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PA Tree Farm Update

The Science Behind the Effects of RoundUp Use

The news and TV commercials have been causing undo alarm about the dangers of using Round-Up (Glyphosate). Glyphosate is one of the major tools in a tree farmers shed and, as Co-chair of the PATF Committee and a retired USDA Forest Service manager, I want to clear up the rhetoric about this issue. Lots of well-executed scientific studies have been done on the use of glyphosate and none of them report a higher risk of cancer, if applied properly as the directions on the label indicate.
The US Forest Service has a mandate from Congress under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that is interpreted as requiring the Forest Service to do risk assessment on any pest control chemicals used on public lands. These risk assessments were contracted under my program area and I ended up being the technical project manager on these risk assessments. Over the years, we contracted for extensive risk assessment work on glyphosate since it was widely used by FS employees. The original risk assessment conducted in the 2000’s was 800 pages long and included hundreds of references. Basically, the conclusions were that glyphosate has minimal mammalian toxicity. Follow the label and it is safe to use. There is a more recent update of the glyphosate RA that reached the same conclusion.

The NEPA requirement was actually redundant as EPA carefully regulates pesticides in the US under FIFRA (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act). This act also covers herbicides. To meet regulatory requirements, extensive risk assessments, supported by all types of toxicity test data are required before a pesticide can be legally used in the US. EPA has extremely professional, independent risk assessors and they do not support carcinogenicity claims regarding glyphosate. Any concerns EPA has are expressed on the label.

The European group that has caused this furor has given the same warning regarding red meat and very hot beverages. Both the EU and US EPA have refuted findings that glyphosate is carcinogenic. If you want to worry about something, worry about your 6 pm Scotch, your Dairy Queen blizzard, your gloves soaked with 2-cycle mix or your neighbors poor aim with his .308 but use your Round-Up according to the label and you should be OK. I think the PFA stance should be that pesticides are closely regulated and the label is the law. When used according to the label, glyphosate is safe.

Harold Thistle
USDA Forest Service (retired) and Co-Chair of PATF

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**Mel and Marc Lewis 2019 Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award Recipients**

Mel and Marc Lewis of Hillsgrove were recipients of the 2019 Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award presented at the Pennsylvania Forestry Association’s Annual Symposium at the Toftrees Resort in State College on September 27. The Rothrock Award given annually by PFA represents their highest recognition.

Joseph Rothrock is the founder of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association in 1886. His enthusiasm for forest conservation was contagious. As a professor of botany at the University of Pennsylvania, he gathered around him a group of like-minded men and women, that became the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. He served as the first president. The association was the first such organization in America. This group sparked the forest conservation movement in Pennsylvania. Rothrock because of his influence became known as Pennsylvania’s Father of Forestry.

Together Mel and Marc operate Dwight Lewis Lumber Company, the first Forest Stewardship Council chain-of-custody certified sawmill in Pennsylvania. FSC certification is a process that requires time and commitment. Mel and Marc make the time and commitment to operate their sawmill and manage their company’s properties with an eye toward the future. FSC certification is just one example of this commitment to conservation and long-term management.

They also created and own Lewis Lumber Products, Inc. The hardwood store, as it is known, provides an outlet for not just their lumber, but other sawmill’s wood as well. The facility offers a quality product and expertise to assist local woodworkers, home remodelers, and craftsmen with materials and knowledge. By providing local wood (and other wood) that is easily accessible they are making it easy for people in the region and beyond to purchase and support Pennsylvania forests over plastic and forest products from other regions of the world.
Both Mel and Marc have served on the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy’s board of directors. During their tenures they promoted forest conservation and forest management. Mel and Marc both provided insight into forest management and forest regeneration, helping other board members from non-forestry backgrounds understand more and recognize the value of forest management.

Mel is also a member and former president of the Northeastern Logger’s Association. He also serves on the Sullivan County Planning Commission which allows him to encourage forest management and conservation.

Marc is a long-time board member of the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association and now serves as the organization’s President. The watershed is largely forested and contains large portions of State Forest Land and State Game Lands. Additionally, Marc served on the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association board and oversaw the forestry committee.

