



November 2023

Gavel Passes to New FHS Chair *plus* New Directors Welcomed



At the recent FHS Board meeting, Clark Seely (left) enthusiastically accepted the gavel from Bob Izlar (right) to signal the start of Clark's two-year term as Board Chair. Bob will remain on the board as Immediate-past Chair for a term of two years. Thank you, Bob!

Clark has served on the FHS board since 2018 and has led a number of strategic efforts. He is President of Seely Management Consulting, with more than 40 years of experience in forestry, natural resource management, and organizational

administration. Clark also held the position of Associate State Forester before retiring after 35 years of public service. Welcome, Clark!

Thanks to our host [Manulife Investment Management](#) in Boston, MA, for providing a great meeting space and generous staff time to support our group!

Meet the new members of our Board of Directors!



Edward Calder (Ned) Childs graduated with a BA from Harvard College in 1979 in German Studies,



Vicki Christiansen served as the 19th chief of the U.S. Forest Service from October



Dave Nunes has more than three decades of timber industry experience, and today serves as Chief Executive Officer of

and an MF from Yale School of the Environment in 1983. Ned helped found The Land Concern, Inc. in 1985, which combined forestland management consulting with forestland real estate services. Ned has also served for some fifty years on the Board of Directors of the Great Mountain Forest Corporation located in Norfolk, Connecticut, which manages 7,000 acres of forestland in the northwest corner of the state. Great Mountain was founded by his late father, Edward C. Childs, and hosted Yale forestry students for field training for many years.

2018 to July 2021. Before assuming the role, Christiansen spent seven years with the Forest Service and 30 years with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. She holds a BS in forestry from the University of Washington, and began working as a firefighter with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources while still a student. Vicki worked as a firefighter in Washington for 26 years, eventually serving as the Washington State Forester.

Rayonier, Inc. Dave joined Rayonier in June 2014 as Chief Operating Officer, and shortly thereafter assumed the additional role of President and CEO following Rayonier's spin-off of its Performance Fibers business. Before joining Rayonier, he served as President and CEO of Pope Resources/Olympic Resource Management from 2002 to 2014. Dave joined Pope Resources in 1997 as director of portfolio management, working with third-party investors and timberland owners to develop and manage timberland investment portfolios.



Vivian Zofia Piasecki is excited at the prospect of being a dedicated member of the Board of Directors at the Forest History Society, bringing a fresh perspective and strong passion for forest conservation and history. Recently graduated from Ithaca College having earned a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and Anthropology with a concentration in Faith and Health, Vivian possesses a solid academic foundation to her commitment to the preservation of forest history and sustainable management of forests. Vivian's interest in forest conservation and history is rooted in a deep appreciation for the intricate



Amélie Roberge is Director General of the Canadian Wood Fiber Centre (CWFC), a research branch within the Canadian Forest Service. She oversees research focused on the characterization, production, and optimization of wood fiber in Canada, providing real-world solutions to the sustainability and competitiveness of Canada's forest sector. Previously, she was Director of the Strategic Science Policy and Engagement Division of the Canadian Forest Service, responsible for federal, provincial and territorial relations, as well as strategic science and policy integration. Before joining the Canadian Forest Service



Daowei Zhang is the Alumni and George Peak Jr. Professor of Forest Economics and Policy at Auburn University's School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences. Daowei received his BA and MA degrees from two Chinese forestry universities (Southcentral University of Forestry and Technology in 1984, and Beijing Forestry University in 1989) in forest science and forest economics, respectively, and his PhD in forest economics from the University of British Columbia in 1994. He worked as an assistant researcher for the Ministry of Forestry and as an economist/project manager

relationship between humans and the natural world.

in 2011, Amélie worked as a forester for the Quebec Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks.

for State Investment Corporation of Forestry in Beijing.

Join Us for These Upcoming Webinars

Join us for the webinar series

Conversations in Forest History

With host and FHS Historian Jamie Lewis



David Paul Bayles
**"Sap in Their Veins:
Bringing Photography and
Forest History Together"**

Dec. 5, 2023 1:00 PM ET

In 1972, David Paul Bayles left suburban 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."

