



December 2020

## Bob Izlar Retires and Gives to FHS!



Bob Izlar, who recently retired as director of the Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business, made a donation of materials to the FHS Library and Archives. This included four boxes of books and other publications relating to forests, forestry, and forest products of the U.S. South. He gave a small collection of books once owned by Clarence Korstian, founding dean of the Duke University School of Forestry (now the Nicholas School of the Environment). Bob also donated personal mementos collected during his career, including items from various association meetings and other events. Additional items of note included historic naval stores relics (Herty cup, aprons, and gutters; below, left), and used forest boundary markers (below, right).



## Wishing You Happy Holidays from the Library Staff!



While the weather outside may be frightful, inside the library we have some delightful new books you'll want to check out. As we like to say around here, forest history books make for tree-mendous reading!

For those looking to get into the Christmas spirit, you might be interested in [\*Douglas Fir: The Story of the West's Most Remarkable Tree\*](#) by Stephen F. Arno and Carl E. Fiedler.

Looking for other books to curl up by the fire with? Here are some more additions to the FHS library. Click on the links to find out more:

[\*From the Inside Out: The Fight for Environmental Justice within Government Agencies\*](#) by Jill Lindsey Harrison.

[\*The Age of Wood: Our Most Useful Material and the Construction of Civilization\*](#) by Roland Ennos

[\*A Prison in the Woods: Environment and Incarceration in New York's North Country\*](#) by Clarence Jefferson Hall, Jr.

[\*Nature's Mirror: How Taxidermists Shaped America's Natural History Museums and Saved Endangered Species\*](#) by Mary Anne Andrei

[\*Challenge of the Big Trees: The History of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks\*](#) by William C. Tweed and Lary M. Dilsaver

[\*The Mills That Built Coos Bay, Oregon and the Men Who Made it Happen\*](#) by William A. Lansing

## FROM THE BLOG

### "Harold E. Smith's Forest Service Christmas Story"

As we approach this most unusual holiday season, history shows us that curtailed holiday activities during a difficult time are not really that unprecedented after all. In fact, history is replete with reminders of how we can persevere and find greater meaning in the season.

Rachel Kline gives us the story of a Forest Service ranger and his wife during the Christmas of 1917, one that certainly resonates this year. [Read the full blog post here.](#)



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## Member Spotlight Coming in January 2021!

Starting in the next issue of *Forest Timeline*, we're adding a **Member Spotlight** section and we're asking you to consider sending us a short write-up. Your piece can be about virtually anything related to forest, conservation, and environmental history. Maybe it's a recent highlight in your career; your favorite forest history figure and why; an interesting project you are working on; your forestry volunteer work; what inspires you in your work--whether it's in industry or scholarly research or forestry or another field. Consider this as an opportunity to introduce yourself to fellow FHS members.

Content limit is 500 words. Please include a photo of you or one of you and something related to your topic. You must also be an active paid member, please. (If you're not and want to be, [follow this link.](#)) Send submissions to Laura Hayden at: [laura.hayden@foresthistory.org](mailto:laura.hayden@foresthistory.org). Your submission will be edited for content, clarity, and length.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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## Forest History Today Coming Soon

Work on the next issue of *Forest History Today* is nearly done and the magazine is expected to be mailed out in late January.

Topics include a look at how one wildfire has been remembered in very different



ways in neighboring countries; the fight by a lone federal employee to stop a multinational company from mining in the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area (right); the lessons learned from a short-lived New Deal-era forest products cooperative; and stories of forest reclamation and stewardship.

Get a head start by reading "In Love with the Forest': Two Generations of Rangers in Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve," by Ellen Sharp and Will Wright [on the blog](#).



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## "Best of History 2020" from Publishing Partner Oxford University Press FREE For a Limited Time

With the end of the year approach, Oxford University Press has curated a new collection entitled "Best of History" to showcase the most used articles published in 2020. Oxford publishes the journal *Environmental History* on behalf of the Forest History Society and the American Society for Environmental History.

In addition to articles from our own journal, you'll find offerings from *The American Historical Review*, *Historical Research* and *Past & Present*. The "Best of History" collection is available for free for a limited time. [Check it out here](#).