In 2013 Mont Alto inducted Mel and Marc into the Penn State Mont Alto Distinguished Fellows Society for their “significant contributions and achievements in their careers and communities.” Marc has also been recognized as a Penn State ESM Outstanding Alumni.

Dwight Lewis Lumber Company has received the Northeastern Logger’s Association Outstanding Sawmill Operator award during Mel and Marc’s management tenure. The company has also been recognized with the Agribusiness Achievement Award.

Dwight Lewis Lumber Company owns and manages a significant amount of land. As the third generation to run the sawmill in Sullivan County, Mel and Marc understand their management and conservation efforts on their land today will determine what future generations of their family will be able to do. Both Mel and Marc have a son working at Dwight Lewis Lumber Company and learning about the sawmill operations and land management efforts.

Mel and Marc recognize the communities that are in or near the forest have a large impact on how forests are managed and how forest management can be perceived. To that end they are both involved in the Sullivan County community. They both have served on the board of Sullivan County Action, Inc., a non-profit working to expand access to health and dental care in the County. This community involvement and thinking about how to help their employees resulted in Mel and Marc receiving recognition as Sullivan County Businessman of the Year.

They both have served on the board of directors at Woodlands Bank. The bank focuses on being a community bank with local decision making. The local decisions for loans and lines-of-credit provide smaller businesses to grow and first-time home buyers (like their employees) to get a loan and begin to build equity and financial stability.

WORDING ON MEL and MARC ROTHROCK PLAQUE WORDING:

Mel and Marc Lewis are stewards of the forest who have demonstrated their commitment to conservation and long-term management of Pennsylvania’s natural resources. As the third generation to operate the family’s sawmill and lumber business, they willingly give support to a community of others who seek to manage forests well for future generations. As trained foresters, they have received recognition from their alma mater Penn State University for their significant contributions and achievements to the profession and their communities. Individually and together, they reflect Dr. Rothrock’s respect for the forest, its ecology, and the need to share their knowledge for the stewardship of Pennsylvania’s forests.
Rachel Reyna Receives Inaugural Mira Lloyd Dock Outstanding Woman Conservationist Award

At the 2019 PFA Annual Symposium the Association presented its inaugural Mira Lloyd Dock Outstanding Woman Conservationist Award to Rachel Reyna. Rachel is currently the Chief of the Rural and Community Forestry section in the DCNR Bureau of Forestry. Originally from Louisiana, Rachel came to Pennsylvania in 1999 to enroll in a master’s degree program at Penn State. She began working for the Bureau in 2001 and rose to her current position in 2009.

Mira Lloyd Dock (1853-1945) has long received recognition for leading the way as an advocate of forest conservation. She was instrumental in establishing the forestry program at Mt. Alto, she was a driving force in identifying lands that set the foundation for Pennsylvania’s state forests, she was a champion for involving women in forest stewardship, her vision was attained through education, collaboration, and commitment.

Rachel emulates Mira Lloyd Dock as an outstanding force in Pennsylvania forestry. She has championed the stewardship of private and urban forest lands by coordinating the federal Forest Legacy program in Pennsylvania, overseeing grants and partnerships with myriad academic and conservation organizations, maintaining the 29-year relationship with Penn State for the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship program, and building nationally known urban TreeVitalize and Agroforestry programs. Her work has advanced the innovation and collaboration on woodland stewardship across the state and beyond, serving the forestry profession on a national scale. Rachel is a tremendous example for the current and future men and women of forest conservation.

Mira Lloyd Doc initiated Harrisburg’s City Beautiful program. Under Rachel’s guidance, the urban partnerships she has fostered have trained more than 6,500 Tree Tenders generating more than 17,000 volunteer hours annually in 400+ Pennsylvania cities and communities.
Rachel recently initiated a Pennsylvania-specific Woodland Stewardship Innovation team, pulling from educational, conservation, advocacy, and public organizations across the state with the goal of encouraging private forest landowners to act on well-informed decisions that lead to better care of the forest. Rachel took the lead to create this innovative partnership, pulling together myriad groups to unify the message to move woodland owners towards action, while still acknowledging partner groups for their unique abilities. The collaborative helps landowners find service providers and access resources to care well for their woods.

