

# Treelines

Spring 2021



## Upcoming Chapter Event

### Picnic in the Park Program

Town of Maine Park  
Route 26 behind Maine  
Memorial School  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pavilion  
Town of Maine, NY  
Saturday, June 12, 2021  
Noon - 2 pm

Guest speakers

**Stacey Kazacos, NYFOA  
President**

Regenerate NY

**Mike Blasko, SOT Member**  
Growing Ginseng

**Suzanne Treyger, Audubon**  
Forest Program Manager  
Harvests for Habitat  
Improving bird habitat

This is a free, catered event  
for Southern Tier Chapter  
members, family and friends,  
and reservations are required.

RSVP Jerry Michael at  
(607) 648-2941

## Picnic in the Park Program

The picnic will be Saturday, June 12, 2021, noon - 2 pm at the 2nd Pavilion at the Town of Maine, NY town park. The park is located behind the Maine Memorial School at 2693 NY-26, Maine, NY 13802.

This is a free, catered event for Southern Tier Chapter members, family and friends, and reservations are required. As per Broome County Health Department, attendance will be limited to 40 people. Contact Jerry Michael at (607) 648-2941. We will eat lunch at noon and then begin the programs. Members are encouraged to linger and reconnect with one another.

### Regenerate NY

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that \$450,000 is now available in the first round of the State's new 'Regenerate NY' Forestry Cost Share Grant Program. The grant program is designed to assist private landowners growing the next generation of forests, which are crucial for mitigating climate change, providing wildlife habitat, protecting air and water quality, and supplying an important renewable resource. NYFOA president, Stacey Kazacos will speak briefly regarding the Regenerate NY program.

### Growing Ginseng

SOT NYFOA member Mike Blasko has agreed to talk about growing ginseng.



Topics to be covered include the following:

- ID
- history of ginseng in US
- current value
- general use in Asian medicine
- locating wild ginseng
- NYS regulations
- questions and answers

### Harvests for Habitat

Suzanne Treyger, Audubon



Wood Thrush. Photo: Kelly Colgan Azar/Flickr (CC BY-ND 2.0)

Harvests for Habitat is a partnership between Audubon New York, Watershed Agricultural Council, New York Tree Farm Program, and New York Forest Owners

It's been a year since the last Southern Tier Chapter newsletter, and we are back!

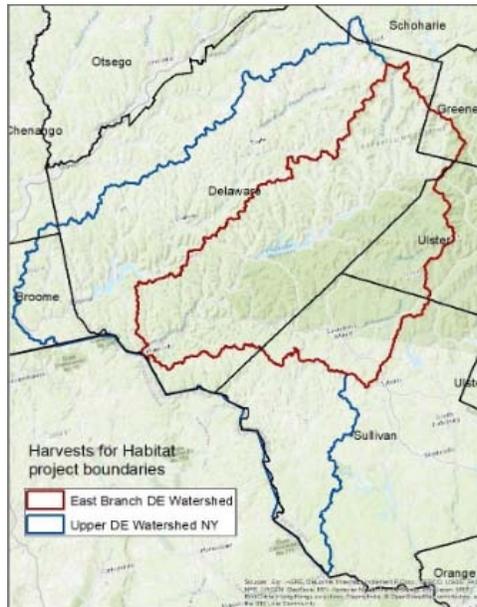
To shake off the dust of this more than a year of covid, the Southern Tier Chapter is announcing our Picnic in the Park meeting.

Association. This collaboration enables bird habitat improvements through active forest management and financial incentives. The project is focused within the Upper and East Branch Delaware Watersheds because they provide habitat critical to the survival of bird species experiencing population declines, like Wood Thrush, Cerulean Warbler, and many others. Wood Thrush and Cerulean Warbler need mature forest habitat that has canopy openings, multiple canopy layers, and other complex structures. Go to the following link for more information.

<https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/harvests-habitat-project>

Harvests for Habitat is currently seeking landowners that may be interested in creating quality bird habitat on their properties. Participants must be interested in, or planning, a harvest that improves forest habitat conditions for birds before October 2022. Staff from one of our partner organizations will work to provide you with the resources you need to participate in this habitat project, including on-the-ground technical assistance and financial assistance. To participate, please fill out our landowner assistance form.

Please refer to the map since only properties in eastern Broome and Delaware Counties are eligible.



Harvests for Habitat project boundaries

### NYFOA Announces Appointment of Executive Director

NYFOA is pleased to announce the appointment of Craig Vollmer to serve as our association's Executive Director, effective February 1, 2021.

Craig brings 30+ years of substantive professional forestry experience, most recently as the Chief Forester/Project Manager of Forecon Inc., a multi-disciplinary forestry and natural resources company. Craig is a past Chairman of the NY Society of American Foresters. He has an MS degree in Forest Resources Management and a BS in Resource Management, both from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Over the course of his career, Craig has worked with scores of private woodlot owners and made numerous forest-management-related presentations. He truly understands the key issues and opportunities available to the woodlot owner in NY.

In his words, "As a consultant for much of this time, I have managed many properties that were precious to their owners for their sentiment and as

assets. In every case, they entrusted me with the stewardship of their land and gave me the opportunity to practice sustainable forestry, be creative, and be fruitful on their behalf."

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org), or contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566.

Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

**Welcome New Members**  
Jay Cower  
Nancy Currie  
Nick Deamer  
Alex and Walt Krueger  
Daniel Newman  
David Shickle

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