

**SWPWO
2023 PROGRAMS
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March 24-25

Forest Landowner Conference in State College

This is the biennial conference hosted by The Center for Private Forests. For addition program details and to register, visit: <https://ecosystems.psu.edu/forest-conference>. Please note that the conference is held at the Penn Statler Hotel and Conference Center. A block of rooms has been reserved, but you will need to make a reservation with the hotel if you plan to stay overnight. Make sure you mention the conference when you register.

May 13 (Saturday)

Topic: Climate Change
Presenter: Calvin Norman, Assistant Teaching Professor of Forestry, Penn State
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Byron Black's tree farm Chestnut Farm, 87 Taggart Rd, Washington, PA 15301
Restrooms: Available on-site

Calvin Norman, Assistant Teaching Professor of Forestry at Penn State will be discussing practical ways in which landowners can help their woods become more resilient in the face of climate changes.

SPECIAL NOTE: Byron and Jean Black are inviting program attendees to a potluck cookout at the conclusion of the formal presentation. This will provide an excellent opportunity to talk more informally with Calvin and other woodland owners. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, water, and soda will be provided. Byron and Jean ask everyone to bring a chair, a side dish or dessert to share, and any special drinks they might want for themselves. RSVP for lunch required.

June 14 (Wednesday)

Topic: Habitat Development and Maintenance both large and small
Presenter: Tammy Colt, Wildlife Diversity Biologist
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Location: Burnham Woodlot Sawmill
Restrooms: Available on-site

Please note that this program takes place on Wednesday afternoon and will include both a presentation and tour.

SPECIAL NOTE: Maureen and John are hosting a dinner at the conclusion of the tour. This will provide an excellent opportunity to talk more informally with Tammy and other woodland owners. The dinner menu includes hotdogs corn, vegetarian chili, coleslaw, mountain pies, and ice cream. RSVP for dinner required.

July 13 (Thursday)

Topic: Federal, County, & State Cost Share Programs
Presenter: Russ Gibbs, DCNR Service Forester
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Washington County Conservation District Office, 50 Old Hickory Ridge Rd,
Washington, PA 15301

Russ Gibbs will explain various cost-share programs available for private landowners. Topics will include eligibility, program contacts, cost-share practices, and procedures for applying. Programs to be discussed include:

- PA DCNR BOF State Cost-Share Program
- PA DCNR Lawn Conversion
- Greene County Conservation District's GRACE Program
- NRCS EQIP Federal Cost-Share Program

July 15 (Saturday)

Tour Leaders: Russ Gibbs & Ryan Egidi
Time: 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Location: Egidi Tree Farm (Directions will be provided in July)

This field trip is a follow-up to the presentation on July 13. On-the-ground discussions will focus on two crop tree release phases and one herbicide treatment conducted via cost-share from the NRCS's EQIP program. We will discuss site prep, crop tree selection, spacing, harvest intensity, and post follow-up maintenance. The treatment site is relatively flat and easily accessible. Parking is limited. Event will be held rain or shine.

September 16 (Saturday)

Topic: The Art of Pennsylvania Woods in a Gallery and in Penn's Woods
Presenters: Robin and Peter West
Arlyn Perkey
Time: 10:00 – 4:00
Location: Meet at World West Galleries, 56 North Main Street, Washington, PA
Perkey Tree Farm (Directions will be provided in September)
Schedule: This is a two-part program

10:00: The program begins at the World West Galleries. Gallery owners and artists Robin and Peter West will discuss artists and woodland paintings of Southwest Pennsylvania.

11:30: Break to travel to the Perkey Tree Farm. Plan to bring your own bag lunch or stop for a fast food meal along the way.

1:00 Arlyn Perkey has been capturing memories of his tree farm for over 30 years. During this portion of the program, he will be showing "Then and Now" photos to illustrate changes in the woodland resulting from his forest management practices. In addition, he will share tips on

capturing special “moments in time and place” that build human connection to the land, the cornerstone to stewardship.

Restrooms: There are limited restroom facilities at the gallery. If you are stopping for a fast food lunch, it would be wise to use those facilities. (Perkey’s restroom is a tree.)