

Biltmore Forest School  
Cradle of Forestry in America  
**Woodland Steward Series:**  
*Managing Your Legacy in Coastal North Carolina*

The health, productivity and ecological character of North Carolina woodlands rests largely in the hands of family forest owners. Woodland owners enjoy trees and other natural resources for their social, environmental and economic benefits, but may not know where to begin to fully enjoy these benefits. This course is designed to help property owners (especially those with 20 acres or less) understand the basic principles of forest stewardship to enrich their experience as a woodland owner.

Woodland owners interested in managing their land and developing an understanding of the basic principles of woodland stewardship are invited to participate in a unique educational event scheduled for this fall. A team of land management experts from federal and state agencies, universities, and the private sector are coordinating efforts to offer the Woodland Steward Series through the Biltmore Forest School.

48 hours over 4 workshops will be provided with opportunities to engage with natural resource and land management specialists. Sessions include both hands-on activities in the field and instruction in the classroom. Introductory information on a wide variety of land management topics will be discussed.

**Workshop topics may include:**

Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills

Location: Exchange Nature Center, Kinston  
Friday, Sept. 25 (9am-5pm), Saturday, Sept. 26 (9am-12pm)  
How to set property management goals and objectives while considering the role of your land in the big picture of regional ecosystems. Learn to write your land management objectives and manage your land with wildlife in mind. Explore basic tools such as plant identification, soil sampling, maps and compasses, and GIS/ GPS information to manage your land.

Native Landscaping & Water Management

Location: Pitt County Agricultural Center, Greenville  
Friday, Oct. 9 (9am-5pm), Saturday, Oct. 10 (9am-12pm)  
A general overview of choosing and planting native plants for your property. Planting, care, and protection of urban trees and basic information on invasive plants. Managing water on your property—ponds, streams, riparian buffers, and wetland restoration.

Woodscaping Your Woodlands & Firewise Management

Location: Cool Springs EE Center, Askins  
Friday, Oct. 23 (9am-5pm), Saturday, Oct. 24 (9am-12pm)  
A general overview of managing your forest land—how topography and soil affect the forest type and a tour of management styles. Basic information on forest insects and diseases, wildlife openings and pasture management, and secondary forest products. Reducing the risk of wildfire loss by becoming “Firewise” in your backyard.

Stewardship, Recreation, & Liability

Location: Lenoir Co. Cooperative Ext. Center, Kinston  
Friday, Nov. 6 (9am-5pm), Saturday, Nov. 7 (9am-11am)  
Recreational and wildlife income opportunities including hunting, fishing, trails, etc. Basic information on land ownership liability and conservation easements. Explore management practices in the field and apply your new knowledge and skills. Finalize your goals and objectives. Graduation ceremony and lunch will follow on Saturday for those who have attended at least 3 of the 4 workshops.

**Registration Information**

- Registration is \$50.00 per participant per workshop. Spouse or other family member registration is \$25.00 per workshop and one set of educational materials is provided for the family.
- Credit toward NC Environmental Education Certification is available, as well as educator CEU and forester CFE credits.
- Workshops count as electives toward Asheville Board of Realtors ECO Certification.
- Registration deadline is one week prior to the workshop desired.
- Attendance in at least 3 of the 4 workshops is required to graduate.
- Participant will receive e-mail confirmations upon receipt of registration and payment. Please read for detailed workshop information and directions.
- Lunch will be provided on the first day of each workshop.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Written cancellations (US Mail or email) received 7 or more days prior to workshop day 1 will receive a refund less a \$10 processing fee. Sorry, but it is not possible to obtain a refund within 7 days of the workshop’s day 1. Substitute attendees are welcome with prior notification. In the case of workshop cancellation, all fees will be refunded.

**Registration  
NC Coast  
2009 Woodland Steward Series**

Participant   Spouse

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**Registration is Required!**

**Please make checks payable to:**

Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association (CFIA)  
**Mail registration and fee to:** Amy Garascia, Program  
Coordinator, 66 S Broad St., Brevard, NC 28712  
(828) 884-5713 ex 26, amysworkshopinfo@aol.com

**Participant Cost:**

Number of workshops \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Family Member Cost:**

Number of workshops \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due CFIA = \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(important for workshop confirmation and updates)

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Acres owned \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian lunches requested for first day: \_\_\_\_\_

Information collected will be used solely for contact about the Woodland Steward Series and grant reporting purposes. Registration grants the Biltmore Forest School permission to use photographs taken at workshops for educational and promotional purposes in any media, including the Internet.

## Cradle of Forestry

Our century of conservation dates back to the building of the Biltmore Estate and the reforestation of abused and farmed-over land. Forestry education in the United States began in 1889 when George W. Vanderbilt began to purchase land in Asheville as a site for his Biltmore Estate.

In 1895, German forester Dr. Carl A. Schenck accepted George Vanderbilt's offer to come to North Carolina to succeed Gifford Pinchot as forester of his vast forest properties. To assist him in his effort, Schenck started the Biltmore Forest School in 1898. For the next 15 years, Dr. Schenck focused all of his forestry skills on running the Biltmore Forest School and transforming the woodlands that we know today as Pisgah National Forest.

Today the Cradle of Forestry in America is a 6,500 acre historic site within the Pisgah National Forest, set aside by Congress to commemorate the beginning of forestry conservation and to continue the rich legacy of conservation education in the United States.

For more information on the Woodland Steward Series held in the region of NC nearest you, visit:  
[www.cradleofforestry.org](http://www.cradleofforestry.org)

### This series is sponsored by:

- Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association
- North Carolina Division of Forest Resources
- NC Cooperative Extension Service
- USDA Forest Service
- Kinston/ Lenoir County Parks & Recreation Dept.
- NC Tree Farm Program
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- NC Woodlands
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Valentine Land & Timber
- Weyerhaeuser

### Cradle of Forestry Interpretive Association

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