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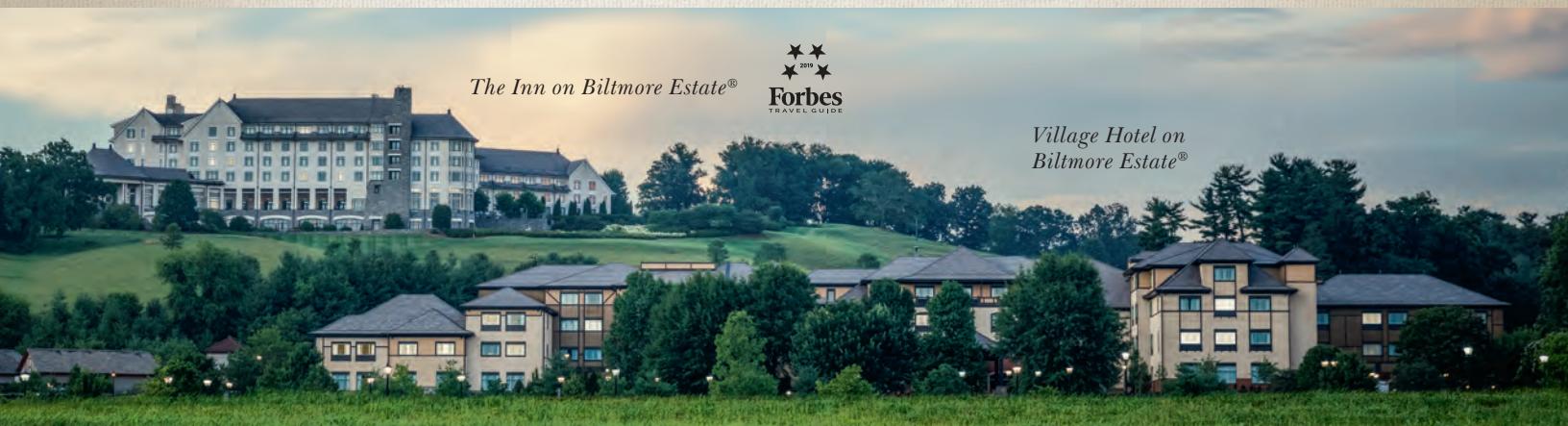
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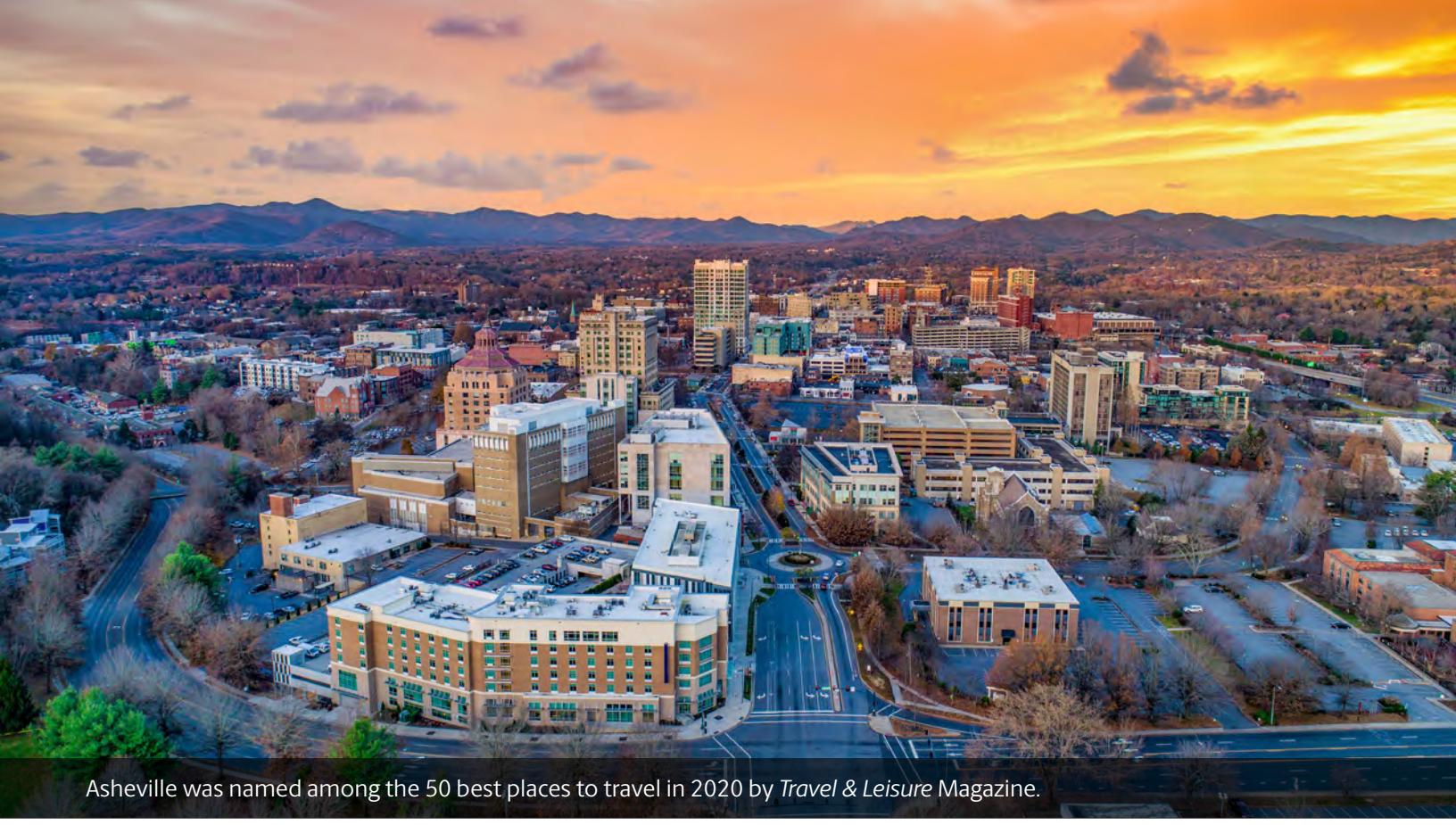
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# Welcome to Asheville!

