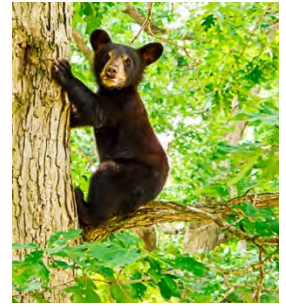


# Branching Out

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Friday, May 20, 2022: WOSA Board meeting at Noon – 2 pm

Note: one week earlier than usual due to Memorial Day weekend.  
Homewood at Spring House Estates: 150 Victoria Ave. Everett, PA

### Saturday, May 21, 2022: Woods Walk at Mike and Laura Jackson's Property near Everett 9 am – 12 pm:

Carbon Forest Programs and Bird Habitat Improvement Projects. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch (if you'd like to stay past noon).  
See enclosed page 3 for more details.

### Friday, June 24, 2022: Board meeting and Setup

Meet at the Bedford American Legion (downstairs), at 1:30 PM for a WOSA Board Meeting. BYO lunch is optional or eat before meeting. At 3 PM, we'll set up tables and silent auction items, chain saw raffle, projection screen, projector stand, chairs, displays, etc. in preparation of the WOSA conference (WOSA Palooza) tomorrow.

### Saturday, June 25, 2022: WOSA Forest Palooza at the Bedford American Legion from 12 noon - 5 pm.

Picnic buffet in the Pavilion featuring BBQ chicken, side dishes, and homemade desserts. Silent auction, chainsaw raffle, plus forestry and wildlife presentations inside. A charcoal-making demonstration and charcoal-gas wood splitter demonstration will be outside. See page 4 for more details.

**Save the Dates – More Details in Summer Newsletter**

**Thurs. July 14: Forestry Presentation by Marlin Graham at 7 pm**  
(Marlin is the Region Riparian Buffer Specialist), followed by tour of Buchanan State Forest Office and Grounds at 25185 Great Cove Road, McConnellsburg.

**Sun., Sept. 11: WOSA Picnic hosted by Joe and Janice Wolfe**  
at 1355 Lincoln Way East McConnellsburg from 2 pm - ?

**Sun., Oct. 2: Walk In Penn's Woods** <https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/>

**Wed., Nov. 9: WOSA Annual Dinner and Meeting, 6 – 9 pm**  
**Bedford American Legion**

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## One of My Favorite Trees: Butternut

By Joe Wolfe

The Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies (WOSA) encompasses Bedford and Fulton Counties in Pennsylvania, but anyone interested in forestry and wildlife is encouraged to join.

Our members are interested in the methods and benefits of sound forest stewardship practices of privately owned woodlands.

Our goals are to:

- Exchange information on best management practices for sustainable forestry while considering the landowner's interest in wildlife conservation, aesthetic values, watershed protection, recreation, and economic return.

- Educate landowners on stewardship and sustainable uses of resources.

- Provide forestry resources to our members and the public.

- Work with the community to educate the public about forest stewardship and sustainability.

- Achieve recognition as an organized voice of forest landowners in the region for sustainable forestry.

WOSA is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, educational organization as described in section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

(Tax ID# 25-1835249)

Established January 7, 1999

Membership runs per calendar year.



Butternut tree infected by butternut canker (photo by Joe Wolfe)



Look for butternuts (L) and walnuts (R) in the fall. (photo by Joe Wolfe)

On a recent shuffle through the woods, I discovered a butternut tree. I saw a nut on the trail first and began looking for the tree. The nuts are not round like a walnut, but oblong with a sticky surface. The taste of butternuts is similar to walnut, but less bitter. The leaves are also like walnut but have a terminal leaflet. The bark of the butternut is also more smooth than walnut.

Unfortunately, the tree has a canker present from the pathogen, *Sirococcus clavigignenti-juglandacearum*, a fungus, aka known as butternut canker. This fungus was first discovered in 1967, and since that time, estimates are that it has killed 80% of the butternut trees in North America.

The infection will eventually kill the tree. I plan to fertilize, open the tree to sunlight, and use a mudpack over the canker site to try to extend its life – hopefully to produce more nuts for planting.

There is current research on finding resistant trees and trying to develop a pathogen to the fungus, but the population of the butternut tree in North America is on a slow, downward spiral.

The butternut has always been one of my favorite trees and I note the location when I find a “new” one. I put this tree in the same category as my other favorites: dogwood trees, ruffed grouse, and box turtles – all treasures of our woodlands that are being threatened by disease.

As forest landowners, we can appreciate and only do our best to offer support to this unique species of tree in our Pennsylvania forest.



THANK YOU!!

