

Joan Maloof

Joan Maloof is a writer, an ecologist and a conservationist with a unique voice in today's times. She has studied and worked with plants her entire life; her formal education includes a Bachelor's degree in Plant Science, a Master's degree in Environmental Science, and a Doctorate in Ecology. She is a Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University, where she taught Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies. Maloof has published numerous research articles in publications such as *Ecology*, *American Journal of Botany*, and the *International Journal of Environmental Studies*. Maloof's books include *Teaching the Trees* (2005), *Among the Ancients* (2011), *Nature's Temples: the Complex World of Old-Growth Forests* (2016), and *The Living Forest: A Visual Journey into the Heart of the Woods* (2017).

In addition to her research and writing, Maloof founded an organization with the goal of creating a network of protected forests across the US. That organization, the Old-Growth Forest Network, now has thousands of supporters. Maloof travels widely to educate others regarding the extent and condition of our forests, and encourage their preservation.