

“Forestry in a Changing World: New Challenges and Opportunities”

2008 Forest Guild Annual Meeting
October 29th to November 1st
Sandestin, Florida

Join us this fall where the piney woods meet the live oaks for the 2008 Forest Guild annual meeting in Sandestin, Florida. Our focus will be on climate change and the new challenges and opportunities facing our forests. We will be exploring the resilience of our ecosystems and discussing many of the challenges and opportunities resulting from the increasing stresses and market demands on our forests. We are just beginning to develop the program, but topics will include biomass markets and their impact on forestry, forest restoration and management in a context of climate change, and new ways for excellent forestry to thrive under these changing conditions.

This year the Guild has combined its annual meeting with that of the Longleaf Alliance, a regional organization focused on the restoration of the longleaf pine ecosystem across the southeastern United States. The Longleaf Alliance was established in 1995 with the express purpose of coordinating a partnership between private landowners, forest industries, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, researchers, and other enthusiasts interested in managing and restoring longleaf pine forests for their ecological and economic benefits.

The Guild’s meeting will begin with a social event the evening of Wednesday, October 29th, followed by three days of meetings, field tours, and evening activities. Planned activities will end with the Saturday night event, allowing you November 2nd to travel home. Bring a Halloween costume and your family, as Sandestin is known to draw a crowd for this holiday!

Our conferences will overlap one another, with the Longleaf Alliance starting a day earlier. We will have some shared field tours and conference sessions, but also all the Guild-specific events and camaraderie you expect with our annual meeting. If you are involved or interested in Longleaf restoration in the southeast, you are encouraged to come a day early and attend both events.

At this time we are still putting together our agenda for this event and would love to have your input. If you would like to be involved in a planning capacity or have suggestions about speakers or topics please contact Nate Wilson at jessandnatew@blomand.net, or by phone at 931-808-3004.

For more information on our meeting location, go to www.sandestin.com. Information about the Longleaf Alliance can be found at: <http://www.longleafalliance.org/index2.html>.