Good morning Forest Landowner e-Update Subscribers,

We are in the middle of the 2019 Virginia Forestry Summit in Norfolk, and it's nice to see some of you here. For those of you who are not here, the Summit is hosted jointly by the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA), the Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters, and the Virginia Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters. Attendees include foresters, loggers, and private woodland owners. The meeting provides numerous educational opportunities, including a forest health workshop.

If you are not currently a VFA member, visit their website to find out why you may want to consider joining.

Another partner VFLEP has worked with over the years is Appalachian Sustainable Development. Their Appalachian Harvest’s Herb Hub is recruiting forest-farmers (beginning & experienced) of native medicinal plants to meet a growing market demand. They will provide training, site assessment, access to commercial washing & drying equipment, cost-share for certification & planting stock, and marketing & aggregation services. If you are interested in upcoming events and opportunities, please contact Erin Fitz at efitz@asdevelop.org or 276-623-1121.

We are planning our October Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours and 2019 Tree Farm Dinner Series. We should have those dates and locations for you by the June 1st e-newsletter. In the meantime, we have plenty of additional educational opportunities coming up for you.

See the VFLEP Events Calendar for a complete listing.

VFLEP Partners & Sponsors

Beginning Landowner Retreats
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.

Virginia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee

The American Tree Farm System

Virginia Forestry Association

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These 1.5 day-long programs cover 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.

- May 16-18, Galax
  - Register on-line
  - Register by mail
- September 19-21, Providence Forge
  - Registration opens in July

10th Annual Vegetation Management Workshop

Visit the Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum and learn about nursery applications, innovations and tree improvement, participate in the glyphosate conversation, hear about coyotes in Virginia, learn about pine control & pre-commercial chemical thinning, and receive chemistry, trends and industry updates by herbicide suppliers, along with regulatory and safety updates.

- May 16
- 8:00 a.m.
- Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum, Colonial Heights
- $40 – includes lunch
- Register by calling 804-356-6457

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
  - $60 for up to 2 people from the same family
  - $30 for each additional family member
  - Register on-line
  - Register by mail
- September 27-28
  - Shenandoah Valley Electric Coop, Harrisonburg
Registration opens in July

- December 5-6
  - Springhill Suites, Roanoke
  - $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
  - $15/person, includes lunch
  - Registration opens in July

- November 9
  - New Kent Forestry Center, Providence Forge
  - Registration opens in September

Hope to see you out and about!

Jennifer

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