Rachel is an engaged and active member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and has served at local, state, and national levels. Rachel was instrumental in starting the SAF Diversity Ambassadors program, recognizing and facilitating attendance at the national convention for undergraduate and graduate students, especially those not traditionally represented in the forestry community. The program has had great success, and Rachel received a national SAF Diversity Leadership Award for her work. Like Mira Lloyd Dock, Rachel has worked to facilitate the training of a diverse and well-prepared workforce to sustain the conservation of Penn’s Woods.

Inaugural Mira Lloyd Dock Outstanding Woman Conservationist Award Recipient Rachel Reyna with then President Richard Lewis.

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**Dr. Beth Brantley Receives 2019 Sandy Cochran Award for Excellence in Natural Resources Education**

Beth Brantley started her teaching career at Penn State Mont Alto in 1997 and earlier this year left her position as an Associate Teaching Professor to work as a plant pathologist with Bartlett Tree Experts. Mont Alto has always had a history of producing excellent foresters. Beth demonstrated a commitment to forestry education that was technically excellent and very invested in her students. She was (and remains) well-loved by her students, and her students are well equipped with ready-to-use forestry skills. She estimates that between 30 and 40% have gone on to finish a four-year degree at University Park.
Many who have watched Beth interact with her students often remarked about her enthusiasm for forestry, her love of teaching, and her love of the students, which she projected loud and clear—it was always genuine. Her students often acknowledge how she inspired them in one way or another.

While at Penn State Mont Alto, Beth taught over 400 students, who had an employment rate of over 90%! Beth was committed to helping students find positions and often personally reached out to employers with recommendations.

She realized that, while students need a solid forestry education, they also need more than just instruction to enter the professional world: they need mentorship and encouragement. Beth made sure her students were exposed to professional societies, such as SAF and PFA—and supported attendance at local, regional, and even national meetings/conventions. She strategically introduced students to professionals at every opportunity as she required them to attend presentations with her. She also required students attending SAF national conventions to present or to submit a poster, which is uncommon for students seeking technical degrees. This effort helped students understand professionalism and to put it into practice.

Like Sandy Cochran, Beth has demonstrated excellence in forestry education and professionalism. Her dedication to the success and professional development of her students is a legacy to her enthusiasm and dedication to forestry.

2019 Sandy Cochran Award for Excellence in Natural Resources Education recipient Dr. Beth Brantley with then Pennsylvania Forestry Association President Richard Lewis.

Forestry News You Can Use

SUNDAY HUNTING BILL SIGNED INTO LAW

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 18, 2019

Harrisburg, PA - It’s official: expanded Sunday hunting is coming to Pennsylvania in 2020. Gov. Tom Wolf today signed into law Senate Bill 147, which permits additional hunting on three Sundays per calendar year – one within the archery deer season, one within the firearms deer season and one selected by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

The law will take effect Feb. 25, 2020, and the first new Sunday hunting opportunities will be identified by the Game Commission thereafter.

In Pennsylvania, Sunday hunting generally is limited to the hunting of foxes, coyotes, crows and feral hogs during open seasons.

Introduced by state Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-Erie, Senate Bill 147 passed the state House of Representatives by a 144-54 vote Oct. 29, then passed the state Senate by a 38-11 vote Nov. 18. Game Commission Executive Director Bryan Burhans said today’s signing of Senate Bill 147 by Gov. Wolf is a win for Pennsylvania’s hunters. “People today tend to lead busy lives, and hunters are no exception,” Burhans said. “No matter how badly a hunter might want to get out and enjoy the outdoors during hunting season, other responsibilities might take priority and make it difficult.”

“Providing opportunity to experience hunting on previously closed Sundays has game-changing potential for hunters with light schedules and, in many cases, will make a difference by enabling those hunters to hunt alongside their children, setting them on a path they'll follow the rest of their lives,” Burhans said. “To Sen. Dan Laughlin and to all of those who supported the bill and helped to make it a reality, please accept a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the Game Commission and hunters statewide.”

Laughlin, Chair of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, said the new law will create opportunities for tens of thousands of working families across Pennsylvania. “I believe this has been a long time in coming and is truly a tribute to the thousands of hunters and the many organizations who have supported this effort,” he said. “Weekends are essentially the only time that most working men and women can get out into the woods. The same could be said for many young people, the ones who represent the future of the sport. Lifting the ban will give them increased opportunities to pursue the activity that they love.”

