



# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

August 2016

## Upcoming Events

- **August 4-6, Staunton**  
Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association Annual Meeting
- **August 5-7, Floyd**  
Blue Ridge Woodland Growers Two-Day Medicinal Plant Forest Farming Training
- **August 26-28, Wakefield**  
SE Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreat
- **August 26-28, Mountain City, TN**  
Appalachian Sustainable Development Two-Day Medicinal Plant Forest Farming Training
- **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**

Good afternoon Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Summer is flying by and the students will be back here in Blacksburg in just a few weeks. In the meantime, we've been very busy planning educational programs for you this fall. See the sidebar for featured programs and visit the [VFLEP Events Calendar](#) for a complete listing of upcoming events. On-line registration is open for most programs at: <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu/onlineregistration.html>.

We have two **Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats** coming up this fall. These hands-on interactive programs are geared towards landowners new to forest management.

In addition we have two **Preparing for Generation NEXT** workshops planned. If you are concerned about passing your land and your legacy to your heirs, these workshops will give you the tools and connections to start the process.

This fall is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**. Come help us celebrate and join us on a tour this fall! **On-line registration is open** and a mail-in brochure and detailed itineraries will be available next week.

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.

And, finally, the University of Maryland is proud to offer a new The Woods in Your Backyard Online Course. This self-paced, non-credit course runs 10 weeks from September 5<sup>th</sup> to November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

## SW Beginning 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/Notto way – Oct. 20**

Visit the [Events Calendar](#) for details!

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### The American Tree Farm System

### Virginia Forestry Association

### Forest Stewardship Program

### USDA Forest Service

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The course will help landowners convert lawn to natural areas and enhance stewardship of existing natural areas. For this premier offering, the course is a special \$85.00, which includes the 108-page “Woods In Your Backyard” guide, workbook, and a tree identification guide. To read more about the course, including seeing sample pages and how to register, please visit <http://extension.umd.edu/woodland/woods-your-backyard/online-course>.

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**) and Facebook (**[www.facebook.com/VFLEP](http://www.facebook.com/VFLEP)**).

All the best!

Jennifer

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