



# National Capital Society of American Foresters

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### **From the NCSAF Chair**

Autumn has arrived on the Potomac! On Saturday, October 1, NCSAF Oktoberfest was held at Wild Acres. We were blessed with a beautiful day and fine company. See the account below for more information.

I fly to Fort Worth, Texas, for the 2005 SAF National Convention on Monday, October 17. The House of Society Delegates (HSD) meets on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, where Acting Vice-Chair Laura Schweitzer and I will represent you with the other state and multi-state society chairs and alternates. The HSD meeting begins with SAF Executive Vice-President Michael Goergen presenting the 2004 SAF Annual Report (available on-line at <http://www.safnet.org/who/SAFar.pdf>).

I have submitted a HSD motion that SAF's bylaws be amended to require executive vice-president to prepare an annual State of the SAF report. Much of the HSD agenda involves consideration of the recommendations for structural change in SAF presented in the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force Report (<http://www.safnet.org/who/VOS1204.pdf>). I submitted a motion for HSD based on NCSAF's recommendation that Council "engage with the membership from the grassroots up through SAF's existing structure to redefine the scope of SAF and not consider recommendation 1 of the VOS Task Force Report and other recommendations related to a proposed restructuring of Council and establishment of regional Houses of Society Delegates." The NCSAF comments on the VOS Task Force Report developed at our workshop on the report are available to any interested member and will be posted on the NCSAF web site, which will be active November 1 (see article below).

NCSAF elections will be held in October. Past Chair John Witherspoon and Teller Bob Van Aken will be mailing ballots. I recently sent out a notice asking members to consider running for the NCSAF elected officer positions: chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer. I hope that each of you considers serving your society by running, and exercising your right as a member by voting.

I hope that all of you have voted in national SAF elections, especially since two of our members, Wilhelmina Bratton and Mary Coulombe are competing to represent us on the SAF Council, SAF's governing body.

I would like to invite all members of National Capital Society of American Foresters to consider contributing to your state society by volunteering to run for an office in 2006. Candidates are needed for the positions of chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer. As a volunteer organization, SAF needs members to share the work load of running the organization. NCSAF needs you!

Normally, the vice-chair succeeds the previous year's chair in the year after serving as vice-chair. However, Tony Scardina, our vice-chair for 2006 whom we elected in October 2004, transferred with the Forest Service to the El Dorado National Forest in northern California during the year. Our NCSAF executive committee appointed Laura Schweitzer to serve out the year as acting vice-chair. However, because Laura wasn't elected by the members as vice-chair, she can't automatically succeed to the chair position for 2006.

Please let John Witherspoon or me know by October 21 if you're interested in any of these four NCSAF elected officer positions. Also, if you'd like more information on the positions themselves, contact John at [jwitherspoon@fs.fed.us](mailto:jwitherspoon@fs.fed.us) or call him at work at (202) 205-1218 or home at (703) 830-1377. You can reach me at [lbford@fs.fed.us](mailto:lbford@fs.fed.us).

We have some exciting NCSAF activities plan for the rest of the year. In November, the Department of the Interior National Fire Plan Coordinator and NCSAF member Jim Hubbard will talk at a luncheon on November 9. The NCSAF Holiday Party will be held in Room 1334 of the Longworth House Office Building from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. on December 8 following the Capital Holiday Tree lighting ceremony.

**Loren B. Ford**  
NCSAF chair

### **Annual NCSAF Auction Fundraiser at Holiday Party--Donations Needed**

NCSAF will host a silent auction at the annual holiday party, Dec. 8. Since participation at the Octoberfest picnic was light (but very lively!), we decided to hold over a number of the donated auction items and offer them in the silent auction. However, we did have a mini-auction at the picnic and collected \$256.00--thanks so much to those who both donated and purchased items there.

Now we are in need of items for the December silent auction! So far, we have a guided quail hunt, a luncheon cruise on the Potomac, one famous wine dinner, a 6-course dinner, amber bracelet and earrings, Border's gift certificate, Christmas items, and more. But to be really successful, we need more contributions. Remember, this is before the holidays, so think of things that people might buy to give as gifts.

If you have a donation, please call Mary Coulombe at (202) 463-2752 or email at [mary\\_coulombe@afandpa.org](mailto:mary_coulombe@afandpa.org). We are going to try to post pictures of items on the NCSAF website during November so you can see what will be offered ahead of time. If you can provide a digital picture with your item, it would be appreciated.

Plan to come to the Holiday Party and be prepared to bid on a wide variety of great items. Thanks to all the NCSAF members for your continuing support of our fundraising efforts.

**Mary Coulombe**

### **NCSAF's Website On-Line November 1**

The official NCSAF website will be operational November 1. Check it out at <http://www.ncsaf.net>. This webpage will be a work in progress. All additions, comments and suggestions are appreciated.

We are also looking for good digital photos of past NCSAF events, which can be displayed on our web pages. Please include a short description that includes the date, name of event, and members shown in the photo.

Please forward all comments, suggestions, and photos to Brian Keightley, [webmaster@ncsaf.net](mailto:webmaster@ncsaf.net)

**Brian Keightley**  
Website Subcommittee

## **NCSAF Membership Update**

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred over the past several months. A big welcome to our new, reinstated, and transfer-in members!

