

**FOREST SITE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING from Seed to Harvest: An ASD And ABFFC Multi-day Forest Farming Intensive**

**UVA Wise; Wise, Virginia**

**August 11-13, 2017**

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**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30-5:30 PM – Registration**

**5:30-6:15 PM – DINNER**

**6:15-6:30 PM – Walk from Dining Hall to Student Center**

**6:30-7:00 PM – Welcome and Introductions**

**7:00-7:45 PM – Forest Farming Review:** Dr. Eric Burkhart (Penn State U) will give a broad overview of forest farming including: what it is and what are the associated opportunities and challenges.

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30-8:30 AM – BREAKFAST**

**8:30-8:45 AM – Day 2 Overview of Activities**

**8:45-9:00 AM –Travel to Vans or Classroom**

**9:00-12:00 PM – Breakout Session 1**

**Group 1: Plant Propagation and Voucher Preparation, Sub-groups A and B**

**Sub-group A**

- **9:00-10:30am – Plant Propagation:** Dr. Jeanine Davis (NC State U) will guide participants through a demonstration of forest herb propagation techniques, discussing the unique needs of various types of plants.
- **10:30am-12:00pm – Voucher Preparation:** Jacob Peters (UVA-Wise), will demonstrate how to prepare a voucher specimen. A voucher specimen is a pressed plant sample that is preserved for future reference and is often a requirement of growers by herb buyers.

**Sub-group B**

- **9:00-10:30am – Voucher Preparation**
- **10:30am-12:00pm – Plant Propagation**

**Group 2: Site Analysis and Plant Population Assessment, Sub-groups C and D**

- **9:00am-12:00pm –Site Analysis and Plant Population:** Led by Dr. Eric Burkhart and Dr. Ryan Huish (UVA-Wise), participants will travel to one of two forested

sites at and near campus to practice plant identification, population estimation and site assessment. Data gathered from these field visits will be used by the groups to develop a mock management plan back at the college.

- **Sub-group C at Site 1**
- **Sub-group D at Site 2**

**12:00-1:00 PM – LUNCH**

**1:00-4:00 PM – Breakout Session 2**

**Group 2: Site Analysis and Plant Population Assessment, *Sub-groups C and D***

**Sub-group C**

- **1:00-2:30pm – Plant Propagation**
- **2:30-4:00pm – Voucher Preparation**

**Sub-group D**

- **1:00-2:30pm – Voucher Preparation**
- **2:30-4:00pm – Plant Propagation**

**Group 1: Site Analysis and Plant Population Assessment, *Sub-groups A and B***

- **Sub-group A at Site 1**
- **Sub-group B at Site 2**

**4:00-5:00 PM – BREAK**

**5:00-6:00 PM – DINNER**

**6:00-7:00 PM – Forest Farm Plan Exercise:** Dr. Eric Burkhart will be providing an overview of what to include in a forest farm plan, including economic projections and plant population management recommendations. Sub-groups will work together to create a plan using new-found skills and field observations.

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00-9:00 AM – BREAKFAST**

**9:00-11:00 AM – Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for forest farmers:** Dr. Jeanine Davis will explain why food safety regulations are important and how forest farmers can address them in their operations to enhance market competitiveness.

**11:00-11:15 AM --BREAK**

**11:15-12:15 PM –Forest Farming Plan Development:** sub-group break-out session

**12:15-1:15 PM – LUNCH**

**1:15-2:15 PM – Management Plan Presentations:** sub-groups share plans with peers

**2:15-2:30 PM – Closing Remarks**