The Maine Division's spring meeting was also the Maine Division Centennial Celebration. "Centennial Celebration: The Past Present and Future of Forestry in Maine" featured an address by the Governor and the dedication of the SAF Centennial Grove at the State Tree Arboretum in Augusta. Maine Chair Ralph Knoll welcomed about 125 attendees to the Pine Tree State Arboretum ceremony on May 30 with comments that introduced Gifford Pinchot's influence on forestry and Governor King's as well. Sherry Hubner, Executive Director of the Maine Tree Foundation formally congratulated the Society of American Foresters on their hundredth birthday. The Tree Foundation sponsors Project Learning Tree, Maine Tree Farm Committee, Certified Logging Professional Program, and the Private Forest Reserves Program and through Sherry noted that foresters are an integral part of all of these programs.

Ron Lovaglio, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Conservation and NESAF member then introduced two distinguished people influential in Maine forests: Austin Wilkins and Governor King. Austin Wilkins, who could not attend, is one of the ten longest surviving SAF members and former Maine SAF Chair and State Forestry Commissioner. He served under nine governors and was instrumental in the successful implementation of forest fire protection in Maine following the disastrous 1947 fire. He maintains an active interest in Maine forestry today. Governor King followed with his remarks which congratulated SAF on its Centennial and the establishment of the Centennial Grove. He noted that SAF foresters are the leaders in the protection and care of the Maine forest and that foresters are part of many organizations, from industry, consulting, conservation and state entities. He mentioned the long history that the forest has had in the development of Maine. Recognizing the difficult forest referendums that Maine has seen in recent years he implored the SAF membership to be in the forefront to help the people of Maine understand what good forestry is. Upon completion of one of the tree plantings in the grove by the Governor and Sherry Hubner, Ralph Knoll presented the Governor with a bronze plaque recognizing the SAF Centennial. The plaque will be located in the grove fixed on a piece of Maine granite near the base of the white pine, Maine's state tree and the species planted to represent Kennebec County.

John Sinclair, long-time SAF member, capped the ceremony with a tribute to another forester, George "Pete" Sawyer, formerly of Ashland, Maine. John told the audience, as a part of our SAF history each of us should take the time to write about someone in the forestry community who either made an impression on them personally or did important things to foster good forestry in Maine.

The actual dedication of a Centennial Grove at the State Nursery involved planting sixteen trees, one for each Maine County. Sixteen different tree species were selected with each tree highlighting the importance of the forest to Maine, it's counties, and to the history of Maine. The different species are a walking history tour of the value of trees, and tree species to Maine. In addition to the White Pine for Kennebec County, other species included: Shagbark Hickory (Carya ovata) for York County which finds several species that reach their northern limit in southern Maine; Serviceberry (Amelanchier arborea) for Androscoggin County to signify the shad runs up the river when the tree flowers; Pitch Pine (Pinus rigida) for Cumberland County; the native pines and the one found on the County's outwashed sands; Red Pine (pinus resinosa) for Oxford County for its other common name - Norway, the county town it is named for; American Elm (Ulmus americana - Pioneer) for Sagadahoc County where the Kennebec River flows into the Atlantic and where many villages were graced by elms; Red Oak (Quercus rubra) for Lincoln County since its lumber was used in schooners that sailed the world and built in Waldoboro; American Chestnut (Castanea dentata) for Knox County since a natural stand of good sized chestnut are still there; Eastern Hemlock (Tsuga canadensis) for Waldo County because hemlock was used in many of its barns; Jack Pine (Pinus banksiana) for Hancock County a reflection of the harshness of the county climate; White Ash (Fraxinus americana) for Washington County representing the wood of canoe paddles to ply the county's famous lakes; White Birch (Betula papyrifera) for Franklin County home to many of the wood turning industries of Maine; Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum) for Somerset County home of Maine's largest maple syrup producing county; Balsam Fir (Abies balsamea) for Piscataquis County and its paper industry, Christmas tree growers.
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Comments of the Chair

by Bob Ricard

After and unusually long, cool, wet spring, the lazy, hazy days of summer have arrived and I trust everyone will be enjoying these summer months. Throughout my two-year term I have written and spoken about the upcoming Gifford Pinchot Monument Dedication Ceremony. It all started back in January 1998 and the actual event will occur before we know it.

I wish to emphasize that this is our big Centennial event. And nothing like this will happen again in our lifetime. By placing a permanent monument (really big one) dedicated to the founder of our professional society and a key historical figure in American forestry and conservation, NESAF is leaving a lasting memorial that will be around long after we have left. The monument will be read by thousands of people annually and through this it is hoped that they will better appreciate the work foresters do. Passers-by certainly won’t be able to miss it.

NESAF is responsible for the development and execution of this project and members should enjoy the fruits of the organization’s labors by celebrating at the dedication ceremony with foresters as well as non-foresters. Gifford Pinchot Day is designed to be a fun day for foresters and an effective public communications exercise as well. We have a large number of distinguished speakers lined up for the ceremony and many associated activities. The personal highlights for me, however, will be the simple act (sort of) of the monument being placed in its permanent spot followed by a gathering of foresters who can, for a moment at least, enjoy each others company and take pride in our history and heritage. The monument design, fund raising exercise, and ceremony planning has involved more than a hundred people over two years, and even though it will be a distinguished ceremony, I wish to stress that this will be informal and jovial. It is a simple day to celebrate our profession, our Society, and our close personal relations foresters seem to develop with one another.

So I hope that you make summer vacation plans to attend the Gifford Pinchot Day, August 11, 2000, in Simsbury, Connecticut (see detailed information elsewhere in this issue of the NESAF News Quarterly). Please come and enjoy this special day (family and friends are of course welcome). This event will be recorded for posterity - group photo of all foresters present will be taken with us standing around the monument on August 11. Come and be a part of this historical event.

Pinchot Monument Contributors

The following organizations have contributed funds toward the Pinchot Monument and Dedication Ceremony on August 11, 2000. While NESAF was responsible for the planning of the event, it could not have come to fruition without the financial help of the organizations interested in the Society of American Foresters.

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Members Rewarded For Efforts

Steven Swatling

Unity College, a natural resources/environmental sciences college in Unity, Maine has awarded a special citation to Steven Swatling, Manager of the Bigelow Preserve in Dead River Township, northwestern Maine. The college is honoring Mr. Swatling for his stewardship of the preserve and contributions to educational service and forest policy.

