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A note from the Director

Welcome to 2020! It sounds like the setting for a science fiction movie not today's date. Though we live in a world with drones planting trees, tree ID with a smartphone, digital maps of everything, voice activated GPS directions, and more, the forest is still a place to connect with what's true in the world. It's reassuring to be with the hemlocks, maples, oaks, and birches rooted firmly in reality.



The Guild's solid foundation in what's real —the real challenges of meeting human and ecological needs in the woods — has brought dedicated, creative people together for 25 years and I'm [thrilled with with the growing staff](#) who've been drawn by our mission to work for the Guild. The Guild's mission continues to resonate with the next generation of forest stewards. For example, we have 20 new student members from Allegheny College this month!

The power of the Guild's focus on what's real also explains the success of our annual appeal. Thank you so much for exceeding our goals as we enter our 25th year! This year we'll be putting our mission into action across the country as exemplified by this month's articles on [bottomland hardwoods](#), [the changing forests of New England](#), and [all sort of events!](#)

Thank you for celebrating the real world with us!

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Guild staff look forward to the year ahead

Written by Amanda Mahaffey and Colleen Robinson.

In December, Guild staff convened from all corners of the country for a two-day retreat designed to build staff cohesion and create the space for important, team-building conversations needed to set us up for success in 2020 and beyond. From Maine and New Mexico, North Carolina and Oregon, Wisconsin and Minnesota, we descended on the Loveland office to all meet face-to-face for the first time.



We began with the Guild tradition of an introduction circle. We shared our stories of how we each connected with the Guild. It was clear that the “spark” that inspires our members also inspired our staff to join the Guild team.

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Forest Climate Adaptation Needs Assessment

Written by Amanda Mahaffey

As we grow our knowledge about climate change impacts, forest stewards increasingly seek resources for adapting forests to these changes. The Forest Stewards Guild (FSG) and the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS) listened to forest managers across New England to assess the current information and tools needed to ensure our forests' resiliency. This effort was led by Guild members Maria Janowiak (NIACS), Amanda Mahaffey (FSG), and Christopher Riely (Sweet Birch Consulting, LLC). Results of the work are published in a new report, *Moving the Needle: A Review of Needs to Increase Climate Adaptation in the Forests of New England*.

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Guild expands support for wildlife forestry in bottomlands

Written by Dakota Wagner and Zander Evans.

Bottomland and coastal wetland forests are a dominant feature in the US South, accounting for nearly 35 million acres—only half of their historic coverage. On top of that, one third of currently listed endangered species are dependent on wetlands, making the conservation of these forests a national priority. Most remaining bottomland hardwood forests are privately owned, making private forest landowners key stakeholders for enhancing or restoring bottomland forests across the South.



Two of our projects focus on enhancing natural stands of bottomland hardwood forests in the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley (LMAV) and Coastal Carolinas for the benefit of wildlife species and freshwater systems.

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Celebrating the Guild's 25 years...

Happy birthday to the Guild! This year we celebrate 25 years of challenges and successes, community building and ecosystem re-building, awareness and innovative shifts in perspective. Our work, in the Guild offices and among our members and partners in the field, is not easy. It is fulfilling and it makes a difference on an ever-increasing scale. As we celebrate, we are also taking a sober look at what it takes to maintain and develop solutions and on-the-ground action to put the forests first. Soon, we will be asking for your help. This year, we have birthday dreams of featuring the stories that need to be told, growing our membership, and funding our efforts toward our collective vision. There will be so many ways for you to help and to celebrate with us. Please stay tuned and stay engaged. YOU are why we celebrate today and all year.



Remember to offer up reflections, photos, and other celebrations you may have to share on our [anniversary webpage](#)! Email colleen@forestguild.org.

MPC Update

The 2020 MPC is already working to prioritize and implement their work in this 25th anniversary year. Check out the January 2020 MPC Update, and please let your MPC know your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and gratitude.

Upcoming Events

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January 22	Webinar (noon MT)	Strategic Wildfire Risk Planning: applications, lessons learned, and future directions
January 25	Leicester, NC	3rd Sandy Mush Forest Restoration Coalition Meeting and 1st Restoration Gathering
January 27	Webinar (1pm PT)	Strategies for increasing prescribed fire application on federal lands
January 28	Webinar (11a MT)	FSC Mitigation: Dead Wood and Forest Management
Jan 29-30	Cloquet, MN	Fire in Minnesota Ecosystems Workshop
February 5	Webinar (3pm CT)	USFS – Federal Planning and Capacity Building for Carbon
February 7	Webinar (11a ET)	Webinar - Lyme Disease Ecology
February 12	Orono, ME	Science and Practice Forum
February 13	Vernon, CT	Oak Resiliency in Southern New England
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Professional members

Neil Gifford, Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission	Albany, NY
John Scanlon, MassWildlife	Barre, MA

Affiliate members

Dave Bubser, SCS Global Services	Northfield, MN
Terry and Brenda Owens	Gruetli Laager, TN

Student members

Rachael Ankney, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Mitchell Carrigan, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Ross Carter, Allegheny College	Columbus, OH
Alton Caylor, Allegheny College	New Castle, PA
Tianna Clay, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Jakob Drozd, Allegheny College	Vienna, VA
Francis Faiello, Allegheny College	Pittsburgh, PA
Sara Galley, Allegheny College	Pittsburgh, PA
Taylor Gates, Allegheny College	Pleasantville, PA
Samantha Hall, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
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Maggie Malley, Allegheny College	Meadville, PA
Ally Martin, Allegheny College	Olcott, NY
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Notes

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Forester Bob Kangas has retired and is honored by the Guild's own Mark Jacobs for his work.

The Guild signed onto this Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition [Comment Letter on the Alaska Roadless Rule](#) in December of 2019.

Have notes you'd like to share with fellow Guild members? Contact Colleen Robinson, membership@forestguild.org.

Publications and Research

Support for regulatory and voluntary approaches to wildfire adaptation among unincorporated wildland-urban interface communities. Communities considered regulatory approaches only if associated standards or policies were specifically tailored to their community, channeled through a trusted organizing body, and organized by community leaders.

[National assessment of BMPs.](#) "According to the latest NASF report on forestry BMPs and their use nationwide, loggers and other forest practitioners use BMPs when and where they are needed 92 percent of the time."

A [new monitoring report](#) from The Colorado Forest Restoration Institute indicates that 80% of projects were predicted to support passive or active crown fire under severe conditions before treatments, and this was reduced to 36% following treatments.

Climate change unlikely to drive sugar maples north, according to *Soil abiotic and biotic properties constrain the establishment of a dominant temperate tree into boreal forests*, in the Journal of Ecology, 2020. "While global warming might have made it physiologically possible for sugar maple trees to grow in more northern areas, the soil conditions in these areas make a northern migration less likely."

Jobs

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A note from the Deputy Director

February has brought unusual winter weather to much of the country. Across the landscape, Forest Stewards Guild members and partners are adapting forests to the changing climate and sharing forest wisdom to increase ecosystem resiliency. We are [supporting rural voices](#) in forest-dependent communities through the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition.

The Guild is also investing in the next generation of forestry and fire professionals. We sponsor a forestry internship through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. [Read our 2019 intern's story](#) and be inspired! We are also growing an "ecosystem" of [fire practitioners](#) through youth corps programs that launch future forest stewards down a fulfilling career path.

Our Membership and Policy Council's working groups are busy addressing topics ranging from student engagement to plantation forestry. None of these activities would be possible without your support. Many thanks to those who sustain your membership in the Forest Stewards Guild! You are, as [Barrie Brusila writes](#) in her 25th anniversary reflection essay, our roots.



Amanda

Remember the options to [auto-renew](#), or set up [monthly giving](#), which help the Guild plan for the future and redirect critical time and resources from administrative tasks to supporting our forests directly.

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Interning with the Guild

Written by Casandra Downs.

I never realized how blessed I was to be born in a small valley town beneath the Rocky Mountains of Utah, until I saw how it shaped my adult life. Joining the Forest Stewards Guild's team as a forestry and wildlife intern, I was given the unique experience of working at two National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in both Georgia and South Carolina for a total of six months. It gave me the experience of working in two different environments, I got to be introduced to two different skill sets, two different ways to run the

same organization, and two groups of amazing people.

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The Guild Builds New Wildfire Career Pipeline

Written by Meg Matonis

The drip torches are lit, and the Forest Stewards Guild is blazing the path toward a more progressive fire management community. The U.S. Air Force awarded the Guild a contract with multi-year potential to place wildland fire operations technicians at three installations across the country. The Guild's partnership with AFWFB furthers our vision of an inclusive fire program that provides training and employment opportunities and boosts prescribed fire capacity. According to Jennifer Mueller, Guild Training Specialist, "We are building an ecosystem of fire practitioners. We introduce young adults to wildland fire through hands-on training and offer them gainful employment in a supportive environment."



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Guild's work with RVCC

Written by Zander Evans.

