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A note from the Director

The [story of Gloria Brown](#), trailblazing forester and author of *Black Woman in Green*, inspires reflection. The forest stewardship profession looks different than it did when the Guild was founded in 1995. Today, our [Membership and Policy Council](#) represents greater diversity, united in service to Guild members through thoughtful engagement.



Our work in ecological forestry has evolved into a partnership to promote [wetland forest conservation](#) on private lands in Georgia. Our University of Alabama student chapter is [celebrating the sciences](#) by teaching the concept of phototropism. In pausing to consider how plants bend toward the light, I think about how we, too, are innately wired to grow onward and upward through all the challenges that foresters like Gloria Brown faced. Our duty as forest stewards is to the forest, but it is also to help the next generation of forest stewards reach for the sunlight.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Amanda'.

Amanda Mahaffey, Deputy Director

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Highlighting Author and Icon Gloria Brown

Written by Maddie Eberly

Gloria Brown was the first African American woman to hold the position of a forest supervisor with the United States Forest Service (USFS), running the Siuslaw and later the Los Padres National Forests. Throughout her career, Brown was a catalyst for change and a genuine icon in USFS. Brown credited her career to all the relationships made and people met along the way.



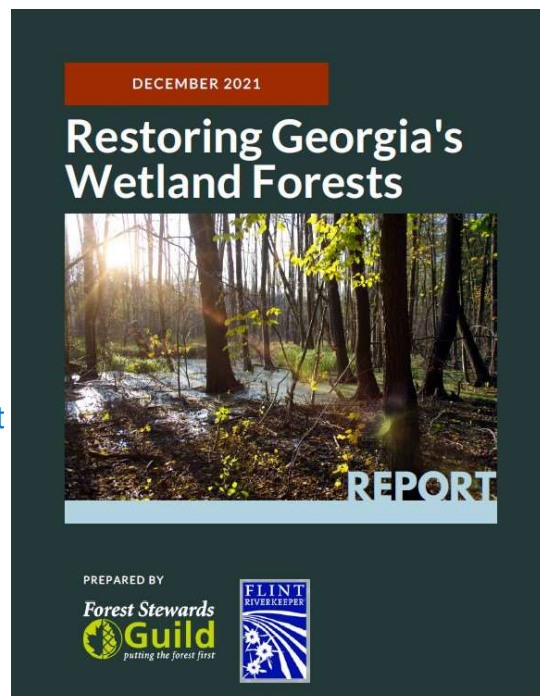
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Wetland forest conservation in GA

Written by Dakota Wagner

In 2019, a Sapelo Foundation grant provided an opportunity for the Guild to work with Flint Riverkeeper on an advocacy project focused on wetland restoration in Georgia. After months of research, communicating with a diverse array of stakeholders, and weekly meetings, we are publishing the results of our findings. [This report](#) provides information about approaches to creating a viable program to incentivize wetlands conservation in Georgia.

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University of Alabama's Darwin Day

Written by Zander Evans

Darwin Day is more than just a celebration of the father of evolution: it's a celebration of science with the purpose of spreading information and generating interest among the public. The University of Alabama celebrated Darwin Day by hosting an event in the Alabama Museum of Natural History. The UA Student Chapter of the Forest Stewards Guild had its own table highlighting phototropism and Darwin's contributions to the subject.



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Membership and Policy Council Update

The [Membership and Policy Council](#) has a really impressive group of professionals engaged this year. A workplan has emerged and the year looks to be a full one. Issues the MPC plans to take on include forestry and energy, the 30x30 initiative, Tribal engagement, model forests, carbon and climate change, and Guild member engagement and outreach.

[Read more from our new MPC Chair, Laura Schweitzer](#)

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 [webinar library](#) of recorded webinars you may have missed!

