



Branching Out

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTE – subject to change due to Covid safety concerns

Sunday, October 3, 2021

5th Annual Walk in “Penn’s Woods”

Check for walks near you: <https://sites.psu.edu/walkinpennswoods/>

Sunday, October 10, 2021 2pm to Dark

WOSA Annual Picnic at John and Joanne Boggess’ property near Ryot.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Contact John Boggess to register by Oct. 4: Email john.boggess@comcast.net or call 724-836-1449

Saturday, October 23, 2021 1- 4 pm

Forest Management Plans Workshop, Shawnee Regional Office

Learn about carbon credits available to forest landowners and how consulting foresters work with landowners to create forest management plans. Free Workshop but register by Oct. 19. See page 4.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9 – 12 noon

Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest Workday See page 4.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 6 pm – 9 pm

WOSA Annual Meeting and Dinner at the Bedford American Legion.

Board meeting at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm, followed by a short business meeting and presentation by Forester Steve Wacker. Steve was an integral part of making WOSA successful by providing educational programs and help when we visited various properties.

Send payment and reservations by November 3, 2021. See page 3.

A big Welcome to new 2021 WOSA members:

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| Tim Clingerman | John and Recie Dolan |
| Phil and Sharon Fullerton | Tony and Sue Good |
| Barry E. Housel | Wil and Laura Laird |
| Ray McCann | |

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What's in Your Woods?

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.



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Do you have Devil's Walking Stick (*Aralia spinosa*), also called Hercules' Club, which is native, or do you see Japanese Angelica (*Aralia elata*), a non-native imposter? Identification is a thorny problem for these very thorny small trees. Be careful if you grab one!

Late summer and fall are the best times of year to tell them apart.



<https://vnps.org/johnclayton/2018/10/20/devils-walking-stick-october-wildflower-of-the-month/>

Devil's Walking Stick produces clusters of flowers in late summer (followed by dark blue berries) that usually stick above the foliage. The cluster is long and erect, with side branches. Both the flowers and the fruit (highly prized by bear and birds) are upright. It's also a great pollinator plant for bees and butterflies.

Japanese angelica, on the other hand, produce clusters of flowers that radiate out from the central trunk. The flowers and the ensuing fruit are not erect.



<https://www.thespruce.com/japanese-angelica-tree-growing-profile-3269299>

November 10



WOODLAND OWNERS OF THE SOUTHERN ALLEGHENIES (WOSA) ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

The WOSA Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6 pm** at the Bedford American Legion.

The WOSA Board meeting will be held at 5 pm - you are welcome to join us.

The Bedford American Legion is located at **3721 US 220 Business, Bedford, PA**. We will meet upstairs, so there is plenty of room for social distancing. Please wear a mask and follow CDC guidelines.

The menu will feature stuffed chicken breast, cole slaw, green beans, & baked potato– with delicious homemade desserts provided by Debbie Magill.

Our speaker will be Steve Wacker. Steve was the Service Forester for Bedford and Fulton Counties when WOSA was formed many years ago, so it will be an evening of reminiscing about “the good old days,” and a look toward the future of WOSA and Penn’s forests. We hope you will join us!



-----Please clip and return by Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021-----



Name(s): _____

WOSA Members: \$24 per person; non-members \$30 per person for the Banquet

No. Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed for Banquet: _____

WOSA Membership Renewal for 2022:

Individual (\$15): _____ Family (\$20): _____ Sponsor (\$50) _____ Associate (\$15) _____

Single and Family members are voting individuals or families who own forest land.

Sponsor members are non-voting public or private organizations, which own forest land, or have a public or commercial interest in wood products, land or wildlife preservation, and support WOSA.

Associate members are non-voting individuals who do not own forest land, but endorse and support WOSA.

If Family, please list other members: _____

Amount enclosed: Banquet: _____ 2022 Membership: _____ TOTAL: _____

Make check payable to **WOSA** and mail to **WOSA P. O. Box 253 Everett, PA 15537**

Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, from 1 – 4 pm
Forest Management Plans Workshop
for Forest Landowners
Located at State Park Regional Office
435 State Park Road Schellsburg, PA
Located on the first floor of the
white office building near the barn
at Shawnee State Park



Need funding to get rid of invasive plants or want to get paid for the carbon stored in your forest? **Calvin Norman**, Penn State Extension Forester, will explain how **Carbon Programs** can help landowners with funding for plans and habitat improvement. Find out how plans are written and how plans help get more funding from **Josh Rittenhouse**, private consulting forester. Forest landowners who have plans will also share their experiences. The workshop is free, but you must register by October 19, 2021. Light refreshments will be provided. Call Mike Jackson at 814-652-9268 or email mjackson2@embarqmail.com before October 19, 2021.



Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest Workday
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 9 am – noon
We won't meet if there's a steady rain.



We plan to work on a trail which has been flagged; as well as girdle sawtooth oak trees (they are non-native and invasive), so we can plant native evergreens in that area in the spring.

Please bring gloves, pruners, water, lunch, and a camp chair. No porta potty will be provided, but we'll have hand sanitizer. Please bring the following, if you have them: chainsaw, loppers, limb saw, and personal protection equipment (chaps, helmet, ear protection). Call Mike Jackson if you have questions: 814-652-9268.

Directions to Sulzbacher Demonstration Forest (WOSA property)

The WOSA property is located along Big Creek Road, about 8 miles south of Clearville, Pa. There is no street address and very limited cell service.

From Everett, take 26 South for about 8 miles to Clearville.

In Clearville, stay straight ahead. The road becomes Rockhill Rd/Rock Hill Church Rd (Rt. 26 is a righthand turn – don't take 26S.) Stay on Rockhill Road for 0.6 miles.

Then take a right onto Big Creek Road. Stay on Big Creek Road for 6.3 winding miles.

Continue past Shreves Chapel Road (dirt road on the Right) for 0.6 miles. You will pass a house on the Right before the road curves to the right.

Just after the curve, turn right when you see the large WOSA sign. Follow the gravel lane up the hill. Park beside other vehicles.



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Renewals- if your information has not changed, no need to complete this form. Just send in your membership payment by December 31, 2021.

Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies (WOSA) 2022 Annual Membership Form

(Membership runs per calendar year.)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

of Acres Owned _____ County _____

Property Address if different from your home address:
Street, City, State, Zip _____

Do you, or have you had, a Forest Stewardship Plan? _____

Would you like the Service Forester to walk your property (free of charge) and discuss your concerns and goals? _____

Single: \$15 _____ Family: \$20 _____ Sponsor \$50 _____ Associate \$15 _____

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Amount enclosed _____

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Wonders of Wildlife: Aging an Eastern Box Turtle

WOSA member Joe Wolfe discovered a baby box turtle - quite an exciting find – and wondered how old it was.



You can get a general idea of a turtle's age by counting the growth rings of one scute on the top shell (carapace) of the turtle. It's not very accurate, but it helps give an estimated age. One scute is circled on turtle C. Old turtles (they can live over 100 years!) have smooth, worn shells and you may not be able to count any rings. If the rings are really close together, count the rings that are evident and add a plus after the number of rings that you can count. (ex. 18+)

1. Can you tell which turtle just hatched? (Most box turtles hatch in September and October.)
2. Which turtle is the oldest?
3. Joe found a turtle that was just a few years old. Which one is it?

Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. A