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A note from the Director

Spring can be a time of hope, a time when we feel positive potential. Though we're still wearing masks and thinking about Covid, the roll out of vaccines has me looking forward to when we can get together in person. We're preparing for the field season and recruiting the next generation of stewards for the [Forest Stewards Youth Corps](#) and the Guild's other apprentice and mentorship programs. We're excited to welcome [Maura Olivos](#), the Guild's new Pacific Northwest Coordinator and we're looking forward to the new partnerships and events she'll be putting together.



At the national level, we're excited about the new bi-partisan [REPLANT Act](#) that would increase funding for replanting 1.2 billion trees and create nearly 49,000 jobs over the next ten years. The Guild is exploring ways to engage with other policy initiatives such as 30x30, the goal to protect 30% of our country by 2030.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I feel especially grateful for the contributions women have made and are making to ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forest stewardship. From the national to the local, your efforts to put the forest first feed my spring optimism – thank you!

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

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Bailey J. Kozalla: this month's Student Voice

Written by Bailey J. Kozalla, from Allegheny College

I started my freshman year of my undergraduate program at Allegheny College with a planned major in environmental science with a concentration in forestry during the fall of 2018. There was never really an "ah-ha" moment that triggered my interest in the forestry field, but rather my growing understanding of being a knowledgeable steward of the land brought purpose to my affection for the outdoors. With sustainable management of forests, the



animals and plants that inhabit those forests will thrive for future generations. This virtue of sustainable forestry is what inspired me to be a part of the environmental field.

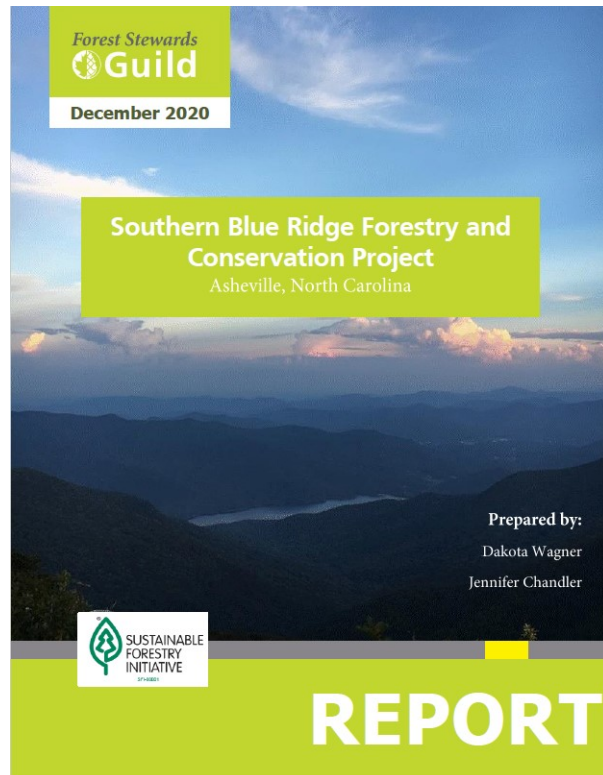
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Conservation Partnership in the Blue Ridge

Written by Dakota Wagner

Forests have a multitude of values including biodiversity, climate mitigation and water conservation, and different stakeholders often prioritize these values in different ways. As a result, the ways in which we approach conservation and responsible forest management varies across the landscape. Incorporating these differing perspectives can require creativity and innovation. In the Southeast, creative thinking led to a partnership between the Forest Stewards Guild and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) who, along with numerous other regional conservation partners, developed a pathway toward ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry and conservation in the Southern Blue Ridge.

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Welcome Maura to the Guild's staff!

Written by Maura Olivos and Zander Evans

When we asked Maura what interests her most about working for the Guild, she said, "The Guild has a variety of fantastic efforts, all of which interest me, and a vision that speaks to my personal and professional goals. Yet, I think within my role for the Pacific Northwest I'm most looking forward to meeting and hopefully connecting with Guild members. The PNW has a long history of forestry, forestry professionals and research, and I really enjoy learning and hearing people's stories. In addition, I'm very excited for the Foresters for the Birds and Women Owning Woodlands programs. These programs will be a great way to both connect with my fellow west coasters and hang out in the woods."



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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
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
April 5 - 9	Webinar Series	USFS ScienceX series on Post-Disturbance Restoration
April 8	Webinar	The Science of Carbon Forestry
April 15, 22, 29	Webinar	The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy: A Practical Toolkit for Forestry (ethics)
April 15, May 13	Webinar Series	Source Water Protection Through Forestry Partnerships
April 20, 27	Webinar	Forest-to-Cities Virtual Conference
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 18	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Matthew Castellon, Alpine Forestry, LLC	Sandy, UT
Stephen Handler, USDA Forest Service and NIACS	Houghton, MI
Sean Hart, Forest Carbon Works	Philomath, OR
Lane Johnson, Uni of Minnesota Cloquet Forestry Center	Cloquet, MN
Wendy Scribner, UNH Cooperative Extension	Dover, NH

Affiliate members

Adam Moore, Sheriffs Meadow Foundation	Vineyard Haven, MA
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Student members

Angela Loewe	Marquette, MI
Leah Snively, Yale University	New Haven, CT

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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

The Guild is hiring an Forest Stewards Youth Corps Field Coordinator! Application deadline is March 31, 2021.

The Guild is hiring a Southwest Region Project Coordinator. Application deadline is March 25, 2021.

The Guild is hiring Crew Leaders and Crew Members for the summer Forest Stewards

Youth Corps 2021. Find out more on our [FSYC Summer webpage](#). Application deadlines are March 29 and March 28, 2021 respectively.

The Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit is coming at the end of the month and planning partners have created a dedicated, online community space to meet, learn from, and collaborate with each other ongoing. If you are interested in innovative forestry in the Northwest Region of the United States and haven't yet registered, please register for the Summit today and you'll be invited to join the community too! Questions? Email colleen@forestguild.org.

Consider advocating for increased federal funding by signing on to this letter if you are so inclined. The Joint Fire Science Program is a key source of research and knowledge sharing.

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

Publications and Research

How climate change and fire exclusion drive wildfire regimes at actionable scales. This new study directly compares the effects of climate change versus fire suppression with dynamic models.

Can Forest Managers Plan for Resilient Landscapes? Lessons from the United States National Forest Plan Revision Process. The Guild contributed to new research on the opportunities and barriers to reorienting national forest management toward resilient landscapes. Learn more in the latest issue of *Environmental Management*.

Women on the Land is a new publication hot off the press from UMass Amherst, Women Owning Woodlands (WOW). This comprehensive publication aims to help women landowners better understand their woodlands and make informed decisions to meet their management goals.

Emergent vulnerability to climate-driven disturbances in European forests. New research shows well over half of Europe's forests are potentially at risk from windthrow, forest fire and insect attacks.

Jobs

So many jobs right now! Check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage regularly. They include a [Southwest Region Project Coordinator with the Guild](#), a [Forest Stewards Youth Corps Field Coordinator](#) for the Guild, [Forest Steward Youth Corps Crew Leads and Crew Members](#) for summer 2021, a [Forestry Specialist](#) in Canada, [8 LTE Forestry Tech positions](#) in WI, a [Fire Suppression Natural Resource Specialist](#) in WA, an [Assistant Professor of Silviculture](#) in ME, an [Entomologist](#) and a [Forest Pathologist](#) in ID, and many more!

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