



# National Capital Society of American Foresters

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## *DC Forester* February 2008

OK – I’m ready for Spring! It’s not that I dislike winter but I’ve had enough of it. I’m ready to be outside in my shirtsleeves doing things that warmer weather allows. What about you?

Now that I’ve had a month to get past my “deer in the headlight” look as your chair, we are going to have a great year, thanks to the hard work of your executive committee. The chair-elect is **E Lynn Burkett** who is currently on a detail to Idaho, compliments of the BLM. She will probably be back in a month or so. NCSAF elected **Dick Pardo** as treasurer and he is carrying on the great work of Past Treasurer Doug Powell. Wilhelmina, is of course the immediate past chair, and is ready and willing to continue to help us (and me!) as needed.

The other elected officer, in addition to E Lynn and Dick is **Jessica McGlynn**. She has been a member of NCSAF and has committed to become more active. She follows Donna Gelhaart, who was our able secretary for several years. That’s your elected team and we are here to serve you in every way we can.

There are many others who comprise the NCSAF Executive Committee: **Rick Cooksey** continues as chair of the forest policy committee; **Laura Schweitzer** has “transferred” from fund-raising to chair of the program committee; **Jim Culbert**, a long time stalwart of NCSAF continues as membership chair; **Tim Resch** is doing a really fine job with our NCSAF website. See [www.ncsaf.org](http://www.ncsaf.org) if you haven’t already been. **Christy Kuczak** will lead the tellers and auditors committee, and she will have an interesting year with 2008 being our first year of electronic voting. You will continue to hear from **Terri Bates**, our communication chair, about upcoming events and emerging news that can’t wait for the *DC Forester*.

**Andrea Bedell-Loucks** and **Nadine Block** will tag team the newly invigorated nominating and professional recognition committee. They have already led us through the SAF Fellow nomination process, and they are moving on to other things. Our faithful and talented newsletter editor, **Jennifer Plyler** will continue as editor. And by the way, this is YOUR newsletter and if you wish to write or submit an article SEND IT IN! This isn’t just the executive committee’s newsletter.

**Dwight Fielder** is the new fundraising chair. If you participated in last year’s wine tasting and auction, you were exposed to Dwight’s enthusiasm and hospitality. We’re going to do it again this year. Our historian is **Doug MacCleery**. He attends to our historical records that are archived at the Historical Society of Washington, DC. **Doug Crandall** is the new national phonathon chair, taking over from Tim Resch. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a note about the phonathon. It really is great fun and I would encourage you to sign-up for an evening of calling.

Every SAF state society (NCSAF is considered a state society; someone want to tell that to Congress!) has a science and technology coordinator and ours is **Denise Ingram**. She also serves as our liaison to the Washington Academy of Sciences, which NCSAF is a member. Another stalwart to NCSAF is **Dick Fitzgerald** who is the Wild Acres liaison and coordinates the Spring clean-up. We really need some “young blood” to help us out with this come Spring.

So... that is your team. I didn't want another month to go by without introducing all of them to you. As you can see, several NCSAF members have committed to various leadership responsibilities. There is not a single committee that would not welcome your involvement. Call me at (202) 401-5971 if you want to help but don't know in what capacity. We'll figure it out.

Be safe in our icy/rainy/sleety/snowy weather that isn't over yet!

**Eric Norland**  
NCSAF Chair

### Treasurer's Report

The awards expense was for membership pins and the miscellaneous expense was the membership dues in the Washington Academy of Sciences for our science and technology coordinator.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Treasurer Dick Pardo ([rardo@mrisc.com](mailto:rardo@mrisc.com)) or any member of the executive committee.

#### 1/13/08 through 2/15/08

##### Current Balance

Certificates of Deposit	\$16,258.56
Cash	\$100.00
Checking	<u>\$ 7,158.69</u>
Total	\$23,517.25

	1/13/08 to 2/15/08	Year-to-date
<b>Amount Received</b>		
Dues Disbursements	\$350.00	\$1,000.00
Luncheon Receipts	\$262.00	\$262.00
Raffles	\$18.00	\$18.00
Total Income	<u>\$630.00</u>	<u>\$1,280.00</u>
<b>Amount Expended</b>		
Awards-Recognition	\$95.00	\$95.00
Luncheon meals	\$275.50	\$275.50
Miscellaneous	\$55.00	\$55.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$425.50</u>	<u>\$425.50</u>
Net increase (decrease)	\$205.00	\$855.00

**Dick Pardo**  
Treasurer

## NCSAF Membership Update

### NCSAF Membership Update – January 2008

As of the end of January 2008, NCSAF now has a total of 281 members, which were four members less than our new membership goal of 285 for 2008.

At this time, 78 members have not yet renewed for 2008. The NCSAF Executive Committee will be making a big push in March and April to contact these members and urge their prompt renewal, before the national Phonathon in May.