A central part of the Guild's mission is to promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible land stewardship. Policy at the federal, state, or local level is often the most effective tool. In the world of policy, the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition (RVCC) is essential for the Guild to stay on top of important issues and make our voice heard. RVCC is committed to finding and promoting solutions through collaborative, place-based work that recognizes the inextricable link between the long-term health of the land and the well-being of rural communities. Their mission is well aligned with the Guild's.



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Check out [this month's 25th anniversary reflections](#) from Barrie Brusila.

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Late August	Asheville, NC	25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! More soon on <i>celebrating the roots of Guild forestry</i> .
October	Corvallis, OR	25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! More details soon.

Welcome New Members

Professional members

John Gifford, FORECON, Inc.	Falconer, NY
John Irwin	Lyndonville, VT
Andrew Morrison, Forest*Care	Dummerston, VT
Samantha Schinnell, Ecological Fire Solutions, LLC	Ridgefield, WA

Affiliate members

Jon Leibowitz	Montpelier, VT
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Benjamin Rifkin

Charlottesville, VA

Student members

Jeremy Cruz, University of Alabama	Temple, TX
Joseph House, Hocking College	Nelsonville, OH
Molly Jennings, Central Washington University	Ellensburg, WA
Kenna Jordan, University of Alabama	Winthrop Harbor, IL
Bridget Levy, Oregon State University	Seal Rock, OR
Jillian Martel, University of Connecticut	Bristol, CT
Henry Pitts, University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Megan Rondinelli, University of Alabama	Frisco, TX
Hannah Stumpfl, University of Alabama	Springboro, OH

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Ross Morgan

Craftsbury Common, VT

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Congratulations to Guild member Kathryn Fernholz, just named the first woman to serve in the Chair position on AFF's Board! Also, Fred Clark is the new vice chair of AFF's Woodland Operating Committee and Jamey French is vice-chair! All Guild members and this is all great news!

Amy Grotta, Guild member and overall advocate for the Earth, has died. [Read her husband's letter to the Guild](#), and her [obituary](#), which offers ways to share your memories and condolences.

Guild member Bob Williams shares Maya Lin's Ghost Forest Opening June 2020. For Madison Square Park Conservancy's 40th public art commission, Maya Lin will realize a new, site-responsive installation that brings into focus the ravages of climate change on woodlands around the world.

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Publications and Research

Reducing Fire, and Cutting Carbon Emissions, the Aboriginal Way. This interesting article in The New York Times describes preventative burning practices of aboriginal people in Australia. This message about fire will reach a lot of people and creates a more nuanced discussion about how the timing and severity of fire influences its effect on humans and ecosystems.

The Guild's own Matt Piccarello attended and presented on FSYC at this Peer Learning Exchange last fall hosted by the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition. *Fostering Your Forest Workforce* is a summary of the learning exchange.

Check out this [case study: Working Together to Increase the Pace and Scale of Prescribed Fire](#). The Guild's Zander Evans and Matt Piccarello are two of the authors.

The Intersection between Climate Adaptation, Mitigation, and Natural Resources: An Empirical Analysis of Forest Management. Climate relationships with increasing wildfire in the southwestern US from 1984 to 2015. Increasingly warm and dry climate has a strong relationship to increasing wildfires, particularly high severity fires.

The Effects of Previous Wildfires on Subsequent Wildfire Behavior and Post-Wildfire Recovery. Northern Rockies Fire Science Network Science Review No. 1, September 2014. Updated 2019 (update linked above).

Jobs

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A note from the Director

The Forest Stewards Guild has always acknowledged the intricate connections – ecological connections that link all species in the forest and economic connections that link forest products and ecological forestry. The Covid-19 pandemic underscores how we are all connected. We are concerned about all who face this disease, particularly the most vulnerable and those working on the front lines to care for others. Covid-19 will have long-lasting impacts both directly and indirectly as the economic impacts continue to reverberate. As the Director-General of the World Health Organization said "The days, weeks, and months ahead will be a test of our resolve, a test of our trust in science, and a test of solidarity."



We are [doing what we can to reduce spread](#). At the same time, there is so much to do for forests and communities, we are diving into projects that don't require working face-to-face.

I hope it is a welcome change of topics to delve into this issue of *Across the Landscape* highlighting stores of [exceptional Guild women in forestry](#), [the Guild's collaboration on fire science](#), and [mitigating the impacts of smoke from fires](#). There are [new publications to read](#) and [changes to up-coming events](#).

In these stressful times I'm thankful to be part of the Guild community that fosters resilience and connections.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Collaboration to advance fire science and practice

Written by Zander Evans.

The Forest Stewards Guild has worked with the Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) for more than a decade and our collaboration has grown from one research project to a nation-wide engagement on outreach, education, research, and policy. The federal agencies involved with wildfire response and fire management created JFSP to solve the pressing fire research questions land managers asked. JFSP has taken seriously the need to engage scientists and managers in two-way dialog. This two-way connection between science and management mirrors the Guild's approach to science-based stewardship.

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HEPA Air Cleaner Loan Program – Helping communities be more prepared for smoke

Written by Sam Berry

Since 2018 the Forest Stewards Guild has been running a HEPA Air Cleaner Loan program in Northern New Mexico to support individuals during smoke impacts from fires. Although at first glance this seems like a program that a public health organization should take on instead of a forestry-oriented one, it fits perfectly into our mission of building Fire Adapted Communities, that guides most of our work in the Southwest. Our long-term goal with this program is to assist communities that live in fire adapted forests to be prepared to deal with smoke from these fires as well.

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Smoke from wildfires and prescribed fires is a serious concern as it can cause and exacerbate health conditions for those of us that endure it. However by living in the fire adapted ecosystems of northern New Mexico we must accept that wildfire and smoke is inevitable.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WILDFIRE SMOKE CLICK HERE!](#)

QUICK LINKS

- Limit your exposure
- HEPA Filter Loan Program
- Filtering your air
- Air Filter Reviews and More

Celebrating two Guild women in forestry during Women’s History Month

Interviewer: Colleen Robinson.

Two women, Amanda Mahaffey and Barrie Brusila, who have been critical to the success of the Forest Stewards Guild, will be receiving awards in the near future for their outstanding work in forestry. The New England Society of American Foresters will share their own announcement and we don’t want to steal their flame. Instead, as we prepare to celebrate several individuals and their contributions to forestry and forestry programming, this article takes a closer look at how, not surprisingly, these women are both Guild members and have shared values that prove essential for our world.



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Celebrating the Guild's 25 years...

We've announced the dates and location for our first 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering! [Check out the details](#) so far on our events webpage. We're so excited to see you later this year!

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Gregory Davis, Paul Smith's College	Gloucester, MA
Mackenzie Merbach, Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches, TX
Emily Nelson, Paul Smith's College	Paul Smiths, NY
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Notes

How The World Of Building Materials Is Responding To Climate Change. Our friends at New England Forest Foundation and others were featured on Science Friday discussing carbon sequestration and future uses for forest products.

Longtime Guild member Darcie Mahoney, receives lifetime achievement award!

The New Mexico Out of School Time network is posting resources for meals, childcare and activities. You may find it useful, please pass on to your communities as well.

Have notes you'd like to share with fellow Guild members? Contact Colleen Robinson, membership@forestguild.org. Publications and Research

Social Vulnerability and Wildfire in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

Forest Management for Carbon Sequestration and Climate Adaptation. A number of Guild members are authors on this article, which cites past Guild research and highlights the Foresters for the Birds program.

Monitoring Update: Restoration Objectives in the Zuni Mountains CFLR Landscape. This update synthesizes Chris Guiterman's analysis of forest overstory data from permanent plots in the Zuni Mountain CFLR Landscape.

Federally protected lands reduce habitat loss and protect endangered species. Significantly greater habitat loss occurs on private lands, indicating a need for more uniform conservation efforts.

Insights and Suggestions for Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Programs. The Guild's Intermountain West Manager, Meg Matonis, published a new report that delves into how certified prescribed burn manager programs can provide training and expertise to private landowners, contractors, non-profit employees, and others who are using prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels and restore ecological health.

Jobs

Wow - something for almost everyone this month! Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include [Forest Stewards Youth Corps Crew Member and Crew Leader](#) positions in NM, several positions from [Limited Term](#) to [Career Executive](#) levels at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, a [seasonal Crew Leader](#) in VT, a [Forester](#) for the state of Utah, an [Executive Director](#) of Maine TREE Foundation, a [Postdoc and a PhD RA](#) for wildfires and WUI at the University of Wisconsin Silvics Lab, a [Tribal Forest and Fire Project Manager](#) in CA, two Assistant Fire Manager positions with the Washington Dept of Natural Resources in [Dayton and Husum](#), a [Master's of Science Assistantship](#) at the University of Georgia, and MORE!

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The health impacts, uncertainty, and economic turmoil from Covid-19 are changing everything. Though I choose to focus on the hopeful signs of the positive effect of social distancing, vaccine development, and creative community support, there is no getting around that this pandemic is changing lives and work.