New Englanders and the SAF Leadership Academy

The National SAF Leadership Academy was held May 6-10 at the YMCA Trout Lodge near Potosi, Missouri. This sixth annual leadership course brought 72 foresters from 33 states to Missouri for an intensive four day program which included leadership training and team building as a way to increase the effectiveness and ability of our regional SAF officers. Three New England foresters attended:

Chris Casey from Vermont, Neil Postlawaite from Maine, and George Frame from New Hampshire.

George Frame noted that the course was absolutely outstanding from a perspective of the realization of the profession at a national level. He felt that the training received helped him at least three ways: the management of his own business; the management of interpersonal relationships between foresters; and SAF management at the state and regional level. The course is offered each year to newly elected SAF officers at the state, multi-state, and regional level. This fall we will be electing a NESAF Vice-Chair, and NESAF Executive Committee representatives for Vermont, Massachusetts, and Maine. Each State will also be electing new officers. What better way to integrate SAF into the obligations of office than by attending the leadership academy. Consider running for office; consider attending the leadership academy. Both are within reach and well worth the effort. Just ask George, Chris, Neil or any other SAF person holding an office or on a committee.

New Members

We sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S).

**Granite State Division:** Matthew Tansey of Campton (N), Christian Halsted of Gorham (T), and Lance Twombly of Northwood (S).

**Green Mountain Division:** Colleen Shanahan of Burlington (T), Ingrid Eckstrom of Burlington (S), Felicia Santoro of Burlington (S), and Loren Voyer of Essex Jct. (S).

**Maine Division:** John Oglivie of Carmel (T), Robert Chandler of Orono (S), Stephanie Phillips of Orono (S), Bart Plourde of Fort Kent (S), Matthew Provencen of Orono (S), and David Smallman of Boxford, Ma (S).

**Massachusetts Chapter:** Richard Bachand of Canton (N), Eric Johnson of Pomfret Center (T), Jiquan Chen of Petersham (T), Christopher Pryor of Sandwich (T), Kevin Scherer of Falmouth (S), and Christopher Stone of Belchertown (S).

**Connecticut Chapter:** Bob Ricard of Southbury (T), Andrew Birch of Winsted (S), and John Worth of Newtown (T).

**Northern New England Chapter:** George Frame from New Hampshire.

Total membership by state as of June 1, 2000 is:

- Vermont - 157: New Hampshire -2 13; Maine - 344; Connecticut - 140; Rhode Island - 17; Massachusetts - 181; and Canada - 18. **TOTAL - 1070.**

Current Year/Previous Year Comparison

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An acre of trees can remove about 13 tons of dust and gases every year from the surrounding environment.

NESAF By-Laws Near Completion

At the June NESAF Executive Committee meeting in Concord, New Hampshire a nearly final edition of the proposed NESAF by-laws was submitted by Ken Laustsen of Maine. Through his efforts and the continuing monitoring of recommended changes, it appears that we will have finalized by-laws for the membership to vote on as a ballot item this fall. While some further fine tuning of the proposed by-laws remains to be done it is anticipated that the ballot this fall will contain a yes/no consideration of these new/corrected by-laws.

The time line adopted by the Executive Committee in June recommends that Ken consider the information gained since the Winter Meeting in Lowell and make the changes in the proposed by-laws accordingly; that any other changes through July also be given consideration. Once any and all of these changes are made, the document will be sent to National SAF for their review. (They have reviewed the most recent changes so this should not take long). Once the National SAF office has reviewed the document and all final revisions have been made, it is the opinion of NESAF that this will be the official NESAF by-laws to be voted on by the membership. By September or so, any member can write to Ken for a hard copy of this document for their review (not for the purpose of changes but for the purpose of voting yes/no). Or any member will be able to examine the document via the Maine SAF website. As Ken says I will be willing to mail to a supplied address, a hard copy of the NESAF BY-LAWS to anybody that contacts me by either mail, phone, or FAX at one of the following:

Kenneth M. Laustsen, Maine Forest Service, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022 Phone: 207-287-3135 FAX: 287-8422

The present by-law document runs twenty pages. It is the attempt of the NESAF Executive Committee to use this vehicle to have members obtain copies of the by-laws for their review rather than send a hard copy to all NESAF members. Think about it. If you are interested, you can obtain a copy with a phone call or an e-mail (once we have the changes made and a final voting draft ready). If you are not, we have saved a considerable amount of printing costs. You will still have the opportunity to vote on the ballot this fall. SO GIVE US A FEW WEEKS TO MAKE THE FINAL CHANGES AND GET NATIONAL SAF APPROVAL; THEN GIVE KEN A CALL FOR YOUR OWN COPY TO REVIEW. VOTE YES THIS FALL.

Executive Director Update

by Robert Edmonds

Your NESAF Committee has been functioning for a year without the services of an Executive Director. Executive Committee members have taken on added responsibilities after the retirement of Dick Watt. The result has been positive. Cost savings is only one benefit. The Executive Committee has become more engaged in the operations and have been making changes to increase efficiency. This experiment in working without an Executive Director will continue throughout 2000.

To ease the process and work for those on the Executive Committee who have taken on specific responsibilities, such as elections and awards, a NESAF manual will be produced to provide a list of responsibilities, guidance, and timetables. This will help take the mystery out of implementing these functions. It will also increase efficiency, provide continuity, add to the organizational memory and make the task of serving on the Executive Committee more comfortable for those who step up to the plate to volunteer.

Several people have provided input about the Executive Director position. At the NESAF business meeting in Lowell, I provided some options to look at and asked for opinions. There is a concern by some that without hired staff, some NESAF members would be reluctant to serve as Chair. Options run from keeping the status quo, hiring an Executive Director with limited responsibilities, to having a volunteer serve in this capacity. The input received has been very much appreciated. It shows a good level of interest in the running of NESAF.

Another year, with a willing Executive Committee taking on tasks, refining the components of running the organization, a new manual in hand and operating without an Executive Director will provide the data that NESAF will need to determine its administrative needs. Please provide any additional thoughts that you may have on the subject. Comments can be forwarded to me: Bob Edmonds, NESAF Chair-Elect, 2 River Road, Barrington, NH 03825. 603-862-2619 or bob.edmonds@unh.edu.

