

THE FOREST TIMELINE

Architects Wowed by FHS Building



AIA guests explore archival documents on display in the Karen & Michael Kelly Exhibit Hall at FHS headquarters.

FHS welcomed the Triangle chapter of the AIA - [*American Institute of Architects*](#). Over 65 attendees enjoyed a presentation by Robert Sotolongo of DTW Architects (FHS new headquarters principal architect) on the various wood species and products used in the construction of the new building, as well as the sustainable design impact of wood products, including carbon storage calculator. Guests also learned about the energy efficient design features of the building which include High Seer VRF HVAC system, continuous insulation and rain screen exterior envelope, daylighting, controlled lighting systems, and the specialty fire suppression systems used in the Archives and pre action fire sprinkler system in the library. FHS staff provided a guided tour of the new facility which was followed by a social and networking reception. AIA will be joining us again this fall for a Risk Management Symposium.

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ATTENTION AUTHORS!

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All books are entered into our [bibliographic database](#), which is used by scholars around the world to find the latest publications in environmental history. So even if it's not reviewed, by having it cataloged, it's more easily found by



AIA members hear presentation from Robert Sotolongo in the Lynn W. Day Meeting Room

FHS to Co-host Two Events Celebrating Alexander von Humboldt



Alexander von Humboldt, by Joseph Karl Stieler (1843)

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859), one of the most brilliant scientists to ever live and the most famous scientist of the nineteenth century. To explore and promote his legacy, the Forest History Society is joining with faculty at Duke University to co-host a lecture and a colloquium.

A Prussian by birth, a geologist and mining inspector

researchers.

INVITE A FRIEND, COLLEAGUE or STUDENT TO JOIN THE FHS!

A recent survey of association members across the U.S., suggests that today, the #1 reason people join a professional organization is because someone they respect recommended it. Perhaps a teacher, a colleague, boss or other person of influence.

As members, you understand that the FHS is the preeminent organization dedicated to stewarding historical treasures relating to forest and conservation history.

Consider inviting others to join the FHS! Let them know that here, they will find answers, ideas and others like themselves who share their professional and personal interests.

Your participation is important to us. Please join or renew your membership today and help FHS preserve and write the next chapters in forest and conservation history.

Memberships are available for individuals, students, organizations, university departments, companies, and more.

Contact the membership office at 919-660-0552 or [join or renew here!](#)

by training, Humboldt's restless life was packed with adventure and discovery, whether climbing the highest volcanoes in the world, paddling down the Orinoco River, or racing through anthrax-infested Siberia. Perceiving nature as an interconnected local-to-global force, Humboldt described bioclimatic zones and predicted human-induced environmental change. He combined scientific observation and poetic narrative, and his writings inspired naturalists and poets such as Darwin, Wordsworth, and Goethe but also politicians such as Thomas Jefferson and Simon Bolivar. Through the quirks of history, though, he has largely been forgotten in the United States--this despite nine cities having been named for him. Yet elsewhere around the world he is still fondly remembered for his many contributions to science, nature, and even political thought.



Only you can help preserve
forest history!

At the invitation of former FHS Board member Dan Richter, professor of soils and ecology at Duke University, the Forest History Society is working with the university's Nicholas School of the Environment, History Department, and others at the university to commemorate Humboldt. On Oct. 1, Andrea Wulf, author of the award-winning Humboldt biography *The Invention of Nature*, will give the [Lynn Day Lectureship in Forest and Conservation History](#) on Duke's West Campus. On Nov. 1-2 the Forest History Society will [co-host a colloquium](#) featuring six leading Humboldt scholars. Links to watch all events online live will be made available close to the event dates.

Please contact Andrea Anderson at the Forest History Society for general information, including for parking and directions [by email](#) or by calling 919-682-9319.

Lumber Tokens and Company Scrip *A Way of Life Gone By*



During the 19th century and into the early part of the 20th century, logging, mining, and coal camps were typically created, owned, and operated by a single company. These locations, some quite remote, were often cash poor. Even those that were not, commonly paid their workers in what is called "company scrip" or tokens, in lieu of cash, or other form of government- issued legal tender. Workers had little choice but to purchase goods at a company store. And, if exchange into currency was even available, companies often would exhaust some of the value of the tokens via the "exchange fee." The tokens are stamped with a monetary value, i.e., .01., .05 or .25, cents, and some valued as much as \$5.00.



