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Message from your KWOA President



I am honored that in April the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association board of directors elected me as the organization's new President. I have been a Kentucky woodland owner for the past 15 years and have been a KWOA board member and officer for the past several years. I am excited about the opportunity to help continue the progress made by my predecessors.

We are very fortunate that four of the former presidents are still active as officers or board members. Joe Ball and Don Girton continue to refine the strategic plan for KWOA. They have encouraged a more active effort to communicate to public officials the economic and environmental benefits that woodlands provide to the general public. Dr. Jim Corum is leading efforts to bring Kentucky's tax assessment guidelines for managed woodlands in line with

financial reality. Henry Duncan, the immediate past president, is active on a number of fronts, including representing KWOA on several committees.

KWOA co-sponsored three Woodland Owners Short Courses, in Owensboro on August 10, in Vanceburg on August 17 and in Lexington on September 21. These are Saturday educational sessions that connect landowners with professionals who can help them achieve their management goals.

In addition, KWOA sponsored a booth at the Kentucky Forest Industries Association's 2013 Kentucky Wood Expo, September 20-21 at Masterson Station Park in Lexington. This was a fun and educational family event that included programs and activities targeted to forest landowners as well as the general wood products industry. There were numerous exhibits of industry products as well as a lumberjack competition.

Plans for the 2014 annual meeting are under way. It will convene March 31 – April 1 at Pine Mountain State Resort Park. Look for further details on the website and in the winter newsletter.

KWOA strives to offer services and activities that best suit the needs of the diverse membership base. If you have suggestions for changes, or any comments about KWOA, we would like to hear them. New ideas are welcome. As an all-volunteer organization, we are always looking for people who are interested in becoming involved. Contact me at therentz@fuse.net or 513-535-8776.

-- Jack Rentz

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UK - Center for Forest and Wood Certification: A positive experience for woodland owners

After reading a recent article in the National Woodland Owners magazine, I thought it wise as a naïve woodland owner to research the pros and cons of certifying our timber in Bell County. I met with the University Of Kentucky Department of Forestry's expert on certification, Christopher Reeves, the Forest Section Administrator for the Center for Forest and Wood Certification.

In our discussion, I concluded that, even with the current depressed market, there were advantages for us to pursue certifying our timber. The application process does require a fair amount of requirements that one needs to meet in order to have your forest certified. Like many of you, the good news is that we have already addressed them. We have a stewardship/conservation plan in effect. We have participated in two federal programs (EQIP, WHIP). We have established a management plan complete with recommendations from a consulting forester and conducted a timber survey.

All I had to do was fill out a simple application and schedule a walk-through on the property. My initial cost was \$200 with a subsequent an-



CFWC
Center for Forest & Wood Certification

nual fee of \$75 but the costs vary based upon the size of the property. Nothing is binding and I can sever the relationship with a simple notification.

The Center maintains a web-site (www.forest-certificationcenter.org) listing the owners who have gone through the process of certification that is readily available to any market seeking certified wood. The Center for Forest and Wood Certification is providing this opportunity as a service to the state's woodland owners.

My experience has been very positive and I would recommend other woodland owners interested in certification contact the CFWC (info@forestcertificationcenter.org or toll-free 855.579.2690)—it may be a good option for you.

-- Don Frazier, KWOA board member

National Woodland Owners Association

Currently many Kentucky Woodland Owners Association members do not take advantage of the opportunity to also be members of our national affiliate, the National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA). The benefits of membership in NWOA include:

- 1) Four annual issues of National Woodlands, a magazine that covers a wide of forestry topics
- 2) Receipt of Wednesday Woodland Word E-blog every week
- 3) Representation and advocacy on family landowner issues in Washington, DC.

- 4) Opportunity to purchase liability insurance specifically designed for woodland owners at an attractive rate-\$1 million coverage with an annual premium of 28 cents per acre, with a minimum of \$150 per year with no deductible.

NWOA membership is available to Kentucky Woodland Owners Association members at a discounted rate of \$30 per year when you combine it with your Kentucky Woodland Owners Association membership payment. If you are not a member of NWOA, please give it consideration. Please contact Kentucky Woodland Owners Association at 606-876-3423 for additional information.