He didn't forget. 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



Nancy Siegel
**"Susie M. Barstow:
Redefining the Hudson
River School of Painting"**

Jan. 25, 2024 1:00 PM ET

With its idyllic or dramatic depiction of America's forested landscapes, the Hudson River school of landscape painting deeply influenced the early conservation movement. The painters most often associated with it—Cole, Bierstadt and Gifford, to name a few—are male. However, Susie M. Barstow and other women were part of the Hudson River school but were omitted from its histories when they were written in the 20th century. In her lifetime, Barstow (1836–1923) was as popular and widely travelled as the men but quickly slipped from public memory. Nancy Siegel's lecture will examine the life and career of this fascinating artist through vast and previously unknown archival materials. This rare occasion to mine the depths of an artist's life through paintings, letters, photographs, and sketchbooks provides

forests, men who worked with their hands and intuition. David conducted interviews with the men that he excerpted in his new book, *Sap in Their Veins: Portraits of Loggers and the Trees They Fell*, which brings together those powerful photos with the moving stories the men shared with him. He'll be talking about his career in the woods and behind the camera. Those who attend will receive a discount code for the book *Sap in Their Veins*.

[Register Here](#)

a unique opportunity to present a comprehensive study of art both historically significant and visually stunning. Barstow is featured in the touring exhibition *Women Reframe American Landscape: Susie Barstow & Her Circle / Contemporary Practices*.

Nancy Siegel is Professor of Art History at Towson University and specializes in American landscape studies, print culture, and culinary history of the 18th and 19th centuries.

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Both webinars are approved for 1 hour of CFE credit in Category 1.

Lynn Day Lecture A Rousing Success



The 2023 [Lynn W. Day Lecture](#) in Forest and Conservation History, given by Society of American Foresters CEO Terry Baker, was a rousing success! About 60 people attended in person and another 160 participated over Zoom. This was the first time the presentation has been given in the Lynn Day Education Center at the FHS building since it opened in 2019 and it was especially nice to see so many students in attendance.

FHS President and CEO Tania Munz welcomed the live and virtual audiences and introduced Terry, and FHS historian Jamie Lewis hosted the Q&A session, fielding questions from those online and in person.

Before the lecture, Terry met with twenty students from the Duke Student Chapter of SAF to talk about career opportunities for future foresters and to share experiences from his twenty years in the U.S. Forest Service and the

last five years at as the head of SAF. The students in attendance shared some feedback with us:

Thank you to FHS for having Terry Baker, and for [SAF Chapter faculty adviser] Jeff [Vincent] for giving us time to talk to him before his talk. I learned a lot about the public-facing aspects of the forestry profession and what it means to tell our great story!

- Micah Ezekiel

It was great to hear Terry Baker's perspective into the challenges and opportunities coming to the forestry profession. There are exciting things ahead. Thank you to the Forest History Society for facilitating the event! - Cole LaCroix

I talked about Terry Baker's lecture -- and especially our student meeting -- for days after we heard him speak. It is not every day you get to sit down with the head of the Society of American Foresters, and you get to ask him about his journey, his vision, and the future of forestry. I got a lot out of our conversation, especially about how we relate to the public as foresters and how we have a chance to promote a good public perception of forestry in all that we do.

I had the pleasure of listening to Terry Baker speak at the Forest History Society. The biggest takeaway for me was gaining valuable insights on effective leadership and management strategies in the forest sector from his experiences - Brook Hemphill

After the lecture, Terry presented Jamie Lewis with the 2023 W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award. The national award recognizes an SAF member who leads innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources. You can learn more about Jamie's award by visiting the SAF Award Winner [website](#) and scrolling down to the Hagenstein Award. You can view the lecture and award ceremony on our YouTube channel by [clicking this link](#).

