

SWPWO 2012 Calendar



- **April 11 Meeting**

- ***You've Got a Forest: So, What is Your Plan?***

- Russel Gibbs, PA Service Forester

- Description: Russel Gibbs, PA Service Forester for Washington and Greene will speak to us on forestry practices of interest to landowners with a variety of objectives.

- 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

- **April 14 Field Trip**

- ***Field trip to Jim Patterson's tree farm in Eighty Four, PA***

- Jim Patterson

- Description: This property will be strip-mined in 2013. The Patterson's have a plan for harvesting timber and for reclamation of their property, which we will discuss during the tour. Next year, there will be a follow-up visit after the strip-mining is completed.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Jim Patterson's tree farm in Eighty Four, PA

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

- **May 9 Meeting**

- ***Forest Succession***

- Arlyn Perkey, US Forest Service (Ret.)

- Description: Arlyn Perkey discusses the nature of change in the woodlands setting. He will discuss early, middle and late succession vegetation, as well as the role of natural seed sources and artificial regeneration in the developing forest.

- Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **May 12 Field Trip**

- ***Forest Succession at Cooper's Rock***

- Arlyn Perkey

- Description: A look-see at the managed forest, while reviewing twenty-year data on growth rates, species composition, and general forest health.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: Cooper's Rock, WVA

- **June 9 Summer Member Tour**

- ***Tour of Debbie and Bob Hanes property in the Hickory area***

- SWPWO members Debbie and Bob Hanes

- Description:

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place:

- Meet at: To be determined

- **July 14 Summer Tour**

- ***Tour of the W.A Young & Sons Foundry in Rices Landing, PA***

- Representative, Steel Industry Heritage Corporation

- Description: Our group will get a private tour of this historical gem in Greene County. The Foundry is a well-preserved machine shop on the Monongahela River that serviced the boating traffic from 1900 to 1965. A step back in time.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Place: W.A Young & Sons Foundry in Rices Landing, PA

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

- **August 18 Summer Member Tour**

- ***Tour of Becketts Run Woodlands, near Monongahela***

- SWPWO members Janet Sredy and Raul Chiesa

- Description: We will tour Becketts Run Woodlands, a property of SWPWO members Janet Sredy and Raul Chiesa near Monongahela, PA. This 110 acre woodlot part of the Becketts Run Biodiversity Area, is recovering from the 1948 Donora smog incident and the fragmentation caused by three active gas pipelines and a State Highway. Janet and Raul will focus on their Forest Stewardship Plan and the opportunities they found to meet this forest's challenges, ... working with what you have.

- Time: 1:00 PM

- Meet at:

- **September 12 Meeting**

- ***Herbicide Use 101***

- Christina Becker, Extension Specialist with the Pesticide Education Program at Penn State University

- Description: Chris will speak to us about the safe use of herbicides on common woodland pests that we all do battle with. She will demonstrate proper technique, tools, and best practices for herbicide use. She will touch on the benefits of becoming a certified pesticide

applicator.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

- **September 15 Field Trip**

War in the Woods: Tactics to Combat the Invading Hordes

Description: A field demonstration of spraying techniques, and a practical consideration of attendant issues, in the control of multiflora rose, honeysuckle, barberry, grapevine, olive, et. al.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: To Be Determined

Meet at: To be determined

- **October 6 Family Picnic with Woodland Field Day**

Time: 12:30 - 6:00 PM

Place: To be determined

- **October 24 Meeting**

Hobby Arboretum: Options for Planting a Sampling of Trees for a Hobby Arboretum

Description: Guidance for the property owner of limited acreage who nevertheless is interested in tending and presenting a pleasing variety of trees and woody plants.

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse Square Building, 100 W. Beau Street, Washington, PA

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- **October 27 Field Trip**

The Urban Wood-scape

Philip Gruska, Director of Park Management, Maintenance & Policy, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Description: We will venture to the city of Pittsburgh to take in either Shenley or Frick Arboretums.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place:

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