



## The Forest Timeline

### President's Message



*Tania with FHS Board member Sam Cook & SAF Executive Director Terry Baker at the 9th American Forest Congress in Washington, D.C.*

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we close out our fiscal year, I'm thrilled to share with you that we had another incredibly successful annual fund thanks entirely to your generous support. Our Day of Giving was the most successful on record, and altogether, we raised \$629,484! From all of us at FHS, thank you for your commitment to preserving and sharing our forest history.

Your support makes everything we do possible—from acquiring at-risk, irreplaceable materials, to helping researchers navigate our collections, to offering engaging programming for scholars and the public alike.

Our impact continues to grow beyond the walls of FHS. This fall, we're once again co-hosting the Yale Forest Forum alongside the Society of American Foresters and the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota. This season's webinar series will focus on the influence of European practices on the development of U.S. forestry in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Earlier this month, I also had the privilege of attending the 9th American Forest Congress in Washington, D.C., continuing a long-standing tradition of bringing together a wide range of voices to shape the future of our forests. Events like this are vital to FHS because they highlight the importance of historical context in shaping effective, forward-looking forest stewardship.

We look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead. Thank you for being a part of this important work.

Tania



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## Yale Forest Forum Speaker Series, Fall 2025



The Yale Forest Forum is excited to announce the Fall 2025 speaker series, “A History of Scientific Forestry: From Extraction to Ecosystem Management.” Webinars will take place on Thursdays from September 4 through December 4, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. U.S. ET.

This series builds on the spring 2025 pre-industrial forest history series and will examine how European practices influenced the development of modern forestry in the U.S. It features scholars and practitioners from various fields, including forestry, history, ecology, sociology, and environmental studies.

This fall 2025 speaker series is co-hosted by The Forest School at the Yale School of the Environment, Forest History Society, Society of American Foresters, and University of Minnesota.

Join us every Thursday from September 4 to December 4, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. U.S. ET. (Note that there will not be webinars on October 16 & 23 and November 27.)

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## New Blog Post

### "Of the Forest, Of the World: Challenging Misconceptions of a Southeast Asian Forest People"

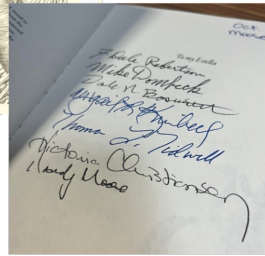
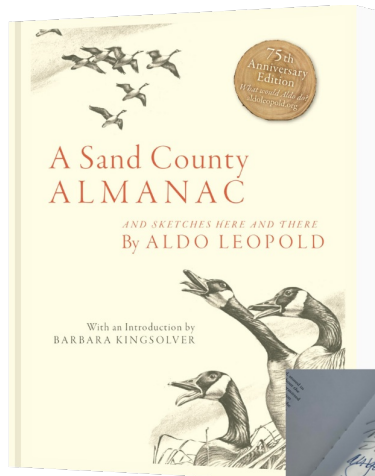
This blog post is the second in a five-part series written by Yale School of the Environment students who were enrolled in the graduate seminar that accompanied the spring 2025 Yale Forest Forum, “A History of People, Forests, and Forestry.” The webinar series and seminar were co-hosted by the Yale Forest Forum and the Forest History Society.

Each student was asked to select a presentation and write an essay reflecting on what they learned. **Brittaney Key** chose Jonathan Padwe’s [“Culture and Silviculture: Forests and Forest Societies of the Annamite Mountains of Cambodia and Vietnam.”](#)



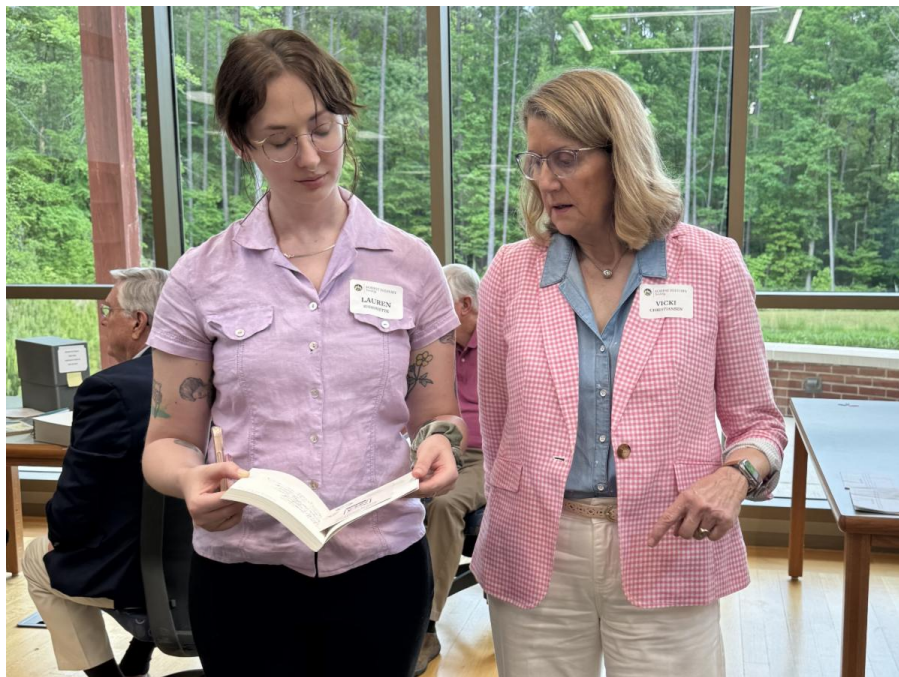
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## Book of the Month



According to the [Aldo Leopold Foundation](#), “a foundational work of conservation literature, *A Sand County Almanac* has captivated generations of readers with its rich tapestry of history, humor, science, and lyrical prose. The Aldo Leopold Foundation proudly marks this milestone with the release of a lovely paperback 75th Anniversary Edition of Leopold's classic. Over the last 75 years, *A Sand County Almanac* has sold in the millions, been translated into 14 languages, and influenced conservationists around the world.”

Look for this book in your local library, bookstore, or buy directly from the publisher, [Oxford University Press](#).



Our copy, gifted by Board member Vicki Christiansen (pictured here on the right with FHS Librarian Lauren Bissonette), was signed by seven former Forest Service Chiefs!

## This Month in Forest History



- **July 9, 1953:** The Rattlesnake Fire breaks out in the Mendocino National Forest near Elk Creek, California. An arsonist starts a blaze which kills fifteen firefighters, fourteen of them volunteers from the New Tribes Mission and one USFS official.

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#### Also in June:

- **July 1, 1898:** [Gifford Pinchot](#) is appointed chief of the U.S. Division of Forestry.
- **July 1, 1946:** Joseph Buford Cox applies for a new chainsaw patent based on a C-shaped design modeled after the timber beetle, which revolutionizes the industry. Cox's technological developments tremendously increase the cutting efficiency of chainsaws and form the basis of the modern chainsaw. (Cox goes on to found the [Oregon Chain Saw Company](#) in 1947.)
- **July 10, 1949:** The Third World Forestry Congress is held in Helsinki, Finland from July 10 to 20.
- **July 25, 1927:** [Ralph Max Peterson](#), former Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, is born near Doniphan, Missouri.

## From the Archives





Family hiking in Austin Pass, Mt. Baker National Forest, Washington, July 1925.  
Panorama Dome and Sunrise Lake in background.

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