### **New**

Gregg Nelson – Bureau of Land Management  
Sarah Crow – American Forest and Paper Association  
Ralph M. Ridder – no employment designated  
Joseph Saltsman – retired

### **Reinstated**

Amie Brown – no employment designated  
Charles L. Myers – employed by the Forest Service

### **Transferred In**

Scott L. Bearer – from Michigan State Univ. Student Chapter  
John Steffenson – from Mile High Chapter  
Lillian V. Woods – from West Virginia Division

### **Transferred Out**

Anthony V. Scardina –Western Gateway Chapter (PA)  
Charles B. Goehring – not specified  
Ann E. Claerbout – Cook Inlet Chapter (AK)  
Sharon T. Friedman CF – Mile High Chapter (CO)  
Nathan Hale Hart – Lower Hudson Chapter (NY)  
Matthew E. Mitchell – Skyline Chapter (VA)

**Jim Culbert**  
**Membership Committee**

## **Urban Forestry Field Tour Held July 14th 2005**

The urban forestry field tour had a great turn out with attendees representing the USDA Forest Service, the National Park Service's Center for Urban Ecology, Virginia Department of Forestry, and Arlington County Virginia's Department of Parks and Natural Resources. Also in attendance were a concerned citizen involved with the League of Women Voters and a consulting urban forester with GeoForestry, Inc.

The tour highlighted the services provided by Arlington County's urban forest with focus on environmental, economic, and social benefits. The first stop on the tour was a newly built road culvert in a heavily wooded residential neighborhood in north Arlington. The second station was the Clarendon Business district that highlighted the economic benefit of trees in shopping districts. The third stop was in an affordable housing district which was being renovated with special attention given to large tree preservation.

The tour was hosted by Robert Corletta of Arlington County. Mr. Corletta is an urban forester for Arlington County's Department of Parks and Natural Resources. Sam Doan of GeoForestry, Inc. was co-host of the

event. Mr. Doan brought his experience in working with trees during the land development and construction stages.

## National Capital SAF Helps Reconnect SAF with It's French Roots

By Joseph M. Smith, editor, *The Forestry Source*

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NCSAF recently hosted a luncheon for a delegation of European foresters visiting the United States as part of a professional exchange program designed to enhance the camaraderie and cooperation between European and American forestry professionals and facilitate the development of international policies that will address their common forestry goals.



Al Sample, president of the Pinchot Institute for Conservation and member of the National Capital SAF poses with François Le Tacon director of the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique during a July 1 NCSAF luncheon in honor of a delegation of European Foresters visit to the United States.

According to Loren B. Ford, NCSAF chair, the NCSAF luncheon provided an opportunity for state society members to learn more about the historical connection between French and American forestry.

“Hosting the luncheon for the delegation of European foresters provided the NCSAF with a wonderful learning experience as well

as a chance to meet some of our foreign colleagues,” said Ford. “The presentation given by François Le Tacon, director of the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), was of great interest to NCSAF members as it provided a wealth of information about Pinchot’s studies in Europe, as well as the French botanists, such as François André Michaux, who studied and traveled in the Mid-Atlantic region.”

During the luncheon, participants listened to remarks from US Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Mark Rey; Director, École Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts Dominique Danguy des Deserts; and INRA director Le Tacon, all of whom acknowledged and celebrated the historical connection between and common mission of America’s and Europe’s forestry professionals.

The European delegation’s tour of the United States as part of an ongoing colloquium and professional exchange organized by the Pinchot Institute, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, École Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et des Forêts (ENGREF), the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, the University of Freiburg, the Forest History Society and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry.

During their week-long visit to the US, which took place from June 26 to July 1, the European delegation took part in a colloquium at Grey Towers, Gifford Pinchot’s former estate; went on site visits to the several private forestry enterprises and state forests, including the Cradle of Forestry in North Carolina and the Michaux State Forest in Pennsylvania; and then concluded its trip in Washington, DC with visits with the Forest Service Chief Dale N. Bosworth, as well as the offices of other government officials and nongovernmental organizations. In addition, a representative of France’s Office National des Forêts signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Forest Service to ensure future cooperation between the organizations in regard to research and development, training and practical forestry, and conservation programs in forests around the world.

The Washington segment of the group's visit was also timed to coincide with the recognition of the Forest Service's centennial at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall.

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### **Contribute to the *Journal of the Washington Academy of Science***

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We still emphasize peer-reviewed scientific research papers in traditional disciplines, but we also welcome reports on multidisciplinary projects, and also papers in the history of science, science policy, science education, technological development and technology assessment. In the past year we have published papers in all of these areas, and have presented articles by such preeminent Washington area scientists such as Rita Colwell and John Marburger, while continuing to accept papers from universities and research institutions across this country and from a number of other countries.

However, we are redoubling our efforts to feature and showcase the work of Washington area scientists. Therefore we especially invite members of WAS affiliated societies to offer a paper for review and publication in the Journal.

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Papers should be sent by e-mail either to [Journal@washacadsci.org](mailto:Journal@washacadsci.org), or directly to the editor, Vary Coates ([vcoates@concentric.net](mailto:vcoates@concentric.net)). Papers should be of fewer than 6000 words, in Word or WordPerfect (and not in PDF), and any graphics must be black & white only and easily resizable to fit the Journal's format. References should be presented as end-notes and may be in any style preferred in the disciplinary area represented by the paper, so long as they are consistent in style.

**Vary Coates, Editor  
Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences**

## 2005 NCSAF Calendar of Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
November 9	Jim Hubbard, Director, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination, Dept. of the Interior	Wilhelmina Bratton
November 10	Executive Committee meeting	Loren Ford
November 15	Deadline for DC Forester	Jennifer Plyler
December 8	Holiday Party	
December 8	Executive Committee meeting	Loren Ford
December 15	Deadline for DC Forester	Jennifer Plyler

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