Feb 23	Webinar	Third in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series: coastal hardwoods
Feb 24	Webinar	Managing for the parts of the sum
Feb 24	Winter Harbor, ME	Schoodic Peninsula Field Tour

Feb 26	Clarksville, GA	Learn and Burn Workshop
Feb 28 - Apr 20	Online	Wildlife Management Adaptation Planning and Practices Course
Mar 3-5	Webinar	Women Woodland Owners Virtual Conference
Mar 8	Morganton, NC	Oak Hill Community Park & Forest Learn & Burn
Mar 8	Online	Women's Forest Congress
Mar 8-10	Ft Collins, CO	Cross boundary landscape restoration workshop
Mar 21	Online	Forest-carbon focused Adaptation Planning and Practices Course
Mar 24	Webinar	2022 Virtual Wild Rivers Conference
Apr 7	Webinar	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit Spring Virtual Series: Living with change
Apr 14	Webinar	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit Spring Virtual Series: Northwest forestry in public discourse and consciousness
Apr 21	Webinar	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit Spring Virtual Series: Future Forest Markets
Apr 27	Webinar	Fourth in Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar Series: mixed hardwoods
Apr 28	Webinar	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit Spring Virtual Series: Collaborations and partnerships in forest ownership transitions
Apr 29, 2022	Rangeley Lakes, ME	Rangeley Lakes Field Tour
June 2022	Luxembourg	Pro Silva Annual Meeting 2022
Sept 30 - Oct 2	Eatonville, WA	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Dennis Thompson, Aitkin County Land Department	Aitkin, MN
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Affiliate members

John Lee	Tucson, AZ
Kristin Manix	Putney, VT
Mark and Mary McGrath	Rochester, VT
John Stone III	Greensboro, VT

Student members

Jackie Barry, Oregon State University	Denver, CO
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Alexander Burton, Dabney S Lancaster Community College	Palmyra, VA
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Seth Lewis, Michigan Technological University	Hancock, MI
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If you currently have a gift membership, or are not a member, please [join](#) today! And spread the word to your colleagues.

Thanks to everyone who supports the Guild's work and community! You can become an [organizational sponsor](#) or join our [Stewards Circle](#) anytime to help us launch 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

This is the last weekend to submit applications for [the Guild and FWS's internship in South Carolina](#). The application deadline is February 21.

The Guild and Dovetail Partners are working together to help better understand and support solutions for something many people in our field are concerned about - recruiting and retaining Quality Logging Operations in an era of changing landscape conditions, land ownership, and career shifts.

Next week, Guild members will receive an email with a link to a survey where we request your thoughts and ideas around this important topic.

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

Publications and Research

The Santa Fe Reporter featured the Guild's work in January. [*Fire and Ice: Forest management group takes advantage of winter storm to burn hazardous fuels and train private landowners in mitigation techniques.*](#)

What does a "resilient" forest look like in California's Sierra Nevada? A lot fewer trees than we're used to. "Most people would be surprised to see what these forests once looked like when frequent surface fires kept them at very low densities. But taking out smaller trees and leaving trees able to get through fire and drought leaves a pretty impressive forest. It does mean creating very open conditions with little inter-tree competition. But there's a lot of historical data that supports this." - Dr. Malcom North. Read more in [*Operational resilience in western US frequent-fire forests.*](#)

[*Interacting global change drivers suppress a foundation tree species.*](#)

Climate change can worsen impact of invasive plants - an example from longleaf pine. Climate change intensifies stressors like drought or wildfires and make an ecosystem more vulnerable to invasive plants. The combination of drought and invasive cogongrass , which made fires burn hotter, negatively impacted longleaf pine.

[Announcing \\$1B for climate smart commodities.](#)

Jobs

Forest stewardship jobs abound right now! See what's posted on the Guild's [jobs page](#) and check it often for updates. [The Guild's Forestry and Wildlife Internship](#) is open in SC, a [Southern Maine Land Steward](#), a [Prescribed Burn Program Coordinator](#) in NM, [Columbia Gorge Program Manager](#) in OR or WA, a [Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion Administrator](#) and a [Historically Black Colleges/Universities \(HBCU\) & Minority Institutions of Higher Education \(MIHE\) Internship](#) in NC, a [NCLWF Field Representative](#) in NC, two Land Manager positions in [Mount Dora](#) and in [Palm Bay](#), and an [Invasive Plant Technician](#) in FL, a [Forest Health Monitoring Field Technician](#) in Northeast states, an [All-Lands Wildlife Forester](#) in KY, and more!!

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