

SWPWO



Southwest PA Woodland Owners

2020 SWPWO Calendar

<p>Apr 15 (Wed) WA County Conservation District meeting rm beginning at 7 PM 50 Old Hickory Ridge Rd, Washington, PA 15301</p>	<p>Money and Assistance Programs for Managing Your Woodlot- a panel of speakers which includes, Rennie Stoy of NRCS, George Wherry of PA Farm Bureau, and Jared Zinn of Greene County Conservation District, will talk about the different avenues to fund forestry management projects.</p>
<p>Apr 18 (Sat) Fajerski Tree Farm, WA County 1-4 PM Meet at 12:30 PM at the Washington Crown Center mall parking lot in front of Sears garage bays to caravan</p>	<p>Tour a Project Funded by NRCS EQUIP Monies with Mark Fajerski. Mark has been granted a Conservation Stewardship Plan (CSP) by the NRCS office in Washington County. The CSP is for herbaceous weed control on specified acres of Maple Hills Tree Farm near Claysville. Mile-a-Minute, Japanese honeysuckle vine and Japanese stiltgrass are some of the invasive vegetation that are the target in both forested and open areas.</p>
<p>May 16 (Sat) At the Burnham woodlot, Washington, PA 1-4 PM Meet at 12:30 PM at the Old Concord Church in Concord, PA parking lot to caravan</p>	<p>Invasive Plants and Insects Talk and Tour with Brian Wolniak, Urban Forester with Penn State University Extension Services stationed in Pittsburgh, PA. This combination talk and tour will review the invasive plants and insects that are negatively impacting our forests in SW PA. Invasives are so named because they are aggressive, encroaching and exotic. Brian will tell us about a new pest that has not yet arrived in our area, but is on its way from SE PA-the spotted lanternfly. There will be a talk and then a tour to get a hands on identifying invasives and discuss control strategies.</p>
<p>June 19 (Fri) Cornerstone Genealogical Society, Greene County Noon-2 PM 144 E. Greene St, Waynesburg, PA (park in back of log structure)</p>	<p>How to Conduct Research on the Historical Use(s) of Your Property with Dave Cressey, President of the Cornerstone Genealogical Society. Learn about the historical resources available to research the past uses, owners and information about your land. View historic land documents and learn how to use them to find information about past land uses of your property. Includes a tout of Greene County's original 1797 log courthouse.</p> <p>10:30 brunch or just coffee at Kiln to Table Restaurant, 352 S Richhill St, Waynesburg, PA (optional)</p>
<p>July 17 (Fri) Greene County 181 Hunting Hill Rd, Dilliner, PA</p>	<p>Tour wildlife habitat management of Hunting Hills Shooting Clays facility. We will visit a beautiful property in SE Greene County owned by Roy Sisler and his son "Raz". They operate the Hunting Hills Sporting Clay Shoot facility used each year by hundreds of youth and adults. The</p>

<p>1 – 4 PM</p>	<p>Sislers have developed a wildlife haven on an old strip mine by planting shrubs and trees, along with warm season grasses, and by creating several watering facilities. They have built many nature trails and roads throughout the property, which also includes a nice blend of forests and open areas. As an added feature to our tour, we will visit a beautiful hunting lodge the Sisters have built. Inside there are many educational wildlife displays as well as mounted animals.</p>
<p>Sept 16 (Wed) Greene County Fairgrounds, Building 10, lower floor meeting room 7 PM</p>	<p>Update on Carbon Markets for Woodlot Owners with Al Steele, Physical Scientist with USDA Forest Service. Carbon markets have been operating for more than a decade now. Despite that, few small landowners have benefitted from them. This talk will briefly discuss different types of markets and some of the challenges in participating in them. There will be a discussion on efforts to make markets more user friendly for small landowners. We'll conclude with a discussion of policy developments with respect to global efforts in the Trillion trees initiative and what it might mean for small landowners.</p>
<p>Sept 19 (Sat) 1-4 PM, Scenery Hill area, Washington County Meet at 12:30 at the Kopper Kettle parking lot to caravan 2 Kopper Kettle Rd, Washington, PA</p>	<p>Tour Wherry's Farm in Washington County: Larry George Wherry is the owner and operator of Wherry's Farm. The farm has been in the family since the 1800s. It consists of 270 acres with about 20 acres of trees and another farm of 90 acres that is mainly used for hay. The varieties of trees consist of oak, maple, ash, walnut and cherry. The view of the farm is breathtaking. Mr. Wherry has over 500 plus breeding ewes with also 15 head of beef cattle. His daughter, Lisa, helps out on the family farm. The tour will begin with a talk about the farm. An informal social dinner at the Scenery Inn will follow if there is interest.</p>
<p>Oct 4 (Sun) Fajerski Tree Farm</p>	<p>Tour of Maple Hills Tree Farm near Claysville, Washington County. We will view plantations of red oak, white ash, pine, and black walnut. We will also walk through mature forest to view one of the largest sugar maples in the state as registered on the Pennsylvania Big Trees website. We'll also see some of the conservation work done on the property. Please wear appropriate footwear.</p>
<p>Oct 17 (Sat) Thistle Tree Farm- tour at 1 PM, eat at 4 PM</p>	<p>SWPWO Pig Roast- pot luck picnic and a brief tour. Arlyn Perkey will take us on a trail for a tree ID review. This activity will be for both beginners and the veterans of his past tree ID classes. SWPWO will supply pork, bread, condiments, water, plates, and silver. Bring a dish to share and BYO drink of choice.</p>
<p>Nov 18 (Wed) Washington Jefferson College- Burnett Hall, room 103 7 PM</p>	<p>Old Growth Forests A presentation by Dr. Joan Maloof, founder and Executive Director of The Old Growth Forest Network. Learn about old growth forests in temperate climates and their importance as part of our ecosystems.</p>
<p>Nov 21 (Sat) Ohiopyle State Park Visitor Ctr., Rt 381, Ohiopyle, PA 1-4 PM</p>	<p>Tour Wherry's Farm in Washington County: Larry George Wherry is the owner and operator of Wherry's Farm. The farm has been in the family since the 1800s. It consists of 270 acres with about 20 acres of trees and another farm of 90 acres that is mainly used for hay. The varieties of trees consist of oak, maple, ash, walnut and cherry. The view of the farm is breathtaking. Mr. Wherry has over 500 plus breeding ewes with also 15 head of beef cattle. His daughter, Lisa, helps out on the</p>

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