FHS to Celebrate in Seattle

The Forest History Society will hold its Fall 2022 Board of Director’s meeting at the Weyerhaeuser Company headquarters in Seattle.

Our first event will be a reception on Thurs., October 20th, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Society with special guest Devin Stockfish, President & CEO of Weyerhaeuser. FHS president Steve Anderson will also speak. Members of FHS are cordially invited to join us at the reception from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. PDT. To RSVP, click the button below.

On Friday, Oct. 21, the FHS board of directors and staff will take a lively and informative field tour during the day. We are currently firming up the plans for the tour but you can look forward to a great topic, tentatively: "High Yield Forestry to Nanotechnology: The Surprising History of Wood and Forest Research." As an FHS member, you are welcome to join us. Please contact Andrea Anderson at FHS by Friday, September 16th, if you want to join the field tour. You can reach her at Andrea.Anderson@foresthistory.org or by phone at (919) 682-9319. Space is limited.

On Saturday, the Directors will gather again the Weyerhaeuser headquarters for the semi-annual board meeting. Members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you in Seattle!

RSVP FOR THE RECEPTION HERE

Join us for the webinar series Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis

The Forest History Society’s webinar series Conversations in Forest History returns on September 15, 2022, at 1 PM Eastern Time, when Chris Bolgiano presents “A 'Sedimental' Journey: Tracking Historic Dirt Downstream.” Through archival and contemporary photos, Chris will explore how the
different uses of forests (such as logging and agriculture) across the eastern U.S. over more than four centuries still impacts watersheds today. Legacy Sediments, as the results of historic erosion are officially called, have only recently been recognized as a major problem not only for the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the U.S., but also for other bays along the Atlantic coast. To understand why requires a map of long-gone water mills, a lidar-equipped drone, and a revolutionary new understanding of streams that look “natural” but definitely are not. This webinar will last approximately 60 minutes and has been approved for 1 hour of CFE credit from the Society of American Foresters.

Chris is Professor Emerita at James Madison University in Virginia, where she spent 25 years documenting local history. Chris has authored or edited six books on the Appalachian Forest and has published in the Washington Post, Sierra, Audubon, Wilderness, and Forestry Source.

Register Today!

World Forestry Congress Photos Now Online

Sixty-two years this month, the Fifth World Forestry Congress opened in Seattle, Washington. The Congress ran from August 29 to September 10, 1960, and hosted nearly 2,000 attendees from all over the world. The central theme of the Congress was the “Multiple Use of Forest and Associated Lands.” More than 100 photos of the Congress were recently digitized and added to our online image database, available through the link below.

These images are a visual record of Congress events, educational exhibits, and the pre-Congress West Coast Tour. Also included are ones taken at the planting of the International Friendship Grove near the University of Washington campus. The grove was intended as a living memorial to the Congress, with all participating countries planting their own trees.

Pictured: A U.S. Forest Service smokejumper exhibit display at the Fifth World Forestry Congress. The display included a model of a smokejumper in full gear, a parachute, examples of items smokejumpers carried, and a text signboard highlighting the history of smokejumpers.

Explore the Collection Here

Visit with FHS at SAF in Baltimore
Are you heading to the Society of American Foresters' National Convention in Baltimore on Sept. 20-23? So is the Forest History Society! Be sure to come by the FHS booth in the Expo Hall to peruse our publications, ask a research question of FHS librarian Lauren Bissonnette, or congratulate FHS President & CEO Steve Anderson on his upcoming retirement in the spring. While you're at it, grab some great FHS SWAG.

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Keep An Eye On Your Mailbox!

Keep an eye on your mailbox in the coming weeks for two new publications. You'll be receiving the latest issue of Forest History Today and a new FHS Annual Report in one package. We apologize for getting them to you a little late but we think you'll find it was worth the wait. Here's the table of contents for the magazine:

FEATURES
"King Chestnut? A New Look at an Iconic North American Tree Species"
By Donald Edward Davis

"Feathered Fire Fighters: The Use of Homing Pigeons in Fire Communication"
By Elizabeth G. Macalaster

"Managing for Ecological and Spiritual Values: A Brief History of Monastic Forestry"
By Jason M. Brown

"Who Will Celebrate Us? The Bureau of Land Management at Seventy-Five"
By James R. Skillen

"The Family of Shapes: The History of Bus Carrell's Forest SerSigns"
By Greg Christensen

“'There Are Advantages All Ways': Choosing a Career in Forestry in the 1920s"
By Margaret W. Andrews

"75 Years of the Forest History Society: 1946–2021"
By James G. Lewis

COLUMNS
FHS President & CEO Application Deadline is Sept. 15

Speaking of Steve Anderson retiring, the application deadline for the position of President & CEO of the Forest History Society closes on Sept. 15. This is a dynamic position presenting an opportunity to put your mark on a vibrant, growing, and maturing nonprofit that has just celebrated its 75th year and has a bright future. A strong board of directors, competent and professional staff, and a newly approved strategic plan will provide a foundation for success. If you or someone you know would be a viable candidate, please click the link below and learn more on our website.

[Click for Application Info]

Another Shipment Has Arrived!

Another shipment from the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC) in Freiburg, Germany, has arrived in excellent shape at FHS! GFMC is moving its headquarters from Germany to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, and downsizing their library and archival holdings in the process. FHS agreed to take on those materials for permanent safekeeping. The first shipment contained 24 cartons. Materials included were books, reports, files, and other publications on fire policy, remote sensing technology, and global fire issues in North America, South America, Africa, and Europe. These items are a significant addition to our own fire history holdings and will be an excellent resource for future researchers.

The second shipment includes materials such as presentations, proceedings and
abstracts from a variety of major conferences such as Fire Symposium Fire Ecology, (1977 &1983) in Freiburg; Wildland Fire 2000, Sediment Records of Global Biomass Burning; Wildland Fire 2000 and the Baltic Conference in Poland (1998). Materials on South Sumatra Fire Management Projects and materials from the International Tropical Timber Organization. Also included are slides and photos from the Soviet Union/Russia, Belarus, Finland, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Greece, Burma, Nepal and more.

Special thanks to FHS member Jameson Karns for bringing this collection to our attention, and to Johann Goldhammer at the GFMC for making this transfer possible. And thanks to Andrea Anderson at FHS for navigating the international shipping protocols, which are substantial.

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**Did You Miss It?**

Did you miss last week’s webinar cosponsored by FHS and the Huntington-USC Institute on California & the West? The webinar featured historians Sue Fawn Chung and Will Gow and archeologist Stacey Lynn Camp joining Shing Yin Khor to discuss Khor’s graphic novel *The Legend of Auntie Po*. Set in an 1880s logging camp in the Sierras, the graphic novel weaves together stories of thirteen-year old Mei and her friends and family—including the mythical Auntie Po, logging camp life, and Chinese American community-building during the Chinese Exclusion Era. The discussion touched on topics including the challenges of documenting the role of Chinese laborers in the logging industry and the connections between art and history. Watch the lively and informative discussion [HERE](#).