



**Save The Date**  
**June 12th**  
**Day of Giving**  
**Forest History Society**

We're excited to tell you that we have designated June 12th as the official anniversary date of the founding of FHS. On June 12, 1946, the Weyerhaeuser family committed to funding the Forest Products History Foundation at the Minnesota Historical Society. This nascent effort evolved into the Forest History Society, the only international organization solely focused on preserving forest history and dedicated to its outreach.

To commemorate this important date, this year we have designated our own Day of Giving to help us raise important annual operating and program funds. We're so grateful that two anonymous donors have offered two challenge grants totaling \$20,000 to help us raise annual fund dollars before June 30th.

For every dollar you donate, these generous donors will match it with an additional two dollars! For example, if you give \$100, they will match it with \$200 for a total gift to FHS of \$300. It's that easy!

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**It's American Wetlands Month!**

May is American Wetlands Month! We're celebrating by steeply discounting our Issue Series book [\*America's Forested Wetlands: From Wasteland to Valued Resource\*](#). Environmental historian Jeffrey Stine chronicles the history of American attitudes and actions toward the ambiguous transitional areas between dry land and open water. **The sale ends May 31.**

June 12th is our Day of Giving but you don't have to wait for your dollars to be matched. [GIVE TODAY!](#)

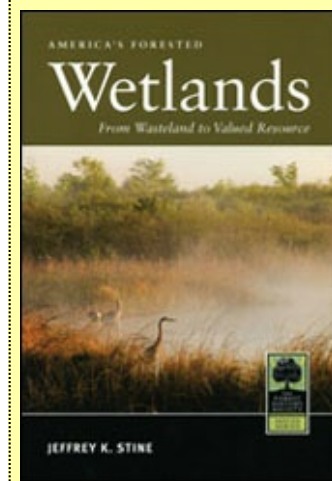
## FHS Awards and Fellowships Announced

FHS is proud to announce the recipients for some of our annual awards and fellowships.

The [Aldo Leopold-Ralph W. Hidy Award](#) honors the best article published in the journal *Environmental History* during the preceding year. The award is presented jointly by the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society, and is judged by the editorial board of the journal. The 2020 recipient is Andrew C. Baker, an assistant professor of history at Texas A&M University-Commerce, for his article, "[Risk, Doubt, and the Biological Control of Southern Waters](#)," published in the April 2019 issue. **(You must be a registered user to access this article.)**

The [F. K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship](#) is given annually to a graduate student at the FHS university affiliate, Duke University, whose research is historical in nature and related to forestry, land use, or the environment. Jacqueline Gerson has been awarded the fellowship for the 2020-2021 academic year for her project, "Determining Historical and Current Impacts of Artisanal Gold Mining on the Peruvian Amazon." Her research leverages field samples, satellite records, and dating of tree cores to understand historical patterns associated with land cover and use of mercury for artisanal gold mining in the Amazon and their consequences on ecological and human health.

A fellowship named for Walter S. Rosenberry (1931-2005), a long-time supporter and Forest History Society Board member, provides a stipend to support a graduate student attending a university in North America whose research contributes to forest and conservation history. The 2020 [Rosenberry fellowship](#) recipient is Caitlyn Dye for her dissertation, "The Water Factory: Governing Nature in an Andean Forest from the National Revolution to the Climate Crisis." Her project blends historical and ethnographic methods to investigate how foresters, park officials, and local peasants have imagined and produced the Tunari forest since it was established as a national park during the period of the Bolivian National Revolution (1952-64).



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By using Amazon's "[Smile](#)" program and selecting "Forest History Society," a donation from every purchase you make goes to FHS. Just click the link above to get started!

### Please Renew!

Thank you to members for asking how you can help in this challenging time. We ask only that you remain well and maintain your membership with FHS!

If you *have* already renewed for this year but you can make another gift, that'd be great!

If you can increase your membership level, we thank you!

But please maintain your annual membership and commitment to keep the documents of forest and conservation history a free resource for all. *Every* membership at every level helps! With our best wishes for your health!  
Thank you!

Congratulations to all the winners!

[Renew Your Membership Here!](#)



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## **FHS Building Architect Receives Prestigious Local Design Award**

FHS Headquarters Receives the 2020 Golden Leaf Award. The Durham City-County Appearance Commission serves to cultivate visual appeal and recognize the benefits of good design, which enhances the quality of life in Durham. The Golden Leaf Awards is an annual event that aims to recognize buildings and landscapes that positively affect Durham's built environment and contribute to the experience for its citizens and visitors.

The new FHS headquarters received the award in the Large Development category. The FHS staff and board of directors wish to congratulate Robert Sotolongo and DTW Architects for their design and C.T. Wilson for the construction of such a beautiful building in which to work and conduct research for generations to come. Congratulations to all who had a hand in designing the building!

