

2010 Summer newsletter: West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters



WVSAF Hosts Allegheny SAF winter meeting ... in a Blizzard!

The WVSAF successfully hosted the Allegheny SAF winter meeting at Stonewall Jackson Resort, despite snow that never stopped falling. The theme of the meeting was *"Beyond our Borders: Building Awareness of International Forestry"*, and featured talks by a number of speakers with considerable experience in forestry in other countries. Michael Goergen, Executive Director of the Society of American Foresters, talked about the importance of International Relations to SAF, and offered some candid opinions about world markets and forestry in the future. Other speakers talked about markets for wood products around the world, and their experiences with forestry in Asia, South America, China, Europe, Russia, South Africa, and Guiana.

A highlight of the banquet was a preview of 'A Working Forest: Its future with Fire, People and Wildlife', a new documentary film produced by Allegheny SAF member Bob Williams, CF and featuring legendary musician and tree farmer Chuck Levell. You can ([read the article](#) about it in the May 2010 issue of The Forestry Source), and visit the [new website](http://aworkingforest.com/) (<http://aworkingforest.com/>) featuring articles, clips, a photo gallery, and more.

The Reginald Forbes Art Contest was a success with a number of entries, and the bidding on the hickory nuts during the silent auction was fast and furious! WVU won the Quiz Bowl – competing against themselves, since other schools were unable to attend due to the snow.

Thanks to the organizers of the meeting. The hardy souls who braved the winter weather enjoyed a warm, entertaining and informative meeting.

WVSAF Summer meeting registration now open!

The annual summer meeting of the WVSAF will be held at Hawk's Nest State Park, September 2-3, 2010. The theme of the summer meeting is ***"Thinking Beyond the Boundary Paint: Landscape Scale Management in the Central Appalachians"***. There are interesting opportunities during the field portion on Thursday, September 2: to take a zip-line tour through the forest, to learn first-hand about NIPF Management in the New River/Gauley River Watershed through a visit to a privately owned property, and to learn about land acquisition through partnerships. On Friday, September 3, topics for discussion include: Forest Stewardship Program at the landscape level, the TNC New River Gorge Conservation Action Plan, Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Plan, Appalachian Regional Reforestation



Initiative, and the Central Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about large scale forest management. Registration information is available

Registration includes the lunch and the afternoon field workshop on Thursday, September 2, the evening BBQ, and the Friday, September 3, presentations and lunch. Two optional field tours are also available (a zip-line tour through the tree tops, and a jet boat ride up the New River) and have been discounted for participants of the *WV SAF Thinking Beyond the Boundary Paint* meeting by Class VI Mountain River (www.class-vi.com/site/canopy_tour.html). If you are interested in either of these trips, please contact Dave McGill (304-293-5930; dmcgill@wvu.edu) as soon as possible to reserve a space. The canopy tour is a zip-line that has 11 courses and will take approximately three hours. This optional tour is limited to 32 participants on a first come basis.

For additional information or to register, you can find the registration forms on-line at our web site (http://www.alleghenysaf.org/docs/WV/WV_Summer2010_Meeting_agenda.pdf) or contact Chuck Copeland at 304-643-5265 or copeland@ruralnet.org .

WVSAF members are recognized as outstanding!

Congratulations! Tim Probert is a multiple award winner for his excellent work in reforesting mine lands. Tim received the 2010 Excellence in Reforestation Award for West Virginia from the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) for his 26 years of experience in reforestation of surface mined lands in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia. In July, he was also recognized by the West Virginia Forestry Association with its annual Environmental Award. Tim has long served on the WVSAF Woodlands Award committee, and been involved in cooperative reforestation research; he has co-authored research papers and articles related to reforestation of surface mined lands. In addition, through his employment with Pocahontas Land Corporation, Wagner Forest management, Gaddy Engineering and Marshall Miller & Associates, Tim has worked on over 60 Forest Reclamation Approach planting plans covering more than 20,000 acres.



1Tom Probert (R) accepts the WVFA's Environmental Award from Bob Radspinner, WVFA President.

Another WVSAF member, Barbara McWhorter, was the WVFA's Forester of the Year. Barb, a USDA-NRCS Staff Forester, was recognized for her many contributions to the West Virginia Forestry Association. She not only represents her agency on the WV Tree Farm Committee but serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. She has served on the WVFA Woodland Owner Education Committee, contributes her knowledge and skills to youth through her involvement with the WV Project

Learning Tree (PLT) program, and dedicates many hours of her own time to serve as the coach of the Lewis County 4-H Forestry Judging Team. Congratulations, Barb!

Congratulations and Best wishes go to Glen Juergens, who recently retired from the Forest Service, Monongahela National Forest after many years there. Glen has 35 years of federal service including military service in Vietnam, and Peace Corps service in Honduras. He Started work for the Forest Service as a firefighter in California on the Klamath National Forest in 1980, worked from 1982 to 1989 on the Daniel Boone National Forest. Glen arrived on the Monongahela National Forest, at the Marlinton Ranger District in February 1989, and moved to Elkins in 2005 for Forest Silviculturist position. He's been active in WVSAF - Served on Membership Committee (1993); Continuing Forestry Education Committee (1994); Executive Committee (1997-2000); Vice-Chair (2001); Chair (2002-2003); Immediate Past Chair (2004-2005); Teller Committee Chair (2005-2008). Glen has been working in international forestry with the Forest Service International Programs and non-government organizations including assignments in Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Angola, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic.

Congratulations to Eugene Shreve, who was elected to the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame for 2010! Eugene has been an SAF member for 60 years. Another member, Al Allison, was also inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame.

Do You Know Who Your Officers Are?

- Chair - Aaron Plaugher
- Vice Chair - Dave McGill
- Past Chair - Bob Beanblossom
- Sec/Tres - Charles Copeland
- Members at large - Jim Hays
 - Jeff Kochenderfer
 - Eldon Plaugher
 - Melissa Thomas-VanGundy

Training Opportunities

8/10 - 11/2010	Forest Stewardship Training	Fernow Experimental Forest, Tucker county Contact: Dan Kincaid Email: Dan.B.Kincaid@wv.gov

October 2010 Roach-Bauer Forestry Forum, featuring Michael Barton on Wind Energy Development on Managed Forest Lands. For more information, contact Ned Karger at 814-837-0121 or nkarger@collinsco.com

February 16-18, 2011. Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting focusing on Silviculture, Recreation and Prescribed Fire, at the Clarion Holiday Inn, Clarion, PA Check the Allegheny SAF web site (<http://www.alleghenysaf.org/index.html>.) for details as they become available.