



# Virginia Forest Landowner Update

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## Upcoming Events

- **October 4, Madison**  
**Natural Hardwood Charcoal Making demonstration**
- **October – December, On-line**  
**Non-timber Forest Products Fall 2014 Webinar Series**
- **October 10, South Boston**  
**Halifax County Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field tour**
- **October 11, Meadowview**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Chestnut Celebration & 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Meadowview Research Farm**
- **October 23, Staunton**  
**Succession Solutions for Farm Families**
- **October 26, Montpelier Station**  
**Working Woods Walk**
- **October 30, Galax**  
**Grayson/Carroll Counties Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour**
- **November 8, Warrenton**

## Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Fall is finally here!! Although I'm sad to see the end of my garden, I just adore the cooler weather and colorful foliage. Fall also brings the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field tour series. This means I get to travel all around Virginia and visit with many of you. Our first tour of this fall's series finished yesterday. Our first attempt at a two-day, overnight, field tour was a great success. We learned about how important good forest management practices are to the health of the Bay. We also went crabbing, ate fantastic seafood, and enjoyed great company....what a wonderful time and a wonderful way to kick off the series. Looking forward to the next tour in Halifax on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fall also brings another edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter. View the entire newsletter here:

<http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/newsletter/current/index.html>.

### In the Fall 2014 Virginia Forest Landowner Update:

- An Update on Efforts to Restore the American Chestnut By:  
Matt Brinckman, The American Chestnut Foundation  
It wasn't too long ago that many people felt the American chestnut would remain merely an artifact in our history books; nothing more than a black-and-white photo and a memory that would vanish with time. But The American Chestnut Foundation® (TACF) is writing a different story. [Read more...](#)
- Fields, Pastures, Creeksides... and Trees  
Come find out in a day-long workshop focused on agroforestry riparian buffer and silvopasture systems. These practices provide a way to bring trees back

## Fields, Pastures, Creek Sides and...Trees: How Could it Work for You?

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onto our farms to work for us and the land. Silvopasture is the intentional management of trees, forage, and livestock that can make for happy, healthy herds. Agroforestry riparian buffers are bands of trees planted parallel to creeks. The buffers provide opportunities to produce market products such as fruits, nuts, florals, and more. Because both practices incorporate more trees in the landscape, they play an important role in improving our soil health and water quality. [Read more...](#)

- You Ain't From Around Here! Exotic Invasive of the Quarter: Japanese Beetle By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

For this month's article, I looked to nature for inspiration. I quickly found it while picking blackberries in July. Japanese beetles love blackberries. They also love buzzing in your face when you try to pick said fruit. Adding to the fun are the bald-faced hornets who also have a penchant for blackberries – so you are left guessing if the buzzing insect is going to sting you in the face, or just fly harmlessly away. Needless to say, there is a lot of yelling involved while I'm fruit picking. [Read more...](#)

- [Useful Resources](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

### [Read the full newsletter here.](#)

Don't forget, follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter ([@VFLEP](#)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/VFLEP](http://www.facebook.com/VFLEP)). Our trivia question for October is already posted on the Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a VFLEP ball cap!

All the best!

Jennifer

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