New Publications

A LONG-TERM STUDY OF AN OAK PINE FOREST ECOSYSTEM: A Brief Overview of the Holt Research Forest, by the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station, University of Maine, Orono, Maine: Miscellaneous Publication 745, November 1999. This publication is based on 16 years of work by an interdisciplinary team at the Holt Research Forest in Arrowsic, Maine. MESAF members William Ostrosky, Robert Wagner and Alan White, all faculty members of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture, at the University of Maine, Orono, had a part in its publication. White had a part in the research and writing while Ostrosky and Wagner reviewed the manuscript.

FOREST FACT FILE

TREE EXTRACTS ARE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BABY FOODS, IMITATION BACON, CEREALS, CLEANING COMPOUNDS, HAIR SPRAY, INSECTICIDES, LAUNDRY STAIN REMOVER, GROUTING, TREATMENTS FOR HYPERTENSION AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE, COLOGNES, AND SOLVENTS. YOU'LL FIND BARK USED IN CORK, ANITCANCER DRUGS, SHOE POLISH, COSMETICS, MULCH AND OIL SPILL CONTROL AGENTS. CELLULOSE IS USED FOR RAYON CLOTHING, SANDING SEALERS, TOOTHPASTE, SANDWICH BAGS, CARBON PAPER, COMPUTER CASINGS, FILM, ANTACIDS, FOOTBALL HELMETS, HARDHATS, AND MUCH MORE!

(National Hardwood Day 99 Promotion)
Editor Position Possibilities

The job of the News Quarterly editor falls into three categories: ASSEMBLY; ADMINISTRATION; ADVERTISING. The new editor must have some working knowledge of all three.

ASSEMBLY: The editor collects information from the correspondents in each state and Canada as well as from a variety of other sources. A working file of current possible articles is a good idea gleaned from magazines, newspapers, or other sources. The job of the editor is to reread this collection of information into some sort of style that makes it into news for the 1300 New England members. The Quarterly is sixteen pages, four times a year. The time preparing any actual issue is about four or five evenings of work. A finished Quarterly is about half news articles; with a collection of photographs, ads, clip art, meeting notices, and other readable items making up the total publication. The finished issue goes to a commercial printer where, about two weeks later it reappears but has multiplied to about 1300 copies.

ADMINISTRATION: The Quarterly is the eyes and ears of the membership. Because of that the editor should make time available to attend the Executive Committee meetings and the annual Winter Meeting. A time commitment no greater than any other duly elected NESAF Officer. The editor just gets to write about it also. The editor maintains a working relationship with post offices, the Executive Committee, the Divisions and Chapters, and the printing company that creates the publication. The efficient operation of publishing four issues per year requires a time commitment that satisfies all of the above working groups. Not a great amount of time, but some time.

The Quarterly is sent out via a bulk mailing, a process that requires two evenings of time. The Postal service is quite detailed in its requirements and some consistency must be met. However, the process is very logical and easy to learn. The balance of the editor time is spent with occasional phone calls and correspondence to those wishing information or wishing to contribute information; a time period measured in hours over the course of the year.

ADVERTISING: A portion of the cost of the News Quarterly is offset by the income from advertising. Four to six ads appear in the News Quarterly. A small amount of time is spent requesting companies to advertise in the Quarterly. The rule of thumb is that no more than 1/4 of the Quarterly should be devoted to ads. However, there is always room for some additional advertising and of course some additional time on the editors part in soliciting ads (usually via correspondence).

The editor of a forestry newsletter is an extremely rewarding position. It is creative, it is informative, and perhaps more importantly it usually provides more knowledge and information back to the membership than the editor provides to the membership. The position is still open and anyone with the interest and skills is still welcome to apply. Soon?

Will train.

First Call for Editor

At the twenty first NESAF Winter Meeting held in Springfield, Massachusetts on February 21st and 22nd, 1940 it was voted that the Section should produce a quarterly newsletter. Membership had grown since the creation of NESAF in 1920 from 41 members to over 400 as had the business of forestry and the need to communicate. The Executive Committee was directed to recommend such changes in the by-laws as necessary for the creation of this position but there appears to have been no changes in the by-laws until 1951. There was however, a News Quarterly. Under the direction of initial editor James D. Curtis the Quarterly became the reliable forestry news source for New England foresters. Since that time a dozen people have served as Editor although, including repeat editors, fifteen people have actually produced our newsletter.

Beginning in 2001 an opportunity will be available for a NESAF member (or members). Another Editor must be added to the history of the News Quarterly. New direction, new format, the possibility of complete computer creation. A blank slate for someone of creative ability. The only major requirement is that a Quarterly be produced four times per year which reflects the interests of the foresters of New England and Canada. There are other tasks related to creating the News Quarterly and they will be listed in a more formal job description. However, if anyone has an immediate interest in assuming this responsibility, don't hesitate to contact me. More news to follow in subsequent issues.

Second Call for Editor

In January 2001 the New England Society will require a new editor for its newsletter, the NEWS QUARTERLY. Applications are now being accepted by the Executive Committee for a person, or group of persons, or an organization with a forestry focus, interested in maintaining this newsletter, the voice of New England Society of American Foresters.

Requirements for the job include the collecting of information on forestry and SAF items over the course of each year and publishing the information in each of four issues: in January, April, July, and October of each year. The editor communicates with the news correspondent from each of the six New England states and two Canadian provinces and publishes relevant news from the member states and provinces in each issue. The editor attends the NESAF Executive Committee meetings; maintains the list of current officers with mailing addresses in the Quarterly; develops an annual budget; insures that the winter meeting program is featured in each January issue; and otherwise provides the information on forestry relevant to New England foresters.

Ability to do the job is dependant somewhat on an ability: to type; to write articles; to edit information making it SAf relevant; to work with news correspondents and the Executive Committee; to work within a budget; and to prepare bulk mailings. Additional talents that will make the job easier and more effective include: e-mail; basic computer skills; some photographic skills; familiarity with word processing and newsletter programs; and a nearby post office. Time requirements include the time necessary to collect, write, and edit information for this 16 page newsletter and the time to send it to the membership. For details on any aspect of this job description please contact the incumbent.

