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A note from the comms desk

This month's edition of *Across the Landscape* highlights event summaries, research, and perspectives that prove the Guild and our partners are unique. Our community is essential. Not just for sustaining forests - also for sustaining ourselves. As the end of the year approaches, please consider donating to the Guild, [we need you!](#) The world needs people spending time expressing our skills in ways that "light us up." To do this, we need opportunities and support to let that light shine out. Your end-of-year gifts to the Guild are doubled, thanks to match funds from our Board of Directors. [Please give](#) to help us continue toward our collective vision.

This issue demonstrates several examples of shining a positive light, including: the [Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit](#), the [Women's Forest Congress](#), a [student perspective](#), and [one member's reflections on a career in forest management](#).



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen".

Colleen Robinson

Communications Manager

MPC elections are open through December 15, 2022. Read on for details about eligibility and how to vote. Thank you for all you do!

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit

Written by Colleen Robinson and Maura Olivos

Partnering organizations held the 2nd Annual, and 1st in-person Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit in late September at UW's Pack Forest in Eatonville, Washington. From the start, this event expressed the culmination of years of effort, needs, ideas, sharing, and desired connections. As one attendee affectionately voiced, "this is not your typical forestry conference." Overall, participants walked away with a different sense and broader definition for "innovation."

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Women's Forest Congress - at long last

Written by Amanda Mahaffey

This event was the culmination of years of work by women leaders in the field who felt that now was the time for a space dedicated to elevating the voices of women in the forestry profession. Congress sessions highlighted the important role that women landowners play in forest stewardship.



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November student voice - Zoe Kaminsky

Written by Zoe Kaminsky

Zoe Kaminsky received their B.S. in forest management from Colorado State University and has three years of combined experience in utility vegetation management and cross-boundary stakeholder collaboration. Now, Zoe is pursuing their M.S. in natural resources at University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP) and is the Wisconsin Forestry Center's (WFC) first graduate research assistant.



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Membership and Policy Council Elections are open!

MPC elections are open now through December 15, 2022. Professional and Retired Professional Guild members in current standing can vote for four new [Membership and Policy Council](#) members for the 2023 - 2026 term. **Eligible members received an email with a ballot link on November 15, 2022.** If you did not receive the email and your Professional membership is current, please contact Colleen at 608-395-4724 or membership@forestguild.org to troubleshoot.

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!

Nov 30	Webinar	Sparkling Solutions: Wildfire Risk and Insurance
Dec 3	Oak Hill, NC	Oak Hill Community Learn and Burn
Dec 6	Webinar	Forest Management with Salamanders in Mind
Dec 8	Virtual	Taking Action: Where to Start? ForestHer NC

Dec 8	Virtual	Seeing the Forest for the Queers: Dec Gathering
Dec 14 & 16	Webinar & Alfred, ME	Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar & Field Tour Series: Massabesic Experimental Forest
Dec 15	Online & Burlington, VT	2022 Forest Ecosystem Monitoring Cooperative Conference
Jan 25	Webinar	Forest-assisted migration in the context of climate change adaptation: Examples from the eastern USA
Mar 1 & 3	Webinar & field tour TBD	Maine Forest Climate Change Webinar & Field Tour Series: Brown Ash
May 2-4, 2023	Fort Collins, CO	Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop

Welcome New Members

Professional members

tish carr, Wabanaki Youth in Science	Belgrade, ME
Eric Griffin, Warren Wilson College	Asheville, NC
John Haas, Adaptive Restoration, LLC	Fond du Lac, WI
Christina Pax, Annapolis Native Landscape Design	Annapolis, MD
Aimee Tomcho, American Forest Foundation	Burnsville, NC
Carolyn Ziegra, Appalachian Mountain Club	Dover-Foxcroft, ME

Affiliate members

Lena Ives, Maine TREE	Augusta, ME
William Keeton, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT

