

# SWPWO



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## **Southwest PA Woodland Owners**

**Oct. 2011**

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### **October Tree Farm Field Day and Picnic**

**Date: Saturday, October 22, 2012, Time: 12:30pm to 6:00 pm, Place: Burnham Woodlot, East Finley, PA**

Join the Southwest PA Woodland Owners and the PA Tree Farm System on October 22 for an informational field day followed by an old-fashioned picnic at Burnham Woodlot, 2010 PA Tree Farm of the Year. Enhance your understanding of the woods for recreation and production. The day will feature:

- Key note speaker :Gary Gilmore, PA Service Forester
- Tree Felling with Bob Brown, Game of Logging Competitor, Jim Elze, Ohio State Service Forester (ret.)
- Small Scale Milling and drying with John Burnham, Tree Farmer
- Bats of PA with Tammy Colt, PA Game Commission Wildlife Biologist
- Stream Quality with Environmental Scientist, Wallace & Pancher, Inc. Engineering Environmental Consultants
- Art in the Wild with Steve Leonardi, Wildlife Artist
- Crop Tree Management with Arlyn Perkey, USDA Forest Service (ret.)
- Growing High Quality Walnuts with Gay Thistle, President –Southwest PA Woodland Owners
- Winter tree ID with Bill Wentzel, PA Service Forester (ret.)

Registration is required for this event. A \$10.00 per person registration fee must be included. (Members of SW PA Woodland Owners are free, but please still register so we have a count for dinner.) Please include name, number of attendees, address and email address in your registration. Members can email Maria. Please mail registration information and a check for \$10 per nonmember to: SWPWO Field Day, 2506 Hollywood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Directions to Burnham Woodlot will be provided on registration. For more information contact: 724-223-8781

### **Informative and Free Resource for Woodland Owners**

"The Woodlander" is an informational e-newsletter for private non-industrial woodland owners of Western Pennsylvania. This list also sends notices of upcoming events and notes of interest to forest landowners. For more information about this list, contact Scott Weikert at 814-755-3544.

## **Building Skills in Communication, Coordination, and Engagement on Marcellus Shale Gas Issues**

This is the final workshop in the Marcellus Shale Choices workshop series. This interactive, participatory training is led by staff from Penn Environment. This workshop will build skills to effectively communicate to the media and to law makers about the issues that matter to you related to Marcellus Shale Gas drilling and development. Learn what makes a good story, and how to share your message with the media. Strategies will be discussed such as letters to the editor, or contacting a reporter and being a source for a news piece. Also learn how to set up and prepare for meetings with your law makers, and practice communicating your message effectively.

PASA, with funding from the Colcom Foundation, has developed a series of action-oriented trainings throughout western Pennsylvania to help farmers, rural land owners, and other citizens make informed, holistic decisions, understand legal issues, and engage in environmental monitoring and local organizing efforts related to Marcellus Shale Gas issues within their communities. Read more at [www.pasafarming.org/marcellusshalechoices](http://www.pasafarming.org/marcellusshalechoices).

The fourth and final workshop in the series, "Building Skills in Communication, Coordination, and Engagement on Marcellus Shale Gas Issues" will be offered in Greene County on Friday, October 21st from 6:00pm-8:30pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4H Building across the street from 200 East Roy Furman Highway Building #10.

The workshop is FREE and open to the public, however, pre-registration is required. For more information about the workshop and to register online visit [www.pasafarming.org/marcellusshalechoices](http://www.pasafarming.org/marcellusshalechoices). Contact Leah Smith at [leah@pasafarming.org](mailto:leah@pasafarming.org) or [412-977-6514](tel:412-977-6514) with questions.

### **September Meeting**

Four employees of the PA Game Commission spoke to our group about programs offered by the Game Commission that benefit woodland owners. The Cooperative Forest-Game Program may help you control the deer population on your property by opening your land for hunting to only those who have your permission. There are many added services that the Game Commission offers landowners who sign up for this program. These services include free tree and shrub seedlings, added patrol by the Game Commission and access to a personal wildlife management plan for your property, to name a few. More information can be found at <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=620382&mode=2> or contact the Wildlife Conservation Officer for your area. We had a beautiful day at the Kirby Gamelands on Saturday. We learned about how this wetland was restored and toured the wetlands. We came away with bird houses and lots of informational materials.

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## Calendar of Events (Updated)

### **November 9 (Wednesday) Meeting: FROM SEEDS TO SEEDLINGS TO**

**SAPLINGS** Reforestation isn't limited to planting trees. It can also be accomplished naturally, or by planting seeds. Arlyn Perkey will explain what he has done on his own tree farm, and how he has learned from mistakes and achieved success. He will share his experience with gathering, storing and out-planting red oak acorns, chestnuts, and black walnuts. He will show us the new 8-inch diameter OMNI Plant Tube and a new fiber glass stake specifically designed for supporting this and other Plantra products. The importance of site preparation and weed control will be emphasized. The equipment Arlyn uses will be on display to encourage the audience to become more comfortable with how this work is done.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

### **November 12(Saturday) Field Trip: SEEDING AT CATHERINE'S KNOB**

We will see 2-year old red oak seedlings that are approaching 3 feet tall in 8-inch diameter prototype tubes designed to provide more growing space for seedlings. This is the area that was occupied by sycamore saplings 2 growing seasons ago when SWPWO last visited Catherine's Knob. We will install a new OMNI Plant Tube on an established seedling using the new fiber glass stakes and a driver. We will examine the red oak and chestnut we planted 2 seasons ago, as well as look at 3-year old chestnut that are out-of-the tube and standing on their own. If time permits we will look at 1-growing season old seedlings established in 18-inch tubes. Learn what is planned for them. See established red oak seedlings/saplings that are out of the tube, above the deer, and ready to compete.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Meet at 12:30 PM at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA



<p><b><i>Our Purpose</i></b></p> <p><i>Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners (SWPWO), a not for profit association, is an organization of individuals interested in sound woodland management practices which encourage the diverse use of forests for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection and recreation and to promote this multiple-use philosophy through education and technical assistance for the benefit of the membership and general public.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Membership Information</u></b> For 2011</p> <p>Membership dues for 2011 are due by January 30, 2011 and will be collected at meetings or can be sent to:</p> <p><b>SWPWO</b> 2506 Hollywood Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15235</p> <p>If sending in dues, please include name, address, phone number and an e-mail address. Membership to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Woodland Owners Association is \$10 per year for an individual and \$15 per year for a household.. Keep your membership up to date to receive a calendar of the 2011 programs and to continue to receive the newsletter.</p>
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