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in November:

#### Transfers Out

George R. Armstrong, to West Virginia Division  
Bryan T. Seipp, to Maryland/Delaware Division  
Meredith M. Webster, to Missoula Chapter



Carol McKernon presents Clarence Blackstock with a special 60-year membership certificate at the SAF National Office on Feb 14.

Arthur Ennis, and Gerald Van Gilst attained their 60-year of SAF membership in 2008. They requested to have their certificates mailed.

**Jim Culbert**  
Membership Committee Chair

### Help Needed to Keep SAF Healthy SAF Phonathon

Would you be willing to volunteer at SAF headquarters one evening? Or two evenings? On May 6th, 7th and 14th, volunteers from the National Capital SAF will be calling other SAF members to remind them to keep their memberships current. If you can spare a couple of hours, please call Doug Crandall at 202-205-1113. Good food and good company are guaranteed! Orientation and dinner are at 6:00 pm and we'll make calls from about 6:30 until 9:00-9:15 each evening. Thanks for your help.

**Doug Crandall**  
Phonathon Chair

# **National Capital Society of American Foresters CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

The Washington Academy of Sciences & Its Affiliates Present  
**CAPITAL SCIENCE 2008**  
*NSF Conference Facility, Arlington, VA - March 29-30, 2008*  
<http://www.washacadsci.org/capsci08/Index.htm> .

There is still time to participate in the NCSAF session!! Please send your name, contact information, and short bio to me, if you are available as a speaker, to register for the conference or simply volunteer to staff the exhibit. --- *S&T Coordinator and WAS Liaison, C. Denise Ingram, [c\\_denise\\_ingram@yahoo.com](mailto:c_denise_ingram@yahoo.com), or call (202) 297-5454 or (202) 205-3611.*

On Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30, 2008, the Washington Academy of Sciences (WAS) and its Affiliated Societies will hold the third in a series of biennial pan-Affiliate Conferences, **Capital Science 2008 (CapSci-08)**. It will be held in the Conference Facility of the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA at the Ballston Metro stop.

**The NCSAF plans to host two sessions at CapSci-08:  
Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am and 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

## **1) Dialogue Among Natural Resource Societies in the National Capital Area**

This session will include science leaders from a number of professional societies that share a focus on natural resource issues. Representatives will be asked to participate in a roundtable discussion on the impacts and future challenges among a number of trends, such as: global warming; bio-energy development; the threat of invasive species; and growing populations in the United States. Invited societies will include, *but are not limited to*:

- Ecological Society of America
- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- American Fisheries Society
- American Meteorological Society, D.C. Chapter
- Entomological Society of Washington
- Anthropological Society of Washington
- Botanical Society of Washington
- Geological Society of Washington

## **2) Society of American Foresters Science Exhibition and Showcase**

This session will include poster and resource exhibits of SAF and NCSAF information for networking with other affiliated societies and the general public. NCSAF members and leaders will be on hand to discuss the mission and science goals of the Society, as well as network with other WAS-affiliated science groups.

**Denise Ingram  
Science and Technology Coordinator (WAS)**

## NCSAF Luncheon: Forest Health & Integrated Vegetation Management, A Contemporary View

Guest speaker McKinley-Ben Miller, state forester, BLM, Arizona at the Jan 31 luncheon.



On Thursday, January 31st, NCSAF members met at the Whitten Building in Washington, DC for a luncheon presentation by McKinley-Ben Miller, state forester for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Arizona. Mr. Miller highlighted some of the challenges facing land management agencies as they attempt to manage a large, diverse landscape and he discussed some approaches to integrated vegetation management that

might improve the agencies' ability to manage and understand broad landscape needs.

Mr. Miller explained that the agencies need a reasonable framework of assessment and evaluation to determine if planned or implemented actions are appropriate for the space and the time in which they occur. He further explained that cohesive and realistic land management decisions result when people manage at scales they can comprehend and get their hands around, rather than at enormous and unfathomable expanses.



Jim Cilbert (l) awards Jessica "Jessie" Strother the 2007 District VII President's Field Forester Award at the Jan 31 luncheon.

Mr. Miller additionally gave a most intriguing and thoughtful definition of a forest as "a unique bio-physical collection of trees." He explained that he had determined this definition upon discovering that a single definition of a forest seemed to be lacking in the field at large. He further went on to say that he "consider[s] this definition to be universal and all encompassing of any group of trees, growing in any definable location, which numbers two or more." This definition was illustrative of Mr. Miller's willingness to think broadly and creatively about forests, their construction and their management.

As a former US Forest Service and Tribal forester, a current BLM forester, and a former student of forestry in a variety of places including the Adirondacks and Goettingen, Germany, the broad reach of experience and perspective McKinley-Ben Miller provided the NCSAF group was enlightening. After the luncheon, several attendees remarked that Mr. Miller's ability to engage them in forest management issues was refreshing and invigorating.

