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November 2023

Join WFC's Virtual Gathering on December 6

[Register now](#) and [join the Women's Forest Congress for our next Virtual Gathering, on December 6, 2:00-3:30pm ET](#) (1:00-2:30pm CT/12:00-1:30pm MT/11:00am-12:30pm PT), as we continue to live out the WFC Declaration from the October 2022 event, reflect on 2023 and look ahead to 2024. We'll focus on Resolution #1: FOSTER workforce opportunities for all women through mentorship programs, professional development, scholarships, with a particular focus on reaching out to those who need help or are asking for assistance in any part of their journey. Like all WFC virtual gatherings, come ready to be inspired, learn, and share with others during networking time.

What's Happening Across the WFC Community?

- Did you see [WFC mentioned in the UN's annual Forest Report, on page 20?](#) “The [Forest Products Annual Market Review 2022-2023](#) provides a comprehensive analysis of markets in the UNECE region and reports on the main market influences beyond the region. It covers products from the forest to the end user and from roundwood and primary processed products to value-added, housing and wood energy.”
- [Shout out to Jasmine Brown, WFC Steering Committee member](#), who was [recently awarded](#) the Graduate Student Emerging Leader Scholarship at Michigan State University (MSU), for her work “connecting the dots and bringing new light to the history of forestry.” Nominated by Asia Dowtin, WFC Advisory Council member and MSU Department of Forestry assistant professor, this [MSU Black Faculty, Staff and Administrators Association \(BFSAA\) scholarship recognizes individuals who “maintain academic excellence and serve as a leader and change agent within their department... and the local community.”](#) Join us in congratulating Jasmine. We can't wait to witness your continued success.
- WFC was well-represented during the Women in Natural Resources Meet-Up, at the recent SAF National Convention. [Around 75 individuals, including students, early career professionals, and “seasoned” professionals, joined the WFC-sponsored meet-up to network and share experiences related to career transitions.](#) Special thanks to the planning team and event hosts Asia Dowtin (WFC Advisory Council

(WFC Steering Committee member), and Tia Beavert (WFC Advisory Council member). We hope to see you at the Women in Natural Resources Meet-Up during the 2024 SAF National Convention in Colorado. If you're interested in joining the planning team, [reach out](#) to us.

- The WFC-sponsored Nature Immersion session on November 18th was quite successful. **Led by WFC Steering Committee member and certified forest and nature therapy guide Daphne Yin along with certified forest and nature therapy guide Tamberly Conway, participants enjoyed a two-hour virtual session in nature, from the forest, park, or backyard of their choice.** Be on the lookout for future forest and nature immersion experiences.

WFC Needs Your Support

Your financial support is needed and critical to continue the momentum throughout 2024.

Your immediate support will ensure the continued success of the Women's Forest Congress movement. Throughout 2023, the Women's Forest Congress engaged and acted upon the [Declaration and 10 resolutions](#) from the October 2022 event. Specific activities included WFC strategic engagement and operations, ongoing communications and marketing, quarterly virtual gatherings, and supporting the volunteer-led Steering Committee, Advisory Council, and Working Groups, as well as the overall movement to position and learn from women as leaders in the forest community.

Help us make 2024 a success. If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Congress, especially in this time of transition, check out our [sponsorship prospectus](#), [donate today](#), or [reach out to us](#).

WFC Resolution of the Month

Throughout 2023, the WFC has featured a "Resolution of the Month." In December, we'll feature Resolution #1- **FOSTER workforce opportunities for all women through mentorship programs, professional development, scholarships, with a particular focus on reaching out to those who need help or are asking for assistance in any part of their journey.** [Check out](#) the WFC Declaration to learn more. Does your organization have an example of how they are living out this resolution? We'd love to hear more and share with the WFC community. Connect via [email](#), tag us on social media (links below), or join our [LinkedIn Networking Group](#) to start a conversation.

WFC Blog

Be sure to check out our full suite of [WFC blogs](#). And if you're interested in being a guest blogger, please [let us know](#). We are particularly interested in individuals and organizations who can share how they live out the WFC Declaration's 10 resolutions, in part or in whole.

Fun Fact of the Month

People across the United States celebrated Thanksgiving last week, gobbling 'til they wobbled, with the traditional roasted turkey meal. While most enjoyed a domesticated, farm-

North America, and are one of the most popular game bird species in the United States. [Learn more](#) about wild turkey research and how the National Wild Turkey Federation is “creating healthy habitats” for this important species.

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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