Located at the confluence of the French Broad and Swannanoa rivers, Asheville is the largest city in western North Carolina and the state's 12th-most populous municipality. The thriving mountain city features a funky and eclectic downtown, hundreds of studios and art galleries, a world-class culinary and craft beer culture, a thriving live music scene and, of course, the awe-inspiring scenery of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

It's known for a vibrant arts scene and historic architecture, including the dome-topped Basilica of Saint Lawrence. The Downtown Art District is filled with galleries and museums, and in the nearby River Arts District, former factory buildings house countless artists' studios.

Greater Asheville, just outside of the Pisgah National Forest, is the ultimate playground for outdoor enthusiasts, serving as the base camp for exploration with more than 800,000 acres of pristine wilderness, mountain ecosystems and nearby waterfalls. Adventurers can discover zip lines, whitewater rafting, outstanding hiking and mountain biking, and a colorful fall foliage display. The Blue Ridge Parkway – the USA's most visited scenic highway – runs right through Asheville.

Perhaps Asheville's greatest claim to fame is its proximity to Biltmore House & Gardens, "America's largest home," which also boasts internationally acclaimed gardens, a winery, a historic farm and shopping village with fine dining and night life.



Biltmore Estate is a historic house museum and perhaps greater Asheville's most famous tourist attraction. Biltmore House, the main residence, is a mansion built for George Washington Vanderbilt II between 1889 and 1895 and is the largest privately owned house in the United States, at 178,926 square feet.

# Greetings!

Dear Fellow Foresters,

Has it been 100 years already?

Will this simple welcome letter survive the next century? Will the future stewards of our noble profession dig back through the archives at the next centennial? What would they find?

I know exactly what they would find. They would see ample evidence of a noble profession! Indeed.

In APSAF, they would see a society of professionals that were as dedicated to the greater good as this Nation's first foresters. They would find an association formed over 100 years ago, near this very spot, as an alliance aimed to build a professional community. This society would provide needed fellowship, develop future leaders, expand technical knowledge, enhance cutting edge skills, and make many connections to address complicated resource challenges.