It's no surprise that the articles in this issue tackle the impacts of the pandemic. Read how the [Guild is finding ways to help us all stay connected and hopeful](#). For those of us living in fire-adapted ecosystems the start of [fire season brings increased responsibilities to preparing our homes and families for wildfire and preventing human-caused ignitions](#). Just like most organizations, the pandemic has forced some changes to the Guild's work to support the FSC controlled wood standard.



Wishing you good health, bright spirits, and strength.

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*Photo by Greg Iffrig.

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Connecting our community

Written by Colleen Robinson.

No matter how you are weathering the current world-wide storm, we all can benefit from community now. The Guild is a powerhouse when it comes to like-minded forestry and allied professionals providing a strong, supportive community that can pull together and support each other. We are working hard to find ways to help us all stay connected and hopeful. But something even bigger exists here, and we see it in the Guild history we celebrate now in our organization's 25th birthday year. From these like-minds and yet varied perspectives, we can create something new. Solutions, support, or perhaps even a meaningful shift of the status quo.



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Fire response during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Written by Sam Berry.

First responders from every jurisdiction are making plans for how to fight wildfires while keeping firefighters safe and healthy this year during the Covid-19 pandemic. While there are changes in store for all agencies, the local firefighters at volunteer, city, and county fire departments, that we rely on for most fire suppression near homes, may be the most impacted. Most importantly, while our first responders do everything they can to suppress wildfires, it's even more important than normal for all of us to do what we can to set them up for success. We can assist firefighters by preparing our homes and our families for



wildfire and preventing human-caused ignitions. On the Guild's new Wildfire Resilience and Covid-19 webpage, we list several news articles and resources about how firefighters and agencies are preparing.

[Read More](#)

Continued work to support FSC controlled wood standard

Written by Zander Evans.

The Guild is working with FSC certified companies from across the country to share information about the importance of old growth forests, biodiversity in the Klamath-Siskiyou Region, bottomland hardwood forests, mixed mesophytic forests of the Appalachians, and the threat posed by conversion of forest to other uses. We have recently expanded our education and outreach efforts, including hosting an array of webinars on these topics. Resources are collected on our website's pages for these topics. We've produced handouts for the FSC companies as well. As companies share these with clients, procurement foresters, and landowners, they'll be sharing our vision for ecological forestry.



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MPC Update

Like most of us, your Membership and Policy Council representatives are busy re-directing, or finding new ways to accomplish the same goals. They definitely have your interests and well-being in mind and wish you all the best. [Read the April 2020 MPC Update.](#)

Celebrating the Guild's 25 years...

[Registration is open for our 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering](#) in August! We're excited and hopeful to see you later this year!

And, before the next e-newsletter arrives in your inbox, our celebratory spring issue of the Forest Steward magazine will be mailed to members. Happy birthday, Guild!

Some new photos are available on our [anniversary webpage!](#) Remember to offer up your own reflections, photos, and other celebrations to share. Email colleen@forestguild.org.

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April 20-June 12	Online course	Adaptation and Practices online course
April 21	Webinar	Virtual Guild Gathering - share stories and ideas of adaptation and resilience
April 22	Webinar	Communicating with Landowners about Oak Forest Resiliency
Apr 25 & May 2	Webinar	Women's Chainsaw Safety Fundamentals two-part, interactive webinar
April 28	Webinar	Unlocking Carbon Markets for Family Forest Owners in the PNW
April 29	Webinar	Southwest Fire Season 2019 Overview and 2020 Outlook
May 6 and June 3	Webinars	Forest Climate Working Group Learning Exchange Series
May 7	Webinar	SCGIS: Lessons learned from the front lines of climate change
May 15	Belchertown, MA	Foresters for the Birds training
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Tommie Herbert, The Forestland Group	Durham, NC
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Marlon Andrew, College of the Atlantic	New Canaan, CT
Lily Bennett, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
Rebecca Bland, Yale University	New Haven, CT
Makayla Corrigan, College of the Atlantic	Narragansett, RI
Kiernan Crough, College of the Atlantic	Bar Harbor, ME
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Notes

Longtime beloved Guild member Peter Bundy died on April 5, 2020. Peter was a discerning forester and creative author. This most recent book was released at the end of 2019 ([read a review here](#)).

The Guild signed onto letters in support of the Joint Fire Science Program to the Senate and House, 2020

Read our Gulf Corps partner's newsletter. Complete with job opportunities, updates, and other stories.

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Publications and Research

Climate Adaptations in the Northeast's Forest Products Supply Chain. This recent report describes specifics of climate impacts and adaptations for three links in the Northeast's forest products supply chain.

Challenges, tactics and integrated management of emerald ash borer in North America.

Forests: Carbon sequestration, biomass energy, or both?

Long-Term Greenhouse Gas Benefits from Salvaging Dead Trees Balance Short-Term Excess Emissions. This is a piece by the New Hampshire Agricultural Research Station, highlighting work by the Guild's own John Gunn.

Carbon sequestration and biodiversity co-benefits of preserving forests in the western United States.

Jobs

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A note from the Director

It is a testament to our community's resilience and strength, that even during a pandemic the Guild's membership season has started off with a bang. A big 'thank you' to all the members who have already renewed (if you missed the email you can [renew online](#) or email membership@forestguild.org).

Even during this pandemic there is a lot going on for Guild members and for the forest. [Our list of webinars](#) by the Guild and partners is extensive! Too much for any one person to take in live, so we've also created a [new webinar library](#) to catch recordings of webinars you missed. We are disseminating information about [wildfire resilience](#), celebrating our 25th anniversary with the [spring issue of the Forest Steward](#), and creating [stronger connections with student members](#) of the Guild. Read about our [ongoing CWPP work](#), how we are [re-creating collaboration](#), a new book on Ecological Forestry authored by Guild members, job opportunities and much more.



For me, the Guild and our community is a bright star during a difficult time. Thank you for helping us maintain our guiding light.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

"Half-Earth:" Reflections from graduate student Eric Hagen

"Half-Earth:" A wake up call, and the amount of land that needs to be dedicated to nature in order to save the majority of species on Earth from extinction. But how do we do it? And how do we both inspire and empower people to act effectively? I argue that we do it through nurturing relationships with the natural world, and simultaneously equipping people with the tools of modern conservation science. For my master's work, I partnered with the Vermont Alliance for Half-Earth to create web-based articles. These feature conservation tools and concepts embedded into stories about local people and their relationships to the natural world. I wanted to capture the emotional



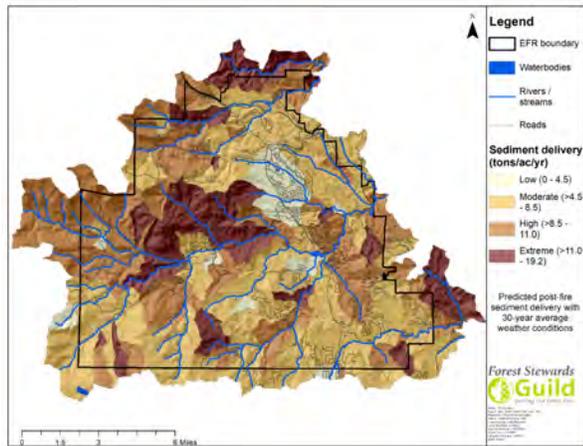
connection to the land that many of us feel but don't always talk about, and tie in concepts like restoration silviculture and large landscape conservation design.

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Advancing the Practice of CWPPs - Risk Modeling

Written by Corrina Marshall.

The Forest Stewards Guild has worked with many communities in New Mexico and Colorado to produce Community Wildfire Protection Plans, a program that began in 2003, authorized and defined in Title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) passed by Congress. For this installment of ATL, we share about our improvements to wildfire risk analysis. This is done by spatial analysis and wildfire behavior modeling based on vegetation data – that part is not new. What we have added to the CWPP process are products like evacuation modeling, post-fire erosion modeling, radiant heat & short- and long-range spotting potential, and treatment suitability analysis. A few examples below show the outputs from these models, a clear indication of where high priority treatments exist.



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Re-creating Collaboration

Written by Leonora Pepper and Zander Evans.

The pandemic is forcing many of us to rethink how we work, particularly around collaboration. The Guild is meeting the challenge, at a time when collaboration is essential on all fronts. We have increased online learning opportunities, such as our webinar on Communicating with Landowners about Oak Resiliency. We're sharing resources from partners such as Sustainable Northwest's *Resources and Best Practices for Adjusting to Remote Collaboration*. The Guild's Sam Berry and Gabe Kohler interviewed Jon Boe to get a more in-depth view over how Covid-19 will affect the fire season and Mike Lynch helped lead a webinar that looked at the 2019 Fire Season and the outlook for 2020 in the Southwest, which includes a discussion of fire management in the time of Covid-19.



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

Check out our most recent [Founder's Essay](#) by Robert Hrubes on our [25th anniversary webpage](#). Remember to email membership@forestguild.org to submit thoughts, quotes, photos, and more to feature on this page and celebrate this milestone of our community and organization.

