

**NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
NOVEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER**

CHAPTER MEETING: Thursday, November 4: Lu Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, 702 S. Milton Rd, Flagstaff, 773-0380. This restaurant is painted bright pink and located on the east side of Milton Rd., just north of the Embassy Suites hotel. Long-time residents will recall this building as the site of the former “Fiddler’s” restaurant. We will meet in the “back room” on the north side.

5:30pm	Gathering and Socializing.
6:00pm	Dinner (Chinese buffet). Cost is \$7.99 plus drinks and gratuity. Please pay for your dinner directly to the restaurant. Regular members (non-students) are asked to contribute \$3.00 to cover the dinner cost of the speaker and two student members.
6:50pm	Brief Business Meeting.
7:00pm	Presentation & student activities: Doc Smith will describe the behind-the-scenes of the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership. Doc became Associate Director of NAU’s Ecological Restoration Institute after serving many years with the Forest Service. In addition to Doc’s presentation, we will hear from attendees at the Edmonton convention and the student chapter will raffle valuable items (bring your \$\$)!

Members are welcome to just attend the presentation and business meeting.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS: The Forestry Club/Student SAF hosted the **chapter meeting** on October 8 at Ft. Tuthill. The students put together a terrific meal and set up a raffle. **Todd Graeff**, director of Coconino County’s Parks & Recreation program, gave an excellent presentation on the public and political support behind the County’s open space initiatives. Unfortunately, the turnout of professional members was low, so the students did not have a chance to earn money for the Club. They will bring raffle items to the November meeting, so **please bring your money for the raffle to support students!**

Seven chapter members attended the **Southwest Section meeting** in Eagar on October 22-23. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests staff led a field tour of urban-interface treatments around Greer and **Bob Dyson** described the Stewardship Contract that is guiding additional treatments. **Molly Pitts** and former N. AZ chapter member **Brian Cottam** described economic development projects for non-traditional forest projects. Finally, SW Section chair **John Harrington** covered new opportunities for the Section, including the idea of developing an online “virtual forest” simulation for SAF members. John says he will attend a Northern Arizona chapter meeting so we’re putting it in writing: see you soon, John!

The **SAF National Convention**, held in Edmonton, also had high representation from the chapter. Several members who attended will describe their experiences at the November meeting. Chapter member **Richard Felgenhour**, from Prescott, donated a handmade bird house in the name of the chapter for the Foresters’ Fund raffle at the Convention.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular chapter meeting will be on **December 2**, same place, same time.

CONTACTS: You can reach us at Pete.Fule@nau.edu (523-1463), Denver.Hospodarsky@nau.edu, or Pringle@fs.fed.us (527-8285). Please share your suggestions or any information of interest to SAF members. The chapter newsletters are posted on the Coconino National Forest website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/about/links.shtml>) and the Southwestern SAF website, <http://www.for.nau.edu/swsaf/>, under the heading “chapter news”.

November is for ELECTIONS!

Please bring your ballot to the November Chapter Meeting or email it to Patty Ringle (Pringle@fs.fed.us) or mail it to Patty Ringle, USDA Forest Service, Coconino National Forest, 5075 N. Hwy 89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. Ballots must be received by November 8.

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Secretary/Treasurer:

- Jim Rolf
- Other: _____

Chair-elect:

- Steve Dewhurst
- Other: _____

About the candidates:

Jim Rolf

Education: B.S. Forestry from the University of Missouri “way back” in 1972. SAF member since 1989.

Experience:

- 2 years with the US Army in Alaska from 1972-74
- 3 years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala from 1975-78 working in reforestation and soil conservation.
- 25 years working with the US Forest Service, Coconino NF. Currently working as the Silviculturist for the Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts.

Steve Dewhurst

Steve joined the NAU School of Forestry faculty in 2003, returning to Arizona from the University of Northern British Columbia. Steve holds degrees in geography, anthropology, and forestry from the University of California, the University of Minnesota, and Northern Arizona University. His research interests include sustainable forest management, GIS, remote sensing, criteria and indicators, and computer-based modelling and simulation.