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### A note from the Director

This month we feature two stories about supporting and training the next generation of forest stewards: one in South Carolina and one in New Mexico. A key function of the Guild is to foster a new crop of leaders. Another essential function of the Guild is to learn from each other. This month's newsletter is packed with upcoming events - and includes a description of the recent 25th anniversary Guild Gathering in Asheville, North Carolina. If you haven't had a chance to renew your Guild membership - please do it now! We have a lot planned and we need you to be part of it. Later this fall professional members will have a chance to run for a seat on the Membership and Policy Council and you'll want to see the next issue of Forest Steward which will be mailing to members in October.

Thank you!



### **NEWS FROM THE FOREST**

# A Guild Gathering to celebrate a quartercentury

Written by Colleen Robinson

A happy 26th birthday indeed, as 45 people representing every Guild region gathered to teach, learn, acquaint ourselves, and celebrate a common vision that spans across the country through members and partners of the Forest Stewards Guild. In the presentations, field tours, brainstorms, conversations, and more it was evident that the our six principals are alive and well in our Guild community. It feels right to celebrate that. This celebration was a reflection on so much we've accomplished and an inspiration for the future of our effort, our communities, and the forests.



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### Intern Coulter shares what he learned

Written by Coulter Nyenhuis

I'm currently a Masters of Forestry student at Northern Arizona University. I have been lucky to travel all across the United States. This has helped me to appreciate the public lands that provide multi-use opportunities on an array of diverse landscapes. I have always had a passion for conservation and how it ties in with forest management and timber production.

The highlight of my opportunity at the CSNWR was being able to develop my masters project in conjunction with my summer internship.

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## Summer FSYC 2021 wraps up

Written by Miguel Olivas and Leonora Pepper

The Forest Steward Youth Corps (FSYC) summer program provides many opportunities for New Mexico youth ages 16-25. Crew members get ample training in a variety of subjects such as Leave no Trace, CPR and first aid, species identification, trail maintenance, various types of forest monitoring, and more. The 2021 Summer Program consisted of five crews spanning across northern New Mexico and a total of 24 individuals.

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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!

Sept 18	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conf
Sept 21	N Madison Block, CT	Alternative Forest Mgmt Practices: Yankee SAF
Sept 22	Webinar	A path forward: understanding and restoring degraded hardwood stands
Oct 5	Walterboro, SC	Wildlife Forestry in Bottomland Hardwood Forests Workshop
Oct 7	New Salem, MA	Oak Resiliency Learning Exchange
Oct 12	Siskiyou County, CA	California Forest Stewardship Workshop
Oct 26	Webinar	Wildlife Forestry in Bottomland Hardwood Forests Webinar (hybrid event part 1). Save the date.
Oct 27	Webinar	First in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series
Oct 28-29	Bladen Lakes State Forest	Wildlife Forestry Workshop field tour (hybrid event part 2). Save the date.
Oct 29	Bradley, ME	Penobscot Experimental Forest Field Tour
Nov TBD	Western NC	Ecological Forest Management Workshop for Landowners
Nov TBD	Western NC	Aquatic Health and BMPs Workshop for Natural Resource Practitioners
Dec 1	Webinar	Second in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series
Dec 3	Arrowsic, ME	Holt Research Forest Field Tour
Feb 23	Webinar	Third in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series
Feb 24, 2022	Winter Harbor, ME	Scoodic Peninsula Field Tour
Apr 27	Webinar	Fourth in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series
Apr 29, 2022	Rangeley Lakes, ME	Rangeley Lakes Field Tour
June	Luxembourg	Pro Silva Annual Meeting 2022

## **Welcome New Members**

#### **Professional members**

Anne Collins, NRCS	Baraga, MI
Jacob Livingston, Adaptive Restoration	Mt Horeb, WI
John Penegor, Penegor Forestry Services, Inc	Gladstone, MI

#### **Affiliate members**

Danielle Toya	Jemez Pueblo, NM
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#### Student members

Emme Cunningham, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Kinsley Greenlaw, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Eva Kerr, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Melissa Olivar, St. John's University	Astoria, NY
Micah Schmidt, Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
Hailey Stupay, Allegheny College	Shaker Heights, OH

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## How to help

**Membership**: We still have outstanding memberships overdue. If you haven't yet renewed through June 30, 2022, please **renew today**. You won't want to miss our autumn Forest Steward magazine issue, MPC elections for professional members, and a few other initiatives coming this fall! If you need a renewal option other than online, **email us** and we're happy to help.

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! And spread the word to your colleagues.

Donations are always welcome (and needed). You can become an organizational sponsor or join our Stewards Circle today to help us launch new projects and provide 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**

Elections are coming for the Guild's Membership and Policy Council. Current Professional and Retired Professional members can nominate themselves or others in good standing. To nominate candidates, email membership@forestguild.org or Alex Barrett, MPC Chair at alexIbarrett AT gmail.com with your nominee's name by October 8, 2021.

The Guild's **new fire policy statement** calls for stewardship of fire-adapted forests and resilience communities. Given the challenges, how can we achieve these goals? We need transformative action - bold policy action to reduce risks of these catastrophic wildfires. This **Fire Resilience Fact Sheet** offers some concrete recommendations.

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

## **Publications and Research**

The latest **National Woodland Owner Survey analysis** was published this year, revealing the majority of forest land in the U.S. (about 60%) is privately

owned. It also offers a deep-dive into family forest ownerships with over 10 acres of forest land. The most common reasons for owning family forests are "To enjoy beauty or scenery," "To protect or improve wildlife habitat," "To protect nature or biological diversity," and "For privacy."

*Use of Good Neighbor Authority Across the West:* An overview of the authority and its legislative history, followed by a review of the current use on Forest Service-managed lands. Topics covered in this report include commercial and non-commercial activities accomplished through the authority, management and use of GNA timber sale revenues, and state contributions to Good Neighbor projects.

### **Jobs**

The best way to stay current on forest stewardship jobs the Guild knows about is to visit our jobs page regularly. On the page now is: a Director of Stewardship and Restoration and a Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor in CA, a Community Engagement Specialist in NM, a Forest Health Specialist for USFS in AZ, a Senior Burn Crew member in NC (deadline today!), a Biometrician Analyst in ME, a Forester/Forestry Associate in Maine, and more!

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