

SWPWO 2015 Calendar



- **March 20 - 21 Private Forest Landowner Conference**

Time:

Place: Altoona, PA

- **March 25 Meeting (Wednesday)**

Why it is Important to Preserve Genetic Diversity in Our Forests

Dr. Cynthia Morton, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Description: Dr. Morton will define genetic diversity and talk about the advantages of preserving it in our forests and steps we can take to maintain it.

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Place:

- **March 28 Field Trip (Saturday)**

Tree Planting Workshop

Description: We will be plant seedlings grown from local seed sources (to preserve genetic diversity) by Carmichaels Area High School. The Environmental Science students at this school grow native hardwood seeds in their greenhouse. We will tour their greenhouse and assist the students in planting hardwood seedlings along their Nature Trail. Bring shovels, gloves and tricks you use to ensure seedling viability. The meeting location will be the lower parking lot below the elementary school beside the softball field (when entering from route 88, make an immediate right in front of the elementary school and past the district office entrance and head toward the playground and softball field.)

Time: 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Place: Carmichaels Area High School

- **April 29 Meeting (Wednesday)**

Habitat Development to Encourage Birds

Tammy Colt, Wildlife Diversity Biologist with PA Game Commission

Description: Ms. Colt will talk about creating and maintaining young forest/early successional habitat and improving established forest habitat for songbirds.

Time: 7:00PM-9:00PM

Place: Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

- **May 2 Field Trip (Saturday)**

Bird Watching with the Ralph Bell Bird Club & Tour of Ryan and Sarah Egidi's Woodlot

Description: The Egidi's are fairly new owners of this property and have working hard to establish and maintain a high quality woodlot. Optional group lunch at Laverne's in Jefferson, PA after the tour. Meeting location will be in the May newsletter.

Time: Birding (8:00AM) & Tour (10:00AM)

Place: Muddy Mountain Woodlands (the Egidi woodlot) in Clarksville, PA in eastern Greene County

- **June 13 Summer Tour (Saturday)**

Woodland Skills Day

Dave Planinsek, DCNR Forester at Forbes State Forest

Description: Mr. Planinsek will demonstrate tools and strategies that assist landowners to safely work in their woodlots. Meeting location within Forbes Forest will be in the June newsletter.

Time:

Place: Forbes Forest

Directions: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/stateforests/forbes/>

- **July 18 Summer Tour (Saturday)**

Day in the Woods at Becketts Run Woodlands

Description: SWPWO members, Raul Chiesa and Janet Sredy have been awarded 2014 PA Tree Farmers of the Year. The program will showcase all the hard work that they have accomplished in their woods. Meeting location and times will be in the July newsletter.

- **August 8 Summer Tour (Saturday)**

Tour of Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens

Description: We will have a group tour of this fairly new natural wonder in Pittsburgh. They have transformed an old strip mine into five woodland areas: Appalachian plateau, cove forest, eastern European woodlands, English woodlands, and Asian woodlands. There is also an historic farmstead on the property. SWPWO members will enjoy a private tour, learn about the history of this important ecological site, and hear about plans for its on-going development. Special emphasis will be on the Garden's efforts to create and manage its diverse woodlands. The cost of this tour is \$10 each and advance registration is required.

- **September 16 Meeting (Wednesday)**

Vehicle Safety in the Woods

Gary Micsky, Sustainable Agriculture/ Natural Resource Educator of Mercer County, Penn State Extension

Description: Mr Micsky will discuss how to safely use tractors, utility vehicles and atvs in your woodlot. Most of these vehicles were not built for use in woodlots- but these vehicles certainly are handy around the tree farm and many of us have them. Learn how to safely handle these vehicles for typical chores on your woodlot.

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Place:

- September 19 SWPWO Field Day & Picnic (Saturday)
- November 11 Meeting (Wednesday)

Tax Filing Strategies for Woodland Owners

Description:

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Place: Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

- November 14 Field Trip (Saturday)

Strategies for Growing High Quality Hardwoods and Winter Tree Identification Refresher

Description: Tour of Maria and Earl's tree farm in Washington County to observe the effects of a tree harvest that occurred five or so years ago and to learn winter tree id tricks

Time: 12:15PM for caravan to tree farm

Meet at at Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA