

Pennsylvania Forest Stewards News



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2012 PA Forest Stewards Applications

In mid-April, applications for the 2012 Class of PA Forest Stewards will go out. In the application letter, the person who nominated to individual will be named, so that applicants have an idea of who to contact for more information. We'll also be sending out postcard reminders to the nominators to encourage you to reach out to your nominees.

We're working hard to improve commitment to the program once participants sign up. The more information and resources provided up front, we believe the more likely people are to understand what they're getting into and the commitment asked of them in return. Thanks for your help in building the next class of new volunteers.

Announcing the 2013 Private Forest Landowners Conference: The Future of Penn's Woods

Things just keep happening around here! In recent newsletters we announced Jim Finley's appointment as Ibberson Chair for Private Forest Management. Last issue we announced the creation of the new Center for Private Forests at Penn State. Now we're pleased to announce the statewide private forest landowners conference, scheduled for May 3 and 4, 2013, at the Blair County Convention Center,

Altoona, PA. This day and a half conference will have presentation tracts, keynote addresses, informational and resource displays, a silent auction, good food, and lots of private forest landowners from and with whom to learn more about caring for our parts of Penn's Woods.

The conference is in the active planning stages. We'll soon be looking for sponsors and funders, presentation tract ideas, speakers, etc. We're hoping to attract between 600 and 1000 private forest landowners and stakeholders to take part in this event. Think about how your group might want to participate. Save the date: May 3-4, 2013!

New Regional Foci for Articles in PA Forest Stewards News

When compiling this newsletter, we are often begging folks to contribute articles, ideas for articles, news and events to help fill this space. We're grateful to all those who have contributed in the past. Now we're looking for ways to make that a standard feature.

At the March Steering Committee Meeting, we floated the idea of assigning each of the six regions to one issue of the newsletter. The regional representatives were receptive and now we're giving everyone a little heads up that your regional steering committee representatives are going to ask for your contributions to the regional

piece. We'll start this with the July/August 2012 newsletter so the first region has a little bit of lead time.

The assignments and the people who will be taking the lead for this task in each region are:

July/August - Northwest Region

Bob Slagter
Blaine Aikin

September/October - North Central

Marie & Walt Petrick
Linda Finley
Ruth Park

November/December - Northeast

Carol Hartley
Nancy Baker
Monroe Cressley

January/February 2013 - Southwest

Fred Lau
Bill & Margaret Baber
Gary & Page Wetterberg

March/April - South Central

Mike & Laura Jackson
Don McCann
Charles & Grace Snyder

May/June - Southeast

Fred Peabody
Carl Martin
George & Patricia Kaufman

We'll then switch things up for the regions in the next year (2013-2014). That way, no one is tied to a particular time of year. Feel free to make contributions or send ideas to your regional



representatives. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Help with Planning the Next Round of Webinars

We're nearing the end of this batch of Forest Stewardship Webinars through our PA Forest Web Seminar Center and about to take our summer hiatus. Webinars on early successional habitat, growing oak, and hemlock woolly adelgid get us through June. Now we need your help to plan the next round of topics for presentation. What would you like to see? What would you like to learn anew or learn more about that lends itself well to our webinar style of outreach? Please let us know. Drop us an email or give us a call. We want these webinars to stay relevant to you. Let us know what you think. Thanks.

And, don't forget to encourage those to whom you reach out to use the webinars as an educational resource. We're seeing just as many folks viewing the webinar recordings as are viewing the "live" sessions. With the new system, participants are no longer required to be "Friends of Penn State" to watch the sessions, though we do still encourage folks to register with

us so they receive the reminders and notices of upcoming presentations.

The web classroom address is: <https://meeting.psu.edu/PAForestWeb/>. You can also find our more at our Private Forests Extension page: extension.psu.edu/private-forests. Click on "Tools and Resources" and then "Webinars." "See" you online soon!

Dates for Your 2012 Calendar

July 27, 2012 - PA Forest Stewards In-service Training, Wildlife Habitat "Bus" Tour, Michaux State Forest.

July 28, 2012 - PA Forest Stewards Annual Meeting, Dave and Judy Twin-ing's Tree Farm, Carlisle.

September 21-23 and October 5-7, 2012 - PA Forest Stewards Basic Training, Camp Krislund, Madisonburg.

October 5, 2012 - PA Forest Stewards In-service Training, Forest Soils, Camp Krislund, Madisonburg.

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