



Allegheny Society of American Foresters

2020 Winter Conference

February 26-28, 2020

Wyndham Garden, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827

Please plan to join us for the 2020 Winter Conference!

The Rothrock Chapter of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters invites you to attend the **Allegheny Society of American Foresters – 2020 Winter Conference** from **February 26-28** in Boalsburg, PA. The conference begins with the Icebreaker Social on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 PM. Please plan to join us and re-connect with friends and colleagues.

The Conference Committee has worked hard to put together a meaningful program with an impressive array of topics and presenters focused around the theme **“Leveraging Tensions in Forestry.”** The committee is showcasing how foresters must balance the many conflicting uses of our forests. We are taking a unique approach in several sessions where, instead of having traditional presentations, we are providing moderated sessions on four different topics. Two or more presenters will give short summaries on different viewpoints, then each session will be opened up to the audience for further discussion.

Registration:

To register, visit our registration web site:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/qhqsqv> The registration deadline is February 17, 2020.

Conference Facility:

The Winter Conference will be held at the **Wyndham Garden State College** located in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. Check out the facility at:

<https://wyngardenstatecollege.com/>

Lodging and Room Reservations:

A block of rooms is reserved at the **Wyndham Garden State College**, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. Ask for the Allegheny SAF Conference rate at \$89.00 per night (plus taxes). Note, the rooms will be held at the above rate until January 26, 2020. For reservations call the Wyndham Garden at: (814) 466-2255.

Continuing Education Credits:

Receive credit for attending! While continuing to improve your knowledge and skills as a professional forester earn continuing education credits that apply toward your professional certifications. Continuing

education credits have been applied for the following: SAF, ISA, and SFI.

In addition, the conference will also provide two pre-conference sessions one offering pesticide recertification credits (core and category) and another certifying Tree Farm inspectors.

Reginald D. Forbes Art Show:

Since 1974, the art show and competition has been a regular part of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters Winter Conference with the objective of fostering and displaying the artistic talents of foresters and their family members. All those interested are invited to submit entries. A display area for viewing artwork has been set aside convenient to the main meeting room. There are three categories for entries: photography, flat art, and 3-D artwork. Top awards will be determined by votes from the attendees. Be sure to visit the Art Show and remember to drop your vote in the ballot box after enjoying the show. Contact Sanford (Sandy) Smith at: sss5@psu.edu

Student Quiz Bowl:

Each year college students from the region's forestry schools compete in the Quiz Bowl. This event tests the forestry knowledge of students from baccalaureate and associate degree programs. We have tried to keep costs as low as possible for students and hope to receive a good response to our “Sponsor a Student” request.

Sponsors - Exhibitors

We invite you to partner with us this year! Options have been designed to help you choose the right level for your budget and time. As a sponsor or technical exhibitor, you will be a key contributor to the success of our Winter Conference, providing added value and interest to the program. The sponsorship program has been designed to provide a range of options for you to consider. Your support is appreciated!

Silent Auction:

We ask everyone to consider donating an item for the Silent Auction. No need to let us know in advance what you plan to bring, just bring it to the silent auction table near the registration area the day of the event.

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Pre-Conference Sessions:

Wednesday, February 26:

- 1:00 - 4:00 A.) **Pesticide Re-Certification Training** - Todd Hagenbuch and Bryan Rose, Vegetation Management Specialists, Arborchem Products, and Ed Crow, Pesticide Education Specialist, Penn State Extension. Garden Room B.
- 1:00 - 4:30 B.) **American Tree Farm System: Inspector Certification Training** - Dave Jackson, Forestry Educator, Penn State Extension. Garden Room C.
- Noon - 6:00 Conference Registration Desk Open. Hotel Lobby.
- 2:30 - 5:30 Allegheny SAF Executive Committee Meeting. Mountain View Board Room.
- 6:00 - 8:00 Icebreaker Social (hors d'oeuvres and cash bar). Ballroom West.

