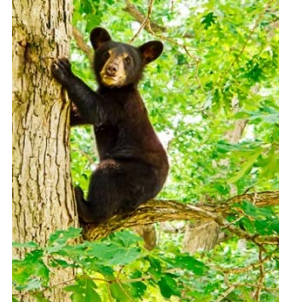


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UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, March 11, 2022: WOSA Workday at SDF

Workday #6 from 9 - 12 noon at the Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest. We will organize for the Old Growth Forest dedication on March 15, 2022, work on the trail, and plan for spring planting of evergreens. Pack a lunch if you plan on eating after we stop at noon.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022: Old-Growth Forest* Dedications

11 am: Dedication of Old Growth Forest at Sweet Root Natural Area

1 pm: Dedication of the Old Growth Forest at SDF

Old Growth Forest dedication at Sweet Root Natural Area (follow Black Valley Road State Route 2015, south of Everett, about 15 miles to the picnic area at Sweet Root Park on the Right). The dedication is at 11 am, followed by a short walk and then we'll drive to WOSA's Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest for a 1 pm dedication of the Old Growth Forest Stand. A short hike will also follow that dedication.

Directions from Sweet Root to the SDF will be provided, as well as snacks and drinks. See attached flyers for more information.

*WHAT IS OLD-GROWTH?

"An old-growth forest is one that has formed naturally over a long period of time with little or no disturbance from humankind. They are increasingly rare and largely misunderstood."

- Joan Maloof, founder of the Old-Growth Forest Network

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The Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies (WOSA) encompasses Bedford and Fulton Counties in Pennsylvania, but anyone interested in forestry and wildlife is encouraged to join.

Our members are interested in the methods and benefits of sound forest stewardship practices of privately owned woodlands.

Our goals are to:

- Exchange information on best management practices for sustainable forestry while considering the landowner's interest in wildlife conservation, aesthetic values, watershed protection, recreation, and economic return.

- Educate landowners on stewardship and sustainable uses of resources.

- Provide forestry resources to our members and the public.

- Work with the community to educate the public about forest stewardship and sustainability.

- Achieve recognition as an organized voice of forest landowners in the region for sustainable forestry.

WOSA is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, educational organization as described in section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

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Established January 7, 1999

Membership runs per calendar year.

MORE UPCOMING WOSA EVENTS:

Fri., March 25, 2022: WOSA Board Meeting at Noon

WOSA Board meeting at Hoss's Steak and Sea House at the Bedford Interchange at Noon. The room is reserved at no charge. Just tell the hostess that you are there for the Woodland Owners board meeting. You will order your own meal off the menu.

Friday, April 22, 2022: WOSA Board meeting at Noon

Location to be determined.

Friday, May 20, 2022: WOSA Board meeting at Noon

Location to be determined. (Note: this date is tentative – call Mike Jackson if you plan to attend.)

Saturday, May 21, 2022: Woods Walk at Mike and Laura Jackson's Property near Everett 9 am – 12 pm:

Carbon Forest Programs and Bird Habitat Improvement Projects. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch (if you'd like to stay past noon). **Mark your calendar! More details in Spring Newsletter.**

Friday, June 24, 2022: Board meeting and Setup for June 25 Forest Palooza

Meet at the Bedford American Legion (downstairs), at 1:30 PM for a WOSA Board Meeting. BYO lunch is optional or eat before meeting. At 3 PM, we'll set up tables and silent auction items, chain saw raffle, projection screen, projector stand, chairs, displays, etc. in preparation of the WOSA conference (WOSA Palooza) tomorrow.

Saturday, June 25, 2022: WOSA Forest Palooza at the Bedford American Legion from 12 noon - 5 pm.

Picnic buffet in the Pavilion featuring BBQ chicken, side dishes, and homemade desserts. Silent auction, **chainsaw raffle**, plus forestry and wildlife presentations inside. A charcoal-making demonstration and charcoal-gas wood splitter demonstration will be outside.

Mark your calendar!

Details forthcoming in the Spring Newsletter.



WELCOME NEW WOSA MEMBERS:

Steve and Marti Higgins, Indiana, PA.

Many thanks to all who have renewed!

**WOSA New Board Member:
Renee Hiteshew**

Scott & Renee Hiteshew own 100 acres adjoining John & Joanne Boggess and Brent & Alicia Hiteshew's woodlands.

While Scott is a Windber, PA native, Renee is from Wilmington, NC. They met in Tulsa, OK at Oral Roberts University. Shortly after college, Renee joined American Airlines and they got to travel the world. The next phase of Renee's career presented opportunities to live and work in many places such as Honolulu, HI; Portland, OR; Wexford (Pittsburgh), PA; Sudbury (Boston), MA and now find themselves living closer to home in Altoona, PA for the past few years.

They had 2 boys, Jordan and Jesse. Jesse is living in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Jordan passed away in September of 2010 after a skateboard accident.

Scott enjoys going to work in the woods every day and Renee works from home for an IT company based out of Boston, MA.



TREE TRIVIA - WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TREES?

1. What is the only state named after a forest? A. Virginia B. Ohio C. Pennsylvania
2. How many species of trees are there in the United States? A. 850 B. 375 C. 2,000
3. How many trees does the average American use each year in paper, wood, and other tree products?
A. 1 B. 7 C. 15
4. How many gallons of sap are needed to make 1 gallon of maple syrup? A. 5 – 7 B. 10 – 15 C. 30 – 40
5. What is the Pennsylvania state tree? A. White oak B. Eastern hemlock C. Shagbark hickory
6. How fast do most tree seedlings grow per year? A. 6 inches B. one foot C. 2 feet
7. What tree is called the "bee tree"? A. American basswood B. Eastern redbud C. Pussy willow
8. What's the most common tree in PA? A. Red oak B. Red maple C. Tulip poplar
9. How much of PA is covered by forest? A. 25% B. 60% C. 75%
10. What percentage of PA is owned by private forest landowners? A. 30% B. 50% C. 70%



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Wonders of Wildlife: Go exploring with a flashlight!

Jefferson salamanders, wood frogs, and spotted salamanders, migrate to woodland pools at night during spring rains when snow might still be covering the ground. They mate and lay eggs, then return to the woods. Jefferson and Spotted salamanders spend the rest of the year under ground, but you might find wood frogs in the leaf litter of your woods during warm weather. (Photos by the Jacksons.)

L to R: Jefferson salamander Mating wood frogs (smaller male is on top) Spotted salamander



Answers to Tree Trivia

Answers: **1. C** (Pennsylvania means Penn's Woods in Latin) **2. A** **3. B** **4. C.** A sugar maple tree can produce up to 60 gallons of sap a year, which yields 2 gallons of syrup **5. B**
6. B (depends on growing conditions and species of tree) **7. A** (blooms in July and attracts a lot of pollinators) **8. B** **9. B** (16.6 million acres) **10. C** (12 million acres). Check out more great information on the PA DCNR website.