As foresters 100 years from now peruse the records, they will see names. Names that we know as friends and colleagues. For example, the names of our amazing planning committee that has worked tirelessly for 3 years to get this meeting together: thank you! Other names as well, who have re-tooled our organizational structure, put in place literal monuments, trained leaders, nominated winners, strategically planned our future, written position statements, secured funding, leveraged latest communication methods to tell our story and more.

As APSAF has long been a leader, foresters in 2122 may even recognize some names from our 2nd century. However, most of our names will be long forgotten.... but.... behind these names of ours, we are leaving a legacy.

Our legacy is written on the landscape. For a few years from now, our boot treads, paint marks, and writings will be recorded. These, however, won't last long, but something just as tangible and so simple will.

In 100 years, there will be trees, some of which were planted by you or a colleague. How can we be certain they will find trees? Because the alternative would suggest that life, as we know it, is no longer.

I know, that's quite a claim. And yet, every grade-school student knows we need trees. This means, society needs our noble profession. Professional foresters are the primary stewards of this long-lived and necessary piece of this planet. And so, whether you are reading this in 2022 or 2122, we need you.

Fellow Forester, we must work hard to be the kind of professional that society can trust with one of their most valued resources. Thank you, in advance, for being a noble forestry professional.

As we celebrate, let's remember there would be little reason to do so if it were not for the thousands of others who have played big and small parts in making APSAF what it is. Our founders would be very proud of the work that's been accomplished these past 100 years. Here's to the next 100!

With humility and respect,

—Adam



**Adam Downing**  
*APSAF Chair*



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# Fellow Foresters

On behalf of the Pisgah Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, I would like to welcome you to Asheville, NC for APSAF's very special (and only slightly overdue) Centennial Winter Meeting Celebration!

Asheville is a fun town with lots of great breweries, food, and music to enjoy. I hope you will be able to take some time to explore Asheville and the beautiful mountains surrounding it while you are here. APSAF's planning committee has developed a fun and interesting program with special guests and great educational value. I hope this meeting will be one to remember!

Finally, I am glad to have this opportunity to thank you for attending this meeting. There has been a lot of uncertainty regarding public health guidance lately and it took a leap of faith to register for this meeting without knowing for certain whether we would be able to meet in person. I hope you will have a fun and safe time here in Asheville, and I hope you will take home only memories (and maybe a silent auction item or two).



**Orrin Goure**

*SAF Pisgah Chapter Chair*



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# Speakers & Guests

## Terry Baker

*CEO, Society of American Foresters*

Terry oversees all of SAF's programs and collaborates with his Board of Directors to establish a strategic vision committed to the scientific sustainable management of America's forests.

Prior to his selection as SAF CEO in September 2018, Terry served in various roles within the USDA Forest Service. His almost 20-year federal career started in his home state of Florida on the Apalachicola National Forest. He has been a wildland fire fighter, forester and administrator of over 1 million acres. Baker earned a master's degree in forest management



and policy from Yale University in 2007, a bachelor's degree in forest resources and conservation at the University of Florida in 2004 and was honored by UF as one of their 40 under 40 alumni in 2019. He also holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Florida A&M University.

## Robert Beanblossom

*Caretaker, Cradle of Forestry*

A native West Virginian, Robert joined the WV Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry in 1973 as a Forest Ranger supervising all wildfire control activities in Mingo County.



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# Speakers

In 1980, he transferred to the DNR's Parks and Recreation Section where he held multiple leadership roles on state parks and state forests. Ultimately becoming a regional administrator, Beanblossom was responsible for the supervision of 25 state parks and forests at the time of his retirement.

He became the volunteer caretaker at the Cradle of Forestry with the US Forest Service in 2015.

