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A note from the Director

Wow – you all constantly impress me! Guild members’ energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the forest seems to hit new heights all the time. The recent [Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit](#) taught me new ideas, connected colleagues, and re-energized me. Another inspiring story from the Northwest is the [Guild student chapter at OSU](#) and their oak restoration efforts.



The next issue of the Forest Steward coming out in May is focused on students. Also, in this issue we highlight the Guild’s long-term (and successful) effort to [Guild’s long-term \(and successful\) effort to change state prescribed fire policy](#). By sticking to the science, collaborating with partners, and working for the long-term we can make positive change. Thank you for being a part of it!

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

p.s. The Guild is increasing our social media presence to share our work and message more broadly – if you use these platforms please connect with us!

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Building Community through Stewardship: April 's Student Voice

Written by Paul Catinor, OSU

While Oregon is known for its impressive conifers lining the coast and Cascade Mountain ranges, between these lies the Willamette Valley, historically dominated by Oregon white oak. Oregon State University

hosts the first Student Chapter of the Forest Stewards Guild on the West Coast. A fundamental component of the student organization is to provide active engagement in local stewardship projects.

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Supporting Policy Change

Written by Eytan Krasilovsky

The Guild's work in New Mexico dates back more than 30 years and has made significant positive impact on many people, communities, and landscapes. In my time at the Guild, I've been fortunate to learn from Henry Carey and Orlando Romero to carry on their work. When I started in 2005, I never would have imagined being very involved in the development of a new law that has the potential to greatly improve our fire-adapted ecosystems.



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A view from the Summit

Written by Colleen Robinson

The Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit was the first in a hopeful recurring series, highlighting the needs, barriers, implementation, and ideas for "innovative forestry" in the Pacific Northwest Region of the United States. More than 180 people registered for the Summit. This offered a rare opportunity for Summit presenters to reach a broad audience and for participants to connect during and after the event on varied perspectives, leading to rich brainstorming.

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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
April 20, 27	Webinar	Forest-to-Cities Virtual Conference
April 22, 29	Webinar	The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy: A Practical Toolkit for Forestry (ethics)
April 27, 29, May 4	Webinar	Wildlife, Forestry, and Climate Change: An Oak mini-series for forest landowners
April 29	Webinar	Economics of US Forests as a Natural Climate Solution
May 5	Webinar	Converging Policy and Practice: Carbon/Climate/New Directions
May Weds	Webinars	Women on the Land - spring series
May Fridays	Online Training	Audubon Forester Training and Endorsement Program
May 12	Webinar	The Long View: Sustaining Our Oak Forests crowdcast
May 13	Webinar Series	Source Water Protection Through Forestry Partnerships
May 15	Arrowsic, ME	Holt Research Forest Guild Gathering and Service Project
May 18	Info Session	Professionals needed to help students in new ethics class
May 26 - 28	Conference	North American Forest Insect Work Conference - virtual
June 9 - 12	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg (postponed from Oct 2020)
June 15 - 16	Online Conf	Northern Hardwood Conference
June 25	East Charleston, VT	Strategic Wood Addition Training for Foresters/Professionals
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

Thomas Wansleben	Greenfield, MA
Jon Martin, Ecological Restoration Institute, N. Arizona University	Flag, AZ

Affiliate members

Ivan O'Neill, New Forest Solutions	Walla Walla, WA
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Student members

Alissa Freeman, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
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Matthew Penrose, Michigan Technological University	Ishpeming, MI
Anthonette Quayee, Njala University	Paynesville City, AL
Lisa Scott, University of New Hampshire	Dover, NH
Jenn Simons, University of Wisconsin	Madison, WI
Letha Uzenski, APUS	Keytesville, MO
Anna Wemple, Oregon State University	Cottage Grove, OR
Dan Whittet, Harvard University	Berlin, NH

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How to help

Membership: Get a kick start on your membership renewal! Current year memberships expire on June 30, 2020 and we'll be starting to contact you in May about renewals. If you'd like to beat us to it, [renew today](#) and we'll be extra grateful! Email membership@forestguild.org anytime with questions. We welcome professional and affiliate [members](#) who advance the stewardship of forests. If you currently have a gift membership, or are not a member, please [join](#) today!

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

[SUNY ESF's FOR: 421 Practical Ethics for Resource Managers Course needs your help.](#)

Calling all professionals interested in providing a brief amount of time to help review student projects in this course! Please join an information session on May 18 from 8 - 9 a.m. ET to learn about what's needed and how you can help. This is a great way to engage with students later this year.

[Check out the event above](#) for the first in-person Guild Gathering in more than a year in Maine, along with a service project at the Holt Research Forest!

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

Publications and Research

[New study](#) shows warming winters will allow the movement of a broad range of cold-sensitive tropical plants and animals into the Southern U.S.

[Beetle outbreaks have impacted large areas](#) of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico and their effects of these outbreak varied with forest structure and composition.

[New USFS report](#) assesses recent forest disturbance in the Western United States and discusses implications for sustainability.

When Andrew Stillman and IBP field crews tagged fledgling Black-backed Woodpeckers with radio transmitters in the summer of 2016, things did not go as expected. These woodpeckers are post-fire specialists, and in the western US are most frequently found in mixed- or high-severity burned forest. But when the researchers hiked into the center of large burns and turned on their receivers to begin tracking the fledglings, the signals quickly led them right out of the severely burned patches into unburned or less severely burned forest nearby. "We were floored," Stillman said. "We thought that high-severity fire created good habitat for both fledglings and adults, but we consistently found fledglings in areas where plenty of live trees remained after fire."

A new study in the Journal of Animal Ecology shows why fledglings seek out unburned or less burned habitat patches. Read more about it here: [Take Cover: Even a post-fire specialist needs a break from the burn for part of its life cycle](#)

Jobs

So many jobs right now! Check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage regularly. They include a [Conservation Practitioner](#) with TNC in OK, a [Forest Spatial Analyst](#) and [Natural Climate Solutions Forester](#) with TNC in DC, a [Plant Pathologist with USFS in MN](#), a [Senior Manager of Land Protection](#) in CA, an [Entomologist](#) in ID, a [Plant Protection Specialist](#) in MO, and more!

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