

2017 SWPWO Calendar (updated 5/2017)

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00-9:00 – **Managing Invasive Plants and Native Alternatives** – Laura Blackburn and Heather Smith USDA Forest Service Ecologists will discuss the pathways of invasive plants, managing invasives, the important role native plants play in your woodlot, and share some suggestions for replacement native species. Location: Greene County Fairgrounds/ Building 10 (Upstairs)

Saturday, May 13, 1:00-4:00 – **Tour of West Virginia Botanical Garden, Morgantown, WV** (<http://www.wvbg.org>) State Foresters say it is one of the healthiest stands of hemlocks left in WV. Invasives have been and will always be a management issue here, especially in areas that have been disturbed. Our guide will share info about their practices which will include a look at a basin that they plan to partially re-flood and a new native wetland meadow they will establish next to it. Location: Welcome Center of the Garden. Address: 1061 Tyrone Road, Morgantown, WV

NEW Saturday, June 10, 1 00–? - **SWPWO Picnic** – Spend a day in the woods and enjoy a potluck picnic open to members and their families. We provide the meat, bread, water, and utensils. You bring a side dish to share. This event will be held at the Thistle's Tree Farm in western Greene County. Arlyn Perkey will host a tour through red oak and walnut plantations to discuss crop tree selection and forest management.

Saturday, July 8 1:00- 4:00 PM– **Tree ID and Natural Regeneration with Species and Site Selection** at SWPWO members Piantanida/Novendstern's tree farm with Arlyn Perkey, USDA Forest Service(Retired) as a tour guide . Come learn about tree identification from our expert teacher and tour a beautiful woodlot. Meet at Crown Center Mall parking lot, in front of Sears Auto Repair garage doors to carpool. Caravan will leave at 12:00 noon.

Friday, August 11, 1:00 - 3:00PM – **Wood Pellet Plant Tour/ Greene County/Note unusual day of the week.** Tour a local wood industry. Meet to carpool at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10 parking lot at 12:30 PM.

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00-9:00 – **Planning a timber harvest?** Review the Dos and Don'ts for success in planning and implementing a timber harvest. Jim Elze – Professional Forester. At the Washington Conservation District offices (new offices)

Saturday, September 16, 1:00-4:00 – **Harvest Site Tour** at SWPWO member Bob Brown's Tree Farm with Jim Elze in Greene County PA – Professional Forester. Meet to carpool at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10 parking lot at 12:30 PM.

NEW Sunday, October 1, 1-3 PM, State wide **“Walk in Penn's Woods Day”**. This is the first of an annual state-wide event to get into the woods sponsored by Pennsylvania Forestry Association (<http://www.paforestry.org/>) Each county in PA and also State

Parks/Forests will be hosting a tour of their woodlots. SWPWO will be participating. In Greene County, the Thistles will hold a tour and the Burnham's will host a tour in Washington County and Tony Knaus will host an Alleghany County tour. Bring your friends and neighbors to the woods.

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00-9:00 – ***Managing Disturbances (EAB)*** Learn about techniques and strategies to re-establish a healthy forest in your woods that has been taken out by invasives, a harvest, or other disturbance. This talk will focus on the White Ash die off. Greene County/ Details and location to follow

Saturday, November 11, 1:00-4:00 – ***Tour Ryerson State Park*** and see the the status of plans to recover its natural diversity and attraction to the public. Meet to carpool at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Building #10 parking lot at 12:30 PM.