

## SWPWO 2008 Calendar



- **March 12 Meeting**

- ***Tree Identification by Bark, Branch and Bud***

- Arlyn Perkey and Students

- Description: Would you like to walk through your woods and recognize each species you encounter by glancing at the bark and in some cases looking at branch and bud characteristics? Eight determined fellow SWPWO members have been pursuing that goal since mid-January 2008. They invite you to share their learning experience by hearing a portion of what they absorbed while attending 4 Saturday classes in the woods during January and February.

- ***Game Commission Update: Deer Disease***

- Roxane Palone, Vice President, PA Game Commission

- 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

- **March 15 Field Trip**

- ***Tree Identification by Bark, Branch and Bud***

- Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.)

- Description: This field trip is a follow-up to the March 12 presentation where we will watch 8 SWPWO members display their skills in the woods. This demonstration will be at the Core Arboretum in Morgantown, West Virginia, where they started this learning adventure. This natural learning lab has a wide variety of species that are labeled with aluminum name tags to welcome the novice tree identifier to the woods. Of course the students will be shunning those labeled trees to show they can correctly identify 18 species that have been the focus of their course work.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Core Arboretum in Morgantown, West Virginia [[Website](#)][[Directions](#)][[Map](#)]

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

- **April 2 Meeting**

- ***The Onslaught of Forest Insect and Disease Invasions in the Eastern United States***

- Andrew Liebold, USDA Forest Service

- Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **April 5 Field Trip**

- ***Tree Planting Tools and Techniques***

- Time: 1:00 pm

- Place: Sunset Woods Tree Farm, SW Washington County

- Meet at 12:30pm at Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA

- **May 14 Meeting**

- ***Managing Hardwood Forests for Value***

- Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.)

- Description: Arlyn Perkey will share his experience managing a 10-acre portion of his tree farm during the past 17 years. He will describe some of the characteristics of the woods that initially attracted him and how he has made decisions by selecting and managing crop trees that had the potential to accomplish his goals and objectives. He will use photos that show 2 silvicultural treatments and how they, 2 years of gypsy moth defoliation, and the assault of invasive vegetative species have affected the appearance and vitality of the forest. For people who love trees, the choices are often difficult to make, but to Arlyn, this stand of trees is a testimony to what can be gained by pursuing a planned course of action.

- Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **May 17 Field Trip**

- ***Visit to an Oak and Maple Stand***

- Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.)

- Description: Arlyn will lead us on a tour of the managed forest described on May 14. We will see timber, wildlife, and aesthetic crop trees. We will discuss monitoring crop tree growth, invasive species, oak regeneration, and utilization of cut trees. There is a good walking trail through the area that will traverse topography typical of Greene County.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Arlyn Perkey's Tree Farm in SW Greene County

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

- **June 14 Field Trip**

- ***Native Wildflower Tour and (Optional) Picnic***

- Shane Miller

- Description: The 314-acre Wildflower Reserve contains one of the most diverse stands of wildflowers in western Pennsylvania. Over 500

species of plants have been identified in the Reserve. Trails lead through a variety of habitats like, oak-hickory forest, pine plantations, woodland meadows and flood plain forest along Raccoon Creek. Shane Miller, Consultant to Raccoon State Park, will be leading a walking tour of this special area of the park. Shane has documented 750 plants in the reserve—650 natives and 100 introduced from Europe. About 20 of the latter are invasive species, and Shane is working with park personnel to eradicate these. Shane earned a Bachelor's degree in Botany and Ecology and a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Akron. Several SWPWO members have had an opportunity to hear Shane speak and found him to be extremely knowledgeable and informative. If you are a photographer, remember to bring your camera. Description: Picnic Option: Everyone is invited to a post-tour picnic at the Piantanida-Novendstern property located about 10 miles from the Wild Flower Reserve. If you are a long-time SWPWO member, this will be an opportunity to more leisurely visit than is usually possible at the formal meetings. If you are a newcomer, this will be a chance to get acquainted with other woodland owners. Maria and Earl plan to provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Please let them know if you plan to attend by phone (412-241-2747) or email (mariap@pitt.edu). Directions from the Wild Flower Reserve will be provided in the newsletter.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Raccoon Creek State Park [Website][Directions]

Directions: From south (482 Route 30, Imperial, PA 15126): Take I79 North; Take 59B toward airport; Exit onto Rt 22/30 West toward Weirton; Exit onto Rt 30 West at Imperial; Follow Rt 30 for ~9.5 miles; Entrance to Wildflower Reserve is on right