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May 20	Webinar	Seeing the Forest: Sustainable Wood Bioenergy in the Southeast US.
May 21	Webinar	Forest Birds. #6 in the Forest Adaptation Webinar Series
May 21	Webinar	Using the Wildfire Risk to Communities Website
May 26	Webinar	Ecological Forestry in Mountain Cove Forests of the Appalachian Region
May 27	Member call	Southeast Region Guild member call
May 27	Webinar	LANDFIRE Remap in the North Central United States
May 27	Webinar	Managing Fire for Water
May 28	Webinar	Woodland Owner Lunch and Learn – Managing Your Woodlands with Prescribed Fire
May 28	Webinar	Data, Science, and Methods behind the Wildfire Risk to Communities
June 3	Webinar	FCWG: Wood Utilization, Land Use and Global Outlook
June 17	Webinar	LANDFIRE Remap in the Southeastern United States
June 17	Webinar	State of Montane Conservation and Management in Maine
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Professional members

Ann Duff, Forester	Jacksonville Beach, FL
Rexx Janowiak, Green Timber Consulting Foresters	Pelkie, MI
Wendy Ledbetter, The Nature Conservancy	Lumberton, TX
Rachel Mickey, Washington Dept of Natural Resources	Bellevue, WA
Aaron Plaughter, WestRock	Alderson, WV

Affiliate members

Elizabeth Morse	Otis, ME
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Student members

Hannah Briner, University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
Eric Hagen, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Lukas Kopacki, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Peter Larkin, University of Vermont	Larchmont, NY
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The [Spring 2020, 25th Anniversary edition of the Forest Steward](#) is now online. Enjoy!

[Ecological Silviculture Foundations and Applications](#) is a new book by Guild members Brian J. Palik, Anthony W. D'Amato, and Jerry F. Franklin, along with Norman Johnson. Classical silviculture

has often emphasized timber models, fundamentally based in production agriculture. This book presents silvicultural methods based in natural forest models—models that emulate natural disturbances and development processes, sustain biological legacies, and allow time to take its course in shaping stands. Nice work everyone...this is so exciting!

NESAF Quarterly features awards for Amanda Mahaffey, Barrie Brusila, and other current and past Guild members! If you missed it in March, check out the [ATL highlight on Amanda and Barrie](#) during Women's History Month 2020.

Tick Survey: Researchers at the University of Georgia, Hollins University, Duke University, Clemson University and the University of Rhode Island are conducting a study (“Investigating COVID-19 impacts on the epidemiology of tick-borne diseases in people and pets”) to determine whether COVID-19 restrictions have had an effect on the time spent outdoors by people or their pets and whether this change is associated with an increased risk of exposure to ticks or tick-borne diseases. Anyone 18 or older and a resident of the United States or Canada can [participate](#).

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Publications and Research

Physiological responses of eastern hemlock to light, adelgid infestation, and biological control: Implications for hemlock restoration. Silvicultural treatments may improve long-term health and survival of infested hemlock trees and the integration of treatments with existing strategies deserves continued exploration.

Chinese tallow story map from Texas A&M Forest Service.

Deadly imports: In one U.S. forest, 25% of tree loss caused by foreign pests and disease.

Jobs

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A note from the Director

This is not a time to stay silent. The grave injustices and racism in our country demand a response. Read a statement from Zander Evans on [Racial Justice and the Role of Socially Responsible Forestry](#).

The Guild's members, board, staff, and Membership and Policy Council are all thinking about what we, as individuals and as an organization, need to do to help overturn systemic racial injustices. [The Guild is working to take concrete steps to address inequity in our work](#). Making forestry, conservation, and land stewardship more diverse and inclusive will take all of us, and we welcome your ideas and feedback.



The Guild has always recognized that the social and the ecological are inseparable, as our student member Hanusia Higgins notes in her [article on saving hemlocks](#). We also know that the more holistic our community is, the better we can serve the forests and all who depend on them. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership recently! If you haven't already, [please do so now](#), as this membership year ends next week. We welcome many new members this month and offer all the best to our own [Nick Biemiller, whose partnership with the Guild will continue to be valued as he moves to new opportunities](#). We thank you all for your presence in this community and look forward to hearing your ideas for future virtual and on-the-ground [events and publications](#).

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Helping hemlocks, helping humans (student voice installment #2)

Written by Hanusia Higgins, Guild student member.

Last year, I served as an AmeriCorps member with the Hemlock Restoration Initiative of WNC Communities in Asheville, North Carolina. This program's mission is to protect and preserve the hemlock trees of western North Carolina from a devastating invasive pest: the hemlock woolly adelgid. I got to monitor for adelgid-eating beetles, educate landowners on how to save their trees, and treat hemlocks with chemical insecticide to protect them from the adelgid. One experience that stands out most is treating the majestic hemlocks of Violet Hill Cemetery. The fates of



hemlocks and of humans are inextricably intertwined. These trees provide us with clean air, cool water, and countless other services. In return, we unknowingly introduced a pest that may lead to their demise, but we may also be their only chance at survival.

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and the Guild

Written by Corrina Marshall and Leonora Pepper

At the Forest Stewards Guild, our staff is reckoning with our country's violent history and taking a hard look at the ingrained and systemic racial injustices present in our field. From their respective (home) offices in Colorado and Massachusetts, Corrina and Leonora reflect on how the Guild is responding.

Last week we heard from Zander on Racial Justice and the Role of Socially Responsible Forestry. Concurrently, Guild staff members also put our heads together to define some areas for action. We are currently working to define the action steps—for both the short term and the sustained long term—by which we believe we can have the greatest impact.



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New opportunities, new connections

Written by Zander Evans and Amanda Mahaffey

As many of you have heard, Nick Biemiller has transitioned from the Forest Stewards Guild to the Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society (RGS/AWS). We are fortunate to have a great staff at the Forest Stewards Guild, and while we would like to keep all our energetic, enthusiastic, and effective staff, change is inevitable. In fact, supporting staff in new endeavors has helped the Guild grow. Nick's move, for example, opens up a golden opportunity to build new partnerships.



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

We have announced that our 25th anniversary Guild Gathering event in Asheville, NC is postponed until 2021. More details will be shared soon about that. Meanwhile, we are still celebrating! Please visit our [25th anniversary webpage](#) and help us virtually gather by sharing your stories, quotes, photos, and more. You can email membership@forestguild.org to submit thoughts and contributions to this page. Also, we are accepting ideas for an alternative celebration that we can still safely have this year, online, on the phone, in print, or otherwise. Please send your ideas our way!

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Rescheduled... TBD	Corvallis, OR	Innovative Forestry Summit and 25th Anniversary Guild Gathering!
September 18, 2021	Centerville, PA	Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference

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Sarah Ford, Butternut Mountain Farm	Stowe, VT
Maren Granstrom, University of Maine	Orono, ME
Wayne Glenn, Elk Valley Forestry Association	Belfast, TN
Todd Holman, The Nature Conservancy	Brainerd, MN
Logan Johnson, University of Maine	Calais, ME

Student members

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This month we are launching an **Oak Resiliency Tool Kit** as part of a 3-year project on Increasing Resiliency in Southern New England's Oak Forests. The tool kit includes resources for outreach and communication with landowners, field tools, wildlife resources, and relevant research to support foresters and natural resource professionals in building oak forest resiliency. We continue work on this....stay tuned as it grows!

The 2020 Call for Nominations for the FSC US Board of Directors is now open!

Nominations and seconds are due by Sunday, June 21.

Two new position statements are available this month from the Guild: a letter in support of the Great American Outdoors Act and Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Rural Resilience & Recovery Policy Recommendations. Check them all out on [our policy webpage](#).

Don Handley, a longtime Forest Stewards Guild member, died in December at the age of 90. Guild members will remember his passionate conversations about the need for more Guild-style forestry in South Carolina, where he practiced forestry for over 60 years. He lived a pretty incredible life that is worth celebrating as we look back on 25 years of the Forest Stewards Guild. [Read more about Don from a few Guild members.](#)

Public and private foresters in the northeast region: The University of Vermont is conducting a survey to understand the current status of forestry practices used when managing maple forests. The purpose of this study is to conduct a multi-state survey of northeast public and private foresters to understand current status of forest management related to maple sap production. Survey results will be compiled and summarized to help educate interested stakeholders as to best practices. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose to withdraw at any time. If you take part in the survey you will be asked to complete the following online (or print survey). The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to request a printed hard copy you can contact Mark Isselhardt at (802) 899-9926 or mark.isselhardt@uvm.edu to have a copy sent to you. All information collected about you during the course of this study will be stored without any identifiers. If you have any questions about this study contact Mark Isselhardt at the following phone number (802) 899-9926. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, then you may contact the Director of the Research Protections Office at (802) 656-5040.

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Publications and Research**

A cost-effective field measurement protocol to support lidar-assisted carbon monitoring programs.

Fostering collective action to reduce wildfire risk across property boundaries in the American West.

