

West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

October 2014 Newsletter



Allegheny SAF Meeting a Success.....



Gat Creek Furniture employee Jeff Kidwell explains work flow methods on a pre-meeting field trip



Dave Warner explains his management plan for a privately-owned forest to the group.

The Allegheny SAF held their annual Summer Meeting on September 8-10, 2014 at Cacapon Resort State Park in Berkeley Springs, WV with 60 members attending. The WV Chapter hosted the event. The theme for the meeting was **The Watershed that Unites Us**. The meeting began on Monday afternoon and evening with registration, the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee and WV SAF Executive Committee meetings and a Social hour/Icebreaker. There was also a pre-meeting field trip to Gat Creek Furniture.

Tuesday's Keynote Speaker was WV Assistant State Forester, Bob Radspinner, who addressed the group on How West Virginia Became a State. David Warner of TimberLand Consulting spoke on Second Home Development and Easement Issues while Executive Director, Kelly Watkinson provided information about the Cacapon and Lost Rivers Land Trust.

David Warner and one of his clients hosted an afternoon field trip where attendees learned about land management issues on private land. They visited properties with deer, non-native invasive species, and development pressures that are also being managed for forest products. WV DOF's Herb Peddicord led a second field outing featuring Emerald Ash Borer impacts on Cacapon Resort State Park which led to a discussion on how to combat this insect and deal with the forest left in its aftermath. Those in attendance enjoyed a cookout that evening.

Wednesday featured State society meetings and the Allegheny SAF Business Meeting. These were followed by the following presentations: The National Office Perspective – John Barnwell, Water Quality in Chesapeake Bay Watershed - Keith Eshleman, University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science, Water Quality in Chesapeake Bay Watershed – Fisheries Health, Vickie Blazer, USGS Fish Pathologist, and WV State Parks – Natural Resource Management in a Political Environment - Bob Beanblossom, WV DNR.

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!



Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy (WVSAF Chair) opens the meeting by apologizing to the New Jersey members that she forgot the Chesapeake watershed does not include NJ when she gave the meeting the title "The Watershed that Unites Us".



Keith Eshleman gives the group some good news on water quality before Vickie Blazer told the group about intersex bass in the Potomac River.



The group visits private land under professional management and threatened by NNIS.



SAF members and guests chow down at Cacapon Resort State Park.



SAF Helps Sponsor the National 4-H Forestry Invitational

Alabama placed first among 12 state teams that competed in the 35th annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational from Sunday, July 27, through Thursday, July 31, 2014. Teams from New York and Georgia placed second and third, respectively. Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia were also represented at this year's Invitational.

The invitational was held at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center near Weston, West Virginia. The event is sponsored by Farm Credit System, Plum Creek, The Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc., **The Society of American Foresters**, West Virginia University Extension Service, The American Forest Foundation, and the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals.

The national 4H forestry invitational is conducted by a committee of professionals who are experts in the field of forestry. Two of the committee members, William Worrell and Amy Fannon Osborne, are members of the SW VA SAF Chapter. They submitted a Forester's Fund grant proposal to support the invitational. Dave Jackson (PA), Dave McGill (WV), Barb McWhorter (WV), Dave Apsley (OH), Bill Hubbard (GA), and Robert Hansen (PA) are also SAF members in their respective states who serve on the 4H forestry invitational committee to conduct the event.

While at the Invitational 4-H members competed for overall team and individual awards in several categories. Events included tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, insect and disease identification, topographic map use, forest evaluation, the forestry bowl and a written forestry exam.

Alabama was represented by Lisa and Polly Barron both from Auburn and Gavin and Seth Rankins both from Cusseta. The team was coached by Greg and Angela Nichols from Lafayette.

Lisa Barron from Alabama received the high point individual award. Second place high individual award was given to Daryl Blough from New York and third place high individual award was given to Seth Rankins from Alabama.

The Joe Yeager “Spirit of the Invitational” award was given to Nathaniel Erwin of Kentucky. This award recognizes an outstanding 4-H contestant at the Invitational. It is presented to the individual who takes initiative, is enthusiastic, and is eager to lead academic and social situations.