Third Call for Editor

Although having the same editor over several years can be considered an advantage at times (consistency of style, institutional memory, efficiency of operation, same address, etc) there is a down side to this type of thought also. Entrenched thought processes, taking the easy way out, not thinking of new ideas, saying "we've always done it this way", lack of creativity, all can creep into a publication without change. The opportunity now exists to allow this change to happen without disruption of an existing, high quality newsletter. While the present editor has admitted publicly that the reason for leaving is "that he is having so much fun that someone else should have the opportunity to enjoy it", few people have come forward to take advantage of a golden opportunity.

Service to an organization. One can't provide a higher level of service than bringing information to the membership. Four times a year the “NEWS” from New England reaches 1300 foresters. Wow! What a high! Sure it's work. Bulk mailings, writing, editing even. One has to make decisions to produce any product, even a newsletter. They will be your decisions and the product is out there for 1300 people to review four times a year.

So if you enjoy writing, seeing your work in print, and having so much fun that you wish to share it, write me an article, give me a call or in some manner let me know that you might be interested.
Indiana Bat Management Guidelines

Over the last year or so the Indiana Bat, (Myotis sodalis) has gained increasing attention amongst natural resource professionals. It is endangered throughout its range which includes New England and specifically Vermont and New Hampshire. Since it is a New England forest user in whatever population numbers those who collect that information wish to publish, the Fall 1999 issue of Habitats, a publication of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension devoted a couple of pages to habitat management for this species. The following information was taken from this Matthew D. Tarr written article. He is the Forestry and Wildlife Program Assistant for UNH Cooperative Extension.

"Indiana bats emerge from their hibernation in early Spring. Pregnant females migrate away from the hibernacula (winter roost) and establish nursery colonies in living or dead trees (snags), where they give birth and raise their young. Male bats don’t migrate, but instead remain around the area of the hibernacula and are solitary, or stay in small bachelor groups."

The nursery colonies of Indiana bats consist primarily of females and their offspring, and they may be located over 200 miles away from the hibernacula. The preferred forest cover type for nursery colonies consists of at least 30% deciduous cover in floodplain and upland forests. Large diameter (>22cm dbh) hardwood and softwood snags, exposed to direct sunlight, with at least 75% of the bark still attached are preferred roost sites. However, smaller trees with loose bark will be used as day roosting sites by smaller groups of bats. The bats find shelter in the cavities, or more typically under the loose bark and remain the roost in all but the hottest days. If either hot periods or rainy periods appear, the nursery colony moves to the loose bark of a live tree in an area with greater than 50% canopy cover. Live trees are used because they provide cooler temperatures and greater protection from rain.

“During the course of a single summer a single nursery colony may have 3 primary roost sites in snags and as many as 20 secondary roost sites in live trees. Therefore, it is important that a variety of suitable roost trees be available within the colony’s summer habitat to ensure continued use of the area by the colony.

Because the bats are insectivorous, wetland areas are generally considered optimal foraging habitat. However the bats will feed in upland areas if wetland sites are not available or if competition from other bats is high. “Most foraging activity is concentrated in the canopy and sub-canopy and over streams that have both banks lined with overhanging trees.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Minimize disturbances to hibernating bats during the winter. Stay out of the caves.
2. "A continuous supply of adequate roost trees is required for the reproductive success of the bat. Snags used for nursery colonies generally remain suitable for only 4 to 8 years. Management within the summer range should apply even and uneven aged management that allows large (>50cm dbh) trees to grow and retains large diameter snags."
3. Suitable summer habitat consists of stand with a minimum of one large diameter snag/hectare. Live trees with cavities and loose bark, and snags with at least 25% of the bark remaining are most valuable as summer roosts. The characteristic of the tree is more important than the species.
4. “Standing snags exposed to direct sunlight should be retained. Forest managers can enhance and/or create roosting habitat by creating openings around large diameter snags and mature living trees.”
5. Foraging habitat can be preserved by observing restrictions concerning timber harvesting activities near stream edges and by maintaining adequate stream buffers.

Information sources referenced by this article included: John Kanter, Non-game and Endangered Wildlife Coordinator, NH Fish and Game Department; Steve Parron, Non-game Wildlife Biologist, VT Fish and Wildlife Department; and Mariko Yamasaki, Wildlife Research Biologist, USDA Forest Service; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agency Draft Indiana Bat (Myotis sodalis) Revised Recovery Plan (1999).

Black Spruce Management

Mosaic Harvesting

By Dr. Kim Lowell, Quebec News Quarterly Correspondent

Conventional wisdom in Quebec suggests that after a clearcut, the black spruce that had been present on the site is in danger of being replaced by balsam fir. However, a 10 year study of 230 forest stands by Ministry of Natural Resources of Quebec scientists demonstrates that this is not the case. In most bioclimatic zones, the black spruce will maintain its presence on a site and in certain cases will even take over clearcuts on which balsam fir had previously been present. The reason appears to be through a gradual increase in the growth rate of black spruce after an initial period during which balsam fir regeneration is clearly more abundant than black spruce regeneration. However, due to the increasing growth rate of black spruce, 10 years after harvest, black spruce clearly dominates the balsam fir in terms of size and number of trees.

Five years of data are now available on an alternative forest harvesting scheme: harvesting in mosaic (HM). Traditionally, forest companies in Quebec clearcut relatively large forest blocks while leaving a buffer zone between harvest blocks. However, in 1995 Alliance Forest Products, Inc., began to use HM voluntarily. Under HM, blocks of 30 to 50 hectares are harvested in three operations spread over approximately 20 years. Because forests are not clearcut under HM, it is not necessary to leave buffer zones between blocks. Alliance Forest Products estimates that HM increases short-term harvesting costs by about 10% due to the cost of re-locating equipment and personnel, as well as increased costs for road maintenance. However, these increased costs are likely to be offset in the medium and long term due to better fire protection, less windthrow of remaining trees, and less harvest waste. Furthermore, because HM provides better recreational opportunities than conventional harvesting methods, it is positively perceived by the public.

