

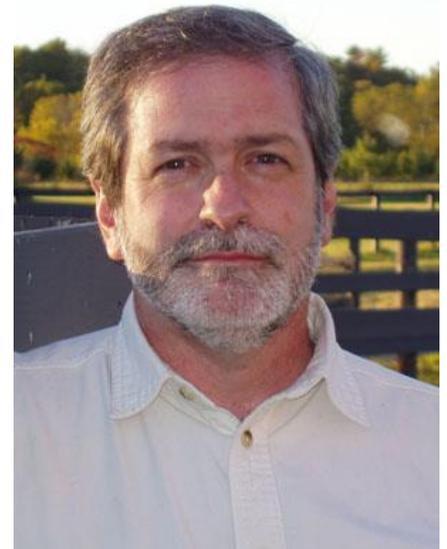
FFSF Newsletter Fall 2013



Leopold Biographer/Leopold Foundation Senior Fellow To Speak at the 2014 Loving the Land Conference

Curt Meine a senior fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation, noted conservationist and biographer of Aldo Leopold has graciously agreed to serve as the keynote speaker for the 2014 Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference.

Curt's biography of Leopold "*Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work*," published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 1988 and reissued in 2010, was the first full biography of Leopold and was named Book of the Year by the Forest History Society. He has edited "*The Essential Aldo Leopold: Quotations and Commentaries*" and "*Wallace Stegner and the Continental Vision*." His most recent book is *Correction Lines: Essays on Land, Leopold, and Conservation* (Island Press).



Curt also serves as the on-screen guide in the Emmy-award-winning film "*Green Fire*," which explores the formation of Leopold's ideas and explores how his work and writings influenced conservation ideas, science and practice. The film examines the deep impact of Leopold's thinking on conservation projects throughout the world today and challenges viewers to contemplate their own relationship with the land community.

The 2014 Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference will be held May 16 and 17 so mark your calendar now!

Erie Gives

Thanks to all who supported the Foundation through Erie Gives Day, a program of the Erie Community Foundation that provides a percentage match to individual donations made online during the day-long event.

The Foundation received a total (donations and the match) of \$8,610.39. This significantly improved the Foundation's 2013 balance sheet.

Caldwell Creek Project

While the Foundation continues efforts to retire the \$165,000 debt for the purchase of the 85-acre Savitz tract along Caldwell Creek in Warren County partner organizations are working to improve the stream along areas protected by the Foundation.



With funding and leadership from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission crews in early September undertook a stream improvement project.

The project included stream bank stabilization and fish enhancements.

Caldwell Creek is a significant cold water fishery and is a designated fly-fishing-only catch-and-release stream for 1.4 miles of its length. The stream attracts anglers from throughout Pennsylvania and neighboring states.



The Foundation acquired the Savitz tract to complete public access to the entire fly-fishing-only portion of the stream and ensure long-term protection of the creek. In addition to the Savitz property, the Foundation currently has committed bequests and/or donation agreements and conservation easements for approximately 700 acres around the stream.

The efforts to retire the debt for acquisition of the Savitz tract are moving forward. Since the last Foundation newsletter the DeFrees Family Memorial Fund has contributed \$5,000 and the Northern Allegheny Conservation Association \$10,000. This brings the total raised to \$46,300.

Funding requests remain outstanding to a number of other regional and national foundations and trusts and the public fund drive for individual donations specific to the project are ongoing.

FFSF Web Page Updates

The Foundation's Web site www.FoundationForSustainableForests.org has been updated and a new page added for landowners. Additional updates will be forthcoming.

We urge you to visit the Web site and to like and follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Foundation-for-Sustainable-Forests/188562913152>.

Your Land, Your Legacy

The Foundation in partnership with Allegheny College will hold the first Your Land, Your Legacy seminar outlining the need for estate planning and options for owners of forested land on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m.

The seminar will be held in the Tippie Alumni Center, Allegheny College, 520 North Main Street, Meadville.

The average age of a private forest landowner in Pennsylvania is nearly 60, meaning there will likely be an unprecedented transfer of ownership over the next two decades. Unfortunately, forests are most at risk for loss to development, subdivision, poor timber practices, etc. when land transfers take place.

Fortunately, a forest landowner through proper legacy planning can protect their land and their beneficiaries and/or support their communities and favored institutions if they so desire. The opportunities are even greater with the possibility to tap into the region's growing natural gas resources.

The seminar will provide information on the importance of estate planning, how to protect your woodlands for generations, developing a business structure for your woodlands, leaving a charitable legacy and the wide range of options and opportunities available to land owners.

The seminar features Thomas C. Hoffman II, a lawyer and CPA with the Erie law firm of Knox McLaughlin Gornall and Sennett. Tom, who is also a board member of the Foundation for Sustainable Forests, is a leading expert on estate planning and planned giving. He recently launched a personal crusade to increase the level of philanthropic giving throughout western Pennsylvania.



Other presenters include Melissa Mencotti, director of planned giving at Allegheny College and John Noel Bartlett of the Foundation.

The seminar is free and open to all. An RSVP is not necessary, but if you have questions please call John Bartlett at 814-671-7437.

Land Trust Alliance Rally

The Foundation for Sustainable Forests will be represented at the national Land Trust Alliance conference Sept. 17-19. This is an opportunity for the Foundation to learn about new and innovative approaches to land protection and build support and funding for the organization.