Selections from two archival photo collections have been recently digitized and added to the online FHS Image Database. The first contains two photo albums from the American Forest Institute (AFI) records. One album is “Washington” and one is “Oregon,” and so far more than 250 photos have been scanned from each. The American Forest Institute (known as American Forest Products Industries until 1968) was a trade promotion subsidiary of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. AFI worked to publicize the activities and accomplishments of forest industries. The photos in the two albums are primarily from the 1950s and 1960s and document forest management, different forest types, the creation of various forest products, tree farms, nurseries, recreation, research, and more. These albums provide an excellent visual record of Pacific Northwest forest history during this era.

The second collection is from the Forest Industries Magazine Photograph Collection. This collection includes the photograph files of the Forest Industries magazine during the mid-20th century. More than 200 photos from the collection have been added to the database, primarily of Southern Pine Association annual meetings in New Orleans during the 1960s. Also included are photos of the SPA's Machinery & Equipment Expo, held every other year at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium during this time period.

Explore the American Forest Institute Collection

Explore the Forest Industries Magazine Collection
"Rock" Star Joins FHS as Volunteer

We’d like to introduce you to one of our volunteers. Sarah Yarborough started with the FHS Library and Archives in September 2021 after moving to Durham to pursue a master’s degree in Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Previously, Sarah worked as an English teacher and rock climbing coach. Now in her second semester in graduate school, Sarah is helping with the arduous task of creating an up-to-date catalog of books held at FHS as well as assisting with digitization of photographs.

Thank you, Sarah, for all your hard work!

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer at the library, or if you’d like more information, please visit foresthistory.org/volunteer.

Conversations in Forest History

Virtual talks about vital topics in forest and conservation history

Hosted by
FHS historian Jamie Lewis

Join us on February 14th for “Frederick Law Olmsted: Bringing Nature to the City” with Laurence Cotton

Join historian and filmmaker Laurence Cotton as he explores the remarkable life and career of Frederick Law Olmsted Sr.—writer, philosopher, social reformer, advocate for the preservation of natural scenery, and creator of some of the most beautiful public and private parks and gardens in all of North America. This 90-minute webinar helps kick off the 200th anniversary of the birth of Olmsted, the master designer of public parks including New York’s Central Park and a founder of the field of American landscape architecture.

To get the most from this presentation, it’s highly recommended that you watch the 55-minute PBS film Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing America that Laurence consulted on, available for free HERE or through Amazon
Prime Video. Teachers can find lots of materials to use in the classroom, such as bonus videos and a companion booklet to the film, [HERE](#).

Register for Olmsted Webinar

"NTFPs and Bioeconomy in the United States"

Join James Chamberlain on February 15 at 9:30 am EDT/14:30 UTC

In the United States, the deep and long cultural connections to nontimber forest products (NTFPs) are embedded in contemporary American society, yet the products often go unnoticed. While revenues generated from the sale of these “invisible” products support households in rural communities and contribute to local, regional, and the national economy, not much is known or understood about the economic importance of NTFPs in the U.S. Adding to the challenge is the fact that transitioning to a NTFP-base bioeconomy will require addressing sustainability while promoting biodiversity and forest health.

After giving a brief synopsis of the history of NTFP harvesting in the U.S. and describing the NTFP-based bioeconomy, presenter (and series host) James Chamberlain will examine the latest volume and value data, and explore the economy based on these products through a bioeconomy lens. As always, the presentation will conclude with a Q&A session.

Dr. James Chamberlain, a research scientist with the USDA Forest Service, is a global expert on nontimber forest products management, production, and valuation. His research focuses on the economic and ecological impacts of harvesting forest products that are not timber-based, particularly food and medicine.

Register for NTFP Webinar
FHS Sponsoring Workshop at ASEH Annual Meeting

FHS’s president Steve Anderson, librarian Lauren Bissonette, and historian Jamie Lewis will be available to meet with at the American Society for Environmental History’s annual conference. The conference runs March 23-27, 2022, in Eugene, Oregon. FHS will have an exhibit booth, so be sure to stop by to visit or discuss research or publishing projects.

On Weds., March 23, FHS is sponsoring a pre-conference oral history workshop from 10 am to 4 pm. “People, Place, and Voice: Oral History Basics” will be led by FHS member Donna Sinclair, Jamie, and Lauren, and will focus on collecting and using oral history by environmental historians and the broader heritage and history community. Advanced registration is required.

This year’s conference theme is “Disaster and Renewal.” The conference will feature more than 100 panels and roundtables and a plenary session about Indigenous Environmental Histories in Oregon. Forest-history related field tours include the Fall Creek/Clark Timber Sale, the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire and H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest, the Bauman Tree Farm, birding at William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. You can find more information about all the tours HERE.

FHS Webinar Program Reaches 10,000 Viewers!

We’re thrilled to announce that we’ve recently gone over 10,000 total viewers from 30+ countries on 6 continents for our webinars! (What? No forest history fans in Antarctica?) That total includes those who attended the webinars live and those who’ve watched later on our YouTube channel.

Sharing accurate historic information, connecting with others, and discussing scholarship have never been more critical for natural resource and policy decisions. It’s equally critical to make this exchange of knowledge open and accessible across boundaries—and for free. So, when...
in 2020 we were faced with closing our doors to visitors and researchers, we launched a new way of sharing by offering virtual talks on vital topics by leading historians, scientists, documentarians, and natural resource managers. Our webinars are yet another effective way we bring forest history to new audiences—first we did it with books and a scholarly journal, then through films and online educational materials, and more recently with our blog and digital exhibits.

Thank you for tuning in and we look forward to continuing the programming! If you would like to support the webinar series with a donation, please click the link below. Thanks!

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Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop

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2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile”
4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app. (We are listed as "Forest History Society Inc".)
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

COVID-19 Update
FHS Open for Research

FHS headquarters is now open to individuals who wish to visit the library and archives. If you need travel funding assistance, please explore the Alfred D. Bell Jr. Travel Grant on our website or email FHS Archivist Eben Lehman for more information. The grant supports travel and lodging.
expenses incurred by researchers conducting in-depth studies at the Society's Alvin J. Huss Archives and Carl A. Weyerhaeuser Library.

We are open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you wish to visit, please call in advance at 919-682-9319 to learn more. As always, if you have a research question, you can email the library staff. Sorry, we are not yet open to groups.