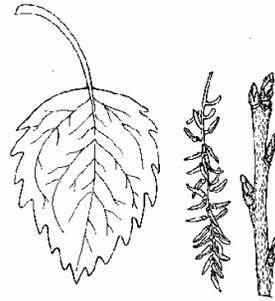


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Bigtooth aspen

Southwest PA Woodland Owners Sept. 2011

The Habits and Habitats of the Furry Creatures in your Forest September 7 (Wednesday) Meeting (Note new location)

Ever wonder what those prints are in the mud? Richard Joyce 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, an update on deer populations and programs that benefit woodland owners.

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

Field Trip: Recognizing the Signs of Macro-Fauna in Your Woods

September 10(Saturday) At this follow up field trip, Game Commission Officials will lead a tour through a habitat development site at Gamelands Area #223 in Kirby, PA. We will look for signs of wildlife and learn more about habitats of our native fauna.

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Place: PA Gamelands Area #223, Kirby, PA

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

Thousand Canker Disease found in PA

Thousand cankers disease (TCD) was recently detected on black walnut in eastern Pennsylvania, in Bucks County north of Philadelphia. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has enacted a quarantine and a delimit survey has begun. More information about this disease in walnuts is available at

http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_75292_10297_0_43/AgWebsite/ProgramDetail.aspx?name=Thousand-Cankers-Disease&navid=12&parentnavid=0&palid=137&

This means TCD has now been confirmed in three eastern states within the native range of black walnut (TN, VA and PA) as well as nine western states. Please do a visual survey of your trees and trees in your community and notify state authorities of any unusual wilting and yellowing or dying walnut trees. *From Liz Jackson, Walnut Council, 1007 North 725 West, West Lafayette, IN 47906-9431, (765) 583-3501 FAX (765) 583-3512, jackson@purdue.edu*

Register for October Woodland Field Day and Picnic

Enhance your understanding of the woods for recreation, production, wildlife, and aesthetics with a varied agenda including: crop tree management, chainsaw safety and directional felling, small scale milling and drying, tree planting, bat habitat, winter tree ID (no leaves allowed), stream water quality testing, and art in the wild.

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

Registration by mail 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.) Please include name, number of attendees, address and email address in your registration. Please mail registration information with a check \$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

Our Previous Meeting: August Summer Tour

Service Forester, Bob McBride guided the group through different types of wooded stands and inclusions on a forested property in western Greene County. Some interesting and applicable points were made for forest owners during this tour. Bob discussed how red maple (*Acer rubrum*) is taking over as the most numerous tree species in Penn's woods, taking the place of red oak (*Quercus rubra*). Bob measured basal area in each stand and made recommendations based on this number and the species type. Basal area is a measure of stand density developed by foresters. It is the total cross-sectional area of the trees in a stand, at breast height (4.5 feet above the ground), measured in square feet per acre. Replacement potential was discussed when a select cut was the recommendation. The forest floor was examined for seedling types and size. For a successful regeneration after a cut, Bob suggested that the seedlings should be pencil thin but greater than 5' tall which are trees that are above deer browse and well established enough to thrive. We identified and discussed invasive species and control measures for each type. Bob toured us through a few interesting inclusions, including a bigtooth aspen (*Populus grandidentata*) stand and a black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*) stand which are not typical in our southwestern PA woods. We lucked out

with the weather. It was cooler and there was no rain during the tour. Thank you for a great tour Bob.

This meeting marks the end SWPWO's summer tour season. We will finish out the year with a meetings in September and November and our annual picnic in October. See more information about all these events in this newsletter. *By Gay Thistle*

Nominations for 2012 Executive Committee

We are accepting nominations for positions on our Executive Committee. The terms are two years with a term limit of 2 terms (4 years). If you are interested in helping to plan our events, please get in touch with me. (Gay Thistle at gaythistle@gmail.com). . Voting for these positions will take place at our November meeting. The new terms begin in 2012.

Executive Committee for the year 2011

Officers (year elected)

Gay Thistle - President (2011)
Mike Irvin -Vice Pres. (2010)
- Secretary (2012)
Maria Piantanida – Treasurer (2010)

Board of Directors

Dave Cressey (2008)
Mark Fajerski(2010)
Russell Orme (2011)

Advisors

Bill Wentzel Arlyn Perkey
Michael DiRinaldo - Service Forester, PA Bureau of Forestry
Bob McBride, - Service Forester, PA Bureau of Forestry

Past Presidents

John Burnham, Harold Thistle
Bob Daley

2011 SWPWO Calendar of Events

October 22 (Saturday) Family Picnic with Woodland Field Day – Enhance your understanding of the woods for recreation, production, wildlife, and aesthetics with a varied agenda including: crop tree management, chainsaw safety and directional felling, small scale milling and drying, tree planting, bat habitat, and winter tree ID (no leaves allowed), stream water quality testing, and Art in the wild. This day of workshops will be followed by an old fashioned picnic. This event is free for all members but we ask you to register so we can plan the food. Send name, address and email and number of attendees with your party to: **SWPWO, 2506 Hollywood Dr.,Pittsburgh, PA 15235**

Time: 12:30-6:00 PM

Place: Burnham Woodlot

November 9 (Wednesday) Meeting

Reclamation of a Forest Land Gas Well Drilling Site: A talk about what to expect after a gas well is drilled on your property.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

November 12(Saturday) Field Trip: Visit to Gas Well Forest Reclamation Sites:

Visit gas well reclamation sites in early and later stages

Time: 1:00 PM

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

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our Purpose</i></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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Membership Information</u> 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 style="text-align: center;">SWPWO 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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