4-H is a youth education program operated by the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the state land grant universities. More than six million youth, 540,000 volunteers, and 3,500 professionals participate in 4-H nationwide, and nearly 100,000 are part of the 4-H Forestry Program.

For more information on the National 4-H Forestry Invitational, go to: <http://4hforestryinvitational.org/>.

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New Leaders.....



Chair Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy addresses the group at the Summer Meeting

Chair – Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy
Vice-Chair – Jamie Schuler
Past Chair – Dave McGill
Secretary/Treasurer – Charles Copeland
Communications Chair – Barb McWhorter
At-large board member – Jim Hays
At-large board member – Rick Sypolt
At-large board member – Todd Lotter
At-large board member – Jon Pomp



For Sale - "Forester at Home" Print

Ludwig Knaus was one of the most accomplished painters of 19-century Germany; this work, The Forester at Home (1886) in the collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., is considered his masterpiece.

Born and apprenticed in the city of Wiesbaden, Knaus went to Dusseldorf at a young age and studied at the famous Dusseldorf Academy, where he adopted the realistic style of the Old Masters. In The Forester at Home, Knaus portrayed the forester before a crackling fire in his cabin with his faithful hound by his side. He is surrounded by glistening pots and kettles, and trophies of the hunt. Knaus' highly skilled technique is seen here, for the individual strokes of his paintbrush are almost invisible.

Ludwig Knaus was one of the most successful painters of his day; his works were prized not only by German collectors, but by Americans as well. When The Forester at Home was exhibited at the Berlin Salon of 1886, it was spotted by William Wilson Corcoran himself. By virtue of "its perfect drawing, color, and realistic qualities, reads a document of the time, "The Forester at Home was secured by Mr. Corcoran above all other competitors," and thus entered the collection in 1887.

The West Virginia Forestry Association has teamed with the WV Society of American Foresters to sell these classic "Forester at Home". Unframed: \$85 Shipping and Handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 304-372-1955.

Upcoming Forestry Events

WHAT:

Meet Your Forester

WHEN/WHERE:

6:00-8:30 PM - Ohio County – Oglebay Good Zoo Classroom - October 23

6:00-8:30 PM - Greenbrier County – WV Building Fairgrounds - October 27

6:00-8:30 PM - Mercer County – Library - October 28

6:00-8:30 PM - Mineral County – Mineral County Health Department - November 3

6:00-8:30 PM – Upshur County – Extension Office - December 2

6:00-8:30 PM - Taylor County – Extension Office - December 4

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT: Valerie Grant – 681-404-2341 (vcgrant@mix.wvu.edu)

8:30-4:00 – WV Forest Stewardship Workshop - Jackson's Mill
Contact Bob Radspinner, WVDOF – 304-558-2788

Upcoming Forestry Events (cont.)

WHAT:

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WHEN/WHERE:

6:00-8:30 PM – Jefferson County – November 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP - Jefferson County Extension Office

Phone: 304-728-7413

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6:00-8:30 PM - Randolph County – November 17, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP - Randolph County Extension Office

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6:00-8:30 PM - Pocahontas County – November 18, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RSVP - Pocahontas County Extension Office

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A new look for WV Division members.....

All dues-paying WV SAF members have a new nametag, like the one shown. New nametags, with the lettering laser-engraved into cherry wood, were made by Mike Pizzino of Almost Heaven Woodcraft, LLC, Beverly, WV. Many who attended the Winter Meeting picked up their new name tag at the registration desk. Come to a meeting to get yours or contact Charles Copeland.

And for those of you who might be interested in having Mike create something for you, Mike can do any design that can be electronically submitted. The design can be sized to fit on wood, glass or other hard surface. One of kind mementos to large order items (such as our nametags) can be produced. Contact Mike for specifics and prices. <http://www.almostheavenwoodcraft.com/>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting

Wilkes Barre, PA

February 18-20, 2015

2015 SAF National Convention

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

November 3-7, 2015



HELP WANTED.....

As the new Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc. Thank you --- Barb McWhorter (Barbara.McWhorter@wv.usda.gov)