**FHS Welcomes New Board Members**

At the Fall 2020 board meeting, the FHS Board of Directors elected new members. We here at the Forest History Society would like to extend a warm welcome to these outstanding individuals as they join the FHS team! You’ll find a complete list of board members on our website.

*Sam Cook* has made his mark on multiple aspects of forest history during his esteemed career. He is currently the executive director of Forest Assets and vice president of the Natural Resources Foundation for the College of Natural Resources at North Carolina State University.

*Neal Ewald* is the chief operating officer and senior vice president at Green Diamond Resource Company. He has more than 40 years of experience in industrial forest management, including 30 years with Green Diamond. He was appointed to his current position at Green Diamond on January 1, 2019.

*Steve Hicks* is president and CEO of J.M. Longyear LLC in Marquette, Michigan. J.M. Longyear is a 145-year-old natural resources company, with 170,000 acres of commercial timberlands and over 200,000 acres of iron ore and other mineral rights in the upper Midwest and Ontario.

*Rachel Kline* is a supervisory historian for the Forest Service Enterprise Program in Colorado, which collaborates with the U.S. Forest Service. She has worked in all aspects of history.
Korstian Slide Collection Expanded

A new batch of glass lantern slides was recently digitized and added to the FHS online image database. They come from the Duke University School of Forestry Lantern Slide Collection. Clarence F. Korstian, the first dean of the Duke University School of Forestry, collected and used them in forestry education lectures during his tenure from 1930 to 1959. With this latest batch, there are now 320 slides accessible via the image database.

Some of the slides are from Korstian's early career with the U.S. Forest Service, which began in 1912 in New Mexico. He then worked in Utah before his transfer in 1921 to the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station in Asheville, NC. A large portion of images also document a 1932 European trip taken by Korstian to visit forestry schools and tour forests in Germany, Switzerland, and France, as seen above. The slides are hand-colored and tinted, providing a unique visual look at early forestry practices in the United States and Europe.

See the Entire Collection

SAF Pavers To Be Housed At FHS

In 2010, more than 150 Society of American Foresters members contributed to a Paver Program to support the long-term stability of SAF’s office building at Wild Acres in Bethesda, Maryland. Funds generated from purchasing a 8”x8” commemorative paver supported the maintenance of the Gifford Pinchot Forestry Building. The pavers were placed in the driveway extending out from the
Initially the inscribed bricks honor family members, organizations, and SAF Chapters. In late 2012, the Paver Program was integrated into the 1900 Founder’s Circle, in which individuals made four-year commitments to grow the core of the Foresters Fund intended to help SAF members share the compelling story of the value of forest management with the public. Members of the Founder’s Circle were eligible to have a commemorative paver engraved and placed with the originals.

In April of this year, SAF sold the Pinchot Building. The decision to lease office space meant finding a new home for the pavers. They are a physical representation of the commitment SAF members have to the field of forestry. The question of what to do with them sparked the idea to reach out to a long-term partner to discuss the possibility of expanding the partnership and finding a new home for these memorial pavers. The Forest History Society, which houses SAF’s archival records, quickly came to mind. According to FHS president and CEO Steve Anderson, “The pavers are part of forest history and we will be pleased to house the pavers at our new headquarters campus.” SAF CEO Terry Baker said that he and the SAF Board of Directors “share his excitement and enthusiasm for this opportunity with the Forest History Society. It is a great step in our long-standing connection and cements a foundation for the future.”

### Peter Murphy Posthumously Named Fellow Of Forest History Society

Peter Murphy joined FHS in 1986 and quickly proved an enthusiastic member. In short order, he joined its Board of Directors and served as Board chair in the 1990s. As professor and chair of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Alberta and a great passion for forest history, Peter was instrumental in strengthening relationships between the Forest History Society and Canada. He was co-author of the FHS collaborative publication *A Hard Road to Travel: Land, Forests, and People in the Upper Athabsca Region*, among his many books on forestry in Alberta and Canada. He was the founding force behind the Forest History Association of Alberta. For his ceaseless efforts to preserve forest history and make it accessible, Peter was a Forest History Hero.

FHS bestows the honorary title of “Fellow of the Forest History Society” on persons who have provided many years of outstanding leadership and service to the Society or many years of outstanding sustained contributions to the research, writing, or teaching of forest, conservation, or environmental history. This honor is the Society’s highest award and is only given occasionally. Sometimes, as in this case, it is given posthumously. Peter passed away on October 29, 2020. You can read of his many accomplishments and activities here.
**From The Blog**

“We Were in Love with the Forest”: Protecting Mexico’s Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve

Illegal logging in the overwintering habitat of monarch butterflies in Mexico, which appears to be increasing due to the impact of the pandemic on the tourist-based local economy, threatens the butterflies’ existence. The personal history of some of the rangers who patrol those areas may hold the key to the insect’s survival.

This blog post by Ellen Sharp and Will Wright is a working version of an article to be published in the Spring/Fall 2020 issue of our magazine *Forest History Today*. We are making it available beforehand because of the time sensitivity of the conservation issue it discusses. [Read the blog post here.](#)