

Biltmore Forest School  
Cradle of Forestry in America  
**Woodland Steward Series:**  
*Managing Your Legacy in Western North Carolina*

Are you a landowner seeking to enhance your financial benefits, enjoyment, and the long term health and value of your woodlands? Do you want to protect your legacy from threats such as fire and invasive species while reducing the costs associated with land management? Are you seeking to enjoy the recreational benefits of your land while being a good steward of the natural resources found there?

Then the Woodland Steward Series is a unique educational opportunity that you cannot afford to miss. It is designed to equip landowners just like you with the tools and resources you need to manage your land and to enrich your experience as a woodland owner.

The Woodland Steward Series consists of 48 hours over 4 workshops, including both hands-on activities in the field and instruction in the classroom. Information on a broad range of management topics will be presented by experts from a variety of public and private agencies. You will benefit from the knowledge, equipment, and expert resources you'll receive to help answer your management questions. Registration includes lunch and workshop-related materials, including a resource notebook full of detailed information on the topics covered.

**Workshop topics may include:**

Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills

Location: Cradle of Forestry in America  
Friday, July 9 (9am-5pm), Saturday, July 10 (9am-12pm)  
How to set property management goals and objectives while considering the role of your land in the big picture of Southern Appalachian ecosystems. A basic introduction to some local native wildlife and how to manage your land with wildlife in mind. Learn to use basic tools such as plant identification, soil sampling, using maps and compasses, and GIS information to manage your land.

Native Landscaping & Water Management

Location: NC Arboretum in Asheville  
Friday, July 23 (9am-5pm), Saturday, July 24 (9am-12pm)  
A general overview of choosing and planting native plants for your property. Care of urban trees and basic information on invasive plants. View stormwater best management practices and erosion control measures. Basic information on planning and locating ponds and managing streamside riparian zones.

Woodscaping Your Woodlands & Firewise Management

Location: Holmes Educational State Forest  
Friday, August 6 (9am-5pm), Saturday, August 7 (9am-12pm)  
A general overview of managing your forest land—how topography and soil affect the forest type and a tour of harvesting methods. Basic information on forest insects and diseases, pasture management, and how to grow native woodland medicinals and ramps. Plus, the benefits of prescribed burning and becoming “Firewise” in your backyard.

Stewardship, Recreation, & Liability

Location: Cradle of Forestry in America & trip to private property  
Friday, August 20 (9am-5pm), Saturday, August 21 (9am-11am)  
Planning trails on your property, plus the basics of land ownership liability and conservation easements. Explore management practices in the field and apply your new knowledge and skills. Finalize your goals and objectives. Graduation ceremony and lunch will follow on Saturday for those who have attended at least 3 of the 4 workshops.

**Registration Information**

- Registration is \$40.00 per participant per workshop. Spouse or other family member registration is \$20.00 per workshop and one set of educational materials is provided for the family.
- Credit toward NC Environmental Education Certification is available, as well as educator CEU and forester CFE credits.
- Workshops count as electives toward Asheville Board of Realtors ECO Certification.
- Registration deadline is one week prior to the workshop desired.
- Attendance in at least 3 of the 4 workshops is required to graduate.
- Participant will receive e-mail confirmations upon receipt of registration and payment. Please read for detailed workshop information and directions.
- Lunch will be provided on the first day of each workshop.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Written cancellations (US Mail or e-mail) received 7 or more days prior to workshop day 1 will receive a refund less a \$10 processing fee. Sorry, but it is not possible to obtain a refund within 7 days of the workshop's day 1. Substitute attendees are welcome with prior notification. In the case of workshop cancellation, all fees will be refunded.

**Registration**  
**WNC Mountains**  
**2010 Woodland Steward Series**

Participant   Spouse

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**Registration is Required!**

**Please make checks payable to:**

Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association (CFIA)

**Mail registration and fee to:** Amy Garascia, Program Coordinator, 66 S Broad St., Brevard, NC 28712  
(828) 884-5713 ex 26, amysworkshopinfo@aol.com

**Participant Cost:**

Number of workshops \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Family Member Cost:**

Number of workshops \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due CFIA = \_\_\_\_\_**

Registration fees directly offset workshop costs for materials, food service, speaker travel, and other related expenses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

(Important for workshop confirmation and updates)

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Acres owned \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian lunches requested for first day: \_\_\_\_\_

Information collected will be used solely for contact about the Woodland Steward Series and grant reporting purposes. Registration grants the Biltmore Forest School permission to use photographs taken at workshops for educational and promotional purposes in any media, including the Internet.

## Cradle of Forestry

Our century of conservation dates back to the building of the Biltmore Estate and the reforestation of abused and farmed-over land. Forestry education in the United States began in 1889 when George W. Vanderbilt began to purchase land in Asheville as a site for his Biltmore Estate.

In 1895, German forester Dr. Carl A. Schenck accepted George Vanderbilt's offer to come to North Carolina to succeed Gifford Pinchot as forester of his vast forest properties. To assist him in his effort, Schenck started the Biltmore Forest School in 1898. For the next 15 years, Dr. Schenck focused all of his forestry skills on running the Biltmore Forest School and transforming the woodlands that we know today as Pisgah National Forest.

Today the Cradle of Forestry in America is a 6,500 acre historic site within the Pisgah National Forest, set aside by Congress to commemorate the beginning of forestry conservation and to continue the rich legacy of conservation education in the United States.

For more information on the Woodland Steward Series held in the region of NC nearest you:

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[www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org)

### This series is sponsored by:

- Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association
- North Carolina Division of Forest Resources
- NC Cooperative Extension Service
- USDA Forest Service
- NC Arboretum
- NC Division of Soil & Water Conservation
- NC Tree Farm
- Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy

## What our participants are saying:

"Excellent presentations and handouts. Thank you!"

"This is the best workshop I've ever been to."  
(said by a consulting forester)

"Workshop was well-planned and well organized. Topics of discussion were interesting and useful. Instructors were highly trained experts in their fields. Presentations were at appropriate level for participants."

"Thank you for organizing all this great information. It will be used for years to come to take care of our woodlands."

"I didn't realize there was so much I didn't know."

"This series was extremely well planned, organized & executed. Excellent communications and detailed instructions for the attendees, excellent materials, everything on time. Good instructors, visuals, handouts. Very professional!"

"Top notch program--introduced us to many resources. Thank you! Invaluable. Can't wait to get started."

"The Native Landscaping & Water Management workshop on Friday, May 15 [2009] at the NC Zoo, was excellent! I appreciated your professionalism, relative comments after each speaker, and keeping the schedule on track. I learned SO much!!"



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ENVIRONMENT BY EDUCATING  
LANDOWNERS ABOUT LAND  
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