

## SWPWO 2016 Calendar

Apr. 13, 7:00PM - 8:00PM - **Forestland and Water** with *Craig Highfield* - Discover strategies and opportunities to enhance these essential resources on your land. Pennsylvania's forests provide its residents a variety of benefits but none as important as clean water. Learn how forests influence the quality of our local trout streams as well as the health of our drinking water and downstream aquatic ecosystems. Bonus Feature: **Dealing With Ticks in the Woods** with Russel Gibbs --- Room 103, Burnett Center, W&J College, Washington, PA

Apr. 16, 1- 4:00PM **Strip Mining Reclamation** - Amerikohl Mining completed mining & reclamation on 35 acres of Jim's 125 acre farm in May 2014. In the spring of 2015, seedlings were planted on 4 acres of forest area with rye, red clover, and Birdsfoot trefoil planted on the crop areas. Come and see the results and hear from Jim about any next steps. --- Jim Peterson Farm, Eighty-Four, PA

May 11, 7:00 - 8:00PM **Enjoying your Forestland** with *Arlyn Perkey* - Everyone likes to do something in his/her woods. Arlyn will share new ideas & perspectives to expand your list of favorites. --- Greene County Fairground, Building 10, downstairs

May 14, 9:00AM - 5:00PM - **Attend the Thistle Tree Farm Field Day and see the 2015 PA Outstanding Tree Farm of the Year.** Join Gay and Harold Thistle with tree farmers from across the state in experiencing the many aspects of the Thistle Tree Farm. Observe a portable sawmill in action, tour several hardwood plantations, and witness invasive plant control. ---Thistle Tree Farm, Greene County

June 11, 1:00 - 4:00PM – **Tour SWPWO Member Russ Orme's Washington County property.** See progress on the restoration of an early 1800s farmhouse, current woodland activities and an approach to succession planning. Meet at 1:00 at the Concord Church parking lot.

July 9, 1- 4:00PM **Tour SWPWO Member Tony Knaus's Washington County property.** Learn first hand about Tony's successes and lessons learned with chestnut and walnut plantings. Bonus: Learn about "Horses with Hope," a therapeutic riding and learning center, on the property.

Aug. 6, 1- 4:00PM **Tour SWPWO Members Ryan and Sarah Edigi's Greene County property.** Observe their reforestation of red oaks and a 5 acre timber stand improvement. Additionally, see an aspen cut and regeneration that is developing habitat for grouse, woodcock, and turkey.

Sept. 14, 7:00PM - 8:00PM - **How can you increase the biodiversity on your land with Jose Taracido?** Be it forest, field, or water, the opportunities for habitat improvement and biodiversity expansion are unbounded. ---- Washington Crown Center, Gander Mountain meeting room, Washington, PA

Sept. 17, 1 - 4:00PM - **Tour Jose Taracido's Washington County property and experience biodiversity enhancement in action.**

Oct. 1 - **SWPWO Picnic** --- Location to be announced

Nov. 9, 7:00PM - 8:00PM - **From Acorn To Mighty Oak** with *Gary Miller* - Learn how you can encourage and enhance the development and maintenance of oaks in your woods. Oak trees are important for wildlife food, habitat, structure, timber, and recreation in our Appalachian Forests. ---- Greene County Fairground, Building 10, downstairs

Nov. 12. 1- 4:PM - **Crop Tree Management in Oaks** With *Arlyn Perkey & Gary Miller* – Your forest is a garden. How does your garden grow? --- Perkey Tree Farm in western Greene County

### **Our Speakers:**

**Russel Gibbs**, PA Service Forester

**Craig Highfield**, Forestry for the Bay Program Manager for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

**Gary Miller**, USDA Forest Service

**Arlyn Perkey**, USDA Forest Service (Ret.)

**Jose Taracido**, Wildlife Conservation Specialist, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, California