



RIFCO's 2026 Woodland Owner Workshops (WOW)

Feb. 7th, 14th, and 21st, 9 am—noon, Louttit Library Community Room,
274 Victory Highway, West Greenwich

(Earn CT Forester/Timber Harvester CEU's as Indicated)

WORKSHOP TOPICS

WORKSHOP A: Feb. 7– Forest Conservation Strategies and Old Growth Forest Ecology (Approved for 1 CT CEU)

Session 1: Rare Species, Natural Heritage Areas, and Biodiversity - David W. Gregg, PhD, RI NHS

Session 2: Old Growth Characteristics, History, & Ecology - Fern Graves, CE, RI DEM Stew Forester

Session 3: RI DEM's Forest Stewardship & Invasive Plant Control Programs—Nancy Stairs, RI DEM

WORKSHOP B: Feb. 14- BIOCHAR: Its Production, Uses, Source of Supply (Approved for 1 CT CEU)

Session 4: Biochar: What it is and Why it Matters—Jeanne Heston, Director of Marketing, QSS

Session 5: Biochar Benefits: What the Science Says—Dr. Rebecca Nelson Brown, URI Plant Sciences

Session 6: Practical Applications of Biochar on a Small RI Farm—Gina Thurn, Our Kids Farm

WORKSHOP C: Feb. 21- Wildlife Habitat: The various stages of Forest Growth (Approved for 1 CT CEU) **Co-sponsored by the RI Tree Farm Program**

Session 7: Young Forest habitat – Benefits and Establishment– Scott Ruhren, PhD, Audubon Society of RI

Session 8: Forest Management Options with Habitat Objectives– Chris Modisette, USDA & Christopher Riely, URI

Session 9: Mature forest habitat – Benefits and Enhancement—Laura Green, Yale, invited



Full Program & more info at www.rifco.org, or call us at (401) 568-3410
Pre-registration required

Woodland Owner Workshop Registration

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please check off which workshops (or all 3) that you wish to attend, and include payment:
___ all 3 ___ A (Feb 7) ___ B (Feb 14) ___ C (Feb 21)

RIFCO member: FREE

Non-RIFCO participant: \$10 per Workshop

CT CEU fee: \$10 for each approved workshop in addition to any applicable workshop fee

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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