Disturbance-based silviculture for habitat diversification: Effects on forest structure, dynamics, and carbon storage. Managing for bird habitats improves forest heterogeneity while maintaining high carbon stocks.

Outdoor Recreation and New Mexico's Economy. New Mexico's outdoor recreation industry supports \$1.2 billion in income and 33,500 jobs, helping diversify the state economy and improve quality of life.

Strategies for Increasing Prescribed Fire Application on Federal Lands: Lessons from case studies in the U.S. West. This new publication highlights the Guild's work.

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A note from the Director

Summer is in full swing. It may not feel that way with the pandemic gaining force in hotspots across the country, but forests are flourishing.

There is so much to do, so much to learn. In this issue of *Across the Landscape*, we highlight stories about learning, re-learning, and putting forward ambitious plans. The next generation of forest stewards is addressing climate change through a better understanding of the diversity of stakeholder experiences, needs, and motivations. The Guild staff is investing time to re-learn about the places we work on through the lens of racial justice. Guild partners and members at NEFF have launched an ambitious plan to connect climate-friendly wood products for construction with a sustainable local wood supply. There are more opportunities to learn online and interesting publications than ever. Our membership is growing and membership renewals are pouring in (if you haven't renewed, please do so now). Thank you for your partnership, your support, and all you do for our forests.



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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Climate Change in Maine's Forests – A Graduate Project (student voice installment #3)

Written by Alyssa Soucy, Guild student member.

In Maine, the forest industry contributes to the state's economy through job creation and social well-being. Impacts from climate change require the use of adaptation strategies to ensure the future of Maine's forests. As part of my masters, I sought to understand perceptions of climate change impacts and adaptation among forestry professionals, as well as assess vulnerabilities to climate change in the state.

Specifically, there was growing concern regarding insects and pathogens, extreme rainfall events, shifts in forest composition, invasive species, and changes in forest growth. Despite this, there was hesitancy to formally incorporate climate change into the forest management planning process due to uncertainty in climate change impacts and barriers to adaptation. Results of this research are being



used to consider outreach strategies to communicate adaptation and help influence best management practices to cope with climate change impacts.

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Forest-to-Cities Climate Challenge of NEFF

Written by Jennifer H. Shakun, NEFF

We are in the midst of an important national conversation about the role of forests in climate change mitigation. It often centers on the perceived tension between the role of forests as a natural mechanism for carbon capture and storage, and their role as a source of renewable raw materials. Of course, with the right management approach, it is possible to achieve both of these goals on portions of the forest landscape.



Truly sustainable solutions must recognize how our natural, economic, and socio-political systems are interconnected. It is in this spirit that New England Forestry Foundation launched the Forest-to-Cities Climate Challenge (www.ForesttoCities.org). The effort brings together a broad array of stakeholders from different segments of the value chain.

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Re-learning our regions through the lens of racial justice

Written by Corrina Marshall

The Forest Stewards Guild has mentioned our intentions to better learn about our respective regions that we work on through the lens of racial justice. We have outlined the information we would like to learn and share with each other, our members, our partners, and the public. In the Intermountain West, we are beginning that work by learning about the indigenous history of the land where our office is and where we work to promote prescribed fire as a tool for ecologically minded land management. We read *People of the Poudre*, an ethnohistory on the different indigenous histories in the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area. This area has a deep indigenous history and historical accounts of the area teach us not just about the human history of this landscape but reaffirm how the ecology of the area has changed due to European settlement here.



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

We have confirmed the same venue for our rescheduled [25th anniversary Guild Gathering event](#) in Asheville, NC. The new dates are August 19 - 21 and more details are coming soon. Meanwhile, we are still celebrating! Please visit our [25th anniversary webpage](#) and help us virtually gather by sharing your stories, quotes, photos, and more. You can email membership@forestguild.org to submit thoughts and contributions to this page.

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July 23	Webinar	Restoring resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies in complex terrain: the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership
July 29	Wautoma, WI	Sustainable Forestry and Managing for Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species
August 7	Morgantown, WV	Appalachian Cove Virtual Series - The effect of timber harvest on the growth of American Ginseng
August 13 (new date)	Webinar	Communication for Climate Change Adaptation (formerly "webinar series forum")
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The Guild joins outdoor industry leaders pledge to be inclusive. The Outdoor CEO Diversity Pledge connects leading outdoor brands with inclusion advocates to advance representation for people of color across the industry. We're focused on enhancing representation across staff and executive teams, media and marketing, and athletes/ambassadors. By building a relationship of support, empathy and understanding, versus external skepticism and internal stress, we're moving the outdoor industry towards authentic inclusion.

The Northeast Silviculture Institute for Foresters is available online for Guild members at 40% off! This offer has been extended until the end of August for Guild members. Check out this series of 5 two-day graduate-level training sessions for northeast foresters. Receive forester credits while staying safe at home. Click the link above for details and the promo code.

Covid impacts policy, regulation, and markets. Learn more with a **subscription to the Forest and Markets email list**. An example from a recent email is the announcement of a **new podcast from the Western Governor's Association on the Next Generation of Rural**.

Lomakatsi Restoration Center will continue the legacy of the Northwest Forest Worker Center serving hundreds of forest workers throughout California, Oregon and Washington with resources and counsel around safety and workplace rights.

Understanding Forest Carbon Management is an intensive, online short course from Michigan State University designed to provide a robust introduction to the benefits of forest land management specific to carbon while offering clear action paths.

Maine Audubon has posted a webinar recording on Forestry for Maine Birds, co-hosted by the Guild. Also see their **video shorts** introducing Forestry for Maine Birds (scroll to bottom of that page).

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Publications and Research

Burning Without Borders: Cooperatively Managing Wildfire Risk in Northern Colorado, mentions the Guild, and is one in an entire Fact Sheet Series they have put out this year.

Finding common ground: agreement on increasing wildfire risk crosses political lines. "Decision makers have an opportunity to engage diverse stakeholders in developing policies to mitigate increasing wildfire risk without invoking climate change, which remains politically polarizing in some communities."

Bioregional Assessment of Northwest Forests, USDA.

Jobs

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A note from the Director

2020 continues to be a struggle from climate change aggravated fires across the west to the ongoing pandemic. To stay optimistic, I focus on where we're making progress and the good work getting done in the forests. Even during a pandemic, the Guild was able to safely provide [summer jobs in conservation to rural New Mexican youth](#) and a great office intern. We've welcomed [Dr. Jen Chandler](#) to our Southeast office and she's already presented for one of our virtual events. Guild members continue to do [innovative work in the woods](#) and on [forest policy from Canada to New Mexico](#) (if you want to get involved in policy with the Guild consider being part of our [Membership and Policy Council](#). Nominations will be accepted soon). Our strong [membership renewal](#) response and donations show that Guild members are committed to this community, optimism, and continued work to put the forest first!

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Forest Stewards Guild: A view from Canada

Written by Oliver Ray Travers.

The COVID 19 virus is sending a message that humanity is putting excessive stress on nature. Conventional forest management based on assumptions of ecological stability and long-term predictability, no longer serve as the conceptual foundation for forest policy and practice. In central British Columbia, Canada there was a major mountain pine beetle epidemic 2003 to 2016. Combined with large-scale clearcut salvage logging, the results are numerous, unintended ecological, economic, social, and cultural consequences.



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Welcome Jen Chandler, Guild Southeast Region Manager

Written by Jennifer Chandler

The thing that drew me to the Forest Stewards Guild was its vision of “ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry as the standard...” These words resonate with me and have formed a basis for the work I’ve done in the past, particularly with American ginseng. I feel fortunate to work for an organization that brings together people with vastly different backgrounds from all over the country to work toward a meaningful common goal. My background in ecological research spans from forest ecology work in Appalachia to climate change work in northern Alaska, and these research skills will translate to the active, applied work that I’ll be involved in as the Southeast Region Manager at the Guild.



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FSYC - A summer of safety

Written by Tyler Wysner

The Forest Stewards Guild Youth Conservation Corps, or FSYC, aims to provide valuable field experience for young adults interested in forestry and conservation. In collaboration with the Forest Service, crew members participate in ongoing projects and gain hands-on skills in areas such as trail maintenance, fencing, stand monitoring, and more. Safety is always a top priority for the crews, but this year following safety protocols has taken on a new meaning. The Guild took special care to prepare guidelines and protocols in collaboration with physician recommendations to keep the crews safe and healthy.



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A budding conservationist

Written by Tyler Wysner

I have always been fascinated and enamored by the natural world and how it works. Studying biological sciences enabled me to approach my wonderment of nature with a scientific mindset, and therefore deepen my understanding and captivation by it. I moved to New Mexico from Indiana about 4 years ago after a short visit that left me overtaken by the beauty of the landscape. I fell in love with the open sky, the elegant mountains, and the enchanting forests. It was then that I knew I wanted to be part of the conservation efforts to protect these amazing lands.