## Carolyn A. Copenheaver *Associate Professor, Virginia Tech*

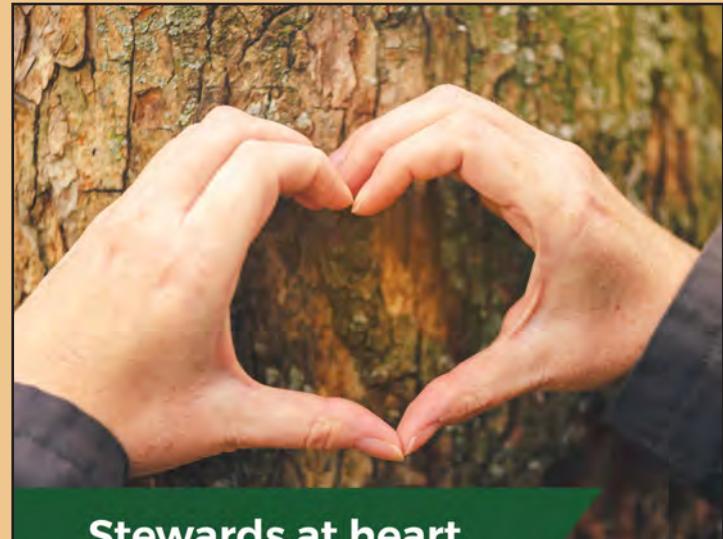
Dr. Copenheaver has taught Forest Ecology and Silvics and Advanced Forest Ecology at Virginia Tech for more than 20 years and was awarded the 2018 Carl Alwin Schenck

Award from the Society of American Foresters for her exceptional dedication to forestry education. She earned a Ph.D. in Forest Resources from The Pennsylvania State University, a M.S. in Forestry from the University of Maine, and a B.S. in Ecology from Juniata College. She serves as the co-faculty advisor for the Virginia Tech student chapter of the Society of American Foresters.



## Myron Floyd *Dean, College of Natural Resources, NC State University*

Before his appointment as Dean in April 2020, Dr. Floyd served as department head of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at NC State where he was a professor since 2005. He has held faculty appointments at the University of Florida, Texas A&M University, and Clemson University.



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# Speakers

Myron's scholarship focuses on human dimensions of natural resources with specific interest in the role of race and ethnicity in recreational use of parks and protected areas. His research is widely published in a variety of social science journals, books and other publications. Over a 30-year career, his research has aimed to inform policies and practices that increase access to outdoor recreation for communities of color.

## Terry Lasher

*Virginia Department of Forestry*

Terry was selected as the assistant state forester in 2019. In this role, he leads the Department's Utilization and Marketing, Urban and Community Forestry, and Forestland Conservation Divisions.

Terry also leads the state forester's strategic initiatives with the Chesapeake Bay, Healthy Watersheds Forest program, Sentinel Landscapes Designation, the Albemarle-Pamlico Basin effort, watershed management programs, and alternative forest products markets, such as carbon and engineered wood industries.



## James G. Lewis

*Staff Historian, Forest History Society*

A former FHS Bell Travel Grant recipient, Jamie started with FHS in 2003. He researches and writes books and articles, serves as editor of the Society's magazine *Forest History Today*, co-edits and co-authors the blog "Peeling Back the Bark," conducts oral history interviews, provides reference assistance, consults on documentary films, and handles other special writing and editing assignments. He is an execu-



tive producer for the documentary film, *America's First Forest: Carl Schenck and the Asheville Experiment* and the author of *The Forest Service and The Greatest Good: A Centennial History*. He holds a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Florida State University.

## Carlton Owen

*President & CEO, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, retired*

Before his retirement in 2020, Owen led the U.S. Endowment in investing nearly \$100 million in forest sector projects while generating another \$100 million in direct partner investments for an on-the-ground impact of nearly \$1 billion.

Owen's 45-year career spans work in for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. He remains active, currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust, among other leadership roles. Owen was also the 2021 recipient of SAF's Gifford Pinchot Medal.



## Gifford Pinchot

*President Emeritus, SAF*

Often described as the father of American conservation, Gifford Pinchot was the first American trained as a professional forester, the first forestry consultant, the first Chief of the US Forest Service, and the first president of the Society of American Foresters. Pinchot is best known for reforming the management and development of American forests and for advocating the conservation of the nation's reserves by planned use and renewal.



