

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

May 2018

## Featured Events

### Learn and Burn: Prescribed Burning on Private Lands

- May 10 (Rain date May 17), Wakefield
- Registration is closed

### Backyard Woods Workshops

- May 10 & 17, Potomac Falls
- May 12, Leesburg
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

### Spring Venture Outdoors Tree ID Series

- May 18, Halifax
- May 24, Lynchburg
- Register on-line
- Register by mail

### Preparing for Generation NEXT\*

- July 19-20, Abingdon
- July TBA, Lynchburg
- July 24, Brunswick County
- Aug. 2, Halifax County

Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

The Norway maple is down ([see photos here](#)), the pollinator gardens are seeded in, the garden is tilled, and we planted peppers and tomatoes last night – it's gardening go-time! It's easy to be excited this time of the year, when the weeds are manageable. I'll be grumbling more by June when I'm weeding 20 hours a week.

## News & Resources

- **Generation NEXT.** The team met last month to plan the 2018 offerings of Generation NEXT workshops. In these workshops, CPAs, estate planning attorneys, and conservation professionals will provide you and your family with the tools you need to pass your land and your woodland legacy to the next generation – while keeping it Intact, In Forest, and In Family. We have 4 mini and 2 full workshops scheduled (see sidebar). The application process will open later this month.
- **Spotted lanternfly.** As you may recall, the exotic invasive spotted lanternfly was found in Frederick County, VA earlier this year. While they do feed on tree-of-heaven, they also feed on grapes and fruit trees. They lay their egg masses on any vertical smooth surfaces, natural or man-made, from October to early spring. This poses the possibility of human-movement of egg masses on vehicles or outdoor furniture. Learn what to look for and how to report a potential sighting here: <https://ext.vt.edu/agriculture/commercial-horticulture/spotted-lanternfly.html>.
- **New Resource Directory for Small Woodlot Owners.** Do you own a small woodlot? Have you had trouble locating someone to conduct woodland management work for you? Find the help you need in the newly released: [Urban and Small Woodlot Forestry Business Directory](#)

- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County
- Aug. 21, Surry County

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

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**The American Tree Farm System**

**Virginia Forestry Association**

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- **Woodland Management Tools.** Interested in mapping/measuring your woods? Not interested in investing a lot of money in field equipment? Well, you may not need to. Thanks to technology, your smart phone may be the only tool you need to map your woods and collect measurements. Find out what is available here:  
[http://www.cdapress.com/local\\_news/20180330/for\\_smart\\_forestry\\_trythese\\_apps](http://www.cdapress.com/local_news/20180330/for_smart_forestry_trythese_apps).
- **Got an Ash?** The Virginia Department of Forestry is offering a 50% cost-share program to help landowners and organizations (non-profits, schools, HOAs, municipalities) treat their Ash trees to prevent death by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). To begin the application process, download the PDF describing the process from the Forest Health section here:  
<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/health/index.htm> and fill out Form 6.5 (<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/forms/index.htm>) with the help of your local forester. Two workshops are scheduled this spring to provide more information on this program. See below for details.

### Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

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

### Invasive Plant Identification and Treatment Methods

Join [Blue Ridge PRISM](#) to learn to identify and treat some of the most common and destructive invasive plants in north central Virginia.

- May 15
- 6:30 – 8:30
- Albemarle High School, Charlottesville
- \$20
- Register [on-line](#)

**Virginia Forestry Summit** – Brilliant Achievements, Bold Horizons

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Non-VFA members: please consider attending this event! With a full registration, VFA will give you a free 1-year membership (offer applies only to first-time members).

- May 1-4
- Richmond
- [Register on-line](#)

### Quail Management Workshop

- May 8
- Grace Church Parish Hall, Jarratt
- 8:45 – 3:30
- Free – please register at 757-653-2572 by April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Emerald Ash Borer Workshops

Learn about the emerald ash borer and the resources available to homeowners and landowners dealing with this and other exotic invasive pests.

- [Emerald Ash Borer – What are my Treatment Options?](#)
  - Free
  - May 9
    - 1 – 4:00
    - [Ivy Creek Natural Area](#), Charlottesville
  - May 14
    - 1 – 4:00
    - [Claytor Nature Study Center](#), Bedford
  - Register [by mail](#)
  - Register [on-line](#)

### Learn and Burn: Prescribed Burning on Private Lands

This one-day workshop will outline benefits of using fire as a management tool on your property, where to go, and who to contact when you need assistance, and how burns are conducted safely and successfully. You will also have the chance to actively participate in a prescribed burn (weather permitting). Register early – participation is limited to 30.

- May 10 (Rain date May 17)
- 9 – 5:00
- [Airfield Conference Center](#), Wakefield
- \$15 - includes lunch
- Registration is closed – program is full

### **Woods in Your Backyard Workshops**

Small lots are a big deal. The vast majority of landowners in Virginia own less than 10 acres. By enhancing wooded areas or creating natural areas on your lot, you can enjoy recreation, aesthetics, wildlife and improved water quality and the air you breathe. Owners of even just a few acres can make a positive difference in their environment through planning and implementing simple stewardship practices learned at this workshop.

- **May 10 & 17**
  - 6-9:00 p.m.
  - [Cascades Library](#), Potomac Falls
  - Free
  - Register [on-line](#)
  - Register [by mail](#)
- **May 12**
  - 9 - 2
  - [Rust Library](#), Leesburg
  - Free – includes lunch
  - Register [on-line](#)
  - Register [by mail](#)

### **Spring Venture Outdoors Tree ID Series**

Are you a forest landowner who wants to know more about your trees? Each spring Virginia Cooperative Extension offers one-day short courses on management options for forestland in Southside Virginia and this year for the first time we will focus on tree identification – where it all begins! After lunch there will be an update on invasive plants and insects and a short field trip.

- 10 – 3:00
- \$20/person; \$30/couple
  - May 18
    - [Wedgewood Golf Center](#), Halifax
  - May 24
    - [CVCC Campus](#), Lynchburg
- Register [on-line](#)

- Register [by mail](#)

### **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. On-line and mail-in applications will be available later in May.

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### **Two-day workshops:**

- July 19-20, Abingdon
- July TBA, Lynchburg

### **Half-day workshops:**

- July 24, Brunswick County
- Aug. 2, Halifax County
- Aug. 9, Prince Edward County
- Aug. 21, Surry County

### **Natural History of the Great Smoky Mountains Course**

This is a three-credit course offered by the Virginia Tech Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation. People who are not degree-seeking Virginia Tech students may still participate in the course as special, non-degree students; an application process to Virginia Tech for that status is required.

- August 4-11
- Great Smoky Mountain National Park
- See [flier for details](#)

If you're interested in the Great Smoky Mountains or the southern Appalachians in general—the water, air, land, people, plants, wildlife, and more—consider the Virginia Tech course, **Natural History of the Great Smoky Mountains**, August 4-11, 2018. This is a three-credit course offered by the Virginia Tech Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation. People who are not degree-seeking Virginia Tech students may still participate in the course as special, non-degree students; an application process to Virginia Tech for that status is required. For more information about the course, contact Alan Raflo at (540) 231-5463 or [araflo@vt.edu](mailto:araflo@vt.edu).

### **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.

- **SW Virginia**
  - o August 17-19, 2018
  - o [SW Virginia 4-H Center](#), Abingdon
  - o Registration opens in June
- **SE Virginia**
  - o September 21-23, 2018
  - o [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
  - o Registration opens in July

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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