



Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

February 2017

Upcoming Events

Timber Tax Filing for the 2016 Tax Year

- February 17, [On-line](#)

[13th Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference](#)

- February 25, Culpeper

[Emerald Ash Borer and Other Tree Pests](#)

- March 23, Lynchburg
- March 30, Monroe
- April 6, Bedford

[2017 Christmas Tree Primer](#)

- March 31, Warrenton

[Virginia Forestry Summit](#)

- Roanoke, May 3-5

[Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshop](#)

- Roanoke, May 5

[Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats](#)

- Appomattox, March 17-19
- Abingdon, August 18-20
- Providence Forge, September 22-24

[On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#)

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Last week I attended the annual [Appalachian Society of American Foresters](#) Winter Meeting. [The Society of American Foresters](#) is the professional organization for foresters. The theme of this meeting was *Where's Aldo? Exploring the Ethical Ecosystem of Forestry, Foresters, and the Environment Since Aldo Leopold*. The intent of this meeting was to get us talking about our ethical obligations, as professional foresters, to you, the landowner, to the land, and to future generations. These were great discussions which will hopefully carry on.

For those of you not familiar with Aldo Leopold, I recommend his most popular piece of writing, [A Sand County Almanac](#). This is required reading for all students of forestry. I recall reading this in Forest Conservation and People, an introductory level class. At the time, I had only recently become aware that forestry was an actual career choice. Needless to say, this class changed my career path and as such, my life. And Leopold's writings were not small part of that. Back in 2008, I had the opportunity to visit Leopold's weekend home and sit in his rocking chair. A truly meaningful experience.

If you are interested in conservation, nature, sustainable management, I strongly recommend reading his book. Leopold wrote: "*No matter how intently one studies the hundred little dramas of the woods and meadows, one can never learn all the salient facts about any one of them.*" In keeping with this idea, that there is always more to learn, the list of upcoming landowner education events is getting ever so long!

[Pennsylvania Forests Webinar Seminar Series](#)

- February 14 – Managing Single-aged Forests

- Spring 2017

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

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- March 14 – Creating Age Diversity in Forests
- April 11 – Forest Fermentables
- May 9 – Raising Wild Kids
- June 13 – Assessing and Promoting Successful Regeneration in Your Woodland

Forest Health Webinar Seminar Series

- **February 15 – Forest Management for Wildlife**
- **March 29 – Hemlock Woolly Adelgid**
- **April 19 – Southern Pine Beetle**
- **May 17 – Weather Variability & Forest Health**

Timber Tax Filing for the 2016 Tax Year

- **On-line**
- February 17

13th Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference

- February 25, [Daniel Technology Center](#), Germanna Community College, Culpeper
- An event for new or experienced owners of woodlands small or large!
- Register [on-line](#) or [by mail](#).

Women and Land Conservation Learning Circles

- **Verona**
 - Three Thursdays, February 9, March 9, and April 6
 - [Augusta County Farm Bureau Office](#), Verona
- **Harrisonburg**
 - Three Wednesdays, March 8, April 5, and April 19
 - [Farm Credit of the Virginias office](#), Harrisonburg
- Farmville

- Three Tuesdays, April 11, May 9, and June 6
- Farmville location coming soon!

Emerald Ash Borer and Other Tree Pests – Woodlot Series

- March 23, [Central Virginia Community College](#), Lynchburg
- March 30, [Monroe Education Center](#), Monroe
- April 6, [Claytor Nature Study Center](#), Bedford

Community Resources for Woodland Owners – Learn how to Save Money on Taxes, Earn Money from Timber, and Improve the Health of your Woodlands

- March 25, [Heartwood Gallery](#), Abingdon
- April 8, [Domtar Mill](#), Kingsport, TN

2017 Virginia Forestry Summit

- May 3-5, [Hotel Roanoke](#), Roanoke
- There will be a special landowner track Thursday morning, a landowner field trip Thursday afternoon, and a 4-hour Friday morning workshop on how to keep your land intact, in forest, and in the family.

2017 Christmas Tree Primer

- March 31
- [Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center](#), Warrenton
- For those interested in beginning a Christmas Tree business

2017 Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

- March 17-19, Central Virginia, [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
- August 18-20, Southwest Virginia, [SW VA 4-H Educational Center](#), Abingdon
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge

Preparing for Generation NEXT – dates and locations coming soon!

- May 5th - Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke
- Northern Virginia
- Central Virginia
- Southeast Virginia
- Southwest Virginia

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

- Registration will open in March
- Class will begin May 15

More events will be posted when available on the **Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar**.

All the best,

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