

Vermont Guild Gathering @ NorthWoods Stewardship Center
Friday, November 5, 2021
9 am – 3 pm ET

On Friday, November 5, from 9 am – 3 pm, join the Forest Stewards Guild for a Guild Gathering with our hosts, NorthWoods Stewardship Center. The Northwoods Stewardship Center is a Guild Model Forest in Charleston, Vermont, where forest managers enhance wildlife habitat, timber quality, education, and recreational opportunities. There will be a particular emphasis on Climate Change resiliency as NorthWoods Stewardship Center incorporates adaptation planning into their harvests and has installed interpretive signage about climate practices.

All activities will occur outdoors. COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place following CDC guidelines.

Agenda

8:30 am Arrival & Check-In

9:00 am Tour of Demonstration Forest Harvests

During our tour of the Spitzer Demonstration Forest at NorthWoods, we will visit an irregular shelterwood harvest in a Norway spruce plantation (2015), an ongoing group selection harvest in northern hardwoods (2020-21), and a Forestry for the Birds harvest (crop tree release with gap formation, 2013). We will discuss how these varying types of silviculture and harvest operations contribute to NorthWoods' goals for the forest, and how we can adapt to future conditions.

12:00 pm Lunch & Introduction Circles at the Center

Lunch is provided. After lunch, you will participate in a Guild Gathering favorite: Introduction Circles, where members and friends share their stories of finding their way to the Forest Stewards Guild

1:00 pm Recreation Management with a Landscape-Level Lens

During a field walk on NorthWoods recreational trails, we will discuss the uses, impacts, and trail designs that we have implemented, and how these can be relayed to other landowners' projects. We will also discuss how recreation (and other management!) interacts with landscape-level forest values, using the Vermont Conservation Design and Biofinder as a tool for big-picture planning.

Logistics

All Guild members, friends, and forestry students are welcome.

The registration cap is 25 volunteers & the deadline to register is October 29.

Bagged lunch is provided. Please indicate your preference when registering.