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At the Guild, we have been diligently working to put our words into actions when it comes to social justice. In our Southeast office, one of the first steps we have taken is recognizing and acknowledging Indigenous relationships with the landscape. We are working toward incorporating Indigenous Land Acknowledgements into our regional management plans and facilitating conversation about what it looks like to recognize Indigenous relationships with southern forests both historically and presently.

Introducing the Women's Forest Congress, a forum to develop strategies and solutions for forests through a female lens.

Guild member Sarah Deumling has been highlighted for her forest management that aids in carbon-drawdown.

Access a survey to contribute to the first comprehensive global assessment of forest education at all levels, from primary school to university, technical and vocational training programmes, and share the survey with your networks. The survey is led by FAO, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO).

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Publications and Research

Check out *SilviCast*, a podcast devoted to silviculture: the science, the practice, and the art of forestry.

The impact of urban sprawl on forest landscapes in Southeast Michigan. An increase in forested area across the region as a positive finding, this analysis also revealed that the region's forested lands grew increasingly fragmented due mainly to increased urban sprawl.

Native American Imprint in Paleoecology is cited in [this PennState News article](#), which states that "The historical record is clear, showing that for thousands of years Indigenous peoples set frequent fires to manage forests to produce more food for themselves and the wildlife that they hunted, and practiced extensive agriculture."

Evidence for a paradigm shift in wildfire management is shown in *2009 Policy Guidance* along with other concurrent advances in fire management that motivated an increase in the number of naturally ignited wildfires managed with strategies other than full suppression.

Forest density intensifies the importance of snowpack for tree growth. A new study suggests that future reductions in seasonal snowpack as a result of climate change may negatively influence forest growth in semi-arid climates, but less so in wetter climates.

Guild member Mark Jacobs has been recognized in a new book on Ecological Silviculture. The authors include some names familiar to Guild members.

In their ***White Paper: Family-owned Forests and Carbon***, the American Forest Foundation (AFF) has explored how forests, specifically U.S. family-owned forests, can be a significant component to a comprehensive strategy to reducing carbon.

Expanding the use of prescribed fire in New Mexico, final report. The New Mexico House of Representatives passed House Memorial (HM) 42 in the 2019 session requesting the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) explore ways to expand the practice of prescribed fire on private lands in New Mexico. The memorial, drafted by the Guild and partners, created a broad working group of experts and stakeholders from across the state, including the Guild, to conduct research and analysis of expansion strategies and to develop a report to the legislature. The memorial identified liability, permitting, training, and smoke as major interconnected issues to be examined by the working group.

This final report was presented to the New Mexico Senate Water and Natural Resources Committee in July 2020. The Guild, the New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council, The Nature Conservancy, and others continue to work with elected officials so that the report's recommendations can be used to create and pass new prescribed fire legislation.

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A note from the Director

Our thoughts have been with those effected by the wildfires sweeping the western US and in the path of southeastern hurricanes. These disasters only strengthen our commitment to work every day to slow and mitigate climate change which is a key driver of the destruction. [A new addition to the Guild team, Gabe Donaldson](#), is expanding our capacity to respond to the other driver of high severity wildfire by returning good fire to its ecological role. [The Guild is also hiring to expand our work in the Northeast!](#) We're heartened by the next generation and their passion for ecological forestry in South Carolina and New Mexico.



Though we can't get together in person, our network of members and supporters across the country has provided a source of strength for 25 years, as [Bren Whittaker's reflections remind us](#). If you want to show your pride in our Guild check out the [25th anniversary t-shirts!](#) Professional members who want to get more engaged should [consider running for the Membership and Policy Council](#) and everyone is welcome to participate in the array of virtual events.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Guild interns at U.S. Fish and Wildlife offices (September's student voice)

Written by Mike Lynch.

The Forest Stewards Guild has partnered with the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the last several years to provide students with hands-on experiences to learn how forestry and wildlife management work together on public lands. This position had historically been a 26-week position that was best suited for recent graduates. In 2020, we switched to a 12-week summer internship model which opened the opportunity to current students that were at or near the end of their academic studies. These students are hired by the Guild and based at the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge in McBee, South Carolina. We will be offering this opportunity again as a 12-week position in 2021 and look forward to getting to know another pair of great students like we had in 2020.



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Welcome Gabe Donaldson, to the Guild's fire team!

Written by Gabe Donaldson

sleeve t-shirt colors and a long-sleeve in bright orange to be noticed in the field. 100% cotton. Order as many as you like and have them shipped directly to you! (Unfortunately, anniversary hats and other items will not be produced, but we intend to have more general Guild products available for purchase in 2021.)

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MPC Update - nominations accepted until Oct 6!

Nominations for next year's [Membership and Policy Council representatives](#) are being accepted now. If you would like to nominate yourself or another current, Professional or Retired Professional Guild member for our November election, please do so by October 6. To nominate someone, contact MPC chair Shane Hetzler at shane@troutmountain.com, or membership@forestguild.org, 505-983-8992 ext. 700 with the person's name. In a difficult year for forests, people, politics, and the world, this is one place where Guild members who are eligible to serve and vote can make a direct difference for forests by doing so.

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June 9 - 12, 2021	Luxembourg	ProSilva 30th anniversary meeting in Luxembourg (postponed from Oct 2020)

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Affiliate members

Jonathan Brooks, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Westwood, MA
Patrick and Bet Z Smith	Woodstock, CT

Student members

Meredith Bean, Clemson University	Pendleton, SC
Walker Cammack, Yale School of the Environment	New Haven, CT
Jamie Dahl, Colorado State University	Fort Collins, CO
Victoria Peck, Michigan Technological University	Hancock, MI
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The Guild is dedicated to fostering an environment that is sensitive and responsive to issues of harassment, insensitivity, and bullying. As our organization continues to grow, so does our need to develop and implement formal, robust anti-harassment and active bystander curricula. The Guild was recently awarded funds from the Sapelo Foundation to consult with experts as we develop and codify anti-harassment training materials that are applicable across the Guild, from our Forest Stewards Youth Corps to our executive level. Additionally, we will learn to “train the trainers” so that the lessons learned and the curriculum developed can be spread throughout the Guild to ensure long-lasting and far-reaching impacts. This effort represents just one of the many ways that the Guild strives to ensure people feel heard, included, and safe in the workplace.

Clemson University is conducting a survey called [Assessing Attitudes Towards Women in Forest Entomology and Pathology](#). The purpose of this survey is to assess current attitudes towards women in forest entomology and pathology and to identify gaps in support available to women in these fields. All genders are encouraged to complete the survey! Questions or concerns can be sent directly to Jess Hartshorn, Ph.D. at jhartsh@clemson.edu. The survey closes at the end of September

Guild member Lynn Levine has a [Woodland Wanderings YouTube series](#), for those who have trouble getting into the woods.

The Guild's FSYC Coyote Crew Leader, **[Selina Chacon, was on the radio](#)** a few weeks ago with New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps executive director Sarah Wood.

[Undoing Injustice: Roanoke Electric Works to Empower Black Landowners.](#)

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Publications and Research

[Invasive shrubs in Northeast US forests grow leaves earlier,](#) Science Daily.

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A note from the Director

Fall has come to forests across the country and its a great time to be in the woods. In the Southeast, we're continuing our work on [shortleaf restoration](#). In the Southwest, we're celebrating the growth of the next generation of forest stewards like [Chris Martinez](#), who used the Guild's Forest Stewards Youth Corps to launch his career. Across the country, there are great [virtual events](#) including discussions of [deer and regeneration](#), [inclusivity in extension](#), and [managing wildfires for resource benefit](#). The [Membership and Policy Council](#) continues to wrestle with challenging policy questions (like [Managing Plantations with the Guild](#)) and we have a great slate of new candidates to join the council.



We continue to celebrate the Guild's first quarter century. Publication of the [new book on Ecological Silviculture](#) this year is a nice coincidence. [Founding member Jeff Smith shares his reflections on the Guild](#) on our anniversary webpage. It is your last chance to get the [25th anniversary t-shirts!](#) Our 2020 Annual Review will be in mailboxes next month for current members and donors. If you are a late-in-the-year donor, please consider [donating in November](#) rather than December to save the Guild time and expense on end-of-year appeals and processing.

Thank you all for your work, your perspective, and for being part of this community.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Shortleaf restoration continues...from a distance.

Written by Dakota Wagner.

Partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Guild has been promoting shortleaf pine habitat restoration on the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee and Kentucky since the Fall of 2019. Our partnerships continue as we build on the work completed thus far: hosting learn-and-burns and other educational events for landowners and practitioners, implementing prescribed burns, and more. Now, the Guild is working with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to produce a shortleaf pine restoration plan for their Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness WMA.



