

## Biography

Joan Maloof is a scientist, a writer, and the Founder and Director of the Old-Growth Forest Network, a nonprofit organization creating a network of forests across the US that will remain forever unlogged and open to the public. Her book, *Teaching the Trees: Lessons from the Forest* (University of Georgia Press, 2005), won an Honorable Mention from the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment. Her second book, *Among the Ancients: Adventures in the Eastern Old-Growth Forests*, (Ruka Press, 2011) was an Eric Hoffer Book Award Finalist. Maloof's essay, "Rachel Carson's Daughter" won the Senior Prize in a 2012 international essay competition that had entries from nineteen countries. Maloof studied Plant Science at the University of Delaware (BS), Environmental Science at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (MS), and Ecology at the University of Maryland College Park (PhD). She has published numerous research articles in journals such as: Ecology, the American Journal of Botany, Plant Species Biology, the International Journal of Environmental Studies, and Environmental Philosophy. Maloof is a Professor Emeritus at Salisbury University in Maryland.