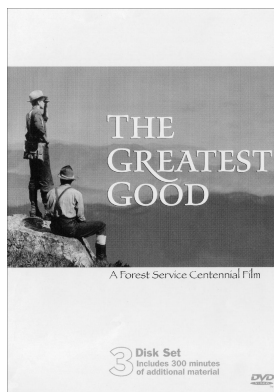




## FHS's Educational Resources Available for Distance and Classroom Learning

As schools return to session in the United States, a challenge for many teachers may be having enough content while conducting distance learning. The Forest History Society is able to help with several options, made possible by your continuing support.



We've made the film [The Greatest Good](#), a 2-hour documentary about the U.S. Forest Service, available through our YouTube channel, but only by request. If you want access, please email [Jamie Lewis](#) or [Andrea Anderson](#) for the links. The film is broken into four parts to make it easier to stream and coordinate with our companion [teaching materials](#).

["If Trees Could Talk: A Curriculum in Environmental History"](#) is our 11-module middle school curriculum that gives teachers social studies activities based upon archival materials for download. Each module is a compilation of primary resources--documents, maps, newspaper articles,

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### **America's First Forest now available through streaming**

**America's First Forest**, the Emmy Award-winning film from FHS, is available for streaming. It's 55 minutes long and costs \$7.99 to purchase or \$3.99 to rent. The shorter version, *First in Forestry*, may be purchased for \$4.99 or rented for 72 hours for \$1.99. You can access both at [Vimeo.com](#).

oral histories or photographs--from which students are asked to gather, examine, and analyze information, and synthesize insights. Topics include how Native Americans and European settlers managed forested landscapes, the significance of private forests in American society, the central role of wood in America's industrial revolution, and the history of the environmental movement. We also have middle school materials for our recent documentaries [America's First Forest](#) and [First in Forestry](#).

Other materials available for free include all issues of our magazine [Forest History Today](#), available free to download. Check out our vast [photo collection](#) and [sample photo galleries](#). Our [digital exhibits](#) look at topics like the pulp and paper industry, wilderness, and invasive species. The [U.S. Forest Service History](#) section of our website has essays about many different topics, such as fire, wilderness, recreation policies and endangered species. Our [YouTube channel](#) has excerpts from our documentary films, films from our archives, and most of the presentations given as part of the [Lynn Day Lectureship series](#).

We encourage you to explore our website to see what other materials may be incorporated into the classroom. We are aware that some links within these pages are not working right now and working to fix them. Please let us know if you find one.

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## SAF President Visits the Forest History Society

Terry Baker, CEO of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), recently visited the new FHS headquarters to discuss possible collaborations with president Steve Anderson. One of Terry's many goals was to familiarize himself with the [SAF archival collection](#) housed at Forest History Society since 1965. At 458.5 linear feet, this is the second largest collection in the Alvin J. Huss Archives. Over the last half-century, the collection has grown to 233 record cartons and 218 archival boxes.

## HISTORY DOESN'T STOP HAPPENING!

History is alive and well even in these days of change and challenge. Keeping the documents of forest & conservation history is essential.

EVERY membership contribution supports the daily work at FHS.

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### SAF Goes Virtual

The 2020 Society of American Foresters conference, scheduled for Oct. 29-31, 2020, will be [held online](#) due to concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Make FHS Smile!

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Terry Baker, SAF President



The collection contains correspondence and reference files concerning SAF administration, elections, and membership; forestry education and forestry school accreditation; materials relating to the publication of the *Journal of Forestry*; timber and forestry conferences; Society committees; surveys of industrial forestry; ethics; surveys of state forestry administration; internal debates; employment in the forestry profession; the Society's regional sections and chapters; and much more. Prominent SAF officials represented in the collection include Herman H. Chapman, Raphael Zon, Christopher M. Granger, and Samuel T. Dana.

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## Artist Bert Geyer Investigates National Forest History



FHS opened its doors to [Alfred D. Bell Travel Grant](#) recipient Bert Geyer in early August. He was our first on-site researcher since we put COVID-19 restrictions in place in mid-March, shortly before he was originally scheduled to visit. With the

implementation of stringent safety guidelines and practices, we were delighted to have Bert with us for a full week.