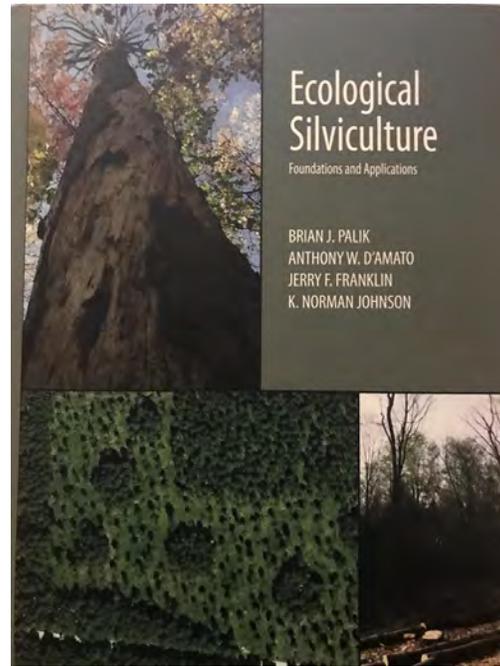
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Ecological Silviculture: Foundations and Applications

Written by Amanda Mahaffey and Zander Evans

In the early days of the Forest Stewards Guild, silviculture was largely seen as a means of maximizing timber production. Today, a new textbook captures the tenets long upheld by Guild members and provides a comprehensive, scientific reference for justifying the holistic approach we take in our work. Furthermore, this text addresses ecological silviculture in the context of today's world of climate change and an ever-shifting forest policy landscape. *Ecological Silviculture: Foundations and Applications* is a worthwhile read for foresters of today and tomorrow.

The book is rich with thoughtful silvicultural approaches and photos from well-managed forests across the country, including examples from Guild foresters.



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Open Doors: An FSYC success story (October's student voice)

Written by Tyler Wysner and Chris Martinez

Many of us have dreams of working in a particular place or doing a particular job, but not everyone possesses the resources or connections to turn those dreams into reality. For Christopher Martinez, the Forest Stewards Youth Corps (FSYC) Program opened doors that allowed him to make his dream of working with the Forest Service a reality.

Living in Peñasco his whole life, Chris had the mountains as his backyard. Jicarita and Truchas peaks are among his favorite spots to visit. Growing up with hiking, fishing, and hunting as a central part of his lifestyle, he aspired to work in the Forest Service from the start.

“It was my goal from high school to get into the Forest Service, and FSYC opened that door for me.”



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Celebrating our first 25 years...

Remember to **order** your limited edition T-shirts by **October 31, 2020**.

All orders will ship on October 31 and arrive in mid-November to the address you put into your order.

Note: this is **not** a Guild fundraiser. We are selling them at or very near cost. If you want to wear or gift a Guild anniversary t-shirt, please **buy one or more!** But if you are simply looking to support the Guild, a **direct donation** is the way to go.

Our own Dakota Wagner designed the art on these t-shirts. More Guild products will be available for purchase in 2021, without the anniversary design.

If you cannot order online or need assistance, please contact membership@forestguild.org for help with your order.

Also, we have a new [founder's essay from Jeff Smith](#) on our [25th anniversary webpage](#)! We'd love to share your stories, quotes, photos, ideas, and more. Please email membership@forestguild.org to submit thoughts and contributions to this page.



MPC Update

Nominations for next year's [Membership and Policy Council](#) representatives are finalized. Elections will start in November, so keep an eye out for your voting survey email if you are a current Professional or Retired Professional member. Meanwhile, here is your [October MPC Update](#)!

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October 20	Webinar	Wisconsin Health Emergency: Communicating Solutions to the Climate Crisis
October 21	Webinar	Newfire, Assessing the work of wildfire and identifying Post-fire Management Needs
October 22	Webinar	Effects of policy change on wildland fire management strategies
October 22 - 23	Online	2020 New Mexico Wildland Urban Fire Summit
October 26 - 27	Rangeley, ME	Symposium on Climate Change in Maine's Mountains
October 26	Webinar	Inclusivity in Cooperative Extension Programming, With an Emphasis on Natural Resources and Climate Change
October 29	Webinar	Managing Plantations with the Guild: 3 regional examples
November 2	Online course	Adaptation Short Course!
November 6	Webinar	Appalachian Virtual Cove Series - Aquatic Biodiversity
November 12	Webinar	Managing Woods and Fields for Wildlife
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		kick off (fire mgrs and researchers)
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Patrick Conlin, MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife	Shelburne Falls, MA
Robert Kirmse, World Bank	Santa Fe, NM
Brenda McComb, retired	Philomath, OR

Affiliate members

Aaron Cajero	Jemez Pueblo, NM
Paul Clarke	Jemez Pueblo, NM
Cydney Cornell	East Durham, NY
George Main	Lebanon, ME
Ryan Suazo Hines	Santa Fe, NM

Student members

Kris Brown, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Mariah Choiniere, University of Vermont	Franklin, VT
Daria Etchings, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
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Oisin Harrington, University of Vermont - Rubenstein School	Middletown Springs, VT
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The first draft of Forest Stewardship Council's US National Forest Stewardship Standard (Version 2) is now available for public consultation. You can contribute to the process with [the overview](#) that highlights changes in the standard, and priorities identified by the Standard Development Group, along with a message from the Standard Development Group Chair.

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Publications and Research

[Reforestation Practices for Conifers in California.](#)

[People, Fire, and Pine: Linking Human Agency and Landscape in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Beyond.](#)

Jobs

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A note from the Director

It has been a tough year and yet here at the Guild we have a lot to be thankful for. We're thankful for the work Guild stewards are doing every day in the woods. We're thankful for your support - your donations are crucial to the Guild's success. If you're able to, please make a donation before the end of the year.

This issue highlights the [voice of a Guild student member, Anna Welch](#), a summary of the [Guild's work on wildfire](#), and a view from the [Pacific Northwest on Foresters for the Birds](#). Professional Guild members should make sure to [vote in the MPC election](#). There are lots of [jobs and notes](#) - including new climate policy and the Guild received an FSC award!

Thank you and please keep yourself safe this winter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zander".



NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Getting to know Guild student member Anna Welch

Editor's note: thank you to Anna for the interview, photos, and artwork. The Guild highly values supporting the next generation of forest stewards. Hearing from student members about their experiences, concerns, perspectives, and predictions is helpful.

My name is Anna Welch. I study at the University of Connecticut in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. I am pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Natural Resources and the Environment with a concentration in Sustainable Forest Resources and a minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. I joined the Guild to share and nurture my passion for the woods with the help of a broad network of likeminded individuals. In sum: I cannot get enough of trees and the outdoors!



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Responding to the challenge posed by wildfire

Written by Zander Evans

Wildfire is arguably the biggest forest stewardship challenge for communities, landowners, and managers in a large swath of the country. The wildfires of 2020 have burned over 8.7 million acres and damaged nearly 17,700 structures – underscoring the devastating human impact. As smoke blanketed

communities this summer, several people asked what the Guild is doing to step up to the crisis. In fact, the Guild's work on reducing the negative impacts of wildfire on ecosystems and communities goes back decades.

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Feathers, Sweaters, and Better Weather,

the Big Picture of Bird Migration

Written by Gregor Yanega

I invite you to consider migration, and how it is simultaneously subtle, regular, and large in scale. Somehow the reliability of migration, whether we are looking or not, is comforting. Yet, migration brings into focus the gulf between the near field and the long view, the proximate and ultimate causes operating on different scales. Over time, small, immediate decisions become consolidated into behaviors that are the grist of evolution and specific to each species. An anticipation of what might be does as much for the short-term and long-term survival of humans as knowing when to migrate, and where to stop, has mattered to populations and species of birds. However, we have more agency than birds do in how we respond to the anticipation of what might be.



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Mary Stuever, New Mexico Forestry Division	Chama, NM

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Alison Luce, Oregon State University	Bend, OR
Abigail Mack, Oregon State University	Louisville, KY
Liam Smith, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Anna Welch, University of Connecticut	Storrs, CT
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Our 2020 Annual Review is available now online, along with the [autumn 2020 issue of the Forest Steward magazine](#). Enjoy these dives into a stellar year for the Guild, despite so many challenges.

The Guild has won a Leadership Award from the Forest Stewardship Council! Forest Stewardship Council, the world's most trusted forest certification system, announced its 10th Annual FSC Leadership Awards, recognizing uncommon excellence that advances responsible forest management and forest conservation. Forest Stewards Guild won for building an effective coalition of certified businesses and stakeholders to support the rollout of the FSC Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment, improving conditions on the ground in key sourcing regions.

We are happy to announce the Wildfire Wednesdays Live webinar series! The Guild's Southwest region, along with partners at Santa Fe National Forest and others, are hosting a webinar roughly every other Wednesday for the next four months. Each one will have a specific topic focus. These will be broadcast via Facebook Live and incorporate Q&A from chats on Facebook. We will announce upcoming topics soon. For now, check out the Wildfire Wednesday Live videos from [October 7, 2020 for a background on the landscape and Coalition](#), and from [October 21, 2020 for "A history of fire and changing forests in the Santa Fe Fireshed."](#)

The Forest and Climate Working Group policy platform provides guidance to lawmakers on how to increase the ability of forests and forest products to fight climate change, providing policy options to advance four main goals: 1) Maintain and expand forest cover, 2) Improve forest practices for carbon, adaptation, and resilience, 3) Advance markets for forest carbon, forest products, and skilled labor, 4) Enhance climate data and applied science

The minutes from October's Southeast Region membership call are available online.

