

# The Virginia Association of Forest Health Professionals 30th Annual Conference

February 14 – 15, 2022  
Hotel 24 South  
Staunton, Virginia



## MEETING PROGRAM

### Monday, February 14, 2022

- 8:00-9:00      **Registration**
- 9:00-9:15      **Welcome and Introductions** – VAFHP Committee
- 9:15-9:45      **Emerging Topics on Urban Forest Health and Management in the Southeast U.S.** – Eric Wiseman, Ph.D, Virginia Tech \*
- 9:45-10:15     **Using Pesticides Safely in Forestry** – Jason Cooper, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 10:15-10:45   **Eastern White Pine Management: A Model System for Improving Tree Health** – Bill Livingston, Ph.D., The University of Maine
- 10:45-11:00   **Break**
- 11:00-11:30   **Upgrading Hardwood Management** – Joe Rossetti, Virginia Department of Forestry
- 11:30-12:00   **Multiple Lines of Evidence for Fire in the Southern and Central Appalachians** – Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service
- 12:00-12:30   **Field Identification of Beech Leaf Disease** – Devin Bily, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 12:30-1:30     **LUNCH** provided by VAFHP
- 1:30-1:45      **Recertification Credit Form Process** – Joan Allen, Fairfax County Urban Forest Management
- 1:45-2:15      **Drone-based Imagery to Detect Invasive Plant Species in a Landscape in Northwestern Virginia** – Kelsey Huelsman, University of Virginia
- 2:15-2:45      **Urban Trees, their Pests, and the Birds which Depend on Them** – Larry Long, Ph.D., North Carolina Forest Service
- 2:45-3:15      ***Elaeagnus pungens*: A Thorny Issue in Southeastern Forest Management** – Molly Darr, Ph.D., Clemson University
- 3:15-3:30      **Break**
- 3:30-4:00      **Spotted Lanternfly Regulation Update** – David Gianino, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 4:00-4:30      **Developing a Biocontrol Project Against Spotted Lanternfly** – Juli Gould, Ph.D., USDA APHIS \*
- 4:30-5:15      **2021 Legal Update for Certified Applicators** – Debbie Brown, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 5:15             **Announcements and Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- 8:00-8:30      **Registration**
- 8:30-9:00      **Rapid Risk Assessment to Aid Early Detection of an Introduced Water Chestnut (*Trapa bispinosa*) in Northern Virginia** – Ian Pfungsten, US Geological Survey \*
- 9:00-9:30      **The Asian Longhorned Beetle in South Carolina: A Status Update** – Meredith Bean, Clemson University
- 9:30-10:00    **Laurel Wilt Disease Marches Towards Virginia** – Kelly Oten, Ph.D., North Carolina State University
- 10:00-10:15    **Break**
- 10:15-10:45    **Exploring Opportunities for Establishing and Monitoring Conservation Habitat on Right-of-Ways for Monarch Butterflies, Bumble Bees, and Other Pollinators** – Adam Baker Ph.D., Davey Tree Expert Company
- 10:45-11:15    **Recent Invasives Impacting Forestry, Red Imported Fire Ant and Elm Zigzag Sawfly** – Eric Day, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 11:15-11:45    **Woodland Land Care Practices: An Opportunity to Expand Your Business Services** – Jonathan Kays, University of Maryland
- 11:45-12:15    **Over a Decade of Community Food Forest Evolution and Connection to Urban Forest Health** – Catherine Bukowski, Virginia Tech \*
- 12:15          **Wrap-up and adjourn / Lunch on your own**

\* Presentation will be delivered virtually

*The VAFHP Conference Planning Committee is thankful... for you.*

*Not only for participating in this educational and networking event, but for doing what you do.*

*Together we improve the lives of all Virginians, even those who don't know they depend on the trees and forests we tend to.*