

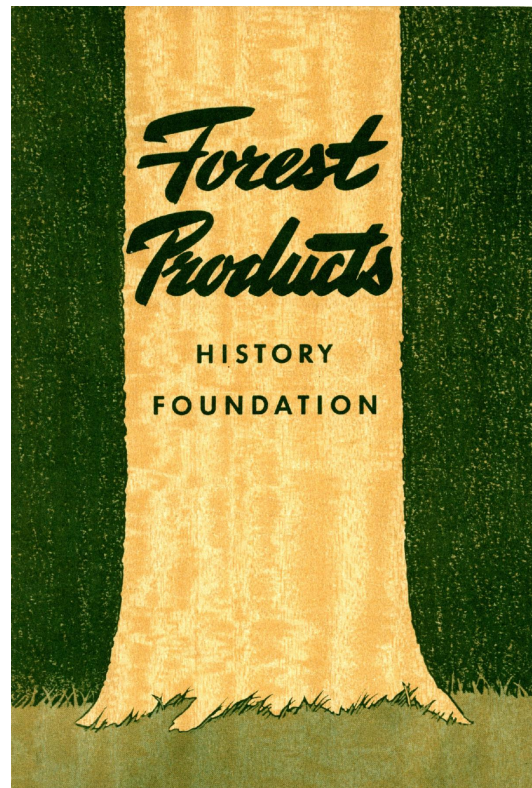


June 2024

Greetings from the President

This June, we once again celebrate our anniversary **Day of Giving** campaign. The Forest History Society was founded on June 12, 1946, as the Forest Products History Foundation. The cover of the new organization's first publication is pictured here—as the name suggests, it outlined the organization's mission to preserve the history of the forest products industry. In the almost 80 years since our founding, the Forest History Society has evolved to more broadly encompass conservation and environmental history.

Our collections today reflect both our founding and this intervening history—our holdings include documents from private companies, non-profits, U.S. Forest Service leaders and academics, all alongside one another. As a historian, I find this combination of materials and perspectives especially compelling. To be able to do research in a collection that reflects the intricate and complex history of our forests from such a variety of vantage points is unsurpassed and provides an exciting foundation on which to build our programs.



This year, we celebrated our Day of Giving with a special webinar series on **Forest Optimism** that represented this mix of backgrounds and perspectives—nine speakers and guest hosts joined us, representing the private sector, academia, private family forestry, and non-profits. And while our speakers represented diverse views, experiences, and backgrounds, they came together on a common theme—they shared with us causes for genuine hope for our forests. Their work is thoughtful and innovative, evidence-based, and embedded in the history and future of our forests. I want to express my deep appreciation and thanks to them for helping to make our **Day of Giving** webinars such a success!

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, I would also like to thank all of you for donating to our annual fund and Day of Giving. We are deeply grateful for your support of our work and our mission.

Enjoy the summer and stay cool, preferably in the forest!

Tania Munz, PhD



2024 F.K. Weyerhaeuser Fellowship Recipient - Brandon Hays

The Forest History Society announces this year's recipient of the [F.K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship](#). Brandon Hays, a PhD candidate and Ecologist working at Duke University. His Ph.D. thesis examines how Asian elephants shape forest composition and structure. Researchers have shown that elephants alter forests by dispersing seeds, selectively trampling saplings, and dispersing nutrients through their dung. In his thesis, Hays will focus on the impact of Asian elephants on tropical forest structure as well as how their presence affects carbon storage. Understanding the consequences of losing elephants is important, he argues, both for our understanding of Asian tropical forests and for our understanding of global carbon cycles and climate change.



Lynn Weyerhaeuser Day (1932-1999) and her husband Stanley R. Day (1925-2002) endowed the Society's Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser Forest History Fellowship in 1986 to honor the memory of Lynn's father, [F. K. Weyerhaeuser](#) (1895-1978), to support FHS programs, and to strengthen the Society's affiliation with Duke University. The fellowship provides a stipend to Duke University graduate students pursuing research in the fields of forest, conservation, or environmental history.

Conversations in Forest History Returns in August!

On August 5, 1949, a fire was spotted at Mann Gulch, near Helena, Montana. The U.S. Forest Service dispatched a team of 15 smokejumpers, who were met by a fire guard from a nearby campground. When the fire blew up, thirteen firefighters were killed, three escaped. While the Forest Service studied what happened and revised its training and safety measures, few outside the agency remembered the tragedy. It was not until Norman Maclean published a meditation on it, *Young Men and Fire*, did the event connect with national and cultural interests—and continues to thirty years later.

Join fire historian Stephen Pyne and host Jamie Lewis as they explore the fire on its 75th anniversary and how Maclean's book affected the American fire community.

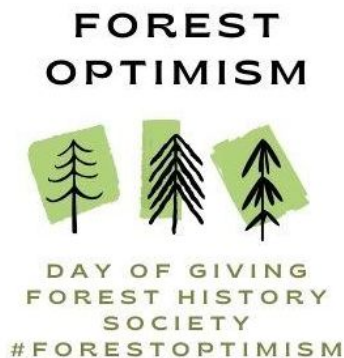
Stephen Pyne is a fire historian, emeritus professor at Arizona State University, and the author of *The Northern Rockies: A Fire Survey* and most recently *Five Suns: A Fire History of Mexico*. Jamie has written about the fire for the [FHS blog](#) and served as an advisor on a [documentary film](#) about it.



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Our generous donors have offered us a challenge to raise an additional \$40,000 to match their contributions during our Matching Gift campaign that kicked off June 1st. **Every dollar you donate will be matched dollar for dollar**—doubling the impact of your contribution. We hope you had a chance to attend one of our series of webinars on the theme of **Forest Optimism**: telling stories of what is working across the spectrum of forestry and related research, industry, land management and conservation efforts. If not, you can catch them on YouTube at the link below.

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2024 Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife

There's still time to register for the 2024 Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, a hybrid conference to be held June 28-29, 2024, in Deerfield, MA. This year's theme is "Into the Woods: New England Forests in Fact and Imagination." The Forest History Society is a proud sponsor of this year's seminar. Presenters will explore the economic, cultural, and social significance of trees and forests in New England history. Anyone interested in parks and conservation, visual and literary representations of wooded landscapes, indigenous relationships with forests, wood-dependent industries, and folklore involving New England's woods and forests will find plenty of interest in this two-day program.



To see the program and to register, [click here](#).

This event is eligible for up to 12 CFE credits.

Image: Edward Hill, "Lumbering Camp in Winter," 1882, NH Historical Society

Summer Hours at FHS



The Forest History Society summer hours are M-Th, 8:30 to 4:30 ET and Friday, 8:30 to 12PM ET. Regular hours will resume September 1. Visiting the headquarters on a Friday after 12 p.m. is available by request.

Please call our main office number at (919) 682-9319.



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