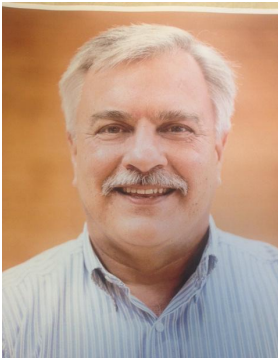
From L to R, The Goodman Lumber Co., Goodman, WI; C.M. Christensen Co., Phelps, WI; Davis Lumber Co., Weston, WV; 50th Anniversary - The Long-Bell Lumber Co., Beaumont, TX

The FHS recently received an assortment of lumber tokens, collected and carefully preserved, thanks to longtime FHS member, John P. Case, who recently donated his personal collection of six books filled with lumber and logging company tokens from around the U.S., plus his autographed copy of the *Catalog of Lumber Tokens* written by Terry Trantow. John collected these tokens from 1974 to 1984.

The collection includes tokens from all over the U.S. as well as some commemorative coins given to employees for years of service. Many of these lumber companies are out of business or perhaps were sold and renamed, but the collection is superb and we hope to have them on exhibit in the future. If you would like to learn more about scrip collecting, visit the National Scrip Collectors Association here <http://nationalscripcollectors.org/> If you have a collection of lumber tokens in need of a permanent home, please contact our archivist Eben Lehman.

New Board Members Will Enhance FHS's Leadership Role in Forest History

The Forest History Society is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its board of directors: Matthew Williams of the Weyerhaeuser Company, and Dan Christensen of the Hancock Natural Resource Group. They will help advance our core objectives to preserve forest history and make it accessible, and will also strengthen our communication and interaction with forest-based companies. Given FHS's aim to commence a new strategic planning process, they join us at a critical juncture. "I'm looking forward to working closely with both of them and am confident that their diverse experience and leadership skills will bring fresh perspective to FHS's future plans," said Doug Decker, Chair of the FHS Board of Directors.



Matt Williams

Matt Williams is Vice President, Timberlands Marketing and Operations, for Weyerhaeuser Company. He's been with Weyerhaeuser Company for 41 years and has held positions in Harvesting, Landowner Assistance, Wood Products Manufacturing, Raw Material Procurement, Marketing and Land

Management, and Timberland Business Leadership. Matt has served on forestry association boards in Arkansas and Oregon and has also been active in Oklahoma, Washington, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Dan Christensen joined Hancock Natural Resource Group in 1992. He is former CEO and Chairman of the Board of Hancock, but continues to serve as a director. Under Dan's leadership, Hancock grew their investment management business to \$14 billion with 6.3 million acres of timberland and 290,000 acres of farmland under management in six countries: the US, Canada,



Dan Christensen

Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and Chile. Over his career he has taken part in the conservation ownership of over 440,000 acres of forestland.

Environmental History World Congress a Success



Steven Anderson (center) and Graeme Wynn (upper left) stand with recipients of the ICEHO travel grants at the World Congress.

Hosted by the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Florianopolis, Brazil, the third World Congress of Environmental History welcomed almost 400 scholars and students from around the globe to explore "Convergences: The Global South and the Global North in the Era of Great Acceleration." Eunice Nodari, Chair of the university's Department of History, and her students deserve special recognition for organizing the wonderful local arrangements. The International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations (ICEHO) convenes the Congress every five years.

FHS President Steve Anderson attended the Congress. In his role as ICEHO treasurer, Steve oversaw disbursement of 14 travel grants to students and scholars from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Funds to support the grants came from ICEHO member organization dues and special fundraiser events over the past few years (of special note were the hand-knitted wool socks from outgoing ICEHO President Verena Winiwarter). He also welcomed the attendees at the opening reception sponsored by the journal *Environmental History* and supported by FHS, the American Society for Environmental History, and Oxford University Press.

Former FHS Board member Graeme Wynn was

elected president of ICEHO. If you are interested in hosting the next World Congress in 2024, please contact Graeme at wynn@geog.ubc.ca.

"The night the mountain fell"

That's how one of the strongest earthquakes to rock the United States was remembered by some survivors. An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 centered on the Gallatin National Forest--about 40 miles northwest of Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone National Park--struck at 11:37 pm on August 17, 1959. Coming at the height of tourist season, and in the middle of the night, [the earthquake could have killed hundreds...](#)



Many roadways in southwestern Montana looked like this the morning after the earthquake.

