



**New Jersey Forestry Association - 50th Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 15, 2025 / Rutgers University**

**A Land Ethic for the 21st Century:
Exploring the Interconnectedness of People and the Land**

- 8:30-9:00 **Registration** and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:05 **Welcome/** Elmer Platz, NJFA President
- 9:05-9:15 **Introduction** of Guests and Collaborating Organizations / Andy Bennett, NJFA Director
- 9:15-9:50 **Kier Klepzig** / Director & Entomologist / The Jones Center at Ichauway in Newton, Georgia
“Lessons from a frequent fire forest: Managing for biodiversity, forest health, fuels, carbon, and more”
- 9:50-10:20 **Dr. Bernie Isaacson**
“Whose Woods These Are: NJ Forests as a reflection of societies living in them over time”
- 10:20-10:40 **Break, Collaborator Tables, Door Prizes**
- 10:40-11:10 **Matt Olson** / Assistant Professor / Stockton University
“Effects of prescribed burning in NJ forests: a net positive for the Garden State”
- 11:10-11:45 **Panel Discussion** / Kier Klepzig, Bernie Isaacson, Matt Olson
- 11:45-12:00 **NJ Forest Fire Service** / William Love / Assistant Division Forest Fire Warden
“Is NJ the next California? What does the Data Show? What Can We Do About it?”
- 12:00-1:15 **Lunch; NJFA Annual Business Meeting/Sal Vuocolo Award**
- 1:15-1:35 **Richard Kelsky** / Vice President, Director / NJFA
“Year in Review/Legislation and Regulation Affecting Woodlands”
- 1:35-1:50 **Todd Wyckoff & William Zipse** / NJ Forest Service
“How has NJFS adjusted to societal changes over the past 20 years?”
- 1:50-2:25 **Robert Somes** / NJDEP Fish & Wildlife / Pinelands Biologist / Endangered and Nongame Species
“A Wildlife Biologist’s View of the Forest”
- 2:25-2:45 **Panel Discussion** / Todd Wycoff, Bill Zipse, William Love, Robert Somes
- 2:45-3:00 **Break, Collaborator Tables, Door Prizes**
- 3:00-3:15 **Vinh Lang** / Pine Creek Forestry
“Regenerative forest economics - towards a sustainable future for environment and society”
- 3:15-3:45 **Panel Presentation** / Ethics in Forestry / Ryan Hasko, Allyson Salisbury, William Zipse, Eliot Nagele, Doug Tavella, Bernie Isaacson, Don Donnelly, Kier Klepzig
- 3:45-4:00 **Wrap Up**, Chainsaw Silent Auction, 50/50 Cash Raffle