

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

November 2015

Upcoming Events

- **November 13, Front Royal**
**Forest Botanicals:
Working Together to
Build a New Supply
Chain**
- **November 14, Abingdon**
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- **March 25-27,
Cumberland**
**Landowner Weekend
Retreat**
- **April 30- May 1,
Abingdon**
**Landowner Weekend
Retreat**
- **August 26-27, Wakefield**
**Landowner Weekend
Retreat**

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

The 2015 **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour** season has come to an end. Thank you to all of the organizers, speakers, sponsors and volunteers who made these a great success. And an additional thank you to the weather and the fall foliage for cooperating wonderfully! To see pictures from this year's events, like the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Facebook: www.facebook.com/VFLEP. Stay tuned for details on our 2016 schedule – we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of these tours!

Useful Resources

Here is one of my annual favorites: **Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2015 Tax Year** from the USDA Forest Service. If you've harvested timber this year this is important information for you and your tax preparer to have.

Also, hunting season is in full swing. Make sure you stay safe and legal, and find the answers to your questions about Sunday hunting by reading the **2015-2016 Hunting and Trapping in Virginia** regulations from the **Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries**.

You've probably been hearing a lot about bats lately (and not just because last night was Halloween!). **Learn more about the importance of bats on the landscape** and what's being done to protect them.

Upcoming Forest Landowner Events:

We're back in planning mode for 2016 – here are some educational events we currently have scheduled – and stay tuned for more!

- If you are a woodland owner and grower of forest medicinals, join VCE and partners at the workshop: **Forest Botanicals: Working Together to Build a New Supply Chain**. Learn about the complex and little understood forest botanical supply chain and the

Virginia Department of Forestry

Learn about cost-share programs, forest management options, buy seedlings, and find your local forester.

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Virginia Forestry Association

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opportunities and challenges facing forest-based growers (and buyers) of native medicinal plants. November 13 in Front Royal or November 14 in Abingdon.

- **Landowner Weekend Retreats**

- Central Virginia
 - **Bear Creek Lake State Park**, Cumberland
 - March 25-27 (registration open in January)
- Southwest Virginia
 - **Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center**, Abingdon
 - April 30 – May 1 (registration open in February)
- Southeast Virginia
 - **Airfield Conference Center**, Wakefield
 - August 26-28 (registration open in June)

Upcoming Real Estate Professionals Events:

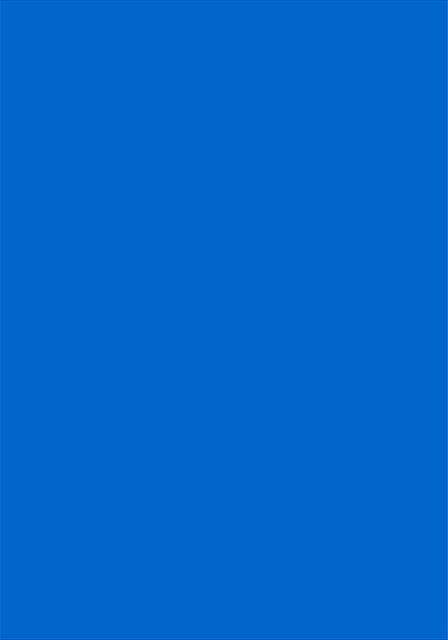
- **Real Forestry for Real Estate (RFRE)**

- November 16 – Richmond Area Association of REALTORS Office, Richmond. **Registration Brochure; Agenda.**
- November 17 – Loudoun County Fairgrounds, Leesburg. **Registration Brochure; Agenda** coming soon.
- December 2 – SW Virginia Association of REALTORS Office, Abingdon. **Registration Brochure; Agenda.**
- January 14 – New River Valley Association of Realtors Office, Christiansburg. Registration Brochure and Agenda available mid-November.

All RFRE participants will receive copies of our new publication, **Welcome to the Woods! A Guide for New Virginia Woodland Owners**, to deliver to their land-buying clients.

Visit the **VFLEP Events Calendar** for a complete listing of upcoming landowner events.

Follow the Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program on Twitter (**@VFLEP**) and Facebook (**www.facebook.com/VFLEP**). The trivia question for



November will be posted as close to 9 a.m. as possible (I'll be driving) on the 1st of the month on the Facebook page. Be with first with a correct answer, and win a VFLEP ball cap. I'm seeing lots of folks sporting these stylish caps! Don't be left out.

All the best!

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