

# Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

August 2019

## Featured Events

### Preparing for Generation NEXT

- Register **on-line**
- August 9-10, Farmville
  - Registration is closed
- September 27, Lebanon
  - Register **by mail**
- September 27-27, Harrisonburg
  - Register **by mail**
- November 9, Providence Forge
- December 5-6, Roanoke
- Registration opens 2 months prior to programs

### Beginning Woodland Owners' Retreat

- September 19-21, Providence Forge
  - Register **on-line**
  - Register **by mail**

### Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

- October 11 - Floyd County
- October 18 - Charlotte County
- October 25 – Fredericksburg /Stafford

Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

I am pleased to introduce Karen Snape, our new Extension Associate. Karen will be running the [SHARP Logger Training Program](#), as well as assisting with landowner education programs. Karen has worked for the Virginia Department of Forestry for the past 15 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge about applied forestry practices. Look for Karen at upcoming landowner programs this fall!

Please see below for news, resources, and upcoming landowner programs:

#### **New & Useful Resources**

- [Virginia Forestry Association's 2019 Virginia Forests Photo Contest](#)

Over the years, I have visited many of your properties. And I know they are all amazing and unique. And that you love them. Consider sharing your beautiful properties by entering the Virginia Forestry Association's 2019 Virginia Forests Photo Contest. There are five categories you can enter your photos under. Visit [VFA's](#) website for more details. Submission deadline is Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

- [Deer Management for Forest Landowners and Managers: a "How-to-Book"](#)

This is the first and only book written for those who manage deer and deer impact on private forestlands such as small woodlots and on public forestlands such as state and/or national forests. It covers the what, the why, the how, the where, the when, the by whom, and the how much and for how long details of deer management on forestlands affected by overabundant deer herds. The book integrates the science of deer biology with human dimension factors of values and culture.

- [Beneficial Forest Management Practices for WNS-affected Bats](#)

The purpose of this document is to provide practicable Beneficial Forest Management Practices (BFMPs) that land managers and woodland owners can use to increase benefits to bats as part of their forest management activities while avoiding and reducing potential negative effects. This technical guidance was developed in collaboration with professional foresters and wildlife biologists representing state and federal

- Registration opens in mid-August

### **Tree Farm Dinners**

- September 13 – Monterey
- October 8 – Mineral
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

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

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agencies, academic institutions, private conservation organizations, and other interested groups and individuals in response to catastrophic population declines of many bat species due to white-nose syndrome (WNS). Although this guidance is largely focused on cave-hibernating bat species or “cave bats” impacted by WNS in the eastern United States (east of the Great Plains), general recommendations provided herein are likely to benefit other forest-dependent bat species (i.e., “tree bats”), regardless of their conservation status.

You can learn more about white-nose syndrome from a [Winter 2014 VFLU article](#).

- **[Is Reforestation a Profitable Investment? An Economic Analysis](#)**

*Historically, reforestation has been a strong long-term investment for landowners. This publication assesses the pine reforestation investment based on current stumpage prices and associated costs to determine whether it still offers attractive returns. We review potential returns from typical pine plantations in the U.S. South. Southern pine reforestation can be an excellent long-term investment even under conservative management assumptions.*

### **Events Calendar**

We hope you’ll have time this summer to join us at one or more of our upcoming landowner education events. We have lots of opportunities for you!

### **Upcoming events**

#### **[Beginning Woodland Owners’ Retreat](#)**

This 1.5 day-long program covers the basics of woodland and wildlife management – using classroom, field trip, and hands-on presentations. There will also be plenty of time to interact with natural resource professionals to get all your property-specific questions answered. Registration fees include 3 meals on Friday and 2 meals on Sunday. On-site lodging is available and encouraged.

- September 19-21, [Providence Forge](#)
  - [New Kent Forestry Center](#)
  - [Agenda](#)
    - Individual, no lodging - \$55
    - Individual, lodging Thurs. & Fri. - \$95
    - Couple, no lodging - \$90
    - Couple, lodging Thurs. & Fri. - \$170
  - Register [on-line](#)
  - Register [by mail](#)

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## Preparing for Generation NEXT

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

### **Two-day Workshops**

- August 9-10
  - [Longwood University](#), Farmville
  - [Agenda](#)
  - \$60 for up to 2 people from the same family
  - \$30 for each additional family member
  - Registration is closed
- September 27-28
  - [Shenandoah Valley Electric Coop.](#), Harrisonburg
  - [Draft agenda](#)
  - \$70 for up to 2 people from the same family
  - \$35 for each additional family member
  - Register [on-line](#)
  - Register [by mail](#)
- December 5-6
  - [Springhill Suites](#), Roanoke
  - Agenda available in October
  - \$70 for up to 2 people from the same family
  - \$35 for each additional family member
  - Registration opens in October

### **Half-day Workshops**

- September 27
  - [Russell County Conference Center](#), Lebanon
  - [Draft agenda](#)
  - \$25 individual
  - \$15 for each additional family member
  - Register [on-line](#)
  - Register [by mail](#)
- November 9
  - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
  - Agenda available in September
  - Registration opens in September

## 2019 Tree Farm Dinner Series

Join Tree Farmers, woodland owners, and natural resources professionals for a half-day tour of a Tree Farm, an opportunity to learn about the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation, dinner, and fellowship with others who care about the land.

- September 13, [Laurel Fork Sapsuckers](#), Monterey\* (Highland County)

- 2019 Virginia Tree Farm of the Year!
- October 8, [Claybrooke Farm](#), Mineral (Louisa County)
- \$10/person – includes dinner
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)

\* If you are interested in learning more about maple syrup production, come back to Laurel Fork Sapsuckers Sugar Camp on Saturday September 14th for demonstrations, tastings, and more!

### **2019 Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours**

Join Virginia Cooperative Extension and partners for a full-day learning about sustainable woodland & wildlife management practice on private lands. This year, we'll also have an urban forest tour on which you'll learn about using urban wood waste, the importance of urban forests, and management opportunities.

- October 11, Floyd
- October 17, Charlotte
- October 25, Fredericksburg City/Stafford Co.
- Registration will open in mid-August

Our friends with [Blue Ridge PRISM](#) also have a number of invasive species workshops scheduled this summer and fall. Learn how to identify common invasive species and control methods.

- October 9, Charlottesville
- October 29, Nellysford
- November 5, Boyce

All workshops are from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and cost \$25/person. Visit the [Blue Ridge PRISM website](#) to register.

Hope to see you out and about!

Jennifer

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