# Speakers

## Lee Stetson

*Actor playing John Muir*

Mr. Stetson's portrayal of John Muir has been presented in Yosemite National Park since 1983, to many thousands of visitors. Additionally, the Muir shows have toured throughout the world to universities, parks, museums, wilderness and environmental organizations throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Scotland and Japan.

Mr. Stetson has performed more than 50 major roles from Shakespeare to Simon. His credits include his portrayal of John Muir in Ken Burns' critically acclaimed series, *The National Parks – America's Best Idea*.

Mr. Stetson also portrays Muir in the film, *National Parks Adventure*, which includes the legendary camping trip between Muir and President Roosevelt in 1903. Lee's early work in television also includes a dozen appearances in episodes of *Hawaii 5-0*.



## Alan Sutterfield

*Actor playing Theodore Roosevelt*

Alan Sutterfield has been an actor and playwright for many years, both in Hawaii and on the mainland. Recently he has played leading roles in James Joyce's *The Dead*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. He is gratified to add Theodore Roosevelt to his acting credits, which include the historical characters General Custer, Captain James Cook and John Merrick, The Elephant Man. Alan's latest play, *King Kalakaua's Poker Game*, was produced in Honolulu.



## Bill Sweeney

*Area Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry*

An Asheville native, Sweeney works as a forest health liaison as well as a Public Information Officer for the area, and serves, when possible, on western fire incidents in that capacity through the Virginia Interagency Coordination Center.

Bill has been an active member of SAF since 2008 and has served in numerous leadership positions both as a student and professional, and is currently the Blue Ridge (Va.) Chapter Chair. He was awarded ApSAF's Volunteer Service Award in 2021.



## Scott Wallinger

*Senior Vice President, Westvaco, retired*

A Virginia native, Wallinger received forestry degrees from NC State and Yale; he joined SAF in 1957 as a student member. A certified forester in South Carolina since 1967, he is also a Golden member of SAF with 65 years of activity.



During his career he served on the committee that founded the Forestry Association of South Carolina, and he was an early chair of ArborGen. He was President of American Forestry Association; Chairman of American Pulpwood Association; chair of the steering committee that created the Sustainable Forestry Initiative; co-founder of The Forests Dialogue that leads dialogues on controversial global forestry issues; and co-leader of the Sustainable Forest Products Industry Working Group at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.



Jeff Owenby (USFS) and Clay Wooldridge (FIND Outdoors) show off the centennial monument back in April 2021.

## Celebrating Our Centennial With a Grand Monument

After years of planning, we have all made it here together to celebrate one hundred years of the Appalachian Society of American Foresters (APSAF) and the impact that our organization has had on professional forest management in the Appalachian Region.

While the Covid-19 pandemic delayed our in-person celebration by one year, we were able to get together in a small group in April 2021 to place a permanent granite monument, celebrating our centennial, at the Cradle of Forestry in Pisgah Forest, North Carolina.

As a symbol of how we need to nurture our organization and watch it grow and develop, we also planted a locally grown white oak seedling next to our monument.

In that sense, the monument represents a milestone for the past 100 years of our organization, and the white oak represents the growth and change that our

organization will go through in the next 100 years as part of the ever-changing societal demand on natural resources management.

Many people have been engaged in the process to plan and install the monument at the Cradle of Forestry.

While a lot of information has already been presented in two Trail Blazer articles in the past year, I would like to highlight again the outstanding



**Patrick Hiesl**  
*Assistant Professor of  
Forest Operations,  
Clemson University*

team I had the privilege of working with during the past couple of years. Tres Hyman, James Lewis, John Palmer, James Jeuck, Orrin Goure, and Trisha Markus have all provided valuable time and thoughts to the process and made this part of our celebration a success.

Members of our APSAF leadership team, in particular Pat Straka, Daniel Goerlich, and Adam Downing, provided great leadership and oversight. Mary Morrison with the US Forest Service (USFS) helped us get the support from the USFS to place a monument at the Cradle of Forestry.

None of the tree planting or monument installation at the Cradle of Forestry would have happened without the outstanding engagement of Jeff Owenby (USFS) and Clay Wooldridge (FIND Outdoors).

Of course, the monument itself would not have been in its current form without the professional work of Pat Brown and Bran Oswalt of Brown Memorials in Florence, South Carolina. Many other individuals have provided thoughts and help during the entire process, and I would like to thank them all.

