

## SWPWO 2011 Calendar



- **March 9 Meeting**

- **Considerations of Climate and Terrain for Tree Planting**

Harold Thistle, USDA Forest Service

Description: Dr. Harold Thistle of the USDA Forest Service will discuss principles of microclimate and implications to woodland sites in SW Pennsylvania. Emphasis will be placed on moisture and temperature relationships and how they vary with slope aspect, elevation and situation in the local terrain. This information will be used to discuss the optimum sites for successfully growing the important hardwood species in our local area.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **March 12 Field Trip**

- **Saturday Field Tour to Observe the Relationship between Species and Microsite in SW Pennsylvania**

Arlyn Perkey

Description: Arlyn Perkey will lead a tour to observe species dependence on microsite at his Greene County tree farm. The tour will look at differences between south and north facing slopes, valley bottoms and ridge tops. Arlyn will review selection criteria for different microsites as well as review some of the basics of tree farming including monitoring growth and record keeping

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Arlyn Perkey's Tree Farm

Meet at at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

- **May 10 Meeting**

- **Woodland Stream Studies**

Jennifer Halchek, Washington County Conservation District

Description: Jennifer Halchek from the Washington County Conservation District will outline signs of a healthy stream. Identifying plant and animals in the stream and the chemical makeup of the streams will be talked about. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) will be explained.

**Note: Unusual day Tuesday**

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Building, 100 W. Beau Street, Washington, PA

Free Parking: enter through the Beau Street B-Level entrance at the base of the Courthouse Square Building

- **May 14 Field Trip**

- **Woodland Stream Quality: What Does it Mean?**

Jennifer Halchak, Washington County Conservation District

Description: Jennifer Halchak will meet us at the "S" bridge in Claysville, PA (At the intersection of US Route 40 and PA Route 221). She will demonstrate the procedures used to measure stream quality and identify the macro fauna and flora of the site. There is plenty of parking at this site but dress for the weather. Again, this meeting is free and open to the public.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: The "S" bridge in Claysville, PA (At the intersection of US Route 40 and PA Route 221)

- **June 11 Tour**

- **Mysteries of the Forest Tour: Family Day in the Woods**

Mike DiRinaldo, State Service Forester for Washington, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

Description: Bring the kids. Get ready for excitement! Experience the lore of the woods first hand with Mike DiRinaldo State Service Forester for Washington, Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. Observe logs being cut into boards using a band sawmill. Join Arlyn Perkey U.S.D.A. Forest Service ret. To learn how forest management can improve and enhance the productivity and beauty of the woods. Refreshments will be served.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: John Burnham's Woodlot

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

- **July 9 Summer Tour**

- **Tour of the Appalachian Hardwood Center**

Shawn Grushecky, Assistant Director AHC

Description: We will take a tour of this facility and learn about current and past projects that relate to growing quality hardwoods. The vision of AHC is to provide relevant, natural resource-based outreach and extension programs, technical assistance, and research for businesses.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Coopers Rock State Park, south of Morgantown, West Virginia

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

- **August 6 Field Trip**

- **A Walk In The Woods: What is a forester looking for when examining your timber?**

Bob McBride, State Service Forester for Fayette, Greene and Somerset Counties

Description: Join DCNR Service Forester Bob McBride as he examines a variety of timber stands on a local, private forest property. Bob will explain each stand's primary characteristics, such as species combination, age (maturity), size (diameter and merchantable height),

stocking level and quality. For each stand, he'll point out levels of natural regeneration, invasive plants to be concerned about, plus discuss competition and management options, including when and why to log (or not).

Time: 1:00 PM

Meet at: 1:00PM at parking lot of First Baptist Church at corner of N. West Street and High Street, Waynesburg, PA;  
OR at 1:15PM at Jackson Township parking lot (on east side of Route 18)

- **September 7 Meeting**

- ***The Habits and Habitats of the Furry Creatures in your Forest***

- Richard Joyce, PA Game Commission

- Description: Ever wonder what those prints are in the snow? A representative from the Game Commission will talk to us about the habits of the furry creatures that live in our forests like bobcats, mink, coyote, and black bear. We will learn how to recognize the signs of the animals and places likely to find and view them. The Game Commission will also give us the annual update on any changes in the hunting season regulations and an update on deer populations.

- Note Unusual Location for a September meeting**

- Time: 7:00 PM

- Place: First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Building, 100 W. Beau Street, Washington, PA

- Free Parking: enter through the Beau Street B-Level entrance at the base of the Courthouse Square Building

- **September 10 Field Trip**

- ***Recognizing the Signs of Macro-Fauna in Your Woods***

- Game Commission Officials

- Description: A follow up field trip will bring us into the woods to look for signs of wildlife and observe habitats of our native fauna.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Gamelands Area #223, Kirby, PA

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

- **October 22 Family Picnic with Woodland Field Day**

- Time: 12:30 - 6:00 PM

- Place: To be determined

- **November 9 Meeting**

- ***Best Practices for Reclaiming a Development Site***

- Jeremy Kelly, Greene County Conservation District

- Description: Jeremy Kelly, Environmental Program Specialist from the Greene County Conservation District, will be speaking to our group about best practices for reclaiming land from gas development operations. With the economic boom of Marcellus Gas exploration in our area, many of us are dealing with lease language for this development or working with contractors to get our land reclaimed from a well-development or pipeline installation. Jeremy will talk to us about best practices to prevent erosion from this type of development and also inform us of the resources available from the Conservation Districts. Lisa Snider, the District Manager, and Lindsay Kozlowski, Environmental Program Specialist, will also be there to answer any questions.

- Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **November 12 Field Trip**

- ***Seedlings at Catherine's Knob***

- Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.)

- Description: Fall is a great time to plant certain trees by seed. We will be visiting Arlyn Perkey's tree farm in West Virginia where we will see 2-year old red oak seedlings that are approaching 3 feet tall! These seedlings were started in 8-inch diameter prototype tree 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 and 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. Arlyn has some gas development on this property and, if there is time and interest, we will look over the reclamation efforts. Wear appropriate shoes for hiking and dress for the weather.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Perkey Tree Farm near Daybrook, WV

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