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Preparing for Generation NEXT Workshops

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

Teaching Trees

- Charlottesville, July 19-20

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

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Tree Farmer Dinners

- South Boston, Sept. 7
- King & Queen, Sept.
- Abingdon, Sept.
- Goldvein, Oct. 26

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- Augusta Co., October TBA
- Pulaski Co., October TBA
- Suffolk, October TBA

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Hope everyone is having a good start to their summer. Now that we've moved, I have ample room for gardening and as such, have the largest vegetable garden of my life. Which means the most weeding of my life. I spend 4 hours every weekend pulling thistle, Queen Anne's lace, goldenrod, and dock. But at least it's a fruitful venture. Lettuce, peas, green beans, peppers, tomatoes, and squash are all in. I posted a photo of this week's yard salad on the VFLEP Facebook page. Beautiful and delicious!

We're also struggling with weedy hedgerows. Not only are they filled with exotic invasives such as Japanese honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, and multiflora rose, but also native invaders, such as poison ivy and Virginia creeper. Read my [You ARE From Around Here! article below](#) for more details on this messy mess.

And finally, we had a visit from Mike Pulice, from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. He came to take a look at our cabin. We've been telling people it was built in 1845 based on talking to members of the original family. However, Mike took a look and told us probably late 1800's to early 1900's. But no matter. I'm not planning on moving anytime soon. Mike was kind enough to write an [article for this edition of the newsletter - read it](#) and find out how you can schedule an appointment with Mike to age your old buildings.

We have many great programs planned for you this summer and fall. Please join us for one (or all) of them.

- Buckingham Co., October TBA

Visit the Events Calendar for details!

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For now, the [Summer 2017 edition of the Virginia Forest Landowner Update Newsletter](#) is available. In this edition:

Discovering and Preserving Virginia's History

By: Mike Pulice, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

- The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR), a state agency headquartered in Richmond, has three regional offices housing its Community Services Division—in the City of Salem (Western Region), Stephens City (Northern Region), and Richmond (serving Eastern Virginia). The agency's mission is to foster, encourage, and support the stewardship of Virginia's significant historic architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources. In large part, DHR is a regulatory agency that reviews environmental studies for state and federal projects to assess the potential impacts of projects on significant historic resources, e.g., buildings and sites; and also approves applications for *state and federal tax credits* designed to incentivize the rehabilitation of significant historic resources. Among other important programs, the department also has a *preservation easement* program through which donors elect to preserve their properties well into the future by precluding major alteration, demolition, and development in perpetuity. [Read more...](#)

You ARE From Around Here! Opportunistic Native Species of the Quarter: Poison Ivy

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

- Each quarter I find inspiration for selecting a species to write about for this column. I found this quarter's inspiration in my own backyard. Those of you who receive my monthly e-Update know I have an on-going battle with the exotic invasive English ivy in my flower beds. What I didn't share was that another ivy was also lurking in the flower beds....the poison kind. Unfortunately, since it was before leaf-out, I wasn't aware of its presence as I rototilled through the root systems. Wearing shorts and a tank top. The next morning, I was aware. [Read more...](#)

- **Dear Virginia woodland Owners,**

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to The Virginia Forestry Association (VFA). The VFA is the leading advocate for forestry and the private forest landowner in the State of Virginia. Over 700 private landowners are members of the VFA.

This year the VFA was successful in striking down budget proposals in the General Assembly that would have reduced funding for our Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF) and the Reforestation of Timberlands Fund (RT). RT is a critical program that provides funding to private landowners and promotes reforestation of our timberlands. [Read more...](#)

- **Useful Resources**

- A Big-Picture View of the Invasive Plant Problem (USDA Forest Service):
<https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2016/01/05/a-big-picture-view-of-the-invasive-plant-problem/>.
- How to Increase Monarch Butterfly Populations:
<http://xerces.org/monarch-nectar-plants/>.
- USDA approves \$250K to be used to help Socially Disadvantaged Landowners improve the management of their woodlands. Priority will be given to landowners in the following counties: Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Greenville, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Sussex and Southampton. Contact your local NRCS office to see if you qualify:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/va/home/>.

- **Events Calendar**

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Forest Farming Educational Opportunities

- **The Future of Ginseng and Forest Botanicals**
 - July 12-14, [Waterfront Place Hotel](#), Morgantown, WV

- **Forest Site Assessment and Planning**

- August 11-13, [UVA Wise](#), Wise

Teaching Trees

- July 19-20, [Virginia Department of Forestry HQ](#), Charlottesville

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](#).
- October 17 & 24, [Olde Dominion Agricultural Complex](#), Chatham – Registration opens Aug. 1
- 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 (although non-students pay \$10*).

- 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](#)

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](#).
- September 22-24, Southeast Virginia, [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge

Registration opens July 15

2017 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours – October dates TBA

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

- [Augusta County](#)
- [Pulaski County](#)
- [Suffolk](#)
- [Buckingham County](#)

2017 Tree Farmer Dinners

These dinners are for current Tree Farmers and other interested landowners. 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.

- On-line registration will open in mid-July
- South Boston, Sept. 7
- King & Queen, Sept.
- Abingdon, Sept.
- Goldvein, Oct. 26

*Meal(s) are included; **meal(s) and lodging 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!

Jennifer



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