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We have nearly 1200 NESAF foresters working in New England. The roles each play are critical for the success of our forests and have been since forestry was established. While the success of our forests is unquestioned, the success of the forester is sometimes taken for granted. Within our membership are many foresters deserving of recognition for their professional work. NESAF each year recognizes professional achievement with six awards. It is in the fall when those nominations must be thought about and sent to the appropriate person. The following awards have been established by NESAF. Please consider foresters that you know who are eligible for any of the described awards and nominate them. The deadline for nominations to Awards Committee Chair, Tom O’Shea is mid-October.

Distinguished Service Award is given to a NESAF member and is the highest NESAF award. It recognizes professional achievement in forestry, makes known to the general public outstanding public outstanding contributions of individual foresters to the professions, and enhances public perceptions of the forestry profession. This is the one award that is reviewed by the NESAF Chair and not the Nominating Committee. Since 1966 thirty four foresters have been honored with this award, the most recent recipient being George R. Stephens of Connecticut.

NESAF Integrity In Conservation Award is given to a deserving individual who has demonstrated adherence to principles and the demonstration of high standards in the face of adversity. The recipient need not be an SAF member, but must be an individual or organization working within natural resources. The field of natural resources management is often a testing ground for standards, be they economic, political, social, or variations of these and other themes. Compromise is often the outcome, but only after having first set a place for principle - that point at which we feel an ideal could be achieved. Moving from that ideal becomes a test of integrity - can a sense of wholeness and soundness be maintained, and still basically achieve the ideal? The effort need not have “won” or “lost” - only that it was conducted in an outstanding manner in an adverse operating environment. Although presented in 1999 and 1998 to Maine residents Maxwell McCormack Jr. and Roger Milliken, Jr. respectively, this award will be presented as deserved and not necessarily annually. No award was presented in 2000.

The James E. Tourney Outstanding Achievement Award in Service to NESAF, its Divisions, or Chapters is given to an individual who, in the eyes of fellow SAF members, has rendered outstanding service, either recently or over a period of years, to NESAF. Any professional society requires the tireless efforts of many people to fully serve a progressive membership of dedicated people. Many times the efforts of a few require that either in the short term or over a period of years, other professional activities get less emphasis. It is fitting and necessary that the collective membership recognize those whose talents and efforts are directed toward the efficient functioning of NESAF. Since 1989 ten foresters have been so honored with this award. It was not given in 2000.

The Mollie Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is given annually to a NESAF member who has been practicing forestry for less than ten years and who has shown leadership in the production of a project or program benefitting the practice of forestry. To encourage young professionals to enter and stay in the field of natural resources it is necessary to recognize and reward leadership potential early in their careers. By searching for and rewarding such talent the membership will insure healthy growth and insure continued effective leadership in the future. Since 1989 ten foresters have been honored for their leadership skills, most recently Sara Packer of Vermont.

The Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award is given to a NESAF member who has shown outstanding achievement recently or over a period of years as a practicing forest manager or consulting forester. The heart of forestry is land management service in practice. What the public sees and comment on through legislation is what is created by the forest managers - public, private, industrial, or private consultant. When an individual manager or consultant has created a favorable image of what a professional forest manager should be, the rest of the practicing foresters and the profession as a whole benefits. Individual with exceptional talent and drive in this area should be recognized. Since 1989 twelve foresters have been honored with this award, most recently Michael J. Bartlett of Connecticut.

The Ernest M. Gould Technology Transfer Award is presented to a NESAF member who has given outstanding contributions or performances to forestry or the more general field of natural resources, in the area of education, extension, or youth service. Professional educational activities take many forms, from the formal kind found in colleges and universities whose faculty and staff in forestry and forestry extension are dedicated to teaching, research, and extension; to the less formal but no less important activity carried out by practicing foresters in workshops, small group meetings, and one-on-one with interested citizens. Youth activity is singled out because of its importance in recruiting future professionals and future informed citizens. These citizens will be the ones who influence legislatures to further the aims of the professional. Since 1989 twelve foresters have received this award, most recently Elizabeth Postlewaite of Maine.

Nominations Chair Tom O’Shea has the nominating instructions for all of the above described awards. The only restriction is that no member can be nominated for more than one award in any given year. While our goal is to provide awards at the Winter Meeting in South Portland, Maine next March, a time line needs to be established to make this happen. For this reason it is not too early to be thinking about nominations. Don’t let a good forester go lacking for a well deserved award.

**Mission Statement**

**Our Mission as Foresters Is to Be Responsible Stewards of the Earth’s Forests While Meeting Society’s Vital Needs.** The challenge of our mission lies in keeping forest ecosystems healthy and intact while concurrently drawing on their resources. We will meet this challenge by carefully monitoring and managing the effects of natural and human forces on the forest. Our decisions will be guided by our professional knowledge, our compassion for all living things, our desire to improve citizens’ lives, and our respect and concern for the entire forest ecosystem. By advancing forestry science, education, technology, and the practice of forestry, NESAF will provide the leadership to achieve its mission.
You are invited to
GIFFORD PINCHOT DAY
August 11, 2000
Simsbury 1820 House
Simsbury, Connecticut

Dedication of the Gifford Pinchot Monument at the site of his birth.
Hosted by the New England Society of American Foresters along with the
Divisions and State Chapters.

11:30 a.m.  Dedication Ceremony
Master of Ceremonies, Robert M. Ricard, NESAF Chair
List of Speakers (subject to change)
- Fred Ebel, President, Society of American Foresters
- Dean Gus Speth, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
- Michael Dombeck, Chief, US Forest Service
- Hon. Thomas J. Herlihy, CT State Senator
- Anita Mierlert, First Selectman, Town of Simsbury
- Stanford Adams, President, National Association of State Foresters
- Gary L. Hergenrader, Chair, National Association of State Foresters Foundation
- Peter Pinchot
- Jackson Eno

1:00 p.m.  Foresters Gathering (bring your lunch - dessert and refreshments provided by CT
Chapter SAF and Yankee Division SAF under the ceremony tent).

4:00 p.m.  Gifford Pinchot: From the Other Side (located in Eno Memorial Hall)
Gary Hines, USDA Forest Service, Grey Towers Historical Site
This one act play, written, directed and performed by Gary Hines as
Gifford Pinchot, centers on the beginnings of the conservation movement, as
seen through the eyes of the first Chief of the US Forest Service and founder of
the Society of American Foresters.

