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A note from the Director

Happy new Year! Though we've started the year mired in political chaos, I'm still optimistic that 2021 will be a good year. In fact, when the news is overwhelming, I find comfort in focusing on the good work happening within the Guild. Every time I get to talk with members on the phone, I'm inspired by their perseverance and creativity. The Guild's [Membership and Policy Council](#) is a great example of our Guild members stepping up to tackle thorny policy issues. All of us have been working to [make our community more welcoming and more diverse](#). Supporting Guild staff in their day-to-day projects is exciting too. We [welcome Logan Johnson](#) to Guild staff and look forward seeing our work expand in the Northeast with his new ideas, strong skill set, and dedication to forests and communities.

2021 looks to be an exciting year – and I'm glad to embark on it in the company of Guild members and supporters! We are here because of you, and we remain grateful for that every day.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amanda".



NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Welcome Logan to the Guild's Northeast staff

Written by Logan Johnson and Amanda Mahaffey

We welcome Logan Johnson, Northeast Region Coordinator, to the Guild staff this month. Amanda says Logan brings the skills and talents needed in this position, but more importantly, he brings a fresh perspective that enhances the Guild team. Logan has a strong sense of place and is passionate about supporting family forest owners and forest-based communities like where he grew up in eastern Maine. Logan says he is excited to join The Forest Stewards Guild because of its broad reach across geography and programs promoting responsible forestry on the ground and as a profession for the next generation of forest stewards.



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DEIJ Commitment at the Guild

Written by Leonora Pepper and Colleen Robinson

The Forest Stewards Guild is committed to supporting Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color in the environmental field. We have formalized some internal changes to make the Guild a more inclusive organization, created spaces for continued conversation and learning, and developed new programs to increase diversity of the Guild's staff. We consider this work to be ongoing here at the Guild, and intend for it to encourage broader movement beyond the Guild toward efforts we feel are critical in our field and society.

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New Year Greetings from the MPC

Written by Alex Barrett, MPC Chair

This is my first update as the MPC chair. I am taking over where Shane Hetzler so ably left off in December after a steady year at the helm on the tumultuous seas of the pandemic, the unprecedented wildfire season, and a forest economy that has been on a wild ride. Thank you for your leadership, Shane. On Tuesday, January 12th, we met for the first time in 2021 to welcome new members, check in on the work from the past year, and plot a course for 2021. I am excited to be coordinating the MPC's efforts as we continue to work on diversity, equity and inclusion, and student engagement, as well as work with the Board and staff on important policy statements around managing plantation forests and fire.



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Upcoming Events

Want Forest Stewards Guild members to know about an event? Have a 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!

Thru Dec 2021	Online Course	An Introduction to the American Chestnut
January 20	Webinar	Tree to Table. #1 in the Local Wood: Grow, Build, Live webinar series
January 21	Webinar	Fire and a Changing Climate – Fueling Collaboration Panel Discussion Series, #3
January 21	Webinar	Blue Behind the Green: Yale Women Leaders in Corporate Sustainability
Jan 25 - Mar 15	Online Training	Adaptation Planning and Practices Training
Jan 29	Webinar	Community Triage: a Panel Discussion on Diversity,

		Equity, Inclusion and Justice in Wilderness Medicine
February 2	Virtual Townhall	Oak Resiliency in Southern New England
February 18	Webinar	Timber Management and Prescribed Fire – Fueling Collaboration Panel Series, #4
February 24	Webinar	Woods to Home. #2 in the Local Wood: Grow, Build, Live webinar series
March 17	Webinar	Forest to Cities. #3 in Local Wood: Grow, Build, Live webinar series
Mar 30-Apr 1	Online Summit	Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit
June 9 - 12	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg (postponed from Oct 2020)
June 15	Online Conf	Northern Hardwood Conference
Aug 19 - 22	Asheville, NC	Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!
September 18	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Tal Jacobs, The Nature Conservancy	Abingdon, VA
Rebecca Terry, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation	Glens Falls, NY

Affiliate members

Nicolas De Alejo, OzoneX Ventures	New York, NY
Eli Sagor, U of MN Sustainable Forestry Education Cooperative	Roseville, MN
Benje Williams, The Understory	New York, NY

Student members

Lewis Campbell, Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
Abigail Ryle, Oregon State University	Olympia, WA
Haile Tanner, Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
Madelyn Thompson, Oregon State University	Albany, OR
Michael Thompson, University of New Hampshire	Boscawen, NH
Luke VanBuskirk, Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR

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Donations are always welcome (and needed): [Donations](#) of any amount at any time transform into direct positive impact in our forests. As always, you can become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) today to help us with the "heavy lifting" of new projects and innovative support for forest stewards.

We support local commerce. For anything you cannot purchase locally, you can support the Forest Stewards Guild by shopping on [Amazon Smile](#). And, share our [GuideStar Profile](#) with anyone looking for an upstanding charity.

Notes

FSC International approved the revised standard for Forest Management Groups (FSC-STD-30-005 V2-0 Document Centre). You can find more information about the revised standard on the [FSC newsfeed](#).

A recently recorded webinar on **Ethno-Racial Identities in Natural Areas Management** from Yale Blue Green is available to watch anytime. Also of interest is the upcoming webinar [Blue Behind the Green: Yale Women Leaders in Corporate Sustainability](#).

Focus Group invitation on Forest Management for Carbon Sequestration in Maine.

Researchers at the University of Maine's Center for Research on Sustainable Forests and Maine Natural Climate Solutions Initiative are inviting forest landowners and managers to participate in a virtual focus group discussion on ways to enhance forest growth and carbon stocks.

NRCS seeks input on NIPF definition. NRCS is seeking input on a proposed new definition of non-industrial private forestland owner (NIPF), which affects who is eligible for USDA funding. Comments are due January 19.

Student opportunity: Conservation Connect Fellowship Program.

If you have notes to share with our readers, please send them to membership@forestguild.org.

Publications and Research

Climate Change Tree Atlas. The update includes newer models of habitat suitability for over 135 tree species in the Eastern US. Parks et al. 2020.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include an [Extension Field Specialist](#) in NH, a [Ph.D. Graduate Research Assistantship](#) in NC, a [Restoration Technician](#) with TNC FL, an Indigenous/Native Partnerships Outreach Coordinator internship in TX, an [Environment and Nat Resources Director](#) with Tesuque Pueblo, and many more!

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