



## Bob Izlar Elected New Chair FHS Board of Directors



At the Annual Meeting of the Forest History Society in October new Officers of the Board of Directors were elected. Bob Izlar, Founding Director of the Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business at the UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, was elected as Chair for a two-year term. Bob remarked that “I am looking forward to helping to advance the work of FHS. As a library and archives for

forest and conservation history, its work is essential to ensure access of historical information to current and future generations. It is the best hope we have for wise decision-making about our natural resources.”

**Lynn Wilson**, retired, Vice President, Supply Chain for Louisiana Pacific and current President of Wintertide LLC, became Immediate past-Chair. Lynn guided the Society through the COVID-19 pandemic, four virtual board meetings, and development of a new 2022-2032 strategic plan. The Society reached new levels of annual support during her tenure.

Co-vice Chairs elected include **Dan Christensen**, former Board Director for the Hancock Natural Resource Group where he served as CEO and President from 2004 to 2015; **Clark Seely**, retired Associate State Forester, Oregon Dept. of Forestry, past-president of the Society of American Foresters, and now president of Seely Management Consulting, Inc. and adjunct faculty at the University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation; and **Douglas MacCleery**, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment and now retired from the USDA Forest Service. **Henry Barclay**, managing partner of Lehmann, Ullman and Barclay LLP, was elected as Treasurer, a position he has held since 2004.

# FHS Board approves 2022-2032 Strategic Plan



Under the umbrella of the FHS 2010 strategic plan, the Society's highest priority was securing additional space for archival and library collections. After much advanced planning and a five-year capital campaign, the Society moved into a new 16,750 sf library, archive, and headquarters in January of 2019.

At the October 2021 FHS Board meeting the Directors approved a new strategic plan to begin the 2022 -2032 time

period. The plan follows two years of robust interaction with the Board of Directors, Chief Executive, and FHS staff, informed by input from Society members, and with insight about best practices and emerging technologies from leading library, archives, and digital humanities experts. The five key emphases for this strategic planning period include:

1. **Strengthen Financial Resources** to sustain additional staff capacity, including a bold increase in the FHS endowment.
2. **Ensure Effective Governance** including to maintain a diverse Board and staff.
3. **Build FHS Collections Strategically** by seeking diverse new sources and promoting wide use and access.
4. **Encourage Forest History Scholarship** and insight by expanding publications and programs for diverse publics.
5. **Strengthen Visibility and Engagement** by building the FHS brand, increasing outreach, and cultivating collaborations.

The strategic plan will soon be available on the FHS web site and shared electronically with all members.

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**Rosenberry Fellowship Winner  
Recognizes FHS**

Co-winner of the 2019 [Roseberry Fellowship](#), Will Wright's project, "Nature Unbound: What Gray Wolves, Giant Sequoias, and Monarch Butterflies Tell Us about Large Landscape Conservation," examines how a patchwork of protected areas came to be viewed as part of a much larger



landscape mosaic and are becoming increasingly important as lifeforms move in order to adapt to climate change. (Read the article Will co-authored with Ellen Sharp in the 2020 *Forest History Today* magazine, "[We were in Love with the Forest](#)".)

After receiving his Ph.D. in 2021 from Montana State University in Environmental History, Will Wright is now working as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of History at the University of British Columbia, partnering with historians and veterinarians on a project about cattle-breeding technologies and their roles in the dairy and beef industries.

Recently, Wright contacted us about his sending a bound copy of his dissertation for the FHS Library. He added: "The Rosenberry Fellowship was invaluable to my research on the history of conserving the overwintering forests at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. During the month of January 2020, I traveled to Mexico City to investigate the federal documents at the national archives, as well as interviewed Mexican environmentalists in their 70s and 80s who were with the groups "Pro-Monarca" and "Group of 100". I also made trips to Zitácuaro, Michoacán, and Macheros, State of Mexico, where I met the unsung forest guardians at the Cerro Pelón sanctuary. These original materials help us to understand the crucial decade (1976-1986) beginning when Canadian lepidopterist Fred Urquhart announced the discovery of the monarch migration to the world and ending when President Miguel de la Madrid created a new protected area. "Without FHS support, the research would have been nearly impossible."

## Unlocking the **Bioeconomy** for



## Nontimber Forest Products



"Towards A Himalayan  
Bioeconomy" with  
Carsten Smith-Hall  
Dec. 17th at  
9:00 a.m. EST  
14:00 UTC



While the number of dedicated bioeconomy strategies around the world is increasing, as are the efforts to identify gaps in the current set of strategies, the majority of the world's countries remain without any nominal bioeconomic laws, i.e., policies and legislation explicitly addressing the bioeconomy. However, many countries have non-bioeconomic policies, laws, and regulations whose provisions have some relevance for the bioeconomy. Using the case of commercial

medicinal plants in Nepal, this talk focuses on how to use functional



bioeconomic law to support the identification of transition pathways to the forest-based bioeconomy in a low-income country.

Carsten Smith-Hall has directed several international and interdisciplinary research programs and published in both natural and social science journals. His research is focused on environment-livelihood relationships, including the role of forests in preventing and reducing poverty; environment and human health, in particular the role of forests in maintaining and improving welfare; and commercial utilization of biodiversity, with emphasis on trade and conservation issues.

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Barnard



Kellison



Cox

## FHS Members Receive National SAF Awards

At the recent virtual annual convention of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), several FHS members received national awards and we are pleased to extend their recognition and our congratulations.

New Forest History Society board member, **Rebecca Barnard** was awarded the **Young Forester Leadership Award**. She was recognized for maintaining a keen understanding of forest best practices and working collaboratively to advance sensible forest policies. “Rebecca is one of those rare individuals whose presence generates an outsized impact through a combination of determination, boundless energy, and a deep and unwavering commitment to sustainable forestry and the profession of forestry.”

**Robert Kellison**, FHS Member of 25 Years, and Professor Emeritus in Forestry at NC State University, was awarded the **Gifford Pinchot Medal** which recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of forestry in North America. Dr. Kellison is one of the most respected forestry professionals on plantation forestry, forest improvement and genetics. As a knowledgeable practitioner, wise teacher, and vigorous disseminator of the practice of both traditional and modern forest science, his influence is further felt through the contributions of the many graduate students who

have worked with him.

The **SAF Diversity Leadership Award** recognizing outstanding individual achievement leading to innovative and exemplary diversity and inclusion efforts, was awarded to **Joann Cox**, a 12 year member of FHS. Cox, principal of Meyer-Cox Forestry Consultants, LLC, is a past-president of SAF. She set the tone and pioneered ways for women to come together in support of one another in their careers and transitions. Her commitment, drive, and impact on diversity and inclusion has positioned her in the eyes of her peers as one of the most important leaders in our profession in a generation.

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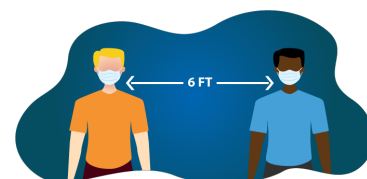
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## COVID-19 Update

FHS continues to follow North Carolina's recommended safety guidelines relating to COVID-19, and those for Durham County, where



the headquarters is located. If you wish to visit us, please make an appointment first. Feel free to call us at 919-682-9319 to learn more. As always, if you have a research question, you can [email](#) the library staff.

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