Sen. Jim Brewster, D-McKeesport, who serves on the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee as Minority Chair, sees the new law as an important tool in helping to recruit new hunters and keep them active. “Sunday hunting will boost interest in the sport and open up new opportunities for hunters who are unable to get into the woods on other days of the week,” Brewster said. “I have been a longtime supporter of adding days when hunters are able to be in the field.

“This law will create access yet provide reasonable protections for farmers and landowners,” he said. “Sunday hunting will allow us to usher in new generations of sportsmen and women to enjoy our woodlands.”

Prior to passing the House of Representatives, Senate Bill 147 was amended to require all hunters on private land on the selected Sundays to carry written permission from the landowner. This requirement does not apply on Sundays when only foxes, coyotes, crows and feral hogs may be hunted. The bill also gives Game Commission officers the authority to investigate private-land trespassing complaints and enforce trespassing violations as a primary offense. Previously, trespassing violations were referred to police unless a Game & Wildlife Code violation also was alleged. Once the new law takes effect, hunting-related private-land trespassing violations will be enforced year-round by the Game Commission.

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**Purple paint markings will soon mean no trespassing in Pa.**

By Jan Murphy | jmurphy@pennlive.com

If you are wandering about and come across purple stripes on a tree or post, don’t think of it as an unfinished paint job. Think “no trespassing” and walk away.

Gov. Tom Wolf on Wednesday signed into law a bill that allows property owners the option of using purple paint markings instead of “no trespassing” signs to mark their property boundaries.
This new law takes effect in 60 days. It was sponsored by Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York County, who said, “this purple paint makes it easier to define property lines and provides a more visible notice that private property is not to be trespassed on.”

Until now, trespassing on agricultural and other open land is prohibited if the property is posted with signs that indicate no trespassing allowed. “However, these signs degrade over time, leaving the illegible and tattered or are removed either by nefarious acts or adverse weather conditions. Paint is a more permanent means of posting a property,” Keefer said.

The law specifies that the purple paint to be used must be one of the commercially available “No Hunting” paints. The purple stripes are required to be at least 8 inches long and 1 inch wide. They must be placed between three and five feet from the ground on posts or trees that are no more than 100 feet apart.

About a dozen or so states have already passed this law, which originated out of Arkansas back in 1989.

Read the original article here.

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### What’s Going on With Roundup®?

Compiled by Jonathan Kays,
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(Reprinted from Branching Out newsletter, Fall 2019, with permission from the author)

The news media is full of offers to join class action lawsuits against glyphosate, the active ingredient in many herbicide formulations, including Roundup®. High profile lawsuits in California have successfully sued Monsanto, the original manufacturer of Roundup. The assertion was that their clients’ long-term use of Roundup® caused the plaintiffs’ cancer.

I am not a toxicologist, I am an extension forester and a faculty member at a land-grant university who is committed to looking objectively at scientific data and making recommendations. In this case the lawsuits and media do not seem to match with the science.

So why is glyphosate so important? Controlling undesirable vegetation in forestry is critical to assuring a healthy forest, establishing forest regeneration, creating wildlife habitat, and controlling invasive plants. Controlling undesirable vegetation is possible by using prescribed fire, mechanical tools and equipment, and possibly even goats, but herbicides are much more effective and efficient. In fact, mechanical control methods may pose a greater safety threat for human injury.

Glyphosate is a type of herbicide that has an active ingredient that interferes with plant growth. Glyphosate works by blocking the activity of an enzyme in the one of the biochemical processes so that the plant cannot grow. The process is found only in plants and not in humans and other animals. Monsanto marketed glyphosate as Roundup® in 1974 and held the patent on the chemical until 2000. The patent expired in 2000, allowing companies to legally produce and sell glyphosate, and at lower cost, which is where we are today.
Glyphosate is found in many formulations and trade names and is sold in big box stores and through agricultural dealers. It is widely used in forestry, agriculture, and residential markets to control unwanted vegetation. It works on all types of plants, becomes inactive in the soil, breaks down quickly in sunlight, and poses little danger to the environment. Glyphosate, like every chemical active ingredient for any herbicide, goes through an assessment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which determined it to be safe when used “according to the label directions.” The label is the law.

