The Northeastern Logger’s Association (NELA) named Bob Williams, CF as the recipient of its 2011 Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education Award. Williams received the honor in recognition for his work as a forester in which he assists hundreds of private landowners in managing their woodlands, as well for his almost single-handed efforts to re-establish the ‘practically extirpated forest industry back into New Jersey by promoting and searching for markets for Atlantic white-cedar, pine trees killed by the southern pine beetle, and other forestry products.’

The award was also given to him for his self-produced film, *A Working Forest: Its Future with Fire, People and Wildlife*. He has distributed more than 1300 copies of the 64 minute documentary which addresses the importance of forest management, as well as other aspects of the forest industry, to successful forest stewardship. Williams is past chair of the NJDSAF and joined the SAF in 1989.

Headquartered in Old Forge, New York, the NELA was founded in 1952 and has nearly 2,000 members in the region from Maine to Minnesota and Missouri to Maryland. The NELA is the publisher of the highly respected monthly magazine ‘The Northern Logger and Timber Processor’.

**The Allegheny SAF Annual Winter meeting was held Feb. 15-17, 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Clinton NJ.**

The Theme was *21st Century Challenges to Our Forests and Our Profession*. About 150 SAF members attended. NJDSAF Chairman Mike LaMana welcomed the attendees and speakers. Among the featured speakers were USDA Forest Service Deputy Chief, S&PF, James E. Hubbard; New Jersey State Forester, Lynn E. Fleming; Amos Eno, Resources First Foundation; Dr. George Zimmerman, Stockton State College; Michael Drake, New Jersey State Fire Warden; Paul Kurtz, New Jersey Dept. of Agriculture; Steve Kallesser, Gracie Harrigan Consultants; Karlton Utter, Kutter Tech Training; Roger Dziengeleski, SAF Past President; Jeff Nichols, Keystone Pellet, Inc.; and panel members Dr. James Grace, Penn State University; Ken Kane, Keith Horn, Inc., Consulting Foresters, and Paul Harlan, Collins Pine Company.

Mary Ann Favin, left, outgoing chair, welcomed Rachel Billingham as the new Chair of the Allegheny SAF at the business meeting.

**The Spring Stewardship Tour—May 12, 2012 Hosted by NJSAF Members**

The Spring Stewardship Tour was and hosted by NJSAF members, father and son, Les Alpaugh and Andy Alpaugh, at their family-owned Evergreen Valley Christmas Tree Farm in Washington, New Jersey.

Sponsors of the event included: NJ Forestry Association, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, New Jersey State Forestry Services, and the NJSAF. In addition to the Alpaughs, SAF members State Forester, Lynn Fleming and Extension Forester, Mark Vodak, spoke at the meeting.

**New Jersey Envirothon—May 5, 2012 at Camp Sacajawea, Farmingdale, NJ**

NJDSAF staffed several of the Forestry Quiz Stations under the leadership of member Elizabeth Faircloth of the State Forestry Services Forest Resource Education Center. Thirty-three, 5-person High School Envirothon teams participated. Princeton High School Team 2 won the Forestry contest and Marine Academy and Environmental Science Team won the over-all Envirothon event. Bill Brash, Charlie Newlon, John Benton, and Elizabeth Faircloth were among the NJDSAF members who helped make the Envirothon a success.
NJD-SAF Sample of Public Appearances in 2012

May 5, 2012 — NJD-SAF staffed several Forestry Quiz Stations at the New Jersey Envirothon, held at Sacajawea Girl Scout Camp, Flemington, NJ.

- Twenty-six, 5-person high school teams stopped at each station.
- Princeton High School Team #2 won the Forestry Competition.
- Marine Academy of Technology & Environmental Science Team #1 of Stafford, NJ won the entire Envirothon.

May 12, 2012 — NJD SAF co-sponsored the Spring Stewardship Tour with Rutgers Extension to the Evergreen Valley Christmas Tree Farm near Washington, NJ.

The Alpaugh Family owns and operates the 145 acre “choose and cut” farm with over 10,000 trees to choose. Andy and his father Les Alpaugh are SAF members. The tour featured pesticide safety procedures, weed and insect control, deer fencing challenges, shearing, sale of balled and burlapped trees, the trials of meeting government bridge building permit requirements, riparian management, a wagon tour, special tree management vehicles, and a new Howey Christmas Tree Baler that nets trees for the buyer to transport home. Lunch was served by the Howling Dog Caterers who featured hot chili, meals, plus hot and cold sandwiches from their food wagon.

September 8, 2012 — NJD-SAF co-sponsored the Fall Stewardship Tour with Rutgers Extension to the Charlie and Bru Katzenbach’s Sweet Sourland Farm near Hopewell, NJ.

The tour featured maple sugaring operations, including the plastic pipeline system, vacuum system, Sugar House and evaporator, reverse osmosis and sanitation procedures. The day included the plantation of Cornell-produced sweeter sugar maple saplings, operation and maintenance of their Hud-Son sawmill, harvesting their mature white pine plantation, and Charlie’s display of his art, the cabinetry shop and pottery making equipment. The lunch was prepared by the Blue Moon Caterers of Hopewell.

September 16 & 17, 2012 — the NJD-SAF co-sponsored a booth with the NJ Forestry Association and led tree ID walks at the Wild Expo at Colliers Mill Wildlife Management Area.

About 7,000 attended the popular 2-day event. The Expo helps people connect with the natural world by providing a unique blend of conservation information, education and hands-on opportunities to learn outdoor skills and activities.