PROGRAM:

Thursday, February 27

- 8:00 Registration Desk Opens, Reginald D. Forbes Art Show Exhibitors (Photography, Flat Art, 3D Art), and Silent Auction areas open. Garden Room A.
Breakfast on your own. Continental breakfast provided for individuals staying at the Conference Center.

PLENARY SESSIONS: Ballroom East

- 9:00 - 9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Sara Fern Fitzsimmons, Rothrock SAF Chapter Chair
- 9:15 – 10:00 **Turning Tensions Among Stakeholders into Collaborative Solutions for Forestry** - Dr. Barbara Gray, Professor & Smeal Executive Programs Faculty Fellow, Emerita, Smeal College of Business, Pennsylvania State University
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Morning Break**
- 10:30 - 11:15 Michael Snow, Executive Director, American Hardwood Export Council
- 11:15 - Noon **Achieving Silvicultural Objectives in Today's Forests** - David Gustafson, Chief, Forestry Division, Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management, Pennsylvania Game Commission
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**
Announce Student Leadership Award Recipient, Jonathan Kays, Extension Specialist, Western Maryland Research and Education Center, University of Maryland

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

- 1:00 - 2:15 1.) **Reflections on Farm Bill Assistance Programs for Private Forest Landowners** - Garden Room C
Presenter A: Peter Hogland, State Forester, US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service
Presenter B: Mike Wolf, Private Consulting Forester, Appalachian Forest Consultants

2.) **Perspectives on Invasive Plant Management** - Garden Room B

Presenter A: Eric Burkhart, Appalachian Botany and Ethnobotany Program Director, Shavers Creek Environmental Center, Faculty Instructor, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Penn State University

Presenter B: Norris Muth, Professor of Biology, Juniata College

2:15 - 2:45 **Break**

2:45 - 4:00 1.) **Assisted Migration and Artificial Regeneration** - Garden Room B

Presenter A: Brian Salvato, Resource Assistant District Forester, Moshannon State Forest, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

Presenter B: TBD

Presenter C: TBD

2.) **Forest Certification: Pros, Cons, and Future Outlook** - Garden Room C

Presenter A: Fran Raymond Price, Senior Advisor, Forests, The Nature Conservancy

Presenter B: Jason Albright, Assistant State Forester, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

4:15 - 5:15 **College Quiz Bowl** - Ballroom East - Mike Powell, Senior Research Technologist, Penn State University

7:00 - 9:00 **Banquet Dinner** - Ballroom East

Awards and Recognitions, ANSAF awards committee and the Chair of the ANSAF

Keynote Presentation: **A Timber Tale Journey**, Paul Silvis, Head Coach & Entrepreneur, SilcoTek and Restek Corporation and owner of Siltop Properties, Jefferson County

Friday, February 28, 2020

7:00 - 8:00 **Chair's Breakfast** - Mike Huneke, Chair, Allegheny SAF, Ballroom East

- Art Contest, Silent Auction (Garden Room A), and Exhibitors (Ballroom West) areas open

8:00 - 8:15 **State Division Business Meetings (PA, WV, MD/DE, and NJ)** - Ballroom East

8:15 - 9:00 **Allegheny SAF Business Meeting** - Ballroom East

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9:00 - 10:15 **Understanding Regeneration Dynamics: A Labor in Research and Application**

Presenter A: Pat Brose, Research Forester, Northern Research Station, US Forest Service

Presenter B: Laura Leites, Associate Research Professor of Quantitative Forest Ecology, Penn State University

10:15 - 10:30 **Morning Break** –

Silent Auctions Closes

10:30 - Noon **State Forester Panel Discussion: Navigating Tensions to Steward the Forest**

Ellen Shultzabarger, State Forester, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry

Barry Cook, Director/State Forester, West Virginia Division of Forestry

Noon **Closing Remarks** -Sara Fern Fitzsimmons, Rothrock SAF Chapter Chair