Some recent court verdicts in California have found glyphosate responsible for causing non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma (NHL). Scientists do not really know what causes this cancer. If glyphosate caused cancer at realistic exposure levels, then farmers and other applicators would be the first to show this effect. The largest study ever published (see references), looking at farmers and other applicators, found no association between glyphosate and solid tumors, including NHL.

Anti-glyphosate advocates point to the 2015 report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, www.iarc.fr), an arm of the World Health Organization. The report labeled glyphosate a probable human carcinogen, a determination that was surprising to many. IARC responded to critics by clarifying their intent — to identify potential hazards. They asked, “Can it cause cancer under any circumstance?” They defer to others to do risk assessment based on expected levels of exposure and background cancer rates. Most governments (US, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada) have published risk assessments about glyphosate, finding it unlikely to cause cancer in humans when used according to label directions.

The EPA under the past four administrations found glyphosate to pose no risk to human health and was not a carcinogen. Likewise, the European Chemicals Agency determined glyphosate was not a carcinogen, and in 2018 the European Food Safety Authority determined the current exposure levels are not expected to pose a risk to human health.

The IARC determination put the following items in the same “probable human carcinogens” category as glyphosate: consumption of red meat, drinking very hot beverages, high temperature frying emissions, late-night shift work, hairdresser workplace exposure. “Known human carcinogens” on their list included processed meat, alcoholic beverages, and sunlight. Hazard identification is only the first step in assessing risk.

Glyphosate use in forest management is critical for controlling undesirable vegetation and using it according to labeled directions minimizes risk. As with any pesticide, risk is reduced by using the Personal Protection Equipment detailed on the product label, such as proper clothing, gloves, eye protection, etc. To do otherwise is using the material illegally. Determinations by courts and lawyers do not necessarily reflect the science on this subject. I encourage you to review the references provided below and make your own decision. If use of glyphosate can be banned based on the science available, the obvious question is, “What’s next?”

Information for this article was drawn from the following sources:

Survey on Prescribed fire on private lands in PA
I am happy to announce the launch of a new extension program at Penn State called *Prescribed Fire and Natural Resources Management*. Prescribed fire has the potential to be a low-cost management tool that can help owners meet many types of forest management objectives including oak restoration, enhance wildlife habitat, and pest control (e.g., ticks).

To help inform extension programming, you are invited to participate in a survey examining your interest in prescribed fire use on private lands in PA.

Please use invitation code: **TF001**

- Web link to survey: [https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4OfTtK6SS6iVnmd](https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4OfTtK6SS6iVnmd)
- Request a printed copy of the survey by emailing mxk1244@psu.edu
- Scan the QR code below with your phone camera to take the survey.

Thank you,

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**PA Game Commission Raising Awareness of CWD**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is seeking PFA member help to educate the public about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD is a deadly brain disease that is currently impacting deer and threatening elk in Pennsylvania. The Game Commission strives to provide accurate and timely information to the public on CWD. Unfortunately, in the world of technology misinformation is easily attainable online, and often over shadows accurate information.

Get the real facts about CWD in this PGC CWD Brochure. [Download it here!](https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4OfTtK6SS6iVnmd)

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**Webinar series will help landowners care for their woods**

*The "Woods in Your Backyard" webinar series teaches land stewardship through nine live, one-hour, online evening lectures that can be viewed on your home computer.*

Do you have woods in your backyard? Penn State research estimates that nearly half a million Pennsylvanians own a small patch of woodland -- something less than 10 acres in size. In fact, the vast majority of Pennsylvania landowners have fewer than 10 acres. These small patches add up to about a million acres, or about 10 percent of our state’s privately held woodlands.