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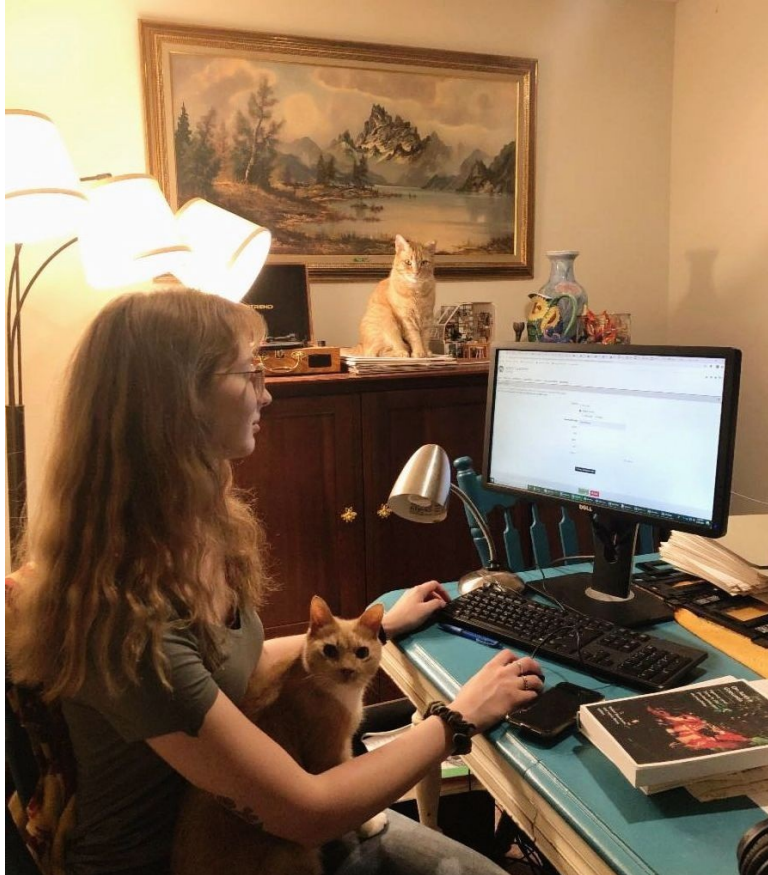
## **Working Together Apart**

Since mid-March, as a precaution the FHS staff has been working from home. We do have one person at the building each day to keep business operations running smoothly, so don't hesitate to call or write us if you have a question.

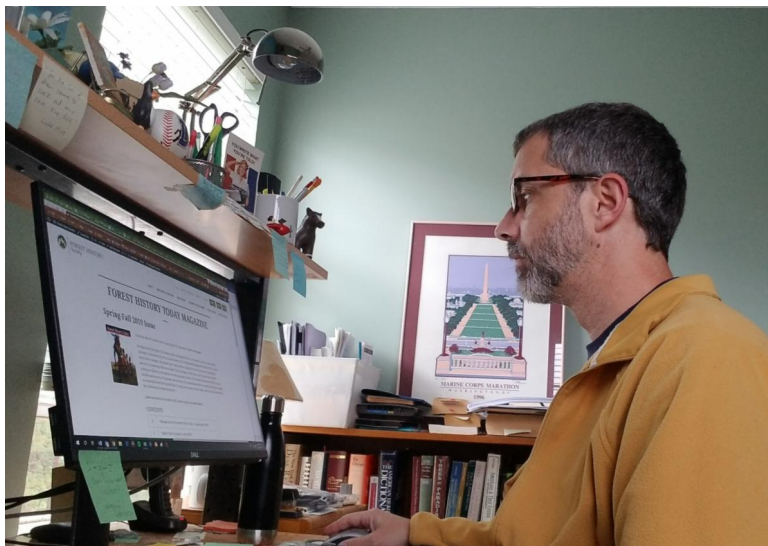
We miss working together. But some of us don't lack for companionship while working remotely. We

thought we'd share a few photos to illustrate the point.

As of the date of this newsletter, North Carolina has entered a "Safer" at Home Phase II policy, but the City and County of Durham remains under a Stay at Home order. Staff members and their families remain healthy and safe, and we wish the same for each of you.



**Librarian Lauren Bissonette receives help adding new books to the online catalog from one feline friend, while another assumed supervisory duties to make sure both stayed on task. Although Lauren did most of the work, somehow Dima and Monty wound up getting the treats as a reward for a job well done.**



Historian Jamie Lewis works without direct supervision from his cat Eartha Kitty, although she's known to leave notes on his desk and monitor. (Rumor has it the feline diva demanded too much money to appear in the photograph.) He's creating the web page for the latest issue of *Forest History Today*.

## The Latest from the Blog

Guest contributor Char Miller provided his reflections on "[The Monongahela National Forest at 100: How Its Signature Event Changed American Forestry](#)." The Monongahela was established in West Virginia on April 28, 1920. About fifty years later, a small group of turkey hunters precipitated the most important event in the forest's history, which subsequently became a major turning point in U.S. Forest Service history. When a ruling in a lawsuit brought by the hunters and conservation groups effectively banned clearcutting on national forests around the country, Congress was compelled to pass new legislation under which the agency operates today.



**This newspaper headline captured the crux of the problem for U.S. Forest Service's approach to timber management.**

May 18 was the fortieth anniversary of the eruption of the volcano Mount St. Helens in the United States. FHS historian Jamie Lewis has updated a post he'd written for the thirtieth anniversary to include links to videos on our YouTube channel. "[Mount St. Helens Erupts, Leaves A Mess of Documents](#)" also includes links to different materials found throughout the FHS library and archives. If you wish to learn more about the cataclysmic event, read the 2017 post in which Jamie reviewed the book [Eruption: The Untold Story of Mount St. Helens](#).