Meet at 12:00 PM at Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA

- **July 19 Summer Tour**

***Environmental Education and Green Businesses***

Description: We will first visit the Jennings Environmental Education Center for a tour of a prairie ecosystem (yes in PA!) where during the month of July many unusual wildflowers, such as the blazing star, will be at their peak. The Jennings Environmental Center is also home to the last remaining habitat of the Masasauga rattlesnake which is an endangered species. We will learn how the park is maintaining this species. As a side note - if we saw one of these snakes - it would be the sighting of a lifetime. From the tour of the environmental center we will continue on to the North Country Brewing Company in downtown Slippery Rock for lunch at this unusual facility where they purchase all their electricity from renewable energy sources. Their decor includes unusual woodcraft from local artists and their beers are brewed from locally grown grains. We are looking into chartering a vehicle for this trip. We will require payment for the vehicle at the time that you register for this trip and individuals will be responsible for purchasing their own lunch. We will have the van or bus meet at three different places: 7:30 AM in Waynesburg; 8:00 AM in Washington; and 8:45 AM near Pittsburgh (possible Crafton, RT. 60 exit). More details will be printed in upcoming newsletters and posted here).

**We will be travelling by bus from Green and Washington counties and will require that members register and pay a fee in advance to cover the costs.**

Time: 12:30 PM

Place: Jennings Environmental Education Center [Website][Directions]

Place: North Country Brewing Company [Website][Map]

Meet at 7:30 AM at Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA

Meet at 8:00 AM at Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA

- **August 9 Field Trip**

***Tour of The Gregors' Orchards***

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: The Gregors' Orchards in SW Washington County

Directions: Take I79 to Exit 23. Turn left and follow signs to Marianna for 3.4 miles. Turn right onto Hufford Run road. Go about 100 yards on Hufford Run Road and then turn left down the driveway.

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Meet at 12:30 PM at Sears Parking Area, Crown Center Shopping Mall, Washington, PA

- **September 10 Meeting**

***Timber Harvest: Planning and Execution***

Robert McColly and

Tony Quadro, Professional Consulting Foresters

Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **September 27 Field Trip**

***Timber Harvest Site Visit***

**Note unusual date**

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Ed & Nadine Obermiller's in SW Greene County

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

- **October 18 Picnic with Plant Identification Competition and Potato Gun Competition**

***(Members, Friends and Family)***

Time: To be determined

Place: To be determined

- **October 25 Field Trip**

***Red Oak Direct Seeding Workshop***

Description: On Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1-4 pm, a red oak direct seeding workshop will be held at Perkey Tree Farm near Daybrook, Monongalia County, West Virginia. Arlyn Perkey will share his experiences gathering, testing, and storing red oak acorns.

Attendees will be exposed to the advantages and disadvantages of direct seeding as an alternative to planting nursery stock. A variety of

sites will be visited. They aren't all the same. Discussion will include tree shelters and accessories. How tall must shelters be on heavy deer browse sites? Should tree shelters be vented? What releasable ties work best? Does tree shelter color matter? What about stakes to support the shelters, how strong must they be? How do you control the vegetation in competition with vulnerable seedlings? October 1 – 15, is the prime time to collect red oak acorns in this area. Collect a supply prior to the workshop. Keep them cool and moist. Join us at the workshop and learn how to turn acorns into established seedlings. These questions and others will provide the basis for discussion.

**The event is sponsored by the Woodland Owner's Association of West Virginia, Inc., and SWPWO members are invited to attend**

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Arlyn Perkey's Tree Farm in West Virginia

Directions: From Building 10 at the Greene County Fairgrounds, go west on Route 21 toward downtown Waynesburg. At the junction with Route 218 (Morgan St.) turn left and go south on Route 218 to Blacksville, West Virginia. In Blacksville, Route 218 junctions with Route 7. Turn left (east) for a short distance on the highway that is both Route 7 east and Route 218 south. At the edge of Blacksville, Routes 7 and 218 separate. Follow 218 South to Daybrook, West Virginia. In Daybrook, you will notice the Daybrook Elementary school on your left. The highway then curves sharply to the left. On your right, notice a circular sign that says "the Daybrook Church of Christ meets here." Turn right (leaving Route 218) onto the Upper Days Run Road. Travel 3 miles, remaining on the main road going up the drainage. At the end of the blacktop road you will see a white house on the right and a large turn around on the left. You will see a Tree Farm sign and a Forest Stewardship sign that let you know you have arrived. If you need any confirmation, notice the tree shelters in the old field. This has to be it. Park your vehicle on the grass. Please do not block the turnaround. This is where trucks do their reverse direction.

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- **November 12 Meeting**

***Forest Land Taxation Issues***

Lloyd Casey

Time: 7:00 PM

Place:

- **November 15 Field Trip**

***Creating an Inventory of Your Forest***

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Lloyd Casey's Tree Farm in NE Greene County

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