*The "Woods in Your Backyard" webinar series teaches land stewardship through nine live, one-hour, online evening lectures that can be viewed on your home computer. Sessions run from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights for nine weeks beginning January 29, 2020. All lectures are recorded and can be viewed later if a live session is missed.*

Sponsored by Penn State Extension and the Center for Private Forests, the University of Maryland Extension, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: Forests for the Bay Program, the webinar series is designed specifically, but not exclusively, for smaller landscapes. These small lots, whether wooded or not, can provide numerous benefits. By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your property, you can enjoy wildlife, recreation, aesthetics, improved water
quality and reduced energy costs. Owners of even the smallest landscapes can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices.

The workshop series introduces the manual, “The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home.” All participants will receive the full-color, 108-page publication, a $29 value. This self-directed book will guide you through the process of developing and implementing projects to enhance your land’s natural resources.

Topics covered in the webinars will include the following:
- Woods and healthy watersheds.
- Tree and shrub identification.
- Providing and enhancing wildlife habitat.
- Forest ecology and soils.
- Woodlot management techniques.
- Invasive plant identification and control.
- Converting open land to meadows and woods.
- Providing edible fruits and nuts and other ways to diversity your woods.

For more information and to register, visit the Penn State Extension website or call 877-345-0691. The registration deadline is Saturday, January 18, 2020.

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**PLT Online Short Course**

Project Learning Tree (PLT) and The Society of American Foresters (SAF) are pleased to announce an online short course – Teaching Youth and Communities About Forests – to help you strengthen your outreach and education efforts to youth and adults. Registration is now open. Register Now!

This self-paced online course is intended for foresters and natural resource professionals and provides access to some of PLT's most popular hands-on activities and training to effectively implement with your audience. No prior knowledge, education background or teaching experience is needed.

Following the course, you will be able to:
- Incorporate easy-to-do PLT activities into your outreach and education efforts.
- Focus on learning outcomes important to you and your audience.
- Adapt PLT activities for your audience and context to suit and engage participants.
- Connect to resources such as relevant online tools, supplemental content, and PLT in your state.

This short course is approved for 4.0 Category 2 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits. Upon successful completion of the course, CFEs will be automatically added to your CFE records.

Pricing:
- $49 for SAF members
- $79 for Non-members

SAF and PLT are delighted to help you go beyond words and use hands-on activities to strengthen your outreach and education efforts!


Please contact Naomi Marcus, SAF Director of Professional Development and Certification at cf@safnet.org with any questions about this short course or other ForestEd learning opportunities.

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**EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Opportunities Shared Via PSU Community Trees Update
Here is this month’s listing of upcoming arboriculture and community forestry events in and around Pennsylvania and online. For more information on a particular program, please use the listed contact information for that program.

1. Tree Tenders Training – Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Online
2. Webinar: Scaling-Up Your Urban Wood Opportunities; A Role for Everyone – Online
3. Landscape and Green Infrastructure Analysis and Planning – Lancaster, PA
4. Webinar: Pruning Update – Online
5. Arborist Short Course – Various locations throughout Pennsylvania
6. Woods in Your Backyard Webinar Series – Online

Click the links for more information.
JOIN US!
Become a Certified American Tree Farm System Inspector

Help the American Tree Farm System get more good forestry on more private acres by becoming a Tree Farm inspector.

2020 Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training Session

Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM.
Wyndham Garden State College, Garden Room C
310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827
(Note: This training is being offered as a special pre-conference session prior to the Allegheny SAF Winter Conference)

Sponsored by: The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Tree Farm Committee and Penn State Extension

Trainings are open to anyone interested in becoming certified by the American Tree Farm System to inspect family owned forestland to the Tree Farm Standard. The minimum qualification to become an inspector includes a 2 yr. or 4 yr. forestry degree from an SAF accredited program. All those wishing to inspect and certify Tree Farms must attend an initial face-to-face training class. There is no charge for taking the class.

Prior registration is required. Register by email or phone:

Contact the Pennsylvania Forestry Association
Phone: 1-800-835-8065
Email: thePFA@paforestry.org
The Pennsylvania Forestry Association

2020 Conservation Banquet

“Raising funds for forestry education”

Saturday, March 7, 2020 | Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Activities start at 3:00 p.m.


At 5:00 p.m. Live Auction Starts

Come and bid! Great items for a worthy cause!