KWOA 2014 Outstanding Forester Award

Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) Service Foresters are stationed in five regions across Kentucky. These service foresters are the first line of support for Kentucky woodland owners who have a desire and need to manage their woodlands. 160,000+ woodland owners have 10 acres or more located throughout the state. The service forester's workload is demanding and important to woodland owners.

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association will recognize a KDF Service Forester for his/her outstanding achievements. Nominations may be made by any KWOA member and are due no later than February 1st of each year.

KDF will review the top three applications for

accuracy and notify the KWOA awards committee for the selection. This recognition will not automatically be awarded each year if applicants do not meet KWOA selection standards.

The winning recipient and a guest will be invited to the KWOA annual meeting where the recognition and a plaque will be presented. Previous award recipients are Steve Gray (2011), Kevin Galloway (2012) and Robert Bean (2013).

Please take a look at the application guidelines below and consider nominating your service forester for the 2014 award!

Nomination Guidelines:

Purpose:

To recognize outstanding accomplishments of Service Foresters employed with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The applicant should have not received this award for the past three years. Nominations may be submitted by any KWOA Member.

Suggested format and guidelines for nominations:

1. Entries may be typed or handwritten. Limit the award entry to 2 pages, one side only, plus 1-2 pages, one side only, of supportive information, i.e., letter(s) of support, news articles, pictures, etc. Additional pages beyond this description will not be considered. The nomination may be submitted in an electronically Word file prepared format if desired.
2. Consideration for the service award will be the demonstrated overall professionalism, the volume of work, the relationship with the woodland owner, the responsiveness to requests and the sustained excellence over a period of time.
3. **Include in the application:**
 - Full name, current address and title plus email address of nominee
 - Name, contact information of the one preparing the nomination
4. Other considerations, if available. Work history, achievements that particularly relate to success in working with Kentucky Woodland Owners: who benefited and what were the impacts. Additional contributions made to forestry including work on committees, task forces, and leadership positions.
5. Summary Statements of Support: Concise, well-written, easy-to-read narrative summary statement (50-75 words).
6. **TIME PERIOD:**
Entries are due by February 1st. Although forestry programs often require more than one year to complete, the major accomplishments being considered should have been realized during the past three years.
7. Submit applications by February 1 to Karen Marshall, KWOA editor: editor@kwoa.net
3740 Kwy 330, Owenton, KY 40359; 502-484-0332.

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Meeting

The KWOA/KWOF 2014 Annual Meeting has been set for March 31 - April 1 at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville. The preliminary agenda for the meeting will be posted on the website as soon as it is available. On-line registration for the meeting will also be posted shortly. Final details and registration forms will be in the winter newsletter. Put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend!

This May Be Your Last Issue

The KWOA newsletter is not going out of business but your subscription may if you have not renewed it. Take a moment to renew your KWOA membership and continue receiving the newsletter in your mailbox. Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to your participation in 2014.

KWOA gears up for trial on property tax assessments

The KWOA Board of Directors legal team continues to prepare for its appearance before the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals on January 21, 2014 regarding unfair property tax assessments of woodland owners. See the August 2013 special edition of your newsletter for background on the appeal. That issue is also posted on the website.

KWOA members are encouraged to attend the trial in Frankfort on January 21st. They are also encouraged to make a financial contribution to this effort. If you haven't already done so, please see the Special Edition for further information on this issue and how to support it or contact Jim Corum at 606-337-8115. This is a effort practice that affects all woodlands owners, not just those who have worked so hard to bring revisions to this point.

Calendar of Events



November 14 - 15, 2013
2013 Kentucky Ag Summit
Marriott-Louisville East

November 21, 2013
KWOA/KWOF Board Meeting
KFIA Office, Frankfort

March 31 - April 1, 2014
KWOA/KWOF Annual Meeting
Pine Mountain State Resort Park

Editor and Info Functions on Website

Your business is ours so let's make it easy!

Change of address:
Email to editor@kwoa.net

Do you want to submit an article or respond to a posting on the KWOA website? Send it to editor@kwoa.net

Do you have a question about your woodlands or about KWOA? Let us help. Send it to info@kwoa.net

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2014 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / APPLICATION JAN. 1 – DEC. 31, 2014

- Forest Landowner *
- Business or Organization
- Professional (trained in field related to forestry or natural resource management)

*Only forest landowners have voting rights.

