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A note from the Director

Our thoughts go out to those suffering in this cold, snowy weather. For many Guild members, winter weather is a time to get work done – harvesting on frozen soils, burning while it's safe to do so, or planning for field season. We're excited to see planning culminate in the [Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit](#). There are lots of other online learning opportunities in the [events](#) section below. We're also excited to [resume our student voice articles](#) and bring new staff and interns into the Guild. The Guild will be hiring a new coordinator in the Pacific Northwest and the hiring process is still open for a new [coordinator in the Southwest](#). In the Southeast, we're [recruiting interns](#) to work with US Fish and Wildlife. We'll be announcing other opportunities for the next generation of forest stewards in the Southwest and Northeast soon.

As always, none of this would be possible without you. Thank you for your support and partnership.

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



NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Filters in the Forest (February's student voice)

Written by Philip 'Henry' Pitts

It was July of 2020 and I was attempting a through-hike of the Pinhoti, which stretches through the Talladega National Forest to join the southern terminus of the great Appalachian trail in Georgia. Joy Lake, a manmade lake centering a small subdivision on the outskirts Sylacauga, had been my aim all day, with the trusty trail guide announcing in all caps that after this urban watering place there were "NO RELIABLE WATER SOURCES FOR 15.5 MILES !!" I decided I'd rather take my chances with any intermittent streams that might have sprung up after the previous day's showers once I was back in the forest. The concrete jungle that drained the surrounding area of the lake accumulated enough litter, oil slicks, and high levels of suspended sediments that I found myself longing for the restorative filtering efforts of forest litter and soils.

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Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit

Written by Colleen Robinson and Summit organizers

The Pacific Northwest region forestry community benefits from a long, deep, and often underappreciated history of experimentation and innovation in the forest sector. Current challenges call us to better understand both present and past examples of forestry innovation, and to chart a course for improving sustainable forest management through partnerships and problem solving. In response, a group of regional forestry leaders are convening a Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit. This Summit is a venue for regional learning, exchange, and ongoing cooperation to implement ecological forest management strategies. The Summit's programs will focus on sustainable, forest-related innovation – past, present, and future. This marks the beginning of an ongoing, intentional effort to connect, innovate, and uplift each other and our ideas in the realm of forests and forestry in the Northwest region of the U.S.

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Celebrating Guild founding member Mark Andre

Written by Mark Andre and Michael Lynch

Join other Forest Stewards Guild members and staff in congratulating founding Forest Stewards Guild member Mark Andre on his recent retirement from City of Arcata, CA. Mark served the City of Arcata for 36 years as the City Forester and Director of the Environmental Services Department. During his time with the City, Mark managed the 2,500-acre Arcata Community Forest, a Guild Model Forest and well-known west coast example of community-based forestry. He was responsible for doubling the size of the Arcata Community Forest, helping establish the new Humboldt State University college forest, and crafting a working forest management plan that was embraced by the community and enhanced the watershed.

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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
Jan 25 - Mar 15	Online Training	Adaptation Planning and Practices Training
Feb 22 - 26	Webinar	US Forest Service SCIENCEx series focused on invasive species
February 24	Webinar	Woods to Home. #2 in the Local Wood: Grow, Build, Live webinar series
February 25	Webinar	Working Lands for Wildlife
March 2	Webinar	Forest Ecology and Management Webinar Series - Assessing future change in fire risk in NE
March 10	Webinar	2nd in a series on Source Water Protection Through Forestry Partnerships
March 11	Virtual Conf	Trees to Tap: Forest Management and Drinking Water Virtual Conference
March 12	Virtual Conf	Annual St. Croix Forestry Conference
March 17	Webinar	Forest to Cities. #3 in Local Wood: Grow, Build, Live webinar series
March 25	Virt Guild Gath	Northeast Virtual Guild Gathering
Mar 30-Apr 1	Online Summit	Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit
April 1	Webinar	Building Effective Partnerships with Indigenous Communities
June 9 - 12	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg (postponed from Oct 2020).
June 15 - 16	Online Conf	Northern Hardwood Conference
Aug 19 - 22	Asheville, NC	Celebrating the roots of Guild forestry - 25th anniversary celebration!
September	Centerville,	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Garrett Altmann, Santa Clara Pueblo Forestry	Santa Fe, NM
Darren Goodding, U.S. Forest Service	Wenatchee, WA
Mike Smalligan, Michigan Department of Natural Resources	Lansing, MI

Affiliate members

Madeline Scheintaub	Salt Lake City, UT
Christopher P. Roberts, Tennessee Wildlife Federation	Spring Hill, TN

Student members

Benjamin Beiser	Portland, OR
Amber Combs, Oregon State University	Cairo, GA
Haley Harris, University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Jordana Kinder, University of Alabama	Miami Beach, FL
Nora Leonard, University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
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How to help

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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

You are a land steward, by Guild member Madeline Scheintaub, will resonate with Guild members!

This informational video about the risks facing [montane longleaf forests](#) was put together by the Guild and partners at the University of Alabama, Berry College, and Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Did you know that the Forest Stewards Guild partners with agencies to offer internships for students and early-career professionals? We're at it again in 2021. We are currently seeking students or recent graduates to perform forestry tasks alongside U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff. Experiences will vary based on the season. The 12-week position starts May 17, 2021 and is based at the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge, McBee, South Carolina. Additional work occurs at the Pee Dee NWR near Wadesboro, NC. ***Read the full position posting.***

Synthesis resources are available publicly from a national learning group the Guild contributed to, focused on community wildfire protection plans.

The Guild's fire management program is in transition, supporting the launch of new partner The Ember Alliance.

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

Publications and Research

Forest Certification Update 2021: The Pace of Change.

Lower cost and more feasible options to restore forest cover in the contiguous US for climate mitigation. Authors say, "We found up to 51.6 Mha of area in the US to restore forest cover, which is about double the size of Oregon. These new forests could capture 314 MtCO₂ year⁻¹, equivalent to the annual emissions from 67 million cars."

Challenges to the Reforestation Pipeline in the United States. Large-scale global reforestation goals have been proposed to help mitigate climate change and provide other ecosystem services. Additional investment (not included in the reforestation cost estimate) will be needed to expand capacity for seed collection, seedling production, workforce development, and improvements in pre- and post-planting practices. Related: There are up to 133 million acres of opportunity in the United States to restore forest cover for climate mitigation. See <https://www.reforestationhub.org/>

Forests Absorb Twice As Much Carbon As They Emit Each Year. Global maps of twenty-first century forest carbon fluxes.

Doing Work on the Land of Our Ancestors: Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Collaborations in the American Southwest.

Planting Trees to Mitigate Climate Change: Policy Incentives Could Lead to Increased Carbon Sequestration.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include a [Southwest Region Project Coordinator with the Guild](#), a [Guild and FWS intern in SC](#), a [Coastal Region Steward in VA](#), an [Environmental Lands Mgmt Tech in FL](#), a [Partnership Manager](#) and a [Restoration Field Operations Manager in CA](#), and many more!

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