Student members

Julia Chen, Yale School of the Environment	Kensington, CA
Courtney Hohnholt, Michigan Technological University	Chassell, MI
Tristan Irwin, Yale School of the Environment	New Haven, CT
Katie Michels, Yale University	New Haven, CT
Annli Nakayama, Yale School of the Environment	Racine, WI
Mary Uhl, Colorado State University	Fort Lupton, CO

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Membership updates

Thank you to everyone who has renewed! If you haven't had a chance to renew yet, [please do now online](#). This will save us both a mailed reminder letter. You can also send an email to membership@forestguild.org or call 608-395-4724, and we will follow up! Professional and Retired Professional members...your membership must be current to vote in the MPC elections happening now!

If you currently have a gift membership, or are not a member and like our work, please [join](#) today!

Giving updates

Giving Tuesday is coming up on November 29. Also, all donations to the Guild through the end of this year will be matched by our Board of Directors (up to \$15,000)! It's our way of saying "thanks" because we can't do this without you. Please give what you can [online](#), or call Colleen at 608-395-4724, or mail in your donation. If you recently received the 2022 Annual Review in the mail, you could use the remit envelope that is inside! All gifts help. If you can, we encourage becoming an [organizational sponsor](#) or joining our [Stewards Circle](#). Gifts at these levels are especially needed to implement new solutions.

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

See above for Guild news about Membership and Policy Council elections, our [end-of-year match](#) and Giving Tuesday, and please let us know if there is any way we can support your [membership renewal](#) if it has lapsed. Thank you for your presence in our community and for your support!

The [Autumn 2022 Forest Steward magazine](#) and the [Guild's 2022 Annual Review](#) are now both [available for viewing online](#). Thank you to our authors and staff for highlighting such amazing work in our community.

Do you work in reforestation? We'd like to hear from Guild members and other stewards working in reforestation. Planting efforts are scaling up across the country, especially in recently burned areas. The Guild is working to identify opportunities and barriers as planting expands and we'd like to hear from you - send Zander an email (zander@forestguild.org).

Guild members will be interested to read one member's take on the conflicts between financial expectations and the connection to and care for the woods, based on a career in forest management.

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

Publications and Research

We are very pleased to announce our new publication *[Restoring Old-Growth Characteristics to New England's and New York's Forests](#)*. The goal of this publication is to increase the amount of old-growth characteristics in the region by giving decision-makers the information they need to adopt old-growth restoration strategies in ways that complement their ownership goals, helping to sustain our native forests and their many benefits. [More about this project, an associated webinar, and all of the partners involved at the MassWoods website.](#)

[Mass Timber and Tall Wood Buildings: An Update](#), by Dovetail Partners. This update report summarizes policy and code changes which have occurred in recent years and the trends in adoption of mass timber. We also look ahead to consider the challenges that mass timber may face. This report focuses on developments related to mass timber construction in the United States with some references to resources and information available globally.

[An Introduction to Forest and Nature Therapy](#), by Dovetail Partners. This report explores the basics of forest and nature therapy, development of training and certifications to support credentialed practice, and research findings from around the world. The development of forest and nature therapy creates green job opportunities such as forest therapy guides and trainers, research and development roles, certified forest therapy trail implementation, and other associated products and services.

The Guild's own Colleen Robinson is a Certified Mindful Outdoor Guide with [Nature's Good Company, LLC](#). She develops experiences in nature connection for human health benefits, and better yet, for reciprocity with Earth. Colleen's in-person and remote programs foster daily habits that can help transform our relationship with our world and with each other for the better. Colleen also leads natural resource professionals and volunteers in experiences to help build bridges across gaps in expertise, expectations, and understanding. "Nature is a powerful model for compassion, acceptance, and creativity," and Colleen believes we can work more effectively with landowners, land, and each other by mindfully connecting and embodying nature's teachings. Colleen welcomes conversation and inquiry from Guild members across the landscape in this context.

Jobs

Check out the Guild's [jobs page](#) today and return often for updates.

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