

SWPWO 2009 Calendar



- **March 11 Meeting**

- **Tree Propagation Techniques**

- Rollie Daniels, Assoc. Prof. of Horticulture, Penn State U. (Ret.)

- Description: Dr. Daniels will speak to us about a selection of propagation techniques used in the culture of trees. Dr. Daniels will introduce the principles of grafting and budding, the conditions necessary and, the tools used. He will be available for your propagation questions.

- Time: 7:00 PM

- Place: Dewese Room of the Eberly Library at Waynesburg University. Parking is available on College Street or in the University parking lot. The Eberly Library is located behind or east of the Waynesburg University Student Center.

- **March 14 Field Trip**

- **Hands-On Grafting Demonstration**

- Rollie Daniels

- Description: SWPWO has planned a field trip to Little Greene Apples greenhouse on Rt 19 in Ruff Creek to see demonstrations of plant propagation techniques . Dr. Rollie Daniels will have a hands-on lesson, where he will show us techniques, tools and tricks to propagation by budding. He will discuss other methods of propagation. (Since it will be too early in the season to properly graft).

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Little Green Apples Greenhouse, Ruff Creek, PA

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

- **May 14 Meeting**

- **Ponds and Your Woodlands**

- Dana Rizzo, Extension Educator for Water Quality, Penn State Extension and Westmoreland County Conservation District

- Description: All you ever wanted to know about ponds, and much more: Where to locate them ; How to design and build them;

- Construction permits needed; and How to maintain them (aquatic plant control, fish care, etc.).

- **Note Unusual Day Thursday**

- Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **May 16 Field Trip**

- **Visit to Ponds at the Irvin's**

- Description: Pondering? So you are thinking about building a pond?

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Mike Irvin's farm near Rogersville, Center Township

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

- **June 13 Tour**

- **Ryerson Park Bird Walk**

- Marjorie Howard, Pres. Ralph K. Bell Bird Club

- Description: We will identify birds by sight and sound, and learn about their behaviours. Marjorie Howard organizes and participates in several bird counts in the area and is a key player in the five-year Pennsylvania breeding bird survey presently going on across the state. She will guide us on the bird walk.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Ryerson Park

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

- **July 18 Summer Tour**

- **Tour of The Homeplace:**

- *From Civil War-era Farm to 21st Century Tree "Plantation"*

- Description: Come visit the scenic southwest corner of Greene County. Located near Nettle Hill and the crown of higher ground dividing the Monongahela and Ohio River watersheds, David & Bobbi Cressey's adopted acreage encompasses hilltop and hollow, field and stream, and over 20 varieties of hardwoods repopulating former pasture in stages.

- Description: This will be a good review of SWPWO touchstones: battling invasives, crop tree ID and release, microclimate, reforestation, drainage, road and trail maintenance, wildlife habitat, and other assorted notions of place, time and change.

- Time: 12:30 PM

- Place:

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

- **August 14 Field Trip**

- **Visit to a Sawmill**

- **Note Unusual Day Friday**

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Summit Forest Resources, Inc., Markleysburg, PA [Website]

- Map: <http://busybeaver.cs.pitt.edu/swpwo/2009/sawmill.pdf>

- Meet at: Foundation Coal Aquatics Center parking lot (across the street on Rt 21 from the fairgrounds) at 11:30 AM

to carpool

- **September 9 Meeting**

Owls of SW PA

Rodney Burns, PA Wildlife Conservation Officer

Description: Rodney Burns will speak to us about owls that are commonly found in our area. We will learn about their habits and habitats.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **September 12 Field Trip**

Owl Spotting Tour

Rodney Burns, PA Wildlife Conservation Officer

Description: Rodney Burns will lead us through owl habitat where we will be able to hear the owls and hopefully view some of them.

Note Unusual Evening Time

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: To be determined

Meet at 6:00 PM at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

- **October 17 Picnic with Plant Identification Competition and Potato Gun Competition**

(Members, Friends and Family)

Time: To be determined

Place: To be determined

- **November 4 Meeting**

Managing Your Forests: Where to Begin

Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.), and

John Burnham, Past President SWPWO

Description: Do you have a Stewardship Plan, but still find yourself struggling with the questions of what should I do, where should I do it, and how should I do it? Maybe starting to manage a few acres with good access will help you build your confidence. Arlyn Perkey and John Burnham will discuss their experience during the past year on a 4-5 acre portion of John's forest land near the site of the annual SWPWO pig roast.

Description: Listen to them discuss what motivates John as a landowner. Why not just leave the forest the way it is? Why not let nature take its course? Why bother doing anything? What are the risks? What are the anticipated rewards?

Description: OK, John did something. What did he do? How did he do it? What remains to be done on this small area? Will you do something like this again elsewhere?

Description: After listening to all of this discussion, perhaps you will have questions.

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

- **November 7 Field Trip**

Visit to a Recently Treated and Untreated Portion of John Burnham's Forest Land

Description: This field trip will visit the woods discussed on November 18, 2009. We will look at a similar untreated portion of the woods. We will discuss observations about the site and alternatives for landowners to consider. What might different foresters recommend here? Why is there a difference? How do you decide what you want to do?

Description: We will look at what John decided to do and talk about how he did it. You can decide how it looks to you. We will discuss how it is likely to change in the next 20 years.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: John Burnham's Woodlot in SW Washington County

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