

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

August 2017

Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshops

- Radford, Aug. 22 & 29
 - Register on-line or by mail
- Chatham, Oct. 17 & 24
- Providence Forge, Nov. 2 & 9

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- Abingdon, August 18-20
 - Register on-line or by mail
- Providence Forge, September 22-24

Tree Farmer Dinners

- South Boston, Sept. 7
- Bruington, Sept. 28
- Goldvein, Oct. 26

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Buckingham Co., October 10
- Augusta Co., October 20
- Pulaski Co., October TBA
- Suffolk, October TBA

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Things are looking good! First, only 6 more weeks until fall, which means the cool windy days of winter are just around the corner. Second, I believe I can claim a small success. Earlier this year I shared my struggle with English and poison ivies in a flowerbed I was trying to reclaim. I applied herbicide to the area twice, then seeded it densely with native wildflower seeds. To my delight, the bed is now full of wildflowers without any sign of English ivy. I'm interested to see what happens as the wildflowers die back this fall. Pictures of the flowerbed are posted on the VFLEP Facebook page.

And thanks to all of you who responded with helpful tips for controlling poison ivy in my yard and soothing the rash on my skin. I'm glad to know I'm not alone in my suffering.

August is going to be a busy month! We have many great programs planned for you. Please join us for one (or all) of them.

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land and your woodland legacy to the next generation – while keeping it Intact, In Forest, and In Family. These workshops will give you the tools you need to discuss this difficult topic with your family, and provide you with professional advice from CPAs and estate planning attorneys.

- August 22 & 29, [Selu Conservancy](#), Radford. Register now [on-line](#) or [by mail](#). [Agenda](#) is available.

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

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- October 17 & 24, [Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex](#), Chatham – Registration opens Aug. 2
- Nov. 2 & 9, [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge – Registration opens Sept. 1

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners Hands-on Field Trip

This hands-on field trip will give you experience with tree identification, using tools to measure the trees in your woodlands, and close up demonstrations of active forest management practices. You do not need to be enrolled in the On-line Woodlands class to attend.

- August 26, [Holiday Lake 4-H Center](#), Appomattox
- [Agenda](#)
- Free* to students enrolled in the full course/\$10* per person for all others
- Current students e-mail josephav@vt.edu; non-students, [register on-line](#)
- Please register by August 12

2017 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

New landowners and those new to woodland management, join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- August 18-20, Southwest Virginia, [SW VA 4-H Educational Center](#), Abingdon. Register now [on-line](#) or [by mail](#). [Agenda is available](#). Please register no later than August 12
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge

Registration opens in August

2017 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Join VCE and partners for a day learning about active woodlands and wildlife management from Virginia's natural resource experts.

- [Buckingham County](#) – October 10
- [Augusta County](#) – October 20

- [Pulaski County](#) - TBA
- [Suffolk](#) - TBA

2017 Tree Farmer Dinners

These dinners are for current Tree Farmers and other interested landowners. You do NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend. Come learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation is all about and tour an active Tree Farm. All dinners are \$10* per person, which includes your meal. Additional family members are only \$5* each.

- [On-line](#) and [mail-in](#) registration are open!
- South Boston, Sept. 7 (please register by August 31)
- Bruington, Sept. 28 (please register by September 21)
- Goldvein, Oct. 26 (please register by October 19)

*Meal(s) are included

For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

Hope to see you at an event this summer!

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