

2019 SWPWO Calendar

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Date/Time	Information
March 22-23 Fri-Sat	<p>Private Forest Landowners Conference https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/outreach/conferences Join fellow PA woodlot owners and learn from experts who are scheduled to talk at this biennial event. There are many tours and lectures, along with lots of opportunities to meet and mingle. Register at the link above.</p>
April 10, Wed 7 PM	<p>Everything You Want to Know About Land Conservation Easements with Chris Beichner, President/CEO, Allegheny Land Trust. Points he will cover include: What is a conservation easement? What are common misunderstandings about easements (e.g., the owner “gives up” ownership of the property or can no longer use the property for personal purposes)? What costs are associated with establishing a conservation easement? What is the process for establishing an easement and how long does it take? What should a landowner look for when choosing a land trust to hold an easement? There will be time for questions. Location: Washington and Jefferson College, The Burnett Center 292 East Wheeling Street, Washington, PA 15301. Room 103</p>
April 13, Sat 1-4PM	<p>Two Years After Harvest- return visit to Bob Brown’s farm to view his property two years after the timber harvest. See how the land has recovered from this managed harvest. At Bob Brown’s Tree Farm in Greene County. Directions will be given at the Wednesday meeting or meet to caravan at 12:30 PM at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4H building #10 parking lot (west side of Fairgrounds).</p>
May 8, Wed 7PM	<p>“Forestry: Where? What? Why?” with Jim Finley If you own woodland, you hold shared values with a community of people who find satisfaction in the practice of forestry. To ensure that our forests continue to provide for our needs today and for future owners, it is important that we share our commitment to conveying our experiences, knowledge, and thus demonstrate how we value forests. Through our shared commitments to forest health and vitality, we are building a community of people who care about the place where they live and the people who live there. Location: Panera Bread Meeting Room, 108 Trinity Pointe Dr, Washington, PA</p>
May 11, Sat 1-4 PM	<p>Wildflower in the Woods: Join the Gregors’ Tree Farm in eastern Washington County for a wildflower walk in the woods near their house and along a small stretch of Ten Mile Creek. The Blue-Eyed Marys have been abundant in previous years and hopefully won't disappoint this spring! Will follow with a drone tour of other areas of their property and refreshments on the porch. Walking conditions are likely to be somewhat wet so please wear appropriate footwear. Directions will be given at the</p>

	Wednesday meeting or meet at Sears at the Crown Center Mall, Washington, PA- in the parking lot in front of auto repair area.
June 15, Sat 1-4 PM	The Value of Trees for the Watershed: a representative from the Stroud Research Center, will join us on a tour of Thistles' Tree Farm in western Greene County to discuss his experiences planting trees in watershed restoration work. We will do demonstration plantings and look at invasive control. Dave will begin with a discussion of the work at Stroud and we will then head off onto the farm to look at work in progress and plant some trees. We will do both tree and invasive ID as we go along and focus on control of invasives. We will offer and wear appropriate gear for a hike. Call 724-499-5190 for directions.
July 13, Sat Evening	Owl Walk- Take a walk in the woods and learn how to call and spot local owls (if we are lucky). Learn from the experts.
Aug 9, Friday 1 PM	Barrel Stave Factory Tour- Visit to Wilson Forest Products in Jefferson, PA-a local agribusiness that serves international customers from Greene County, PA. See how barrels are made from local white oak and learn how they are prepared for wineries and distilleries around the world. Meet at factory at 1216 Jefferson Rd, Jefferson, PA before 1 PM
Sept 14, Sat 1-evening	Wood Lot Tour and Dinner Social -Tour of conservation practices of Brian Adair's woodlot in Conneaut, PA, where he manages his property for a variety of recreational uses. The tour will be followed by a social hour and dinner on the water at Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club just down the road.
Sept 28, Sat	2019 PFA Annual Symposium: Wildlife & Woodlands , Toftrees Resort & Conference Ctr, State College (http://paforestry.org/) Join other PA woodland owners for educational sessions that will assist you in managing your woods, water and wildlife.
Oct 6, Sun 1PM	Annual Walk in Penn's Woods- This is a statewide program where walks in the woods are offered all over the state. Visit this site to find a walk for you: https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/ or stay local and walk on the Burnham Wood lot where the tour will take you by vernal ponds, a variety of tree plantings of different age classes, and beautiful Fall foliage on and around the country road.
Nov 13, Wed 7 PM	Forest Management Practices Using Drones: This meeting will focus on recent developments in the world of UAS (otherwise known as drones). We have some exciting work going on locally and will present the technology and various applications of the technology to woodland management. This will be a follow-up to our meeting of two years ago. The technology is really flying along (pun intended). So I will stop droning on (pun intended) and hope to see you there. Greene County Airport hanger
Nov 16, Sat 1-4 PM	Demonstration of Forest Management Practices Using Drones- visit a site where drones have been used as part of forestland management practices. Location to be determined.