Bert is a lecturer in the Art and Design Department at Chicago State University. He visited FHS to research the history of the Nebraska National Forest and the Bessey Tree Nursery. The Nebraska National Forest was created in 1902 as an experiment to see if trees and a forest could be grown in the Sandhills area of the state. It was the first and only time the U.S. federal government established a national forest without an existing forest already present. Eventually, the nursery would be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In his application for the research grant, Bert stated that "studying the Bessey Nursery and Ranger District could disclose continuity and difference in the aesthetic renderings of current projects operating at the confluence of new technology, economic development, and land management." He added, "It is my hope to better understand the ecological, economic, and aesthetic factors which influenced this shift from development to preservation."

You can see Bert's work on his website at [bertgeyer.com](http://bertgeyer.com). To learn more about the origins of Nebraska National Forest and Bessey Tree Nursery, you can read an article published in [\*Nebraska History\*](#) on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.



## **Strategic Planning and FHS Statement of Values**

Members of the Forest History Society were recently sent an email requesting comments about FHS values in preparation for developing a new

strategic plan. These values drive our mission and day-to-day programs. We invite you to review our stated values and let us know if you have any comments. Do you agree with them? Have we overlooked something? Please email your thoughts to [Andrea Anderson](#). If you have questions, please contact FHS President [Steven Anderson](#), or Board Chair [Lynn Wilson](#).

The members and leadership of the Forest History Society believe in:

- The continuity and interconnectedness of forest and human events and that knowledge of the past provides insights to guide the future.
- Preservation of records of historical significance, and maintaining their quality and integrity to serve present and future generations.
- Documenting the diversity of peoples' relationships and experiences with forests through time, and encouraging all individuals and groups to share their stories and perspectives.
- Bringing the lessons of forest history to bear on the complex social, ecological, economic, and political forest policy issues of today.
- Scholarship and the importance of applying intellectual skills to advance excellence in the study, analysis, and interpretation of forest and conservation history.
- Sharing information and knowledge among all interested in forests and conservation, and contributing to a public enlightenment about the values that the forests have had for humankind.
- Partnerships and the ensuring synergy among those who wish to support, preserve, study and apply our heritage of forests and conservation; and our responsibility to contribute to an international network of interested citizens.

If you would like to read the FHS mission and goals, you can do that on our [website](#).

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**Take the Global Survey on  
Forest Education**



As a member of the International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO), the Forest History Society was asked to participate in the first comprehensive global assessment of forest education at all levels, from primary school to university level, and technical and vocational training programs. IUFRO is undertaking the survey in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and the International Tropical Timber Organization.

The survey is targeting anyone with knowledge of forestry education programs, including government agencies, forestry associations, and nonprofits; teachers and educational administrators from primary and secondary schools, technical and vocational programs, and university and college programs; and students and recent graduates.

All respondents, if they wish, will be entered into a drawing to win full travel expenses to the International Conference on Forest Education to be held at FAO Headquarters in Rome, tentatively scheduled in November 2020.

Go here to [access the survey](#) and here to [learn more](#).

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## From the Blog

The month of August has several important events

in forest history. Given how weighty those are to reflect upon, we also want to offer opportunities to take a road trip from your desk chair. Three topics from U.S. Forest Service history top the list of popular searches on our website for the year.

- Mann Gulch fire, August 5, 1949:
  - [An overview of the tragedy](#), by Eben Lehman
  - [Impressions of the site after a visit](#), by historian Jamie Lewis
  - [Further reflections on Mann Gulch](#), by Jamie Lewis
- Gifford Pinchot's birthday, August 11, 1865:
  - Looking back at Pinchot's call for conservation as the foundation for peace, discussed in an op-ed published on the occasion of [his 150th birthday](#). If in northeastern Pennsylvania, you might be able to visit Pinchot's summer home, [Grey Towers](#). However he was born in [Simsbury, CT](#).
- The Big Blowup, August 1910:
  - [Take a virtual hike to Pulaski Tunnel](#)

Need a little mental vacation? Take a [virtual tour](#) of Fernow Forest in New York's Adirondacks. I'm sure it's nice and cool under the canopy. While you're on the road, why not take a break at the [Camp Cajon](#), a welcome station and rest area built in 1919 once known as "the gateway to southern California."