Researchers at Utah State University are investigating the link between aspen and fire behavior, and they are [surveying people who have observed fire burn in aspen. Participate in the survey here.](#)

Attention Professional members in northern states: You are invited to participate in the [2020 Northern Forest Manager Survey](#), a research project led by Dr. Rachel Schattman (University of Maine), Dr. Tony D'Amato (University of Vermont), and Dr. Todd Ontl (NIACS). The purpose of the research is to understand forest managers' perceptions of changing environmental and forest health

conditions, management decisions, and challenges to adopting new practices. You must be at least 18 years of age or older to participate in the survey.

The results of this anonymous survey will be used by our colleagues and collaborators to inform future outreach and education around challenges faced by foresters today, and by extension create important professional development opportunities for forest managers. The results will also be used to inform state and federal regulators and policy makers about important issues foresters are facing, which could have implications for the long-term viability of the forestry sector in Northern states.

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Publications and Research

Trends in Abundance and Habitat Associations of Forest Birds. For more than two decades, the Southern Region of the USDA Forest Service has adhered to the Migrant and Landbird Conservation Strategy to address conservation concerns arising from long-term population declines among many bird species. To accomplish this objective, the Forest Service has conducted a regionwide program designed to improve monitoring, research, and management of avian populations and their habitats. A team led by NE CASC principal investigators Thomas Bonnot and Frank Thompson has conducted the first comprehensive study analyzing the 26-year dataset generated by this program. Its results, which have been assembled in a new report, will help inform conservation and management efforts in the Southern Region.

Future Forest Composition Under a Changing Climate and Adaptive Forest Management in Southeastern Vermont. The uncertainty around future impacts of global environmental change on forests has led to a heightened focus on developing alternative management approaches to sustain critical ecosystems. Coauthored by Guild member Anthony D'Amato, this article uses a spatially explicit forest landscape simulation model to examine and evaluate long-term effects of current and adaptive forest management under three projected climate scenarios within a Vermont forest. While it finds that land-use legacies and the inertia associated with long-term forest successional trajectories are likely to be the dominant influence on forest composition and density for the next 100 years, it also shows that climate will be a more prominent driver in these areas over the next 200 years.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include a [Community Forest Health Technician](#), a [Community Disaster Recovery Coordinator](#), and an [Executive Director](#), all for Trees Forever in Iowa, an [Assistant Program Manager, Spatial Analyst and Decision Support Specialist](#) for Colorado State University in Fort Collins, [3 Forestry Team Leader positions](#) in Wisconsin, [3 Forest Conservation Directors](#) for the Ruffed Grouse Society, a [Lead Management Specialist](#) for North Florida Land Trust, a [Forest Restoration Partnership Manager](#) for TNC in Minnesota, a [Vice President for Conservation and Stewardship](#) in Oregon, an [Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager](#) in New Mexico, a [Crew Boss, Contract Specialist, and Business Operations Specialist](#) in New Mexico, [Conservation Forester](#) for TNC in New York, and several more!

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A note from the Director

Working everyday with Guild members, staff, and partners and their focus on real world solutions helps me stay optimistic. I'm looking forward to 2021 with optimism and excitement. I'm hopeful the vaccines will allow us to gather in person in forests and woodlots across the country. I'm excited about the great additions to the [Guild's Membership and Policy Council](#). I'm looking forward to the [Northwest Innovative Forestry Summit](#) that will be held at the end of March. I'm appreciative of the generous year-end donations that will help sustain our work in 2021. I'm inspired by the next generation of forest stewards and the landowners who are engaging in quality stewardship, often with the help of resources we provide.

Thank you for supporting the Guild and each in 2020 and I wish you all the best as we look forward to a new year!

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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

Welcoming Leonora back to the Guild team

Written by Leonora Pepper

This spring I returned to the Guild staff after a two-year hiatus living and working in Brazil. Despite an unusual homecoming amid the pandemic, it has been exciting to see our organization's ability to adapt in real time to continue providing strong initiative, collaboration, and program outcomes. I'm looking forward to an eventual return to working with colleagues in person, spending more time in the field, planning in-person events, and working more closely with members of our youth program.



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Forestry for Maine Birds Program Offers New Videos

This partnership feature by Sally Stockwell of Maine Audubon

Are you interested in learning more about how you can help birds and other wildlife while managing your woodland? If so, check out the new Forestry for Maine Birds videos. The Forest Stewards Guild,

Maine Audubon, Maine Forest Service, and Maine Tree Farm have created a series of videos filmed in the woods that walk you through the essence of an in-person workshop. Topics include an introduction to Forestry for Maine Birds, why Maine is so important for birds, the habitat features birds need, a conversation with a Maine Forest Service forester and private consulting forester, and links to more resources and funding opportunities to help you manage your woodland “with birds in mind.”



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Looking forward to 2021: Forest policy

Written by Zander Evans

The Guild works collaboratively with land stewards and communities in the woods and we take the same collaborative approach to policy. We work with like-minded organizations and coalitions to advance policies that promote excellence in forest stewardship and protect forests. The Guild’s policy work is guided by our Policy Statements, which are drafted by the Membership and Policy Council and voted on by professional members. For

example, our climate change policy statement guides our approach to engaging with the Forest and Climate Working Group (FCWG).



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Its been quite an anniversary year! Thank you for reflecting and celebrating with us in 2020. Most importantly, thank you for sticking with us, and helping to make this a stellar 25th birthday for the Guild despite external challenges. This community is strong and wise and compassionate and that is among the greatest celebrations of all.

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MPC Update

Your newest [Membership and Policy Council](#) representatives for the 2021 - 2023 term were elected by Professional members early this month. Congratulations to Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, Mary Stuever, and Mark Jacobs (Mark is returning for a second term)! You can see their faces and brief comments on the MPC webpage now, and you'll be hearing more from your MPC in January about what's to come in the new year from this Council.

Thank you to all of our candidates for running, to all who nominated candidates, and to all who voted. Your engagement makes a broad, positive difference. Finally, thank you to John Gunn and Michael Leff, who will be stepping down from their MPC terms at the end of December. Your service is greatly appreciated!

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Jan 25 - Mar 15	Online Training	Adaptation Planning and Practices Training
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Jim Manolis, The Nature Conservancy	Minneapolis, MN
Andrew Norman, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service	Jackson, WY

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Eli Sagor, U of MN Sustainable Forestry Education Cooperative	Cloque, MN
Lee Sanders	Ragland, AL

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William Casola, North Carolina State University	Apex, NC
Jacob LaDue, University of Vermont	Pittsford, NY
Connor McCourt, University of Vermont	Colchester, CT
Madeline Oberempt, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Eliza Orne, University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
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Peter Van Der Goes, Jr. (tribute to David Van Der Goes)	New York, NY

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[COVID-19 Impacts on the Forest Sector: 2020 and Beyond.](#) A new report from Dovetail Partners provides a hopeful perspective: "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the forest sector has been recognized as essential. As a result, there is some increased awareness by consumers, policy makers and businesses of the importance of the sector for society's health and resiliency. The forest sector can respond to the impacts of the pandemic in constructive and innovative ways. Through these actions, the forest sector can become a bright light in challenging times and ensure the world is more resilient, secure, and better prepared."

[RVCC's annual policy meeting announcement.](#) Join the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition's 17th Annual Meeting this January. RVCC engages a diverse network of community leaders across the West to advance policy solutions and promote peer learning that aligns public and private land stewardship with community benefit. This year, RVCC is going virtual, hosting two panel events in January 2021 about: 'Learning From a Year of Crises' and 'Policy and Governance in the Year Ahead'. You can find out more about their 17th Annual Meeting, their panel events, and to RSVP on their website.

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Publications and Research

Warmer and Drier Fire Seasons Contribute to Increases in Area Burned at High Severity. Parks et al. 2020. Warmer and Drier Fire Seasons Contribute to Increases in Area Burned at High Severity in Western US Forests From 1985 to 2017, Geophysical Research Letters.

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Do non-native plants contribute to insect declines? The impact of introduced plants on native biodiversity has emerged as a hot-button issue in ecology. But recent research provides new evidence that the displacement of native plant communities is a key cause of a collapse in insect populations and is affecting birds as well.

Jobs

Be sure to check out the [job opportunities](#) in forest stewardship on the Forest Stewards Guild webpage. They include a [Senior Firefighter](#) with the Guild in Colorado, an [Environmental Lands Management Technician](#) in Florida, a [Georgia Sentinel Landscape Pilot Project Coordinator](#), a [Forester](#) in Massachusetts, [Directorate Fellows](#) with USFWS, a [Graduate Research Assistantship](#) at Mississippi State, a [North Carolina Regional Staff Forester](#), a [Forest Program Associate](#) with Audubon in Pennsylvania, a [Ph.D. Research Assistanship](#) in North Carolina and many, many more!

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