



# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

September 2016

## Upcoming Events

- **September 13 & 20, South Boston**  
Preparing for Generation NEXT
- **September 14 & 28, and October 19**  
Women and Land Learning Conservation Circles
- **September 23-25, Abingdon**  
SW Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **October 5 & 12, Orange**  
Preparing for Generation NEXT
- **October, Statewide**  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours
  - **Essex – Oct. 7**
  - **Lee – Oct. 11**
  - **Prince William – Oct. 14**
  - **Dinwiddie/Nottoway – Oct. 20**
- **October 23, Montpelier Station**  
Working Woods Walk
- **October 29, Madison**

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Let me tell you, I am really enjoying the cooler days that seem to come more frequently this time of the year. I'm definitely not a hot weather person, and this summer I endured more than enough heat – we moved from one un-air conditioned house into another. During the hottest two weeks in July. The only reprieve was the 13 mile drive between the two in my air conditioned car. On the plus side, we are no longer absentee landowners – we are resident landowners! I'm hoping as we make progress managing our land, I will have stories (of both successes and failures) to share with all of you. Right now we've been concentrating on getting all of our stuff into a 3 room house – a challenge indeed! So our biggest outdoor accomplishment so far has been the building of a chicken tractor. I'll post a photo on the Facebook page if you care to take a look.

We have so many programs planned for woodland owners this fall – including the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours! A full-length article on this history of these tours will appear in the Sept.-Oct. issue of the **Forest Landowner Association's Magazine**, and in the Summer issue of the **Virginia Forestry Association's** Virginia Forests Magazine. Please consider joining us to help celebrate! **Tour itineraries and mail-in registration are available. On-line registration is open.**

- October 7 – Essex County
- October 11 – Lee County
- October 14 – Prince William County
- October 20 – Dinwiddie/Nottoway Counties

Our third and final **2016 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreat** will take place at **the SW Virginia 4-H Educational Center** in Abingdon

## Natural Hardwood Charcoal Making Demonstration

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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September 23-25. Spend the weekend with a variety of natural resource professionals and learn how to get started actively and sustainably managing your woodlands. Lectures, field trips, and hands-on activities are all part of the weekend. If you can't make it this year, we'll be hosting 3 more **Retreats in 2017!**

It's never too soon to start thinking about the future of your land. Who will you pass it on to? Do they share your values and goals? Learn the ins and outs of passing on your legacy at a **Preparing for Generation NEXT** workshop. **September 13 & 20 in South Boston** or **October 5 & 12 in Orange.**

If you are a Tree Farmer, actively enrolled in the **American Tree Farm System/Virginia Tree Farm Program**, or interested in becoming one, check out our **series of dinner meetings** this fall. We hope to continue this tradition of meeting regularly with Virginia's Tree Farmers, so stay tuned to find out what we have in store for you next year.

Finally, the **Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program has a new website** – check out our new look!

### Real Estate Professionals

Have you handed out all of your *Welcome to the Woods! A Guide for New Virginia Woodland Owners* books? If so, you can either **share this link to a digital version** with your land-buying clients or **request to have print copies** sent to you (please be sure to tell me how many copies and where to send them).

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](https://twitter.com/VFLEP)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/VFLEP](http://www.facebook.com/VFLEP)).

I hope to see you out in the woods this fall!

Jennifer

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