

of the Tongass National Forest. He held a succession of other posts with the agency, including assistant regional forester in personnel management for the Southern Region in Atlanta from 1965 to 1968; assistant to Chief Ed Cliff in the Washington Office from 1968 to 1971; and deputy regional forester in the Eastern Region from 1971 to 1976. In 1976, Sandor returned to Juneau as the regional forester.

Sandor was active in forming the Society of American Foresters Alaska Chapter and Section and also active with the American Society for Public Administration. Sandor retired from the Forest Service in 1984. He was appointed commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation during the Hickel administration from 1990 to 1994. During this time, he was also a member of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council.

It is challenging to list the many accolades, awards and distinctions John earned in his service to the community, state, and country. However, here are a few notable items to mention.

Sandor received the Alaska Federation of Native's 1994 Denali Award for efforts to preserve Native values. He also received the Alaska Public Health Association's Health Achievement Award for water-sanitation and clean air act initiatives. He also worked cooperatively with Canadian officials in British Columbia and Yukon Territory on conservation, water-sanitation, and hydro-electric issues.

In 2007, Sandor received the Gifford Pinchot Medal from the Society of American Foresters. This award recognizes an SAF member who has made outstanding contributions in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry. He is named as "Director Emeritus" of the First Things First-Alaska Foundation and was a founding member of Juneau's Gold Rush Days. He is also a past recipient of a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce.

Personally, John married to the love of his life, Lenore Barbat, on May 18, 1956, in Juneau. John was an avid fan of Mozart, travel, rare books and maps, and his two grandsons, Benjamin and Jacob Freiman. John thrived on staying active in the community and was often seen attending Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Miners, Chamber of Commerce. He was also an active member of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church. After residing in Juneau for 40 years, John moved to the Sitka Pioneer Home with his wife, Lee, in 2017.

The family would welcome donations in John's memory to the National Museum of Forest Service History or simply plant a tree in his name. *WF*



Calendar of Events

2022 PNW Forest Vegetation Management Conference, Dec. 6-7, Holiday Inn Portland I-5S, Wilsonville, OR. Contact: WFCFA.

Western Region COFE Seminar, Jan. 12, 2023, Best Western Boulder Falls Inn, Lebanon, OR. Contact: WFCFA.

Post-fire Landscapes: What can they tell us?, Feb. 7-8, in-person and virtual, LaSells Stewart Center, Orvallis, OR. Contact: <https://tinyurl.com/yx485795>.

2023 OR Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, Feb. 22-24, Bend, OR. Contact: ortws.org/events/annual-conference/.

85th Annual Oregon Logging Conference, Feb. 23-25, Eugene, OR. Contact: oregonloggingconference.com.

2023 Northwest Scientific Association Annual Meeting, March 21-24, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. Contact: www.northwestscience.org/.

International Mass Timber Conference, March 27-29, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. Contact: masstimerconference.com/.

2023 Washington State SAF Annual Meeting, May 3-5, La Conner, WA. Hosted by North Puget Sound Chapter.

2023 Oregon SAF Annual Meeting, May 10-12, Hosted by Umpqua Chapter.

2023 SAF National Convention, Oct. 25-29, Sacramento, CA. Contact: www.eforester.org/SAFConvention.

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Nominations for 2023 State Awards are Sought

With only two months remaining of 2022, it's time to begin thinking of next year's nominations for state society awards. The nomination period opens in January and will close March 15, 2023. The awardees will be recognized at the 2023 state society annual meetings.

Questions about nominating for Alaska SAF awards, contact Mitch Michaud (mitchmichaudak@gmail.com).

Questions about nominating for Oregon SAF, contact cochairs Tim Keith (tfcc@gmail.com) or Norm Michaels (nmichaels2@yahoo.com).

Questions about nominating for Washington State SAF, contact Bill Horn (hornbill66@msn.com).



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