MPC Update](#)!

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!

Oct 1 - Nov 12	Web Series	Post-Fire Webinar Series, Oregon State University Extension
October 20	Webinar	Deer, Invasives, Residual Density and Forest Regeneration
October 20	Webinar	Wisconsin Health Emergency: Communicating Solutions to the Climate Crisis
October 21	Webinar	Newfire, Assessing the work of wildfire and identifying Post-fire Management Needs
October 22	Webinar	Effects of policy change on wildland fire management strategies
October 22 - 23	Online	2020 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains
October 26	Webinar	Inclusivity in Cooperative Extension Programming, With an Emphasis on Natural Resources and Climate Change
October 29	Webinar	Managing Plantations with the Guild: 3 regional examples
November 2	Online course	Adaptation Short Course!
November 6	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)
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)
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

Pete Caligiuri, The Nature Conservancy	Bend, OR
Patrick Conlin, MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Shelburne Falls, MA
Robert Kirmse, World Bank	Santa Fe, NM
Brenda McComb, retired	Philomath, OR

Affiliate members

Aaron Cajero	Jemez Pueblo, NM
Paul Clarke	Jemez Pueblo, NM
Cydney Cornell	East Durham, NY
George Main	Lebanon, ME
Ryan Suazo Hines	Santa Fe, NM

Student members

Kris Brown, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Mariah Choiniere, University of Vermont	Franklin, VT
Daria Etchings, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Kevin Fink, University of Vermont	Montpelier, VT
Oisin Harrington, University of Vermont - Rubenstein School	Middletown Springs, VT
Zoë Lidstrom, University of Maine	Orono, ME
Olivia Lopez, University of Vermont	North Andover, MA
Leigh Siracusano, Appalachian State University	Montvale, NJ

Stewards Circle Donors

Kathryn Fernholz	Crystal, MN
Sally Goble	Cottage Grove, OR
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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!

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





How to help

Membership: Please be sure your membership is always up to date. We can 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. Email membership@forestguild.org with questions. We welcome professional and affiliate [members](#) who advance the stewardship of forests. If you have a gift membership, or are not a member, please [join](#) today!

Donation timing: If you are a regular late-in-the-year donor, please consider donating in November rather than December. This helps us save on annual appeal communications near the end of the year and provides us with an extra sense of security. As always, you can become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) today! A [donation](#) at any level, at any time, 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! If you have not yet [renewed](#) for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, please [do so now](#). The 2020 Annual Review will be in mailboxes for current members in November, and posted online for members who have stated a preference to read it there.

The first draft of Forest Stewardship Council's US National Forest Stewardship Standard (Version 2) is now available for public consultation. You can contribute to the process with [the overview](#) that highlights changes in the standard, and priorities identified by the Standard Development Group, along with a message from the Standard Development Group Chair.

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

Publications and Research

[Reforestation Practices for Conifers in California.](#)

[People, Fire, and Pine: Linking Human Agency and Landscape in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Beyond.](#)

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include [our own Guild Burn Squad](#) positions, a [Biologist/Conservationist](#) in NM, a [Land Manager/Conservation Scientist](#) in FL, a [Research Associate](#) post-doc and a [field technician](#) in MI, a [Forestry Office/Accounting Manager](#) in NH, [Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager](#) and a [Fire Management Officer](#) in NM, [State Lands Management Forestry Director](#) in Mass., a [Lead Ecological Forester](#) in OR, and a [flexible but leadership position](#) in southern Colorado, and more!

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