Other Associated Activities
- Visit the Gifford Pinchot Sycamore, Connecticut’s largest tree. A van will be provided to take you to
  the site (look for it near the ceremony location) or visit on your own. Located only three or so miles
  away.
- The Life of Gifford Pinchot, an historical display sponsored by the Simsbury Historical Society at their
  historical village, which is an easy walk from the ceremony site.
- Sen. Thomas J. Herlihy will read a Resolution from the Connecticut Legislature the event.
- First Selectman Anita Mierlert will declare August 11, 2000 Gifford Pinchot Day for the Town of
  Simsbury.
DIRECTIONS
The Gifford Pinchot Dedication ceremony will take place at the Simsbury 1820 House, 731 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT, the Eno homestead where Gifford was born. Hopmeadow Street is Simsbury’s “Main Street” or primary business street and is labeled Route 10 on the map below. The Simsbury 1820 House is on the west side of Route 10 and just north of the Simsbury Public Library. The Gifford Pinchot Play (From the Other Side) will be held in Eno Memorial Hall which is about 75 yards north of the 1820 house and on the east side of Route 10. Watch for signs directing you to the ceremony site once in town.

PARKING
There should be ample parking and is found on a street that runs virtually parallel to Hopmeadow Street on the east side. Watch for signs directing you to parking near the ceremony site then watch for volunteer “greeters”.

LODGING
There are several small hotels, B&B’s, and Inn’s in Simsbury. There are also plenty of cheaper hotels out on the Interstates. Call Glennise Hicks at 860-570-9010 to be mailed or faxed a list.

FOOD
It is recommended that you bring a lunch to eat following the ceremony. The Connecticut Chapter and Yankee Division will be hosting a “Foresters Gathering” following the ceremony and will provide cold drinks (maybe coffee) and desserts. There are several fine restaurants close to the ceremony site. Directions will be provided at the information table on site.

CLOTHING
Come dressed however you wish. Be prepared, of course, for rain, heat, intense sun, the usual.

ASSISTANCE
It is the intent to have volunteer “Greeters” to welcome and direct you to the event. Watch for them. There will also be an information table at the ceremony site with information of the event and where to eat.

OTHER QUESTIONS
Call Bob Ricard, 860-570-9257 with any other questions.
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Fragmentation Conference
This Fall

More ownerships, in smaller pieces, is the apparent trend for America’s private forests. About 3 million acres - a Connecticut-size hunk of forest land - is split into pieces smaller than 100 acres every two years, according to Sampson and DeCoster in a March 2000 Journal of Forestry article. By 2010, if present trends continue, 95% of private forest ownerships and 38% of their land will be in sizes below 100 acres. Small forest chunks taken out of larger parcels by fragmentation tend to stop functioning as working forests. This is worrisome by itself, but indications are that as fragmentation spreads, even large ownerships remaining in the area go out of business as viable forestry falls below economically sustainable levels. The result is more fragmentation and spreading urban sprawl.

The FRAGMENTATION 2000 CONFERENCE, September 17 – 20 in Annapolis, Maryland will bring together a wide variety of organizations and individuals to examine what’s presently known about the forces that are fragmenting American working lands. Invited speakers include urban sprawl experts, demographers, economists, policy leaders, and agricultural and forestry representatives. A broad coalition of private and public organizations concerned with sustaining working landscapes is sponsoring the conference.

Pre-conference tours will visit sites illustrating fragmentation situations and solutions, abundant in Maryland. The state is heavily urbanized - 21% if Maryland’s non-Federal land is presently developed, three times the national average for a state. This pressure has pushed Maryland to become a leader in programs attempting to deal with sprawl and land fragmentation. Information overviews at the conference will bring diverse experts together to examine what we know about private forests of all sizes, what is happening to them today, and how that affects rural and urban working landscapes. A proceedings will be printed and publicized to make the conference papers and discussions widely available.

For information on submitting papers, contact Terri Bates:
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To enter the SAF Members only area, simply provide the following information:

USER NAME: Your membership ID number. Disregard any zeros that may appear at the beginning of your membership ID number. (Your membership ID number is on your SAF ID card and right above your name on the Journal of Forestry mailing label.

PASSWORD: The first eight characters of your last name. Be sure to capitalize the first letter. If your last name is less than eight characters, enter your full last name.

Questions?? Contact Carol McKernon, Membership Coordinator at 302-897-8720 ext. 108 or e-mail: mckernoc@safnet.org
Arbor Day and Envirothon and SAF - Over 90 elementary schools participated in the statewide arbor day programs offered this spring. International Paper Company provided nearly 12,000 seedlings for students to take home to plant as just a portion of the Arbor Day activities. SAF’s involvement was also instrumental. Green Mountain members presented school programs about trees to area schools and the Division provided US Savings Bonds to the Arbor Day Poster Contest winners from around the State.

Like most other New England States, Vermont participates in the Envirothon program, a national environmental program which as forestry as one of its four annual components. A statewide competition was held on May 18th at the Montshire Museum with two Green Mountain Division members hosting the forestry event. Ginger Anderson and Gary Salmon have hosted and written the forestry exam since the program’s inception in Vermont. Keep your calendars open to help teams this fall as they need the mentoring hand of a forester.

On woods, Cutting, and Reparations - While the wet spring has been good for the trees, the continuation of wet weather into early summer has not been good for logging. Many mills are on short shifts due to wet woods.

A new player in “the buy it to cut” game is Green Crow. The company has an office in New Hampshire but they are buying up forest land in Vermont and seem intent on cutting them all this year. They have also purchased the Villeneuve Mill in Underhill. Barrett Singer, who had clearcut a swath of State owned land along the shore of Vermont’s newest state park last spring had his remediation hearing in early June in Morrisville. He has been ordered to perform 40 hours of community service at the Green River Reservoir State Park under the supervision of the Park Ranger. A list of projects was provided which ranged from cleaning sites to digging a new pit toilet.

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Spring Meeting A Centennial Event - The Maine Division held its spring meeting on May 30 at the Pine Tree State Arboretum in Augusta which featured the dedication of the Centennial Grove of 16 trees as Maine's SAF Centennial event. The meeting opened with Marc Johnson's presentation of "The Last Log Drive in Maine", a drive down the Kennebec River in 1976 from Moosehead Lake to Winslow. The last log drive held in the United States.