### WELCOME NEW WOSA MEMBERS:

Sponsor: Penn Forest Natural Burial Park (owns forest land in Allegheny County)  
[www.pennforestcemetery.com](http://www.pennforestcemetery.com)

Families: Ken and Teresa DeShong (own forest land in Fulton County)  
John and Lisa Graziano (own forest land in Bedford County)

# **Woods Walk for Wood Thrush**

Sponsored by Bedford County Bird & Nature Club  
Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies  
Juniata Valley Audubon Society

**Saturday May 21, 2022**  
**9AM – Noon**



Mike & Laura Jackson Property

Address: 8621 Black Valley Road, Everett, Pa. 15537

Directions from Everett: From Main Street (Business Rt. 30) drive over the west-end bridge and take the first right onto Black Valley Road for 2.5 miles. There will be a Forest Stewardship sign at the entrance of the gravel driveway.

Turn right and follow the parking signs to the second field.

Trip Leaders: Mike and Laura Jackson  
and N. Scott Parkhill (Forest Program Associate  
Audubon Mid-Atlantic)

Bring lunch (optional), camera, water, binoculars, & field guides

The walk will be on uneven terrain for about 2 miles.

Dress for the weather!

Contact Laura Jackson (814-652-9268) for more information

# FOREST PALOOZA (FESTIVAL)



Presented by the

## WOODLAND OWNERS OF THE SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES

### Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 12 noon – 5 pm



Bedford American Legion – Pavilion in the back  
3721 US 220 Business, Bedford, PA

Cost: WOSA Members \$10 Non-members: \$15

Tickets will be sold in a strip of 10 for \$10. No single tickets sold.

**STIHL MS 170  
CHAINSAW  
RAFFLE**

**DOOR PRIZES  
SILENT AUCTION**

### PALOOZA SCHEDULE

**12 noon Lunch: Grilled chicken half, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, yummy homemade desserts**

**1 pm: Presentations and Demonstrations: PA Trivia with Al Holliday  
Forest Management Practices for Wildlife, Making Charcoal  
Using a Wood Gas-powered wood splitter  
Silent Auction**

**5 pm: Winning Ticket drawn for Chainsaw – must be present to win**

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Send check payable to WOSA P. O. Box 253 Everett, PA 15537. Mail by **Friday, June 17, 2022** to guarantee lunch.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ WOSA Member: \$10 Non-member: \$15

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Enroll me as a WOSA member: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Regular (\$15) Family (\$20) Associate (\$15) Sponsor (\$50)

Regular and Family memberships are open to forest landowners. Associate (non-voting) membership is open to others that support healthy forests. Sponsor is open to business or individuals. Membership benefits include:

-Meeting discounts -Reduced costs to monthly programs -WOSA Newsletter -Field trips

Amount Enclosed Forest Palooza: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## WOSA Members Celebrated Forest Dedications in Bedford County on March 15, 2022.

The Old-growth Stand, part of the 37-acre Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest owned by WOSA, was dedicated as Forest #151 in the Old-Growth Forest Network. WOSA will provide public access, control invasive species, maintain trails, and protect this 8-acre stand from logging. Core samples of several oak trees dated them to about 1838. An interpretive hiking trail will be constructed in the future to explain old-growth forests and passive management. The Old-Growth Stand hosts an overstory primarily of white oak with scarlet oak, chestnut oak, hickory, white pine, and black gum.



L to R: Kneeling: Joan Maloof, Old-Growth Forest Network; Mike Jackson, WOSA President  
Front: Dave Scamardella, service forester; John Dunn; Dave Schreffler; Cheryl Veight; John Boggess; Laura Jackson Back: Jack Gilbert, Fred Veith, Joanne Boggess, Joanne Boggess, Wayne Shatzer, Mary Lou Pelin, Marti Higgins, John Herr, Steve Higgins



The Sweet Root Natural Area, part of Buchanan State Forest, is Forest #150 in the Old-Growth Forest Network. Jason Hall, Forester for Buchanan State Forest, is holding the sign. Ellen Shultzabarger, State Forester for Pennsylvania is standing to Jason's left. To the right of Jason is Joan Maloof, executive director of the Old-Growth Forest Network. Just behind Joan are Dave Scamardella, Bedford's Service Forester, and Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. WOSA members, Bureau of Forestry personnel, and Southampton Historical Society members came together to celebrate this special designation. Sweet Root Natural Area is open to the public, so anyone can enjoy this special habitat located just a few miles north of Chaneyville adjacent to SR 326.

These native forests are protected from logging and open to the public so people of all generations can experience natural biodiversity and the beauty of nature.

