

Biltmore Forest School
Cradle of Forestry in America

Woodland Steward Series:

Managing Your Legacy in Central North Carolina

The health, productivity and ecological character of North Carolina woodlands rests largely in the hands of family forest owners. Woodland owners enjoy trees and other natural resources for their social, environmental and economic benefits, but may not know where to begin to fully enjoy these benefits. This course is designed to help property owners (especially those with 20 acres or less) understand the basic principles of forest stewardship to enrich their experience as a woodland owner.

Woodland owners interested in managing their land and developing an understanding of the basic principles of woodland stewardship are invited to participate in a unique educational event scheduled for this spring. A team of land management experts from federal and state agencies, universities, and the private sector are coordinating efforts to offer the Woodland Steward Series through the Biltmore Forest School.

48 hours over 4 workshops will be provided with opportunities to engage with natural resource and land management specialists. Sessions include both hands-on activities in the field and instruction in the classroom. Introductory information on a wide variety of land management topics will be discussed.

Workshop topics may include:

Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills

Location: Davidson County Agricultural Center
April 17 (9am-5pm), April 18 (9am-12pm)

How to set property management goals and objectives while considering the role of your land in the big picture of regional ecosystems. How to write your land management objectives and manage your land with wildlife in mind. Learn to use basic tools such as plant identification, soil sampling, using maps and compasses, and GIS/ GPS information to manage your land.

Woodscaping Your Woodlands & Firewise Management

Location: Jordan Lake Educational State Forest
May 1 (9am-5pm), May 2 (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 secondary forest products. Reducing the risk of wildfire loss by becoming “Firewise” in your backyard.

Native Landscaping & Water Management

Location: NC Zoo
May 15 (9am-5pm), May 16 (9am-12pm)

A general overview of choosing and planting native plants for your property. Care of urban trees and basic information on invasive plants. Solving stormwater problems with plants and piedmont prairie restoration.

Stewardship, Recreation, & Liability

Location: Montgomery Community College
May 29 (9am-5pm), May 30 (9am-11am)

Planning trails on your property, plus the basics of land ownership liability, recreational income opportunities, 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 \$50.00 per participant per workshop. Spouse or other family member registration is \$25.00 per workshop and one set of educational materials is provided for the family.
- Credit toward NC Environmental Education Certification is available, as well as CEU 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.

Mail registration and fee to:

Amy Garascia, Program Coordinator
Woodland Steward Series
66 South Broad Street, Brevard, NC 28712
(828) 884-5713 ex 26, amysworkshopinfo@aol.com

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Participant Spouse

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Please make checks payable to:

Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association (CFIA)

Participant Cost:

Number of workshops _____ X \$50.00 = _____

Spouse/Family Member Cost:

Number of workshops _____ X \$25.00 = _____

Total due CFIA = _____

Name _____

Spouse/Other Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

(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. No award or monetary compensation will be given for authorization.

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, visit:
www.cradleofforestry.org

This series is sponsored by:

- Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association
- North Carolina Division of Forest Resources
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- USDA Forest Service
- NC Zoo
- NC Woodlands
- Montgomery Community College
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- Land Trust for Central North Carolina
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

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