Organizing the centennial meeting and planning for a centennial monument brought our Society closer together and has provided us with opportunities to form new relationships in the realm of forestry and natural resources management.

As part of the monument planning, we developed a new relationship with the Cradle of Forestry and the USFS staff and volunteers who help manage the site. We also developed a new relationship with FIND Outdoors as the provider of educational content at the Cradle of Forestry. Both entities are present as exhibitors, so please stop by their booths and thank them for their support.

Looking back at the last 100 years of our Society and at what we have achieved is amazing, and we will hear more about this during our meeting. Let's not just celebrate and remember what we have done in the past, but also envision and embrace what our Society can become in the next 100 years. Our Society has a lot to offer, and many exciting projects are in the works.

The white oak seedling is planted between the centennial monument and a commemorative engraved stone.



# Agenda

## Wednesday, January 26

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- 8 a.m.-12 p.m. APSAF Executive Committee Meeting
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All-day tour of the Biltmore Estate (pre-registration required)
- 12-5 p.m. Registration
- 1-4 p.m. Pre-conference workshop — Herbicides: Regulations, Invasive Species and Applications
- 1-4 p.m. Pre-conference workshop — A Seat at the Table: Advancing Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## Thursday, January 27

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- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 7 a.m. Registration opens
- 8-8:10 a.m. Introducing... The Appalachian Society of American Foresters!
- 8:10-8:25 a.m. A Conversation Between Past and Present  
—Gifford Pinchot, USDA Department of Forestry  
—Terry Baker, CEO, Society of American Foresters
- 8:25-9:45 a.m. The Tramp & The Roughrider: John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. —Coffee break—
- 10:15-10:45 a.m. The History of Appalachian Society of American Foresters  
—Scott Wallinger, Senior Vice President, Westvaco, retired (Charleston, S.C.)  
—Jamie Lewis, Staff Historian, Forest History Society (Durham, N.C.)
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. A Passion for Forestry  
—Carlton Owen, President & CEO, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, retired (Greenville, S.C.)
- 11:15 a.m. —End of morning sessions—
- 12-2:15 p.m. ApSAF Awards Luncheon/Business Meeting
- 2:15-2:30 p.m. —Technology break—
- 2:30-2:45 p.m. The Biltmore Forestry School  
—Robert Beanblossom, Cradle of Forestry of America (Pisgah Forest, N.C.)
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. What Happened to Forestry Schools After Biltmore?  
—Dr. Myron F. Floyd, NC State University (Raleigh, N.C.)
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. Teaching Forestry to Multi-Generational Audiences (with prizes!)  
—Terry Lasher and Bill Sweeney, Virginia Department of Forestry
- 3:45 p.m. End of afternoon sessions
- 5-6 p.m. Alumni socials: Clemson, Duke, N.C. State, Virginia Tech
- 6-8 p.m. ApSAF Social/Birthday Party

# Agenda

## Friday, January 28

- 6:30-7:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 7 a.m. Registration opens
- 8-9 a.m. Student Presentations  
—Five presentations by ApSAF student members
- 9-9:45 a.m. Historical Overview of Appalachian Forests  
—Dr. Carolyn Copenheaver, VPI &SU (Blacksburg, Va.)
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. —Coffee break—
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Panel Discussion: *My Vision of the Next 100 Years of Forestry*  
—Moderated by Dan Goerlich, ApSAF Immediate Past Chair



Sarah Bailey, Panelist  
Forestry Technician, Roseburg Forest Products



GraceAnna Cooper, Panelist  
Project Forester, SC Forestry Commission



Orrin Goure, Panelist  
Procurement Forester, Columbia Forest Products



Ricky McCutchen, Panelist  
Procurement Forester, Charles Ingram Lumber Co.



Alexander Storm, Panelist  
Instructor, Haywood Community College (N.C.)