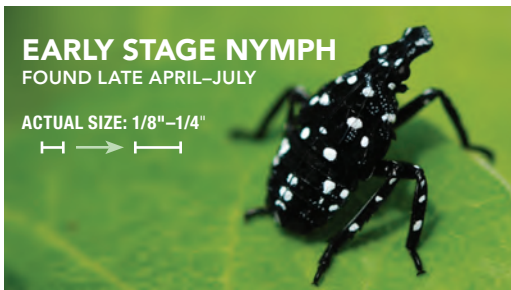
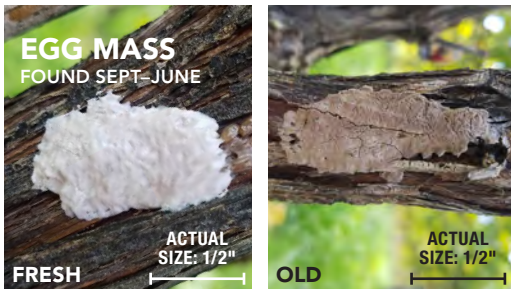
Twenty-eight states are now part of the Network, which counts 151 forests found from coast to coast. Pennsylvania leads the Network with 20 designated forests. Forests are chosen because they are the oldest known forests in different Pennsylvania counties.

Ecologist Joan Maloof, whose vision and determination created the Network, hopes to have an old-growth forest protected in each county where forests grow, making a visit economical and easily accessible for county residents. After all, these forests make up less than 1% of forests in the U.S., so many people don't know much about old-growth, having never visited one.

# SPOTTED LANTERNFLY Checklist for Residents

**Help keep spotted lanternfly from spreading.** Before you travel or move any items stored outdoors within or out of the quarantine area, check for and remove all stages of spotted lanternfly. Use the guide below to know which items to check.

## LIFE STAGES



Above images by PA Department of Agriculture

## POTENTIAL EGG MASS LOCATIONS

Spotted lanternfly egg masses can be laid on any surface and need a careful eye for inspection! Below are some examples of egg masses on outdoor objects.



Brandon Zimmerman



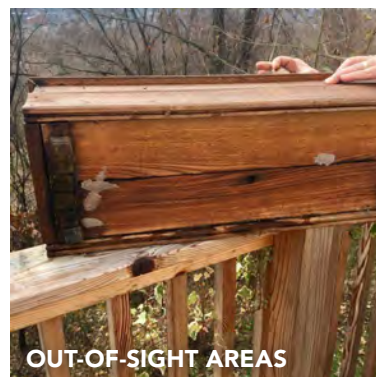
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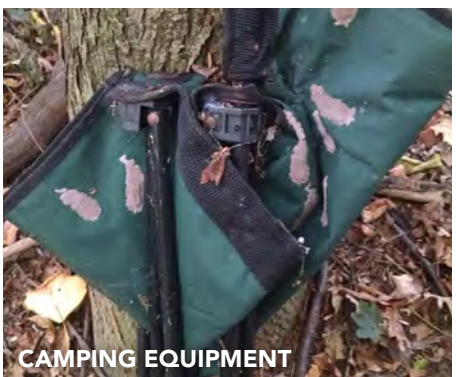
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Zil Fessler



Lori LaCava Beatrice



Liz Willow



# DO YOUR PART TO HELP STOP THIS INVADER!

**Look before you leave!** Please confirm that you have inspected any of these items and related objects that appear on the list below before traveling or transporting them from the quarantine area (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vehicle</b> – Bumpers and wheel wells – Under and inside vehicle – Windshield wiper area	– Playhouses – Sandboxes – Yard games – Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Building Materials</b> – Bricks/cinder blocks – Cement mixing tubs – Lumber – Pipes – Roofing materials – Skid steers/forklifts – Tools and toolboxes – Workbenches – Other _____	– Storage sheds – Tractors and trailers – Trees, shrubs, and plants – Yard decorations – Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recreational or Camping Items</b> – Backpacks – Bicycles – Boats/boat trailers – Campers – Ice chests – Motor homes – Motorcycles – Recreational vehicles – Snowmobiles – Sports equipment – Tarps – Tents – Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outdoor Household Items</b> – Barrels – Cardboard or wooden boxes – Firewood – Outdoor furniture/lights – Outdoor poles – Plant containers – Propane or oil tanks – Refrigerators/freezers – Shutters – Storage sheds – Storm/screen doors and windows – Trash cans – Window awnings – Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yard and Garden Items</b> – Backhoes – Barbecue grills – Carts – Cold frames – Dog houses, rabbit sheds, chicken coops, etc. – Fencing – Garden tillers – Garden tools – Lawnmowers – Sign and posts	<p>Check yourself before getting into any vehicle to make sure there are no spotted lanternfly nymphs or adults on you.</p> <p>If you find any life stage of spotted lanternfly, destroy them immediately. For egg masses, be sure you crush all eggs evenly. Alternatively, all life stages of spotted lanternfly can be placed permanently in a container with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer to destroy them.</p>

