

## **Practicing Forestry in Challenging Times:** *Innovative Approaches and Critical Issues*

Join the Forest Guild for our third Northeast Regional meeting. This two-day program will explore how foresters, allied professionals, and supporters can practice or promote excellent forestry which upholds the triple bottom line (ecological, social, and financial) in challenging times.

April 24 & 25, 2009  
Camp Yavneh  
Northwood, New Hampshire

### **AGENDA**

#### **Friday April 24, 2009**

8:00a **Registration Opens**

9:00a **Welcome and Introduction**  
**Howard Gross**, Forest Guild Executive Director

9:05a **Keynote Speaker: Robert S. Seymour**, Curtis Hutchins Professor of Forest Resources University of Maine  
*Darwin's Forestry: Is our profession advancing scientifically, or merely reacting with opportunism?*

Many prominent issues in forestry today – natural disturbance-based silviculture, sequestered carbon as a marketable forest product, and the precipitous demise of industrial forestry in the United States, to name a few—were totally unforeseen when baby-boomers went to forestry school in the 1970s. Which ideas and axioms from 30 years ago are still valid, and which should be discarded, in order to keep pace with the rapid growth in knowledge of and demands on our forests? Where are the shining examples of stewardship that transcend these developments, and what new ideas should foresters embrace to ensure a vibrant and relevant profession?

9:50a **Lloyd Irland**, The Irland Group  
*The Economic Picture for Excellent Forestry*

How does Excellent Forestry look when viewed through an economic lens? What are the principle strengths and weaknesses? Will the growing markets for biomass and the potential markets for carbon sequestration provide new economic incentives to practice long term forest management?

10:30a **Break, refreshments**

10:45a **Mark Ducey**, Professor of Biometrics, University of New Hampshire  
*Biomass: What's Out There*

There is a wave of interest and potential demand for biomass. But what is the state of the resource, and what is the sustainable supply? We'll consider regional inventory data, and describe tips and techniques for inventory at the individual landowner and project scale.

11:30a **Ben Machin**, Redstart Forestry  
*Aggregating Family Forests for Conservation and Excellent Forestry*

The number of family forest owners keeps getting larger while the average acres per ownership shrinks. How can we help these landowners take advantage of new markets and land protection opportunities? Presenters will discuss aggregation of ownerships under FSC certification and conservation easement funding options.

12:15p **Lunch** and Discussion Sessions introductions and sign ups

1:15p **Discussion Sessions** – Round I

Concurrent afternoon sessions will allow extended discussion of the three morning topics with the presenters. Additional topics of interest will be offered including new technology for field foresters and a review of work on state and regional biomass standards. All sessions will be repeated during the Round II Discussion Sessions.

2:45p **Discussion Sessions** – Round II (All Round I Discussions repeat)

4:00p **Wrap Up and Adjourn**

4:15p **Guild Business Meeting** (non members welcome)

5:00p **Free time**, softball and other recreation

6:30p **Dinner** - Relaxation and social time to follow

**Saturday April 25, 2009**

7:00a **Breakfast and Working Group Meetings**

8:30a **Depart for Field Trips** - Bus or vans

9:00a **Saddleback Mountain**, Deerfield, NH

The morning tour will be at Saddleback Mountain a 278 acre parcel owned and managed by the University of New Hampshire. UNH aims to build a CFI program with an inventory plot very 2.5 acres. We will explore how to deal with large data input needs including the use of lasers, wide angle cameras, big BAF sub samples and handheld devices and view a 2004 harvest that utilized single tree and group selection methods. We will also discuss how to best set up a smooth trade of information and technology between the field forester and academic and research facilities.

11:00a **Depart Saddleback**

12:00p **Lunch at James Tree Farm**

1:00p **James Tree Farm**, Northwood, NH

Here is what excellent forestry can accomplish with 25 years of management. This 372 acre property has been in the James family since 1782. It is a Forest Guild Model Forest managed by Charlie Moreno since 1983. We will see the results of 16 or more conventional and biomass harvests conducted to develop a multi-aged forest of superior timber volume and quality that also delivers a host of other forest values. The property now holds 2½ times the original timber volume. We will discuss the economics of this management style and how it can sequester carbon for offset markets.

3:00p **Field Tour Ends** - Optional social hour and refreshments at James Tree Farm