

April 2024

KWOA Wood Post

## KWOA Annual Meeting Recap

The meeting was a huge success. Perfect site, with fantastic presentations with “spot on” topics, and great interactions among the whole group. Plus good food, the ever-popular silent auction, and social hour! Director Jack Stickney noted that Berea College Research Forest is the “Best Demonstration Forest in Kentucky for small-scale landowners.” The adjacent Forestry Outreach Center also provided a nice indoor meeting place for us. Of course, you had to be there to experience it, but we will have more coverage in the summer issue of our newsletter and on our website.

[Read more about the meeting on our site.](#)

We also elected directors to the board for 3-year terms and officers for 1-year terms. [See the updated Board list.](#)



## Upcoming Events

- **Attention Eastern Kentucky woodland owners.** UK Forestry and Natural Resources will be hosting focus groups across Eastern Kentucky in Breathitt (**April 23**), Whitley (**April 30**), and Johnson County (**May 3**). Participants selected will receive a \$50 gift card and complimentary dinner. [Register and learn more here.](#)
- **Forestry Field Day May 11**, noon - 4 PM at Pine Mountain State Resort Park. The Ruffed Grouse Society & American Woodcock Society and Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture are hosting a workshop for forest landowners to learn more about managing their woodlands. **RSVP** to Liz Brewer at [ebrewer@abcbirds.org](mailto:ebrewer@abcbirds.org) or call 765-490-2234. [Learn more.](#)
- The **Elizabethtown Work Unit** is having its annual Local Working Group meeting this year, hosted by the Monroe Co. Soil and Water Conservation District, on **May 16, 9:30 - 11:30 am CT**. It will be held in person at 288 Commerce Drive, Tompkinsville, KY 42167, and will have a virtual option to attend as well (link to be provided through email- [you must contact your local NRCS Office](#) to receive an email). The Elizabethtown Work Unit consists of the following counties: **Breckinridge, Meade, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Hart, Barren, Metcalfe, and Monroe.**
- The Berry Center Farm & Forest Institute : [Low-Impact Forestry Training Series](#) - May 18-20

- Join the 74th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, May 1 - 4. The SWFP is an annual nonprofit event that features professionally guided walks, exhibits, and other learning opportunities to explore the region's rich natural and cultural resources. [Learn more here.](#)
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## Woodland Community Updates

- **James Foster Sizemore**, long time member and supporter of KWOA and the Kentucky Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation passed on April 16th. His son, Jimmie Sizemore is a KWOA Director. Many of you may remember them coming to KWOA meetings together. Services will be Monday April 22. [Read James's obituary here.](#)
  - Long-time KWOA member and supporter, **Don Graves** has passed. He had a long career in forestry and was the person at the UK Department of Forestry that Don Girton worked with to get KWOA started 30 years ago. [Read Don's obituary here.](#)
  - **Farm Loan Analyst Vacancy in Shelbyville** - The Shelby/Jefferson/Spencer County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Shelbyville, KY is hiring a full-time Farm Loan Analyst. The deadline to apply is May 2, 2024. [View the announcement here.](#)
  - [January 2024 Delivered Log Price Report](#) now available from the Kentucky Division of Forestry.
  - We have updated the Resources on our website. Check out the **Quick Reference Links** on our KWOA [home page at kwoa.net](http://kwoa.net) We have added the KY Prescribed Fire Council link.
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**"From the Woods Today": Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET.** You can watch via Zoom or Facebook Live Links to live shows are posted just before the show. **Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at [www.fromthewoodstoday.com](http://www.fromthewoodstoday.com)**

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### Need Help in the Woods?

Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) Vendors List : [HERE](#) and <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide%20Vendor%20List%202-8-17.pdf>

Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters lists at <https://kacf.org/find-a-forester/>

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### Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- Kentucky Master Logger