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SWPWO 2014 Calendar

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- **March 12 Meeting**
Non-native vs. Native Plants in Your Garden and How This Affects Your Woodlands
Kathy McGregor, Sylvania Natives
[Website]
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Concord Presbyterian Church, 155 Old Concord Road, Prosperity, Washington County (Off PA Rte 18, South of Prosperity)
- **March 15 Field Trip**
Tree ID Refresher Course
Description: Whether new to the art of tree identification, or a veteran, a chance to test your knowledge just as Spring unleashes its' transformative magic.
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Perkey Tree Farm, near Rutan, Green County
- **May 14 Meeting**
Water Quality in the Age of Fracking
Ken Dufalla, Greene County Chapter of the Issak Walton League
Description: A critical look at a critical issue: what are the threats to our drinking and groundwater, and what, as landowners, can we do to be prepared? The results of the IWLA's 5-year water monitoring program will be presented.
[Website]
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Building #10, Greene Country Fairgrounds, Waynesburg, PA
- **May 17 Field Trip**
Introduction to Water Testing Procedures
Description: A first hand look at the Clyde Mine discharge, which is threatening the water quality of the Ten Mile upstream from the public drinking water intake. Mr. Dufalla will provide an aquatic biologist's perspective, entertain an examination of the Big Picture, and demonstrate the basics of water testing.
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Mouth of Ten Mile Creek (Near Fredrickstown, PA)
Meet at: Ten Mile Creek County Park; Main Street between Clarksville and Route 88
- **June 14 Field Trip**
A Short Hike on the Historic Warrior Trail
Description: Llew Williams, long time Director of the WTA, will give a brief history of the ridge Indian trail that connects the Mon and Ohio Rivers, and lead us on a casual, informational hike that promises multiple points of view.
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Warrior Trail Headquarters, Fordyce; intersection of Garard's Fort Road and Fordyce School Road
- **August 9 Summer Tour of Hunting Hills Sporting Clays**
Wildlife Habitat Development In Action
Description: An up close look at wildlife habitat development. Hunting Hills was founded in 1967 by Roy and Sally Sisler, who operate 750 acres targeted for wildlife conservation. We will tour the habitat development sites on the property and consider what it takes to manage land for wildlife.
[Website]
Time: 1:00pm
Place: Hunting Hills Sporting Clays, 229 Hunting Hill Road, Greensboro, PA, 15338
- **September 17 Meeting**
Strategies for Managing Forests from Three SWPWO Members
John Burnham, Arlyn Perkey, and Harold Thistle, SWPWO
Description: Woodland owners have long lists of management tasks to complete on their grounds. We all manage our time and efforts differently depending on many factors, including ages of children, whether we're working or retired, resources available, experience, etc... In this program we will hear strategies of how three SWPWO members go about managing their tree farms. This is a good forum to pick up tips and tricks for your own management plans and to learn about available resources.
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Concord Presbyterian Church, 155 Old Concord Road, Prosperity, Washington County (Off PA Rte 18, South of Prosperity)
- **September 20 Field Trip**
Boots on the Ground Look at Woodland Practices
Description: This is a hands-on tour of two of the three tree farms that presented at the Wednesday program. At the Perkey farm, we will view the results of successive crop tree thinning as well as sites where Forestry assistance programs were utilized. At the Thistle farm, the topics will be tree planation establishment and deer protection measures.
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Thistle Tree Farm and Perkey Tree Farm, Greene County
- **November 12 Meeting**
Carbon Credits for Forestlands

Al Steele, USDA Forest Service

Description: We will take a look at what forest carbon markets are, why they were created, and the current status of such markets in the US. We will debate the concept of carbon markets, how advocates have attempted to address controversies, and how these responses affect the development of forest carbon projects.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **November 15 Field Trip**

Inventory Techniques for Your Woodlot

Description: An in-the-woods look at some of the field measurements/ inventory-related information which may be necessary to participate in carbon markets. The workshop will be structured in a way that will allow landowners, or groups of landowners, to determine if forest carbon markets are something that would be useful for their particular situation.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: TBD