Bill Sweeney, Panelist  
Area Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry

- 11:15-11:30 a.m. Outgoing 2021 ApSAF Chair Remarks  
—Adam Downing, 2021 ApSAF Chair (Madison, Va.)
- 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Incoming 2022 ApSAF Chair Remarks  
—Susan Guynn, 2022 ApSAF Chair (Clemson, S.C.)
- 12 p.m. —Adjourn—
- 2 p.m. Tour of The Cradle of Forestry (optional/weather permitting)

The Christian Foresters Fellowship will be holding a morning devotional Friday, Jan. 28 from 7-8 a.m. in the Amherst Room.

There will be a brief devotional with a forestry theme and time for fellowship/prayer requests. All are invited and welcomed.

For more information, contact Sarah Bailey at (252) 227-5180.

# In Memoriam

## Kenney Funderburke, The Man Behind The Dream

A South Carolina native, Navy World War II veteran, SAF member since 1950, Chair of Allegheny SAF, Chair of Appalachian SAF, SAF Council representative, and SAF Fellow, Kenney P. Funderburke, Jr., exemplified the lifelong dedication of what it means to be an APSAF member.

In addition to serving in leadership capacities at the local, state, and national level of SAF, Kenney served on steering committees of various forestry educational initiatives. He was the initiating and driving force behind the longstanding forestry exhibit at the South Carolina State Museum and served as chair of the finance committee for that project. In 1997, Kenney received South Carolina's Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor presented in recognition of a lifetime of extraordinary achievement, service and contributions on a national or statewide scale.

Kenney also received the SAF President's award for Outstanding Field Forester in 2000 in recognition of his illustrious professional career.

He was born in Pageland, S.C., and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Murray State College (now University) and graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry.

Upon graduation from the University of Georgia, he served as an Assistant District Forester for the South Carolina Forestry Commission in Walterboro. He was then employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company (Westvaco) for 43 years in West Virginia, Brazil and South Carolina. Kenney was a pioneer in the forest industry and had multiple assignments for Westvaco, including scouting and purchasing large blocks of forestland in Kentucky, Brazil and West Virginia for future paper mills, and managing forestry operations in the United States and South America.

Kenney hired and mentored countless foresters who became APSAF leaders. Always sporting a coat and tie in public, he was a role model for forestry interns and recent forestry graduates who were focused on being true professionals, both in word and deed, when representing forestry. APSAF membership and engagement were practically

job requirements. On a more personal level, Kenney was renowned for holding court in his hotel room in the evenings of APSAF meetings. Kenney's sessions were a sought-after venue by those seeking his and his group of VIF's (Very Important Forester) friends' wisdom and guidance. He was always happy to share his views, thoughts, and supply of adult beverages, to the extent there was often standing room only.



Kenney  
Funderburke  
1926-2019

### The Dream

In 1994, Kenney brought forth to APSAF a program that he introduced when he was Allegheny SAF Chair – a fund (endowed by its Creator in both Allegheny and Appalachian SAF) that could be used by APSAF members, both students and professionals, to attend continuing education activities including participation at APSAF annual meetings, forestry workshops, and National SAF conventions. The fund was renamed the K.P. Funderburke, Jr., Educational Endowment Fund

in 2001. The application form is only one page and is readily available on the APSAF website.

The Kenney P. Funderburke, Jr., (KPF) fund is now fully endowed thanks to the generous contributions of members, friends, the Appalachian SAF Executive Committee, the sale of raffle tickets and proceeds from the annual Silent Auction.

Widely respected and admired, Kenney left this world and APSAF on March 9, 2019. In addition to the Fund, he leaves a lasting legacy of inspired members and leaders of APSAF who are now nurturing the next generation of foresters and APSAF leaders. We are forever indebted to Kenney's vision, service, dedication, and loyalty to the forestry profession. We are thankful for the effect his friendship and inspiring passion for forestry had on us personally and our organization and the foresters of the future.