6:30 p.m. – Dinner Served

**After Dinner - $10,000 Draw Down Raffle**

This is the evening’s high point! **Only 350 tickets are available!**

*Your chance of winning is outstanding! Don’t miss this great time!*

Each $100 ticket includes your choice of a **Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian** dinner and door prizes. In addition, you have a chance at **$10,000**. A limited number of Guest Tickets are available for $45. Guests are eligible for door prizes and a special raffle drawing. (See prize list on reverse side.)

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association depends on this event to finance its forest conservation mission and invests these dollars directly back to forestry education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Your support is important! To facilitate event planning, please purchase tickets and donate auction items early. All donations are **GREATLY** appreciated. This event is open to everyone, you need not be a PFA member to join the fun and have the possibility of winning **$10,000**. A ticket would make a great gift for family members or outstanding employees. Join with a few friends on a “pool” ticket. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets go **F A S T**, get yours today! Come and join the fun!

**Complete the reservation form and send it to the PFA Office by February 15, 2020.**

**$100 Ticket Holder Prizes**

1st – $10,000 cash
2nd – $1,000 cash
3rd – $500 cash
4th – $300 cash
5th – $200 cash

6th – 30th Prizes $100 cash and a ticket to the 2021 Dinner
**Ticket Holders need not be present to win**

Overnight accommodations are available at the Genetti Hotel.

For room reservations, call the hotel directly at 1-800-321-1388

*Ask for the PFA Conservation Dinner room rate!*
Whether or not you can attend, The Pennsylvania Forestry Association offers you the opportunity to be a special “above and beyond” contributor to our 2020 Conservation Banquet through a sponsorship. Conservation Banquet sponsorships will be recognized on Banquet signage, in the PFA E-newsletter, the PFA “Pennsylvania Forests” magazine, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association Facebook page, and other PFA communications.

At PFA, the oldest forestry association in United States, we have a proud legacy of supporting forestry education programs, college forestry clubs, Project Learning Tree, the Pennsylvania Tree Farm Program, the “Walk in Penn's woods” Program, sustainable forestry and wildlife management, reforestation, and clean water.

Your Conservation Banquet sponsorship dollars are earmarked to help PFA continue its forestry education programs for woodland owners, educators, students, legislators, and public officials.

Please note that most of the sponsorship levels include one or more complementary tickets to the 2019 Conservation Banquet.

- Chestnut Sponsorship - $1000 - includes five banquet tickets
- Black Cherry Sponsorship - $800 includes four banquet tickets
- Sugar Maple sponsorship - $600 - Includes three banquet tickets
- Red Oak Sponsorship - $400 - Includes two banquet tickets
- Hickory Sponsorship - $200 - includes one banquet ticket
- Friends of PFA Sponsorship - ($25 - $199)

Please contact Caleb Wright (800.835.8065 or thepfa@paforestry.org) to sign up for a Banquet Sponsorship.

In the news

12-02-2019 PGC: Second Chance for DMAP in DMA 3
(Press Release)

12-02-2019 DCNR: Additional State Forest Roads Remain Open for Opening of Deer Hunting...
(Press Release)

12-02-2019 PGC: Preliminary Three-Day Bear Harvest Results
(Press Release)

12-01-2019 Chronic wasting disease, climate change will affect deer hunting, and that’s not good news for the environment
Two scourges in our midst, chronic wasting disease and climate change, have implications for deer hunters in Pennsylvania far beyond the obvious, CWD, which is always fatal to deer, will kill many deer. Infected deer on captive deer farms have been found in two locations in Lancaster County.... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

11-22-2019 PGC: NWTF Biologist Appointed District 1 Game Commissioner
(Press Release)

11-20-2019 Pennsylvanians want more from their state parks, report says
Pennsylvanians want their state parks to be better maintained, provide more active outdoor and educational opportunities and draw a more diverse population, according to a draft report recently released by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.... - Reading Eagle

11-19-2019 PGC to stock nearly 4,000 pheasants in habitats for 2019
In 2019, the Pennsylvania Game Commission will stock almost 4,000 pheasants in Warren County. The last two stockings have yet to take place. Like trout stocked in local waterways, those pheasants are stocked to be taken by sportsmen. “Pheasants are stocked for hunters as a ‘put and take’... - Warren Times Observer