

# FFSF Newsletter Summer 2013



Opening Speakers Program Featuring Wendell Berry  
2013 Loving the Land through Working Forests Conference

## Wow, What A Success!

There is little more we can say about the 2013 Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference, presented May 17 and 18 by the Foundation for Sustainable Forests and the Forest Guild.

The opening speakers' program featuring Wendell Berry drew more than 200 people and Saturday's in-the-field sessions had nearly 100 in attendance.

Thank you to all those who attended and all those who worked to make the event a reality. We would like to especially recognize the volunteers from Allegheny College's Creek Connections and Environmental Sciences Department, Diane Esser and I am A Planet Kid, and the event sponsors (See Inside.)

Planning is already under way for Loving the Land 2014.



# A Partner in Forest Conservation



The Forest Guild joined the Foundation in presenting the 2013 Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference, and the Foundation anticipates working closely with the Forest Guild on future projects.

The Guild is a professional organization of forest stewards, associated natural resource professionals and affiliates who are passionate about restoring and sustaining the integrity of our forests while meeting the needs of the communities that rely on them. Its mission and principles closely match those of the Foundation.

The Foundation's Board urges forest landowners to utilize foresters who are members of the Forest Guild, which ensures that they practice forestry to the highest ecological standards possible. If a forester is not a member, ask why not and ask them to look into the Forest Guild. Tell them that you support the principles of the Guild and want those principles to guide the work on your property.

You can learn more about the Forest Guild at [www.ForestGuild.org](http://www.ForestGuild.org). We would urge you to read the Guild's mission and statement of principles.

## Caldwell Creek Project Update

The Foundation has secured commitments of \$31,300 towards retirement of the \$165,000 debt incurred to purchase the 85-acre Savtiz tract along Caldwell Creek in Warren County, a fly-fishing-only, catch-and-release Class A trout fishery.

Committed funding comes from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the John Nesbitt Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Memorial Trust. The Foundation has funding requests in to a number of other regional and national trusts, national companies and others, and is actively searching for other funding sources, including individual donations specific to the project.

It is critically important that that the Foundation retire the debt, as soon as possible. Your help is requested in identifying potential funding sources and/or donors.

The Caldwell Creek property purchased by the Foundation was the only section of the special-regulations area of the stream where public access was not permitted. The Foundation's purchase corrected that and prevented the property's acquisition by parties that would not share the Foundation's conservation interests.

Maintaining quality forest cover is critical to protection of the stream. Caldwell Creek is a priority area for the Foundation. In addition to the Savtiz property, the Foundation currently has committed bequests and/or donation agreements for approximately 700 acres around the stream,

# Forest Certification

At their March meeting, the Board of Directors voted to allow our Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification to expire in 2013.

This was a difficult decision that was based on two primary factors. We felt that the \$3000 to \$5000 annual cost, and the time commitment of several weeks organizing and completing paperwork could be better utilized by advocating for and practicing better forestry on our lands and the lands of others. Our silviculture and forestry practices will remain above the standards of FSC. The Board has decided to revisit the topic of FSC certification in two years, in the meantime we will watch closely for changes that would make recertification more feasible. For information about FSC visit: <https://us.fsc.org>

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you into Web design and enjoy working on Web page updates etc? Are you a social media maven who does all things Facebook? Do you like getting out and meeting new people and telling a story. Do you love MS Publisher?

If you answer yes to any of the above we could use your help. The Foundation would like to find volunteers who would help us regularly update and correct glitches to our Web site, aid us in better utilization of Facebook and other social media, using MS Publisher and helping at tabling and similar events.

To volunteer please call or email John Bartlett at (814) 671-7437,  
[JNBartlett@FoundationForSustainableForests.org](mailto:JNBartlett@FoundationForSustainableForests.org).

## Thank our Sponsors

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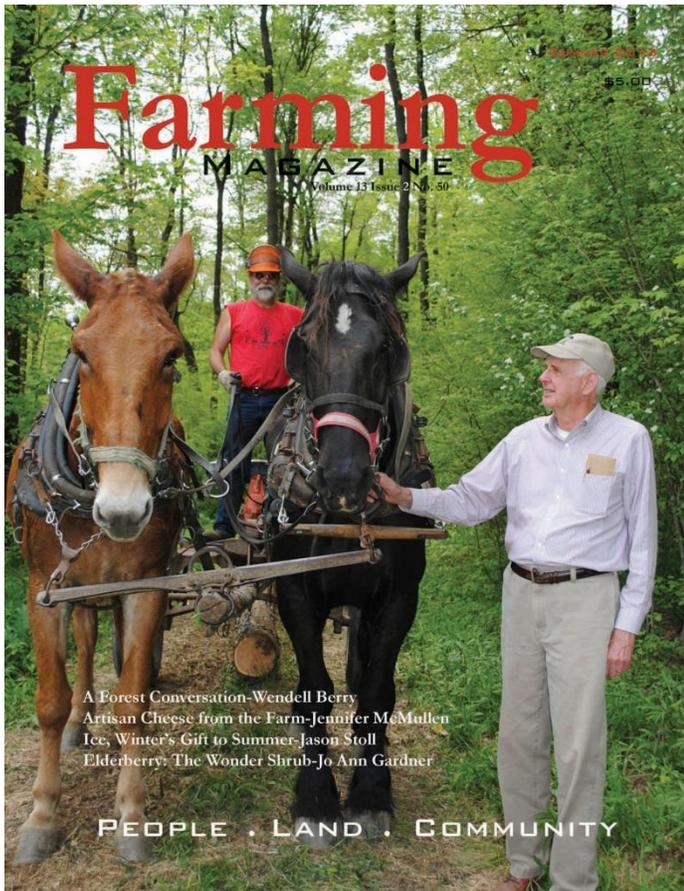


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## Lynn and Troy Firth And the Foundation Featured in Latest Wendell Berry Essay

The Foundation for Sustainable Forests' friend and supporter Wendell Berry recently wrote an article about Troy and Lynn Firth, their creation of the Foundation for Sustainable Forests and the work of the Foundation.

The article appears in the Summer issue of Farming Magazine (cover shown at left – the cover photo was taken at the 2013 Loving the Land Through Working Forests Conference).

Wendell is one of the country's leading men of letters and has been described as a modern day Thoreau. He is a recipient of The National Humanities Medal, was the Jefferson Lecturer for 2012 and a 2013 Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A prolific author of fiction,

nonfiction and poetry, Wendell's works speak to the human condition and man's place and partnership in the natural world.

Farming Magazine celebrates the joys of farming well and living well on a small, ecologically conscious scale. It explores the intricate bonds connecting people, land, and community and it offers a hopeful vision for the future, just as Wendell does in his article.

For subscriptions, availability of specific issues and more information on Farming Magazine visit [www.FarmingMagazine.net](http://www.FarmingMagazine.net) or call toll-free 800-915-0042.

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