Please type or print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

of Acres Owned: _____

County: _____



ANNUAL DUES

- \$30 KWOA Membership
- \$60 KWOA Membership plus National Woodland Owners Association membership
- Voluntary additional Membership payment
 - ___ Platinum Membership (\$300 and above)
 - ___ Gold Membership (\$299 - \$200)
 - ___ Silver Membership (\$199 - \$100)

The voluntary memberships will be recognized in the newsletter.

- ___ I would like to make a contribution to the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation – a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization, deductible as a charitable organization.

Complete this form and mail it along with your check to:

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association

1483 Big Run Road
Wallingford, KY 41093

PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA CREDIT CARD OR PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE

Annual Meeting:

Pine Mountain State Resort Park - Pineville, KY
March 31 – April 1, 2014

National Woodland Owners Association Website

The National Woodland Owners Association's website (www.nwoa.net) has a series of videos available for download and viewing. On the webpage's topics bar click on the Learn! button and then select Videos to view the list:

Agroforestry Practices: Riparian Forest Buffers, Alley Cropping, Forest Farming, Silvopasture & Windbreaks
Produced and made available by University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry

Considering Timber Harvest on Your Family Forest
Produced and made available by Darren McAvoy, Utah State University Forestry Extension.


Managing Your Woodlot Series
Part 1 – How It Grows
Part 2 – Building Roads
Part 3 – Helping It Grow
Part 4 – Harvesting & Renewing It
Part 5 – Selling Timber
Part 6 – Best Management Practices
Part 7 – Being a Good Forest Steward
Part 8 – Water in the Forest
Part 9 – Changing the Forest



Jack Rentz, KWOA president, represented KWOA at the Kentucky Wood Expo in September.

Credits:

Newsletter editor – Karen Marshall
Mailing – Kentucky Forest Industries Association
KWOA website – Karen Marshall



My address has changed.
Please send my KWOA newsletter to:

Name/Title _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

UK Forestry Extension

Offering Woodland Owner Webinars

Make plans to join the UK Forestry Team for one or more webinars that are part of the 2013 Forestry Fall Webinar Series. All webinars will start at 7 p.m. (eastern time) and last approximately 1 hour. County Extension Offices from across Kentucky are hosting one or more of the webinars. To find the closest hosting location near you please visit www.ukforestry.org/fallwebinars.php

UPCOMING Webinars

10/22/13
Waterfalls of Kentucky
<https://connect.uky.edu/waterfallsofkentucky/>

11/05/13
Waterfowl Identification
<https://connect.uky.edu/waterfowlidentification/>

11/12/13

Selling Timber
<https://connect.uky.edu/sellingtimber/>

You can also view the webinars from home (or any location with high-speed internet) if there is not a hosting County Extension Office nearby. See below for webinar details.

Waterfalls of Kentucky

October 22

Tom Barnes, Wildlife Extension Professor
Description: Kentucky is blessed with an abundance of water and it has been reported, but unverified, that we have more miles of freshwater streams than any other state except Alaska. Because of this abundance of water, Kentucky has 30% of the freshwater fish species found in North America, 35% of the freshwater mussels found in this country, and 10% of the crayfish species. We also have a large number of waterfalls ranging from the Niagara of the south, Cumberland Falls to smaller ones like Cummins Ferry Falls to unique ones like the tufa formation in Fayette County called Elk Lick Falls. This webinar will showcase more than 150 of Kentucky's most scenic waterfalls and will follow a general discussion of waterfall classification and how waterfalls are formed.

Waterfowl Identification

November 5

Tom Barnes, Wildlife Extension Professor
Description: With waterfowl season fast approaching, this webinar will cover the field identification characteristics of Kentucky's ducks and geese. For hunters it will serve as an update on their identification skills and for bird watchers it will aid in what characteristics to look for when identifying waterfowl. For the average citizen it will showcase the variety and diversity of waterfowl that visit our state.

Selling Timber

November 12

Jeff Stringer, Forestry Extension Professor
Description: Participants will be provided up-to-date information on how to maximize timber revenues while protecting and improving their woodlands. Topics include how to sell your timber to maximize revenue and minimize taxes, how to use consultants and the Kentucky Division of Forestry to your advantage, selecting loggers and other important topics.



KWOA is dedicated to promoting economically and environmentally sound forest management.

**Visit our new Web site...
www.kwoa.net to learn more.**



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Next Board Meeting: November 21, 2013 - KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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