

# Survival—Wytheville: Adapt, Migrate, or Die!

## Appalachian Society of American Foresters

### 91st Annual Winter Meeting

January 25 – 27, 2012

### Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, Virginia

#### Hosted by the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Society of American Foresters

In recent years, quantum changes have occurred in the forestry sector. What does it take to survive? The 91st Annual APSAF Winter meeting will explore what survival entails. For the American chestnut species, survival depends on foresters and geneticists working to bring back this fallen champion of the Appalachian forest. For the local forest products sector, survival depends on adaptation, business sense, and innovation. For the forestry professional, survival may depend on learning the latest ways of electronic media and networking.

Please visit the APSAF website, [www.apsaf.org](http://www.apsaf.org), for complete program details and **on-line registration!**

**Pre-conference Tour: American Chestnut Research and Restoration; Pellet Facility Tour.** Wednesday, January 25, 12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. This tour highlights several forestry success stories in Southwest Virginia. Tour The American Chestnut Foundation's Research Farm in Meadowview, Virginia, and visit with Dr. Fred Hebard, forester and geneticist. Learn about the program to restore the American chestnut to its once legendary prominence in the Appalachian Forest. On the return trip to Wytheville, Virginia, we'll make a brief stop at the American Wood Fibers wood pellet manufacturing facility in Chillhowie, Virginia. Lunch and transportation are included. Fee - \$40 (\$50 after January 1, 2012). **Space is limited; please register!** (4.0 CFE credits, Category 1)

**Pre-conference Workshop: Tree Farm Inspector Training.** Wednesday, January 25, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you've never been a Tree Farm Inspector or your status has expired, this class is for you! This training will qualify Foresters and Forest Technicians to inspect and certify forest properties as part of the Tree Farm Program—one of the largest, oldest, and most recognized forest certification systems in the country. Lunch is included. Fee - \$25 (\$30 after January 1, 2012). **Space is limited; please register!** (4.0 CFE credits, Category 1)

**Awards Luncheon.** Thursday, January 26, 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The annual awards luncheon will recognize our Fellows and Golden Members, as well as service and professional excellence with awards for Distinguished Service to Forestry, Young Forester Leadership, and Special Volunteer Service.

**Student Technical Tour.** Thursday, January 26, 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Students will tour the 553-acre Matthews State Forest in nearby Galax, VA. The eastern white pine forest type is highly productive—capable of providing landowners with income at <10 years of age and producing in excess of 50 MBF/acre in less than 60 years. Multiple stops will cover topics of eastern white pine silviculture, harvesting of pine "tips" (Christmas greenery), harvest and regeneration methods, controlled burning, and more. Students may attend this tour at no charge, but registration is required.

**APSAF Social.** Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy a relaxed evening with old friends and new. Food options will include various heavy hors d'oeuvres. This will be substantial enough to serve as your dinner. Enjoy the fellowship while listening to live music.

#### Other Traditional Annual Meeting Activities

<b>APSAF Business Meeting</b> .....	Thursday, January 26, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<b>State Division Meetings</b> .....	Thursday, January 26, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<b>Alumni Socials</b> .....	Thursday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
<b>Foresters' Fund Raffles and Silent Auction</b> .....	On-going throughout the Meeting

**Spouse Tours/Programs**—choose to attend one or both of the following programs. **(Please note: separate registration is required.)**

**Spa Experience.** Thursday, January 26, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pamper yourself by creating your own set of bath salts and lotion to chase away the winter blues. Ellen Reynolds of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm will teach you the basics of blending that perfect scent to create a Spa Experience in your own home. This activity will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center. The cost is \$20 and includes all materials. **To register for this activity, please contact Ellen Reynolds (276) 621-4511 or [beagleridge@gmail.com](mailto:beagleridge@gmail.com).**

**Tea and Tour.** Thursday, January 26, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join the innkeepers at the Trinkle Mansion Bed & Breakfast in Historic Downtown Wytheville. Tour this lovely home and hear its fascinating history from construction in 1912 to restoration in 2006 and subsequent opening as a bed and breakfast. Afterward, indulge in dainty and delicious afternoon tea fare. This activity will be held at the Trinkle Mansion Bed and Breakfast. Shuttle service to and from the Wytheville Meeting Center is included. The cost is \$20; space is limited to 20 individuals. **To register for this activity, please contact Patti Pizinger (276) 625-0625 or [trinklemansion@aol.com](mailto:trinklemansion@aol.com).**

