

FWW webinar to focus on need for 'land ethic'

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Dr. Curt Meine, foreground, a conservation biologist, environmental historian and writer, will conduct FWW's Sept. 28 webinar.

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Conservationist Aldo Leopold defined land as “a community to which we belong.”

This will be the theme of the Friends of White's Woods' Sept. 28 webinar by Dr. Curt Meine, senior fellow with the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo, Wis., and with the Chicago-based Center for Humans and Nature.

According to Meine, the land ethic that he proposed called for us to regard land with “love and respect,” and to be caretakers of land on behalf of all its members, human and non-human, and future generations.

As land stewards, there has never been a more important time to be acting with a land ethic — an ethic of care — in mind, and to contribute to the further development of that ethic, he added.

Meine will also discuss the relationship between the Leopold/Western tradition of conservation ethics, and those deriving from other traditions, most especially indigenous ways.

Meine is a research associate with the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo and associate adjunct professor in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology.

Meine received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history from DePaul University in Chicago, and his Master of Science and Ph.D. in land resources from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After completing his Ph.D., Meine served in Washington with the U.S. National Academy of Sciences on programs involving biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture and international development.

Over the years, Meine has worked with a wide array of nonprofit organizations, agencies, universities and businesses, including the World Conservation Union, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Wildlife Fund and the American Museum of Natural History.

To register for the free webinar, which runs on Zoom from 4 to 5 p.m., please send an email to info@friendsofwhiteswoods.org.