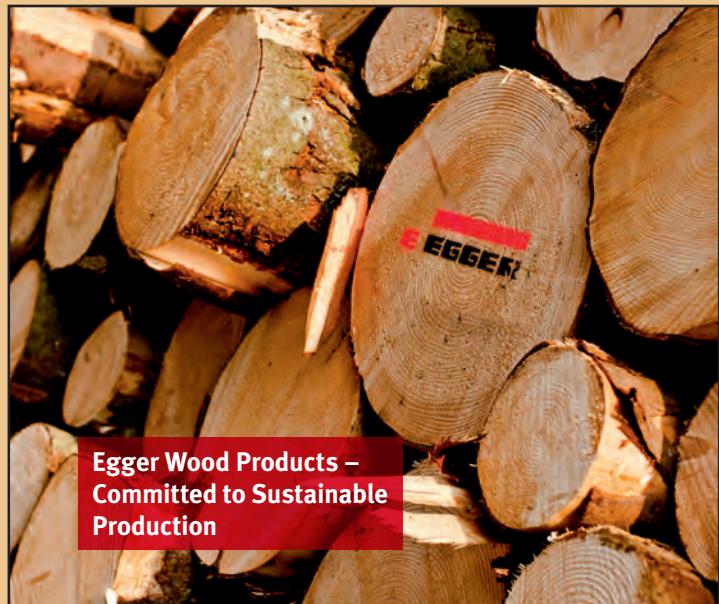
# Take A Guess!

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# The Tramp and the Roughrider



Whether you're a naturalist, a sportsman, or both, you will be captivated by this passionate performance by Lee Stetson as John Muir and Alan Sutterfield as Theodore Roosevelt.

In May of 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt, planning a tour of the western forests, invited the naturalist John Muir to a four-day camping trip in the Yosemite wilderness. The Tramp and the Roughrider illuminates this extraordinary encounter, with the action unfolding at sunset on Glacier Point, overlooking the magnificent Yosemite Valley. Both of these characters were feisty and opinionated, and had sharp disagreements on issues like hunting, animal rights, and forest management. Muir's poetic and evangelistic temperament, clashing with Roosevelt's political (and boyish) enthusiasms, naturally spawned both tension and humor. Both skillful storytellers, it seems natural that both would seek to top one another by relating some of their many adventures in the American wilderness – Roosevelt bringing a frontier ruffian to justice, for example, or Muir telling of his hair-raising 'interview' with a Yosemite bear. At the time of this historic meeting, many millions of acres of our western forest, with little or no governmental supervision, were being exploited and abused by hunting, lumber, stock and mining interests.

The federal government had established only five national parks and one small wildlife preserve (Pelican Island) and was without a Park Service. The Yosemite Valley, though surrounded by a national park, was controlled by the state of California, and was frowsy and neglected. But around the campfire, in sifting through their histories and their hopes, these very different men slowly discover how the other had been shaped by the wilderness they loved, opening up some rich possibilities of "doing some forest good." And by the end of Roosevelt's presidency, America could boast of an additional 200 million acres of forest wilderness, five more national parks, and 65 wildlife preserves. Bully!



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Oh Creator!

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for our lives.

We come together to celebrate one hundred years of this organization. Five generations.

Let us take a moment to remember and honor those who managed these forest lands before

Before APSAF... Before schools of forestry and forest service research stations... Before "ecosystems" was a word, but knowledge of them was common... Before helicopters and trucks, and radios and drip torches... Before colonization...

We recognize that for hundreds and hundreds, probably over a thousand, generations, the peoples native to this land consciously managed it... Managed it from shore to shore and tip to tip for thousands and thousands of years.

This land was not undeveloped and wild. It was known and managed by ancient peoples to keep the ecosystems healthy and to provide raw materials and manufactured goods, which were used or traded. These lands were managed for harvesting, or if sacred, left alone.

Oh that we will ever be as skilled with the tool of fire as those old ones.

As we walk through these lands today, let us remember those whose bones feed these forests. Let us ask that, with all our technology, we can begin to do the job as well those who came before. And let us also ask that through our labor their descendants can find resources they need to nurture their families and their spirits.

Let us celebrate, honor and respect.

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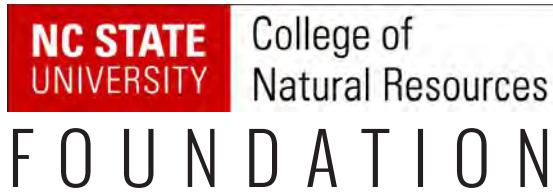
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