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A note from the Director

Dear Forest Stewards Guild Members and Friends,

We hope that this note finds you well and off to a good start for your New Year! Thank you to all who donated to the Guild. Together, we met our \$15,000 match challenge! This adds to our excitement as we launch into forest stewardship in 2022, including a new project to promote forest bird habitat in West Virginia, a new year of membership and policy work led by our MPC, continued on-the-ground forest stewardship in places like Aztec Springs, and other opportunities to engage such as a webinar series on managing old growth forests.



On another note, our Executive Director, Zander Evans, will be taking time off in the coming months to address some health challenges. The Guild's Deputy Directors, Amanda and Eytan, are working with Guild staff to ensure that programs and projects continue uninterrupted. We greatly appreciate your support for our community of forest stewards through challenges big and small.

May your New Year be filled with wisdom, peace, and joy.

Amanda

Amanda Mahaffey, Deputy Director

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

The Guild receives a Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship grant

Written by Shawn Swartz

The Forest Stewards Guild is pleased to announce that we have received funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as part of their Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Project, created to restore forest and freshwater habitat for central Appalachian wildlife.



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Reflections on the Greater Santa Fe Watershed South Aztec Prescribed Burn

Written by Liz Bailey

Prescribed burns, especially those that occur close to communities and high-value resources like the South Aztec burn unit, require a tremendous amount of planning and coordination. On October 27, 2021 partners from the Pueblo of Tesuque, the Forest Stewards Guild, Forest Stewards Youth Corps, Santa Fe County, and the City of Santa Fe Fire Department gathered early in the morning to

discuss safety, logistics, and role assignments for the South Aztec prescribed fire in the Santa Fe National Forest.

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Management To Encourage Old Forest Characteristics

Written by Zander Evans

For forest stewards, old growth forests can provide an important model for sustainable management. The Guild's principles underscore that responsible forest management imitates nature's dynamic processes and minimizes impacts when harvesting trees and other products.



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Membership and Policy Council Update

The [Membership and Policy Council](#) had a busy and productive 2021. Despite the confusion the pandemic continues to dish out, we managed to make great strides on key policy areas, strengthen our student membership, support professional members, and learn and laugh a lot along the way.

[Read more from outgoing MPC Chair, Alex Barrett](#)

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!

Jan 22	Webinar	The Radical Forest Manager
Jan 25	Webinar	Aquatic Health and BMPs Workshop for Natural Resource Practitioners
Jan 27	Webinar	Accelerating the development of structural complexity
Feb 15	Webinar	Yankee SAF Winter Meeting: Hot forestry topics for warming winters (with Forest Stewards Guild)
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	Clarkesville, GA	Learn and Burn Workshop
Mar 3-5	Webinar	Women Woodland Owners Virtual Conference
Mar 8-10	Ft Collins, CO	Cross boundary landscape restoration workshop
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: Collaborations and partnerships
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: Northwest forestry in public discourse and consciousness
Apr 29, 2022	Rangeley Lakes, ME	Rangeley Lakes Field Tour

June 2022	Luxembourg	Pro Silva Annual Meeting 2022
Autumn - TBD	Eatonville, WA	2022 Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit - Postponed from spring. New dates coming soon!

Welcome New Members

Professional members

Noah Hellmund, New England Forestry Consultants	Ware, MA
Marvin Prater, Forester	Westminster, SC

Student members

Sean Horan, University of Maine	Bangor, ME
Julianne Knight, University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Veronika Maynard-Simon, NC State University	Apex, NC

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Membership: Thank you to everyone who maintains current membership. You can easily stay current by using [online renewal](#) or by [emailing membership@forestguild.org](#) for assistance. A reminder that membership seasons run July 1 - June 30 each year.

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

We reached our end of 2021 \$15,000 match goal. You've helped us enter 2022 with a head start! We are honored by how you value the Guild and are

already busy working on impactful programs and content for this new year.

Welcome new MPC members Jan-Willem Jansens and Steven Olson! We deeply appreciate all members' voter participation in elections!

Our **Silviculture for Planted Areas Policy Statement** has been approved by Guild members. Your thoughtful comments and overall engagement are valued, and will help us continue to provide quality policy recommendations from our community!

The Albuquerque Journal highlighted some of the Guild's All Hands All Lands pile squad work with partners.

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

Publications and Research

Fire effects on the persistence of soil organic matter and long-term carbon storage suggests that in temperate forests, savannahs, & grasslands fire can stabilize or even increase soil carbon. "We hope this new study will show that when managed properly, fire can also be good – both for maintaining biodiversity and for carbon storage."

Want to limit carbon and curb wildfire? Create a market for small trees. [This new analysis](#) provides a roadmap for how to effectively reduce wildfire risk through forest thinning while continuing to limit its carbon emissions by creating a market for small diameter trees and other woody biomass.

Forest restoration limits megafires and supports species conservation under climate change. "Even under climate change, forest management can move the needle on forest ecosystem conservation by reducing future stand-replacing fire and do so in a way that safeguards habitat for sensitive species like the California spotted owl."

Jobs

There are many forest stewardship jobs posted on the Guild's [jobs page](#) right now! Check it often for updates such as: a [Forest Ecologist](#) in OR, an [Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Lands Management Program Forester](#) in ME, a [Stewardship and Fire Program Manager](#) in NC, a [Research Coordinator](#) for the Ecological Restoration Institute in AZ, a [Stewardship Associate](#) in CA, an [Assistant Professor of Entomology](#) in OH, an [Assistant Professor and Starker Chair of Family Forestry](#) in OR, and much more!

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