*By signing this checklist, I am confirming that I have inspected my vehicle and those items I am moving from the spotted lanternfly quarantine area, and I do not see any spotted lanternfly egg masses or other life stages in or on anything I am moving.*

SIGNATURE

DATE

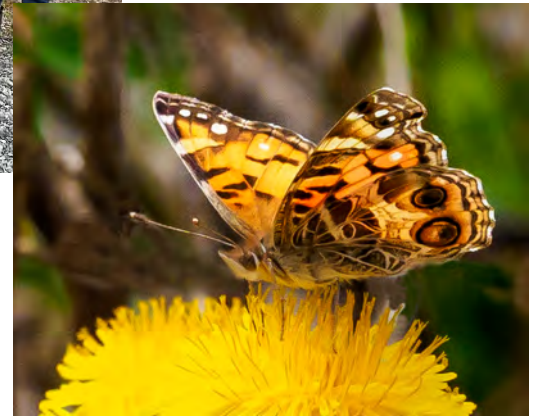
ADDRESS

Please sign, date, and keep this checklist in your vehicle, and use it each time you need it. For more information and to see the latest map of quarantined counties, visit [agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly](http://agriculture.pa.gov/spottedlanternfly).



Walk around Shawnee Lake on Saturday, April 23.  
 L to R: Ray McCann, Jenna Reffner, Mike Jackson, Ken Reffner, Steve Higgins, Marti Higgins, Linda (Marti's sister), Carolyn Hendricks. Photo by Laura Jackson

We enjoyed blooming wildflowers, butterflies (see the painted lady below), a variety of birds, and some exercise!

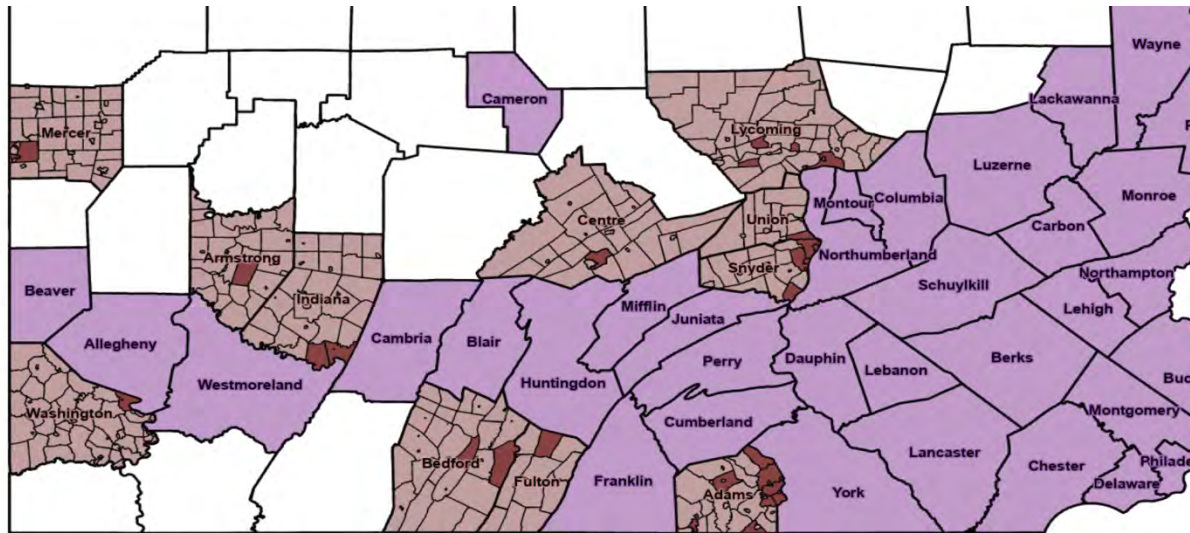


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**Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies**

We knew it was only a matter of time until the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) would appear in our area, but it's still a blow to know that yet another invasive pest will damage our trees.

This is the distribution as of March 2022 for the Spotted Lanternfly.



**Pennsylvania Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine**

- purple Existing Quarantine
- tan Counties added to Quarantine in 2022
- maroon Infested areas in Counties added to Quarantine 2022

