



Triangle Chapter Society of American Foresters

October 2008

FROM THE CHAIR - Jim McCarter, 2008 Triangle Chapter Chair

After a very busy summer it's time to refocus on SAF activities as I wind down my year as Triangle Chapter Chair. As you will see in this newsletter we have the SAF National Convention, Nov 5-9, in Reno, NV followed by two local chapter activities: Forest History Society lecture and Holiday Gathering/Wreath-making party. Kelley McCarter will be taking over as chapter chair the first of the year, so it's time for our chapter to select a chair elect for 2009. Send your ideas and nominations to me so that we can make sure we continue to have good leadership for the chapter. Speaking of SAF voting, I do hope everyone in our chapter took the time to respond to the ballot on line to choose national level leadership and consider the proposed bylaws changes.

As for me, 2009 will begin my tenure as manager of the APSAF.org website. A complete re-design is underway which should lead to a more effective communication tool for our APSAF, the Divisions, and individual chapters. Stay tuned for more information as the website is updated.

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Next Chapter Meeting

The next meeting of the **Triangle Chapter SAF is Tuesday, November 11, 2008** at the Forest History Society's sponsored lecture and reception at Duke University.

The Triangle Chapter joins with the Forest History Society for the lecture, "The Next Environmentalism: After the 2008 Election." The speaker will be Dr. Robert Gottlieb, Professor of Urban Environmental Studies at Occidental College. The lecture takes place at 4:30 p.m. in the Richard White Lecture Hall located at 113 Campus Drive on East Campus. The Triangle Chapter is providing support for the wine-cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. and will hold a brief chapter meeting from 6-6:15 p.m. on site.

An NCSU vanpool will depart at 3:30 p.m. and return to campus by 7:30 p.m. Attendance at the lecture has been accredited with 1 hour CFE in Category1-CF. There is no charge for the lecture and parking is available around the East Campus Quad (<http://map.duke.edu/>)

For more information on the speaker, call chapter member Steve Anderson at 919-682-9319, or visit this web page: www.apsaf.org/nc/Gottlieb-Lecture.pdf

Call Kelley McCarter to reserve your seat in the NCSU van: 919-610-2852.

December Holiday Gathering!

The holiday gathering at the Dogwood Lodge in Camp New Hope is a long-standing tradition that brings together student and professional members one last time before the calendar flips to the New Year. It's a potluck affair that has the feel of a little family reunion. This year we're going to have a couple of added attractions: a wreath-making workshop and live music!

Gather up your greenery, wire cutters and imagination for an old fashioned wreath-making party on **Thursday, December 4**. Wreath-making is easy, fun and you can go home with something completely original to show for it afterwards. Make a wreath for yourself, church, nursing home, or memorial. Students can make wreaths for family members, fund raisers, or to take home on break. Kids can join in the fun making forest ornaments for school or home decoration. The atmosphere will be even livelier with the addition of the unplugged band, *Shelterwood*.

So this year, don't just bring the green bean casserole to Camp New Hope, bring a box of boughs, cones, holly sprigs, ribbon, and more. The chapter will provide the floral wire, forms for small and large wreaths, and centerpieces. Never made a wreath? No problem because experienced wreath-maker Kelley McCarter will be on hand to guide you. Rather just sip the eggnog and watch the fun? That's fine too!

SAF EVENTS-AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT
November 11, 2008	Triangle Chapter Meeting	Duke University	Kelley McCarter, 919-610-2852
December 4, 2008	Holiday Gathering	Camp New Hope	“ “
January 21-23, 2009	APSAF Winter Meeting	Newport News, VA	Greg Scheerer, 434-352-7132 x14
March 21, 2009	Native Plant Adoption Center	NCSU Arbor Day	Kelley McCarter, 919-610-2852
April 2009	Triangle Chapter Meeting	TBA	“ “
June 2009	NC Division Summer Meeting	TBA	Stay tuned.....

SAF Native Plant Adoption Center

The Triangle Chapter will host the *SAF Native Plant Adoption Center*, at next spring's NCSU Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources' Arbor Day celebration. How does it work? SAF members and their families carefully collect and nurse 5 seedlings and/or sprouts from their own private property. Take care that they are native Piedmont trees and woody plants. Use any old black plastic pots you have lying around. Get them to the NC State campus at Biltmore Hall on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 8am. From 9am to 1pm the College will be crawling with families and kids wanting to learn about forests, wildlife, recreation, and wood products.

The *SAF Native Plant Adoption Center* will be a free resource for visitors willing to adopt one of your donated native plants. You will be provided with interpretive tags that will explain the plant name, where it likes to live, and any interesting natural history information about the species. Children and their parents will sign a pledge form promising to take care of their newly adopted plant. For a list of recommended native plants, visit the web page: www.ncwildflower.org/natives/recommend.htm

So please take a few minutes in the coming weeks to stock away some plants to be used for a special kind of seedling giveaway program. Put them in cold storage and maybe grab a few more when the last front is behind us next spring!



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Recap of NC Division Summer Meeting

Between wildfires in the east, gas pricing soaring, and lots of competing events on the calendar, the Triangle Chapter pulled off hosting the summer meeting June 22-24, 2008 in Graham, NC: *Forestry in Dry Times?*



Attendance was better than expected, and participants gave us high marks for excellent speakers, interesting exhibits, and a great field trip. The chapter received support from Alamance Community College, Haw River Assembly, NC Division of Forest Resources at the Jordan Lake Educational State Forest, Progress Energy at Harris Lake, NCSU Extension Forestry and Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources for charter bus services, and the Jordan Lake State Recreation Area and the sneak peak at the new Exhibit Hall.

Thank you to each of the members who helped with the meeting planning and logistics, especially the Triangle Chapter officers.

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