Duke Forest Holds Annual Meeting at FHS

Duke Forest, an experimental forest owned and managed by Duke University, held its "Annual Gathering" at FHS. Hosted by executive director Sara Childs, the meeting allows the Duke Forest staff to share with the local citizens and users updates about recent research, teaching, and forest management activities found on 7,000



sustainably-managed acres in Durham, Orange, and Alamance counties. About eighty people attended the two-hour event in the Lynn Day Education Center. FHS historian Jamie Lewis [welcomed the group](#) and briefly spoke to them about the Society's mission, and the relationship between the university, Duke Forest, and FHS.

FHS houses the [Duke University School of Forestry Lantern Slide Collection](#), a collection of 900 lantern slides collected by the school's founding dean Clarence Korstian and used in forestry education lectures during his tenure from 1930 to 1959.

Feeling Welcome and Grateful!



Shortly before the Thanksgiving holiday, a crew of workers arrived at the Forest History Society to install a new sign on Academy Road. Each time I turn onto our drive, I am struck by how handsome it is—the bright green of our logo is eye-catching, and the pedestal goes beautifully with our building. More important still, it lets all who drive on Academy Road know that we are here and welcomes those who come to see us.

While I have been here for only a few months, I know that this sign was a long time in the making and marks the culmination of so many of your contributions that have made this organization and our building possible. During my transition in the fall with former FHS President & CEO Steve Anderson, the sign was one of the many pieces he handed off to me with characteristic care and generosity. In that way, it is both a fitting tribute to the incredible work that has come before me and to what lies ahead.

Since my arrival in September, I've also had the pleasure of getting to know many of you, whether by phone, Zoom, or in person. I've been impressed and inspired to learn how deeply connected you feel to this organization. Whether you are retired foresters who have been continuous members since you were students, Board members who have given so generously of your time and resources, or you've conducted career-changing research in our collections, each of you has contributed in important ways to make forest and conservation history possible. As a historian, I find a kind of solace in knowing that our past is being safeguarded in our state-of-the art facilities, and I am especially excited to think about how we can make this history accessible to broader audiences, including historians, educators, practitioners, and all who love history. I believe that a more nuanced understanding of our past can help us be better stewards of the future. In the months and years ahead, I look forward to continuing to learn what the Forest History Society means to you, to sharing highlights from our collections, and to thinking with you about how we can best capture, safeguard, and make accessible our shared forest history. Thank you for all that you have done to help make this work possible.

I hope you will come visit us soon. And when you do, may you, too, feel welcomed by our sign and excited by all that it stands for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tania Munz".

Tania Munz, PhD

"We'll Provide the Hardhat"



Earlier in the month, Tania Munz spoke about the Forest History Society at the annual History of Science Society meeting in Portland, Oregon. During her trip, she had the opportunity to visit one of the FHS corporate members, Roseburg Forest Products. She met with their CEO Stuart Gray and had the opportunity to visit one of their forest sites (Tania is pictured with Justin Helgren, Logging Supervisor.). She may have had an inkling of what lay ahead when her hosts wrote in advance of the visit: "We'll provide the hardhat."

Like Measuring the Rings of A Tree, We Measure Every Gift with Gratitude!

Thanks to you, our members and donors, the FHS has accomplished so much this year! Here are examples of your membership donation dollars at work:

- Our searchable databases now list: 40,576 images, 18,425 books, 27,671 articles and 3,605 dissertations and theses!
- Over a 12-month period, just over 15,000 searches were performed on our website.
- Nearly 3,500 people attended the *Conversations in Forest History* webinar series.
- More than 15 on-site researchers and Bell Travel grant recipients visited the FHS to perform research

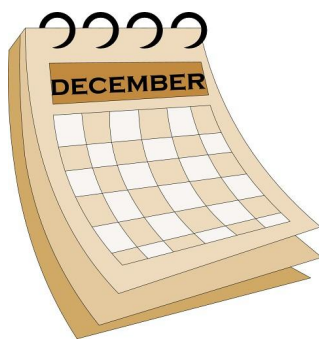


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Please renew your support before the end of the year so that we can keep the work going. We cannot do it without you! **If you would like your credit card to be processed before December 31, 2023, please donate online at the link below or call our office before 5**

p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023. Thank you!

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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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