The formal ceremony followed which dedicated 16 trees at the Arboretum. It is more formally covered on page one. The afternoon session saw a panel presentation on Maine Forestry, Past, Present, and Future. Max McCormack moderated the Past session which included Bud Blumenstock, retired University of Maine Cooperative Extension Forester; Dr. Frank Gilley, Maine's only National Tree Farmer; Jeness Robbins of Searsmont and of Robbins Lumber Mill; and Herb Haynes who talked about changes in the logging and trucking industry. Blumenstock noted that we still have a great deal of public education to do in selling forest management and that while our utilization standards have changed over the years, so are the people who are watching us cut trees. Dr. Gilley offered his experience as a National Tree Farmer and noted that the greatest change over time is the degree of mechanization. Mr. Robbins also pointed out the changes in mechanization over time and the nature of lumber markets now being national in scope. He has been disappointed by the referendums and noted that the creation of pine monocultures is not good either for the pine or the landowner. Mr. Haynes observed that even something like the development of hydraulics has changed the logging and trucking industry. A simple improvement but a major one. Public awareness, forest regulations, and interest in setting land aside from production all have had an influence on Maine.

Tom Doak, Director of the Bureau of Forestry provided the "Present" Maine forest situation. From 1972 until 1993 land ownership by owner category did not change with industrial ownership remaining at about 45% of total forested acres. The new player that changed the balance in recent years is "investor groups" that have now reduced industrial ownership to about 30% while owning 15% themselves. New changes in federal forest programs away from landowner assistance, an increase in hardwood harvest levels, an increase in selective harvesting as opposed to clearcutting, decreases in herbicide use, tree planting, and mechanical harvesting have all changed the look of Maine's forest. The Maine Bureau of Forestry is looking at wood supply issues, water quality, public accountability, rule making, and third party certification as areas of concern.

Lloyd Irland examined the future of Maine's forests. His comment was that the future will be more difficult for the forester since the future is about choices - fiber farming or managing for quality within a suburban culture hungry for land and with a view of natural resources different from ours. The future is mostly about social things, accountability, and creating a forest policy stability.

The creation of a National Park in Maine drew comments which ranged from the "battle is ours to lose" to the "battle is ours to win." Lloyd pointed out that the public doesn't know what the true cost in creating a park would be in dollars and lost productivity. He felt that the battle was ours to lose unless we prove to the citizenry that the forest is sustainable, adds value to investments, and is important to Maine. Bud Blumenstock added that people are well aware that parks have their own downside - loss of certain uses (ATV's, hunting, snowmobiling) or restrictions on those uses. Northern Maine economically depends on harvesting, hunting, and snowmobiling and because of that "the fight is ours to win."

Two field sessions also were part of the meeting. Charlene Donahue, Maine Forest Service Entomologist, provided an update on forest pests and Chris Hoving, Wildlife Masters Candidate at the University of Maine explained the Canada lynx issue. A final discussion focused around the upcoming forest referendum and was led by Craig MacLean.

Winter Meeting Update - Next year's NESAF Winter Meeting is all set for March 14 - 16 at the Sheraton in South Portland. It will be co-sponsored by the Maine Division, The Wildlife Society, Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, and the Northeastern Forest Pest Council. It sounds like a lot of people involved. However the overall responsibility for providing people to manage the event belongs to the Maine Division. If you all ready have these dates set on your calendar, you are just the type of person who will fit in nicely as a helper. We are always looking for help in providing a great meeting. Please contact Max McCormack, Jr. at 207-348-2818 or e-mail at: Maxweldime@aol.com.

Adelgid in Maine, ban results - The State of Maine has placed a ninety day ban on moving nursery stock of hemlock in June, July, and August. Nursery stock has been found coming into Maine with the wooly adelgid which has resulted in this temporary ban. Contact the Maine Bureau of Forestry for more information 207-287-2791 or the Bureau Entomology Lab at 207-287-2431.

Newsmakers - George W. Johnson has recently joined the James W. Sewall Company as Director of Digital Close-Range Operations. With a BS in Industrial Technology from the University of Maine and as A.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern Maine, Mr. Johnson will assume a strategic role in the development and implementation of Sewall's close-range photogrammetry capability. His 20 years experience in the field will help enable Sewall to provide precision measurement services to clients in shipbuilding; bridge construction and maintenance; automotive, petrochemical, and pulp and paper manufacturing; and architectural preservation.

William M. Steigerwaldt has also joined the company as Forest Appraiser/Analyst. With a B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.S. in Forestry from the University of Minnesota, he brings over 20 years experience in timberland appraisal and regional forest resource consulting. At Sewall Mr. Steigerwaldt will collaborate with a team of forestry consultants on intranational appraisal assignments from his office in Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

TREES GROW JOBS

A Sustainable Forest System Needs the Shadow of a Forest
**GRANITE STATE Division**

**By H. Casey Cordes**

Annual Summer Field Meeting held - The Connecticut Chapter’s annual summer field meeting was held on May 25 at Ski Sundown in New Hartford. Amongst the business items was an update from Ned Zaglio with DEP Division of Forestry on Connecticut Public Act 490, which established the property tax abatement program for forest landowners. He discussed frequently asked questions about the program and noted that there have been some minor changes to the application form. The form is now available in a downloadable format from the Division’s website. Continuing arrangements were made for the Chapter to serve as official host to the NESAF Pinchot Celebration in Simsbury on August 11. To volunteer to help during this event contact Fred Borman III at 860-424-3630. The field session began with Steve Broderick, Connecticut Cooperative Extension Forester, offering some introductory remarks on the topic of forest stewardship on private lands and the role of the forester in their management. A tour of several tree farms and private forest holdings followed. Local foresters Jody Rowlands and Jim Gillespie led the tour which included presentations from the landowners and opportunities for questions and answers. Highlights of the tour included viewing recently completed forest management activities, which had been implemented on each of the properties.

Karen’s involvement in state, regional and national natural resource efforts, including leadership positions within the forestry profession, appointment to the Forester’s Licensing Board, and the ice storm recovery and other accomplishments.

