

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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Featured Events

Preparing for Generation NEXT 2-Day Workshops

- November 1-2, Abingdon
- Registration opens in September

Preparing for Generation NEXT Mini-Workshops

- Aug. 2, Halifax County
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County
- Aug. 21, Surry County
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Tree Farm Dinners

- Aug. 23, Critz
- Aug. 30, Suffolk
- Sept. 20, Crozet
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

SW Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- August 17-19
- Abingdon
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

SE Virginia Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreat

- September 21-23
- Providence Forge
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Hard to believe that the students will be arriving back on campus in just a couple of weeks. Done are the quiet days of good campus parking spaces and next to zero traffic. Here are the first few hints of cooler fall weather and the energy of over 32,000 students returning to campus. Go Hokies!

This summer I installed 2 native wildflower pollinator gardens at the house (see photos on the [VFLEP Facebook page](#)), covering about ¼ of an acre total. These successfully reclaimed areas of the yard that were formerly unmanageable (too steep to mow/bush hog) and rather ugly, while helping our pollinators. Ungrateful pollinators I should say, since I also spent the summer getting stung - by wasps (including yellow jackets) and sweat bees. In spite of all the stinging, I think next year is the year I'll start my bee-keeping back up. I certainly have the habitat for them now. In addition, [VDACS is offering free hives to beekeepers](#), while funding lasts. I applied for mine today and it was simple. And keeping with the pollinator theme, stay tuned for the [Fall 2018 Virginia Forest Landowner Update newsletter](#) which will feature a story on creating pollinator habitat. In the mail to you on October 1.

This fall I'll be on the road a lot - working with VFLEP's partners to offer woodland owners a wide array of educational programs. Check out what we have scheduled for you:

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

Below is a sample of upcoming landowner education programs. For a complete listing visit the [Events Calendar](#).

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

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Virginia Cooperative Extension

Puts university knowledge into the hands of people.

Virginia Department of Forestry

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

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The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association

Forest Stewardship Program

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Preparing for Generation NEXT

Learn how to pass your land, and your legacy, to the next generation, while keeping it intact, in family, and in forest.

Two-day workshops:

- November 1-2, [SW Virginia Higher Education Center](#) Abingdon
 - \$70 for up to 2 family members; \$35 for each additional family member
 - Includes materials, 2 lunches and 1 breakfast
 - Registration opens in September

Half-day workshops:

- Aug. 2, Halifax County, 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. – registration is closed
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21, Surry County, 1-5:00 p.m.
- \$10/person (includes dinner at the Halifax location)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Tree Farm 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.

- August 23, [Reynold's Homestead](#), Critz
- August 30, Kirk Tree Farm, Suffolk
- September 20, Middle Mountain Farm, Crozet
- [Agendas](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

Beginning Woodland Owner Weekend Retreats

We invite new landowners and those new to woodland management to join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with

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keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- **SW Virginia**
 - August 17-19, 2018
 - [SW Virginia 4-H Center](#), Abingdon
 - Individual no lodging \$55
 - Individual lodging \$95
 - Couple no lodging \$90
 - Couple lodging \$170
 - Registration includes 3 meals on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- **SE Virginia**
 - September 21-23, 2018
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - Individual no lodging \$55
 - Individual lodging \$95
 - Couple no lodging \$110
 - Couple lodging \$190
 - Register [on-line](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)

42nd Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

Spend a lovely fall day in the woods with fellow woodland owners and natural resource professionals learning about active woodland and wildlife management practices.

- October 5 – Buchanan County (Come hear the elk!)
- October 12 – Sussex County
- October 19 - Fluvanna/Goochland Counties
- Registration opens in August

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

I look forward to working with all of you!

Jennifer



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