**Laura Schweitzer**  
**Program Chair**

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

## **NCSAF Provides Grand Finals Judge for Science Fair**

The NCSAF Science and Technology Coordinator/Washington Academy Liaison participated in the Academy's STARS program as a Grand Finals judge for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School science fair on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Ingram was one of eight judges of the top 15 science projects, out of more than 500 entries. The WAS affiliated societies provide judges for STARS events throughout the spring. Generous cash awards are also provided by WAS. Dr. Paul Hazan, vice president of the Junior Academy coordinated the participation by representatives of affiliated societies. It was encouraging to see that more than 70 projects addressed environmental sciences and other forest resource related questions.

The STARS program, or Science & Technology Aptitude Recognition in schools, augment the continuing development of the nation's skilled workforce by encouraging early interest in Science through participation in Secondary School Programs promoting science projects. The program is designed to:

- Encourage individual student participation by providing WAS prizes and awards to selected student projects.
- Recognize individual teachers who have provided exceptional guidance and encouragement to their students.
- Provide recognition of student science project activities in the journal and website of the Washington Academy of Sciences
- Draw on the reservoir of knowledge and experience of WAS and affiliate society members and provide them the opportunity to participate as science project judges and student mentors.

The WAS "STARS" Program is actively involved in several area Secondary School Science Programs. This includes Science Fairs at elementary, middle, and high schools, a 22-school robotics competition, and a Space Science Summer camp. (*Description of the STARS program is taken from website of the Washington Academy of Sciences*).

**Denise Ingram**  
**Science and Technology Coordinator (WAS)**

## **Project Works to Revitalize Virginia's State Arbor Day**

In April of 2007, more than 1,500 Fourth Grade Foresters all across Virginia rolled up their sleeves and planted a tree. The kids became members of Fourth Grade Foresters of Virginia. The project goal is to help revitalize a remarkable idea--observation of Arbor Day in America's schools.

This goal is accomplished by bringing the schools, businesses and citizens of each community together in an effort to send each fourth grader home with a tree of their own to plant and care for.

The project was created to provide a simple and inexpensive way for any individual, business or organization with the opportunity to sponsor the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at an elementary school in their community. For \$1.59 per student, individually packaged 12"-18" evergreen tree seedlings sealed in polybags will be sent to the schools. Each package will include information about Virginia's Arbor

Day, planting and care instructions, and the name of the sponsor. There is absolutely no cost to the students, the teachers, the schools or the school districts.

This year Virginia's Arbor Day falls on Friday, April 25th and Virginia has more than 110,000 Fourth Graders ready to become Fourth Grade Foresters. For more information on how to sponsor fourth graders in your community, simply call Sarah Henne at (866) 390-1428 or email her at [sehenne@neb.rr.com](mailto:sehenne@neb.rr.com).

Now in the era of global warming and air pollution, tree planting is even more important than ever. Trees take carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) out of the atmosphere to help reduce warming and clean the air we breathe. Planting trees is a simple, inexpensive and easy way to address the problem.

The trees are packaged in workshops that employ adults with disabilities through the Free Trees and Plants project. Started in February, 2004, the [www.freetreesandplants.com](http://www.freetreesandplants.com) project obtains from growers and nurseries some of the millions of unsold plants that are destroyed each year, hires workers with disabilities to package them and then sends the plants to anyone who orders them at [www.freetreesandplants.com](http://www.freetreesandplants.com). Consumers simply pay for processing and shipping costs.

## 2008 NCSAF Calendar of Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
February 20	NCSAF Luncheon Jaelith Hall-Rivera, The Wilderness Society	L aura Schweitzer
February 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
March 13	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
March 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
March 20 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
March 29-30	Capital Science 2008	Denise Ingram
April 10	Wine tasting Ballston, VA	Dwight Fielder
April 10	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
April 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
April 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (location TBD)	Eric Norland
May 6, 7, and 14	NCSAF Phonathon	Doug Crandall
May 8	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	Laura Schweitzer
May 15 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
May 16	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
June 12	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
June 19 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
June 20	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
July 10	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer

## 2008 NCSAF Calendar of Events (*continued*)

Date	Description	Contact
July 17 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
August 14	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
August 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
August 21 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
September 11	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
September 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
September 18 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
October 9	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
October 16 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (location TBD)	Eric Norland
October 17	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
November 5-9	SAF National Convention Reno/Tahoe, NV	<a href="http://www.safnet.org">www.safnet.org</a>
November 13	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
November 14	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
November 20 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	NCSAF Executive Committee (teleconference)	Eric Norland
December 11	NCSAF Luncheon Speaker TBD	L aura Schweitzer
December 15	<i>DC Forester</i> deadline	Jennifer Plyler
December 18 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Joint 2008 & 2009 NCSAF Executive Committees (location TBD)	Eric Norland

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