# Technical Session Agenda

- Technical Session I** **Thursday, January 26, 2012** (3.0 CFE credits, Category 1)
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Full Breakfast:** Assorted juices, season sliced fruit, breakfast muffins and danishes, breakfast potatoes, grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, and coffee.
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Call to Order, Welcome and Program Overview**
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Who Survives and Why: Lessons from History**, Bob Radspinner, Assistant State Forester-Stewardship/Forest Management, West Virginia Division of Forestry, Charleston, WV.
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **The American Chestnut Foundation's Program for Restoring the American Chestnut**, Dr. Fred Hebard, The American Chestnut Foundation, Meadowview, VA.
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Global Context: A Look at How International Markets Affect the Survival of the Forest Products Industry in Virginia and the Carolinas**, Joel Stopha, International Marketing Specialist, Office of International Marketing, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Richmond, VA.
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Five Decades of Adaptive Management: A Local Forest Products Company's Story of Survival**, Ryan Turman, The Turman Group, Hillsville, VA.
- 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Annual Awards Luncheon**
- Technical Session II** **Friday, January 27, 2012** (2.0 CFE Credits, Category 1 & 1.0 CFE credit, Category 2)
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Full Breakfast:** Assorted juices, season sliced fruit, breakfast muffins and danishes, breakfast potatoes, grits, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, and coffee.
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Program Overview**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Timber and Timberland Security: Tools and Tactics for Survival**, Aaron Gilland, President, Dendro Resources Management, Inc, Lugoff, SC.
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Social Media for Anti-Social-Media Professionals: Surviving the Information Highway Without Getting Run Over!** Tom Davidson, PCC, Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Executive Coach & Speaker, King William, VA.
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **New GIS Tools to Increase Inventory Efficiency**, Terry Porter, President, ForesTech Resource Solutions, LLC, Nashville, TN, and Darian Yawn, Technical Support Manager, Landmark Spatial Solutions, LLC, Warner Robbins, GA.
- 12:00 p.m. **Passing of the Gavel / Meeting Adjourns**

## Quality and Affordability

**Meeting Location:** The 2012 APSAF Annual Meeting will be held at the Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville, VA 24382 (Phone: (276) 223-3416; web: [www.wythevillemeetingcenter.com](http://www.wythevillemeetingcenter.com)).

**Lodging Options:** There are several hotels within a mile of the Wytheville Meeting Center. Special lodging rates have been confirmed at the following hotels. **Please mention APSAF to receive the special rate.**

Hampton Inn	(276) 228-6090	\$85.50 plus tax	(reserve by January 16, 2012)
Comfort Suites	(276) 228-1234	\$85.00 plus tax	(reserve by December 31, 2011)
Ramada Inn	(276) 228-6000	\$49.00 plus tax	(reserve by January 16, 2012)

**Activities:** Adjacent to the Wytheville Meeting Center is the Wytheville Community Center – a modern fitness facility that includes a cardio/fitness center, gymnasium, indoor climbing wall and indoor Olympic sized-swimming pool and water park play area. One-day passes to use the facility are \$6. For more information, visit the Wytheville Community Center website: <http://rec.wytheville.org/index.php>

# Additional Information

If you have questions regarding the 2012 APSAF Winter Meeting, please contact Bill Worrell, Arrangements Chair, at [bworrell@vt.edu](mailto:bworrell@vt.edu) or (276) 889-8056.

**Register On-line!** Members are encouraged to take advantage of our convenient on-line registration. Visit [www.apsaf.org](http://www.apsaf.org) to begin! As part of the registration process, you will be asked to set-up a PayPal account if you don't have one already. If you have any questions about on-line registration, please contact Jim Willis, Registration Chair at [mountainfolk@charter.net](mailto:mountainfolk@charter.net) or (423) 288-5350.

**Interested in Exhibiting?** If your organization would like to exhibit, please contact Greg Meade, Exhibits Chair, at [gmeade@tnc.org](mailto:gmeade@tnc.org) or (276) 676-2209.

# Annual Meeting Registration Form

**On-line registration is available through web links from [www.apsaf.org](http://www.apsaf.org)  
If you prefer, please complete and mail this form (photocopies are OK!) to:  
James Willis 4303 Rustic Way Kingsport, TN 37664.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ SAF ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name, if attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Special meal or accommodations required: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the fees for the events you wish to attend.  
Registration Deadline: Monday, January 16, 2012**

General Meeting Registration Fees	Regular	Late
	On or Before 12/31/2011	After 1/01/2012
SAF Member	\$95	\$145
Non-Member	\$105	\$155
Commercial Exhibitor (includes one registration)	\$400	\$400
Non-commercial Exhibitor (includes one registration)	\$250	\$250
Educational Exhibitor (includes one registration)	\$150	\$150
SAF Student Member	\$50	\$50
General Student (covers National SAF membership dues)	\$85	\$85
Spouse – Awards Luncheon	\$15	\$15
Spouse's Activities	<b>Please Register Separately-See Event Description</b>	
Spouse – Social	\$15	\$15
SAF Member (Thursday only)	\$80	\$80
SAF Member (Friday only)	\$80	\$80
<b>Workshop &amp; Special Event Fees</b>		
American Chestnut Research Farm and Pellet Mill Tour (January 25)	\$40	\$50
Tree Farm Inspector Training	\$25	\$30
Student Tour (January 26)	Free – Please Register	Free – Please Register

**Please make checks payable to:** Southwest VA Chapter of the SAF

**Total of fees: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liz Bourgeois, Secretary/Treasurer**  
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