Matt Chagnon, Associate Professor of Forest Ecology, at the Thompson School of Applied Science was one of 16 faculty members at UNH recognized for excellence in teaching, research or public service. Winners of Excellence Awards are nominated by their peers, their students, and their supervisors, and represent every school and college within the university. Kim Babitt, Assistant Professor of Ecology at the College of Life Science and Agriculture, received an award as well.

UNH Extension Staff were recognized at a ceremony in May for their years of service: Peter Pohl, Carroll County Extension Forester for 30 years; Stephen Wood, Sullivan County Extension Forester for 25 years; Karen Bennett, Extension Forestry Specialist for 20 years; and Robert Edmonds, Extension Forestry Administrator for 15 years.

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4-H and Forestry Opportunity - Dave Colberg, a University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Youth Development Program Coordinator at the Windham County 4-H Center is interested in starting a 4-H Forestry Club for Connecticut youth. He is looking for foresters willing to volunteer their time and share their knowledge and skills with interested children and young adults. Mr. Colberg notes that there are over 20,000 kids who participate in 4-H summer camps and after-school programs which could include a forestry component within the existing environmental education program. The ultimate program goal would be the establishment of the club and participation in the National 4-H Forestry Invitational held every year in West Virginia. Contact Dave at the Windham County 4-H Center for details: 860-774-9600.

Tree Farm Program Scheduled - On June 22 Art Talmadge, forester for Hull Forest Products and Connecticut Tree Farm Executive Committee Chair hosted a Tree Farm meeting for all current and would-be certifiers. The evening meeting was held at the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association offices in Middletown. New enrollment procedures were discussed as were changes to the certification procedures.
**Rhode Island**

Chapter and Envirothon - The Rhode Island Chapter sponsored the annual Envirothon's forestry component again this year with a donation and with assistance at the event itself on May 18th. RI Chapter members Tom Abbott, Rob MacMillan, and Marc Tremblay coordinated the forestry component which included a forestry exam as a part of the team score. Other components covered by each team included: wildlife, aquatics, soils, and special topic this year - watersheds.

Subcommittee working on land evaluations - The subcommittee, established by legislation in 1999, has been meeting since last November to determine the methodology and the resulting current use valuations for land certified under the Farm, Forest, and Open space Act. Participants include Tom Dupree, Tom Abbott, and Chris Modisette from the Rhode Island Chapter. The subcommittee has drafted the valuations and submitted them to the State Conservation Committee which must accept the values before they can be distributed to the towns. A public hearing will be scheduled by the State Conservation Committee to gather any further input.

**Canada**

NEW BRUNSWICK NEWS:
by Rick Wightman

Provincial Forestry News - Repap New Brunswick Woodlands Division is expanding the commercial thinning program from 300 hectares to 1000 hectares for this season. The resulting 40000 m3 will mostly be harvested manually with about 50 power saw operators. However, mechanized trials will be undertaken in order to properly compare costs. Forwarding will be done with the Case-Patuxforwarder developed last year plus some modified Timberjack and Tree-Farmer forwarders. This level of production will continue for the next 5-6 years after which the volume will increase to about 100,000 m3 annually.

BowaterMaritimes Inc., in Dalhousie will be establishing a "Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to solicit public views on management plan objectives for their Upsalquitch Crown License. The company will shortly be submitting a Stillwater Watershed management plan to the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources. Dalhousie Woodlands worked several months last year with a public working group committee in Shediac Village putting together the proposal. The eventual plan will integrate recreation, eco-tourism, wildlife habitat protection, commercial forestry and protection for sensitive and unique sites. Included is 26 kilometers of walking trail, 4 wheeler trail, and generous buffer zones for rare plant and unique site locations.

CIF Award Honors Alex Dickson - The CIF portion of the SYLVICON Awards Banquet included the presentation of the 2000 TREE OF LIFE Award from the Maritime Section posthumously to Dr. Alex Dickson. The citation read "for his distinguished record of service in forestry continuing education, communication, and serving to popularize various forest-related awareness activities, such as Arbor Day and National Forestry Week". John Torunski, a colleague of Alex in forestry continuing education accepted the Award on behalf of the Dickson family from Section Chair Jerry Dunlap.

A letter from Bruce Dickson, Alex' son, of Arthur, Ontario, mentioned that "My dad truly loved what he did. He enjoyed his work with students, telling the public about trees, and the contributions of forestry in our everyday life. He was a man who walked his talk. Tonight my dad would have been humbly proud of this award..... We receive this award equally humble and equally proud of your recognition of a man's love and passion for forestry, communication, and the people who make the forestry industry and its message important. We thank you for this honour in memory of my dad."

**RIFCO Spring Meeting held** - The tenth annual RIFCO Spring program was held on May 20. The program focused on alternative forest products. Chapter member Gregg Cassidy and the Alternative Forest Products subcommittee of the RI Rural Lands Coalition helped assemble the program.

New Forest Landowner Educational Medium - SNEFCI recently co-sponsored a colloquia on Distance Learning for Forest Landowners at Durham, New Hampshire. The Kennedy School of Government and the Lincoln Land Institute will be developing a web-based trail course this summer to complete this project, funded partially by the New England Governor's Conference. The goal is to have a set of web-based courses and references for forest landowners, possibly networked through a local association of websites. For more information on this topic please contact Chris Modisette at 401-568-1610.

**Quebec News by Kim Lowell**

Bark residues and energy - New figures indicate that Quebec produces an annual surplus of bark residue of 1.2 million tons for it wood transformation industries. Though this may seem like a large amount, in fact it represents just one-third of the total bark residue produced. The remaining two-thirds are used primarily in the production of energy for the wood transformation plants that generated the residue. Moreover, throughout Quebec there are five projects - principally for energy production - in various phases of completion that would consume an additional 840 tons per year.

See the World of Forestry - Thirteen years have passed since the establishment of the program International Internships in Forestry at Laval University in 1987. Conceived and created by Miroslav Grandtner as part of his course in Forest Geography, this program became a recognized 3-credit course in 1989. During the life of the program, students have been able to see firsthand and in-depth the forest practices of 13 other countries: Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Morocco, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, United States, Germany, Slovakia, India, Czech Republic, Japan, and Mexico. Moreover, to reciprocate, four times forestry students from these countries have been welcomed in Quebec. The benefits to students of this program were made evident by a recent survey of participants: approximately one-third became active in international activities, and fully 60% pursued graduate degrees.
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