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Women's Forest Congress UPDATE

August 2022

Join us at the Inaugural Women's Forest Congress – Tour Options Announced!

Are you joining us for the Inaugural 2022 Women's Forest Congress? [Check out](#) ***newly* added pre- and post-Congress optional tour opportunities** in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Choose from an array of options encompassing the diversity and equity we seek during the Congress. There is something for everyone, and we hope you will explore with us!

Don't delay; register [now](#) to get our **early bird discounts** for the Inaugural 2022 Women's Forest Congress (WFC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 17-20. Hear diverse perspectives and benefit from our collective expertise as we come together to develop strategies and solutions to address the most pressing current and future challenges for forests. The WFC is a leading voice for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the forest community. Learn more about the Congress [here](#).

Calling all Creative Souls

Do you play an instrument you can bring to WFC? Have you written a song or poem? Love to draw, paint, or just doodle? We'd love to share some of your work during the Congress. With art supplies, music, and an invitation to connect with others, our Creativity Space will **offer opportunities to tap into your energies and express your creativity in ways meaningful to and supportive of our experience at the Congress**. If you have a forest-related song, poem, or artwork/photos/images of women in and around forests, we'd love to feature them throughout the event. Share your works of art to info@womensforestcongress.org.

WFC Blog

This month's [blog](#) features Women's Forest Congress Advisory Council member and Forest Investment Associates' Director of Sustainability and ESG, MaryKate Bullen. Bullen **talks about what it's like, to meet with a group of powerful women in forestry**. [Read MaryKate's](#)

WFC Sponsorship Opportunities Helping Make History

Sponsorships and donations will directly support hosting the Women's Forest Congress. As women continue to make their mark in the forest sector, we see this **Congress playing a pivotal role in our shared journey to bringing diversity, equity, and inclusion to the forest community.**

Additionally, your [donation](#) is **integral to supporting the future of women in forestry, our community's growth, and empowerment.** Your gift supports WFC's ongoing communications and virtual events and the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and Working Groups, culminating in the Inaugural event held October 17-20, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN! Learn more about [sponsorship opportunities](#).

New WFC Resources Available

Need a resource to share with your organization's leadership, colleagues, and friends about the Women's Forest Congress? [Download](#) our **latest fact sheet giving an overview of the WFC mission, vision, and purpose.**

[Check out](#) our Community Agreements, which focus on how we aspire to work together in an inclusive, collaborative, and respectful manner. **Our community agreements serve as the foundation for our meetings and guide how all participants relate to each other.** These agreements are implemented across all Women's Forest Congress events, including the October 2022 Congress.

Fun Fact of the Month

If Minnesota isn't on your bucket list, it should be. [Check out](#) a recent episode of PBS' "America Outdoors with Baratunde Thurston," highlighting his journey through the remote northern MN wilderness, titled Minnesota: A Better World. And don't worry, we'll ensure wild rice is featured on our October event menus.

THERE IS A NEED – ARGUABLY TODAY MORE THAN EVER – FOR DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES TO HELP ENSURE THE HEALTH AND FUTURE OF FORESTS.

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