

**NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
DECEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER**

ELECTION RESULTS: Steve Dewhurst, our new Chair-elect, and Jim Rolf, new Secretary-Treasurer, will be working with Denver Hospodarsky, chapter chair, in 2005. Thanks to Jim and Steve for being willing to serve the chapter!

CHAPTER MEETING: Thursday, December 2: Lu Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, 702 S. Milton Rd, Flagstaff, 773-0380. This restaurant is painted bright pink and located on the east side of Milton Rd., just north of the Embassy Suites hotel. Long-time residents will recall this building as the site of the former “Fiddler’s” restaurant. We will meet in the “back room” on the north side.

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| 5:30pm | Gathering and Socializing. |
| 6:00pm | Dinner (Chinese buffet). Cost is \$7.99 plus drinks and gratuity. Please pay for your dinner directly to the restaurant. Regular members (non-students) are asked to contribute \$3.00 to cover the dinner cost of the speaker and two student members. |
| 6:50pm | Brief Business Meeting. One item of business is SAF’s interaction with the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership. We have been struggling to find consistent SAF representation. Pat Hall and GFFP members have suggested the concept of a “proxy vote”. |
| 7:00pm | Presentation: Rich van DeMark will present "Community forest stewardship in northern Arizona-- a consulting forester's perspective." Rich is a private consulting forester and is the principal owner/operator of Southwest Forestry, Inc., Paulden AZ. Students take note: Rich has hired several Forestry students and graduates over the years and he has insights into the relatively small world of western consulting forestry. |

Members are welcome to just attend the presentation and business meeting.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS: In November, Doc Smith described the inner workings of the Greater Flagstaff Forests Foundation. Several Forestry Club members described the fun and the learning experiences during their recent trip to the SAF Convention in Edmonton.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular chapter meeting after the holidays will be on **January 13**, same place, same time.

THANKS TO CHAPTER MEMBERS: For Patty Ringle and me, this marks our last month as chapter officers. We appreciated the opportunity to help SAF and have enjoyed meeting and discussing forestry issues. Thanks for all the support from chapter members.

CONTACTS: You can reach us at Pete.Fule@nau.edu (523-1463), Denver.Hospodarsky@nau.edu, or pringle@fs.fed.us (527-8285). New officers in 2005 are Stephen.Dewhurst@nau.edu and Jim’s address is jrolf@fs.fed.us. Please share your suggestions or any information of interest to SAF members. The chapter newsletters are posted on the Coconino National Forest website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/about/links.shtml>) and the Southwestern SAF website, <http://www.for.nau.edu/swsaf/>, under the heading “chapter news”.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!