

Virginia Forest Landowner e- Update

February 2021

Featured Events

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

- Join us live at 12:15 on [Facebook](#) or on [ZOOM](#)
- Feb. 5 – Weird Trees
- Feb. 12 – Tree Syrup
- Feb. 19 – Managing a Hardwood Forest Part 2
- [Watch archived on our YouTube Channel](#)

2021 Woodland Stewards Webinar Series

- Feb. 2 – [Woodland Management by Objectives: Taking Stock & Making Plans](#)
- [Feb. 9 - The Digital Toolbox for the Woodland](#)

Good morning Forest Update Subscribers,

Last weekend as I was cleaning the house, I realized that 25% of my time was spent vacuuming up [Asian lady beetles](#) and [stink bugs](#). Which got me to thinking, above and beyond the cost of damaged/lost crops, the expense of herbicides and pesticides, reductions in forest productivity, decreases in biodiversity, and displacement of native species, invasive species come with a personal cost as well. I value my time at about \$1 million an hour. It takes me 4 hours to clean the house, so that's a cool million (per week) they owe me. In addition, my husband is obsessed with catching stinkbugs ([see this article](#) for details on his descent into stinkbug-fueled madness). And check out a [new publication on exotic species](#). As always, early identification and control is the best strategy for minimizing invasives and reducing your personal costs. Some great resources include:

- [Plant Invaders of MidAtlantic Natural Areas](#) - A good field guide for invasive plants. This book is currently being updated by the author. I have an order in for reprints and will let you know when they are available.
- [Invasive.org](#), from our friends at UGA and their partners, is a helpful website for identification.
- [MAEDN](#) is a free App that helps with identification and allows you to report new infestations.

I do have some wonderful news to share with you. At long last, our book, [Legacy Planning: A Guide for Virginia Landowners](#), has been published. This book has been (too) many years in the making. Thanks to all the woodland owners who shared their photos and stories and to our talented graphic designer, Lesha Berkel, for making it look great. You

Owner: There's an App for That!

- Feb. 16 – [Safety Tips for Working in Your Woods.](#)
- Feb. 23 – [Getting Started Managing Your Land](#)
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- Free
- Preregistration for each session is required

2021 Woods & Wildlife Conference

- February 19-20
- Virtual
- \$25/Household
- [Agenda](#)
- Register [on-line](#)
- Register [by mail](#)
- Registration deadline is February 13th

Legacy Planning Webinar Series

- April 7, 8, 14, & 15
- 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Agenda coming soon
- Registration coming soon
- All participants will receive a copy of the brand-new [Legacy](#)

can access the book online; if you prefer a printed copy, please let me know. If you are interested in this topic, we encourage you to attend our upcoming Legacy Planning Webinar Series in April (see below for details).

Events Calendar

Until we can resume offering in-person programming, we are sticking with virtual. We have a number of educational programs coming up for you this winter/spring:

Fifteen Minutes in the Forest

Live at 12:15 on Fridays on [Facebook](#) or [ZOOM](#)

- Feb. 5 – Weird Trees – Karen Snape
- Feb. 12 – Tree Syrup – Bill Worrell
- Feb. 19 – Managing a Hardwood Forest Part 2
- Feb. 26 – Landscape Tree Planting
- Mar. 5 – Planting for Reforestation

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Join natural resources professionals from across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast to learn how to develop your land ownership

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[Planning; A Guide for Virginia Landowners book](#)

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[Beginning Woodland Owner Retreats](#)

Join the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for these 1.5 day immersive experiences into sustainable woodland and wildlife management. A combination of indoor presentation, hands-on activities, and field trips make these educational and fun. Dates are tentative pending COVID-19 developments. **Please note the Central Virginia Retreat has been rescheduled for October.**

- Southwest Virginia
 - TBD
 - [Matthews State Forest](#), Galax
 - Registration opens February
- Southeast Virginia
 - September 23-24
 - [New Kent Forestry Center](#), Providence Forge
 - Registration opens June
- Central Virginia
 - October 22-23
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center](#), Appomattox
 - Registration opens in January

[Upcoming Webinars from our partners](#)

- Feb. 8, 8:00 – [Virtual Conference on Heirs' Property & Sustainable Forest Management](#)
- March 17, 2:00 - [Beneficial Invertebrates in Our Soils](#)
- March 23, 2:00 - [Hydrology, Biology, and Ecology of Springs](#)
- Many other topics on demand at the [Forestry Webinar Portal](#)

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All the best,

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