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Forging Sustainable Forestry 1911 – “Wisconsin’s First Forest Rangers”

Welcome to the Wisconsin Forest History Associations screencast of their 2020 Event, Forging Sustainable Forestry 1911 – “Wisconsin’s First Forest Rangers.” This presentation was created and narrated by Jim Bokern, President of the Manitowish Waters Historical Society. This presentation is the 1st installment of three videos documenting rise of forestry in Wisconsin and the pivotal role of Forest Rangers over time. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Park Falls Paper Mill Reopens With New Owner, Plan To Expand

A northern Wisconsin paper mill that shut down last year and struggled to find a buyer is back in operation and calling back workers. It’s been a bumpy year and a half for the Park Falls paper mill that operated for decades as Flambeau River Papers. [Read More](#)

Construction Starts on Unusual \$80 Million, 25-Story Mass Timber Apartment Tower in Downtown Milwaukee

Construction has started on an unusual downtown Milwaukee apartment tower. The \$80 million project, known as Ascent, is being developed at 700 E. Kilbourn Ave. by New Land Enterprises LLP and Wiechmann Enterprises. [Read More](#)

Spruce Budworm and Balsam Fir Mortality in Northern Wisconsin

Spruce budworm defoliation was severe in many areas of northern Wisconsin this year. New needles on balsam fir and spruce were eaten, although in most areas the balsam fir had greater amounts of defoliation than the spruce. Feeding by this native caterpillar for several years in a row can cause trees to start to decline and even die, which is occurring in a number of areas of northern Wisconsin. [Read More](#)

Rare Carnivorous Plant Spotted in Northern Wisconsin for the First Time in 25 Years

Finally, some good news for 2020 — at least if you like carnivorous plants. English sundew, a rare insect-eating plant, was observed at a site in Ashland County last year for the first time since 1975. The plant, one of 15 carnivorous plants in Wisconsin, hadn’t been seen in Ashland County at all since 1995. [Read More](#)

A Walk Through Time and Hemlocks

All of this beautiful snow here in Madison reminds me of a winter trip I took to northern Wisconsin, when I had the opportunity to explore a new place: Germain Hemlocks State Natural Area in Oneida County. The SNA is named after Clifford E. Germain, the first ecologist and coordinator of Wisconsin’s State Natural Areas Program, who helped protect many places during his career with the Department of Natural Resources. Nestled between three lakes, this beautiful natural area protects old-growth northern mesic forest, featuring super-canopy white and red pines, yellow birch, sugar and red maple, and red oak. But of course, its most incredible feature is its’ namesake: the eastern hemlocks, old-growth relicts that survived the region’s logging days. [Read More](#)

By Paying Attention, Tribes in the Northwoods are Leading the Way on Climate Change

If the forests of northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan keep secrets, it’s only because people fail to listen. For about 500 years, since they moved to the region from the Northeastern U.S. and Canada, Anishinaabe tribes have built relationships and history with all beings in the region – from tall trees and moose to grains of sand and manidoonsag, which means “little spirits” in Ojibwe. Elders and tribal members who have taken the time to observe the landscape have witnessed their community members, both human and otherwise, adapt to harsh winters, wildfires, storms, pest outbreaks, and the arrival of Europeans. Now they are recognizing the impacts of climate change on their communities. They can taste it in the way that the flavor of beaver worsens sooner as springs warm up earlier in the calendar year. They have heard it in the way the wind blows through declining beds of manoomin, or wild rice. [Read More](#)

Forest-Climate Working Group Learning Exchange Series

The Forest Carbon and Climate Program (FCCP) is partnering with the Forest-Climate Working Group (FCWG) to offer a curated Learning Exchange Series on forest carbon and climate issues to group members and the public. [Read More](#)



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To open the link, place your cursor over **Watch Video** or **Read More** and so on, and then left click on your mouse. That should open the link in a new window providing access to the specifically linked webpage.

With this issue of Woodchips, we will start listing the full URL to each hyperlink on a second page. If needed, the URL can be copied and pasted into your web browser address bar (also known as location bar or URL bar).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gOVtIMJv-g&t=2s>

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<https://www.wpr.org/park-falls-paper-mill-reopens-new-owner-plan-expand>

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<https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/real-estate/commercial/2020/08/31/construction-starts-downtown-milwaukee-mass-timber-high-rise-ascent/3448985001/>

Spruce Budworm and Balsam Fir Mortality in Northern Wisconsin

<https://forestrynews.blogs.govdelivery.com/2020/09/02/spruce-budworm-and-balsam-fir-mortality-in-northern-wisconsin/>

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A Walk Through Time and Hemlocks

https://www.wisconservation.org/walk_through_hemlocks/

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<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/06/by-paying-attention-tribes-in-the-northwoods-are-leading-the-way-on-climate-change/>

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https://www.canr.msu.edu/fccp/partners-and-projects/forest-climate-working-group-learning-series/index?fbclid=IwAR0mnRKWGx-w2uiDh8iGF2kp5dwzFMjwbsz_a-0-GuEj38H1PwHatEBhF5s