



October 2023

Terry Baker to Give Lynn W. Day Lecture



Please join us when Terry Baker, CEO of the Society of American Foresters, gives this year's [Lynn W. Day Lecture in Forest and Conservation History](#) on **Nov. 7 at 6 pm** ET at the Forest History Society in Durham, NC. It will be streamed live over Zoom for those unable to attend in person. (Zoom registration is below.)

Sustaining healthy forests in the face of climate change will require new ways of thinking and collaborating between scientists, policymakers, and the public, contends Terry. With unprecedented public and private investments in our forests to reduce wildfire risk and climate change mitigation, the need for opposing views on our forests must find alignment to make the

most of this unique moment in our history. Terry will share insights and experiences focused on the dynamic intersections between people, policy, and climate when it comes to our nation's forests and how they provide benefits to society.

[Register Today!](#)

FHS Board of Directors Meets in Boston!



The FHS convened its Fall 2023 Board of Directors meeting in Boston. We would like to especially thank our sponsors for making this event a great success, including individual sponsors: Dan and Cindy Christensen, Eva Greger, Scott R. Jones, Brent and Charlotte Keefer, Peter and Carolyn Mertz, and Jonathan Prather; and the corporate sponsors who made the meeting possible: Global Forest Partners, LandVest, Lyme Timber Company, Seven Islands Land Co., and Prentiss and Carlisle. Many thanks to the board meeting host Manulife Timber Investment.

An enthusiastic board met and welcomed our new President and CEO Tania Munz. On Thursday evening, more than 70 guests joined us at the Marriott Copley hotel for a delightful and enlightening evening where friends gathered and Mark Wilde gave a presentation on the history of forestland ownership in the United States. On Friday, Jim Levitt, the director of the International Land Conservation Network at the [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#) in Cambridge, led us on a field tour that included [Mt. Auburn Cemetery](#), [Boston Commons](#), and [Longfellow-Washington House](#). At Mount Auburn Cemetery we were joined by **Ronit Bendavid-Val**, Vice President of Horticulture & Landscape, who spoke to the group about the cemetery's remarkable grounds and took us to see some of its champion trees. Over lunch, Jim and Tania led a stimulating group conversation that began with the questions: "What motivates you to give your time and energy to FHS, and what in our collection can inform the Society's future direction?" The conversation led to many thought-provoking ideas, and it was a great pleasure to hear from our leadership about what inspires them about FHS! Thank you to Jim and his team for hosting us!

Saturday was a full day of meetings and welcoming our newest board members. At the meeting, we had a change in Board leadership. Bob Izlar, who has served as Chair since 2021 (and director since 2015), passed the gavel to Clark Seely III, who will serve through 2024. Clark has served on the board since 2018. Bob will remain an officer of FHS as Immediate Past Chair. Thanks to all who attended our reception and meetings!

DECEMBER'S WEBINAR

"Sap in Their Veins" with David Paul Bayles

Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis

In 1972 David Paul Bayles left the suburbs of Los Angeles for a summer job as a logger. Then, instead of heading off to photography school in the fall as planned, he stayed. Four years later, celebrating the end of his last day of logging with his crewmates over a few beers, the woods boss toasted him: “We wish you well in photo school and please don’t forget us dirty old loggers.”

Bayles didn’t. A decade later he returned to the forests of the northern Sierras, Mount Shasta, and Redwood coast regions to create a photo exhibition that traveled through California and Oregon. In 2004 he expanded the project, focusing on how northern California’s logging industry had changed and altered the lives and culture of the men with whom he’d spent long days working in forests, men who worked with their hands and intuition. He also conducted interviews with the men. David’s new book *Sap in Their Veins* brings together those powerful photos with the moving stories the men shared with him.

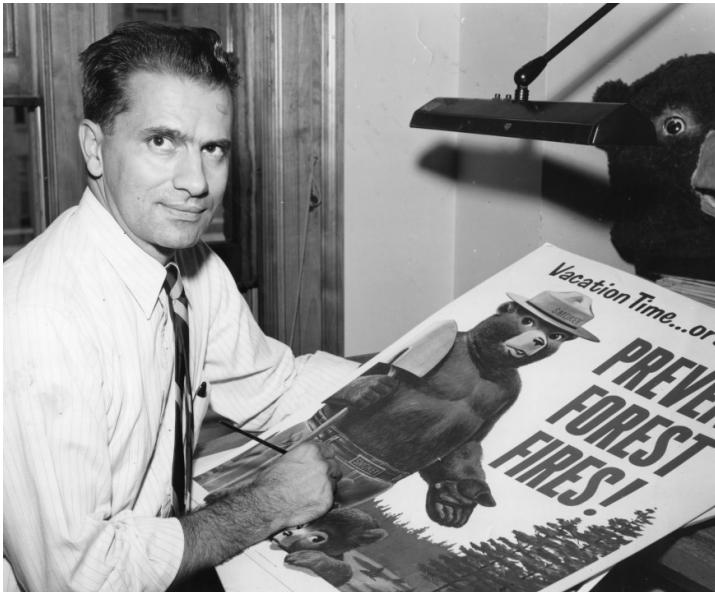


David Paul Bayles - "Sap in Their Veins"

**December 1, 2023
1 pm Eastern**

Register today!

Rudy Wendelin Photos Digitized



More than 200 photos from the Rudolph Wendelin Papers were recently scanned and added to the online image database. “Rudy” Wendelin (1910-2000) is best known as the long-time artist of the U.S. Forest Service mascot and fire prevention symbol Smokey Bear. He is credited with giving Smokey a more human-like form, including turning his paws into hands so that he could carry a shovel with which to fight fires. The Wendelin collection includes a number of photo albums, and also his artwork, posters, and other items. The digitized photos

document his work for the Forest Service from the 1930s to the 1990s. You can view the Wendelin photos via the FHS Image Database.

Wendelin worked on many other projects for the agency, including developing Woody Owl and the agency’s iconic trapezoidal signs, and also safety messaging using his version of Paul and Paula Bunyan. He was also an accomplished painter and sculptor.

After retiring from the Forest Service in 1973, Rudy continued advising artists on Smokey and took up political cartooning for a local newspaper.

[Explore The Photos](#)

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Lynn Wilson Receives University of Maine Distinguished Alumni Award

Congratulations to Lynn Wilson, FHS immediate past-chair, for receiving the Distinguished Alumni 2023 Award from the University of Maine, School of Forest Resources. Lynn has spent more than three decades in leadership roles at top-tier timberland and building products manufacturing companies, with experience across the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand. Lynn earned a BS in Forest Management from the University of Maine in 1987, and an MBA from Thomas College in 1992.



In December 2020, Lynn was appointed to the Roseburg Forest Products Board of Directors, which is a closely held, family-owned forest products company. RFP owns and manages 600,000 acres of timberland and building products manufacturing operations in ten states and the Province of Ontario. She serves on Roseburg's Risk and Strategy Committee.

Lynn currently serves as a member of University of Georgia's Harley Langdale Jr. Center for Forest Business Advisory Committee and board member of the Forest Landowners Association, and just concluded six years of service on the FHS board of directors.



Mark Your Calendar!

The Forest History Society, including the library and archives, will be closed for the winter holiday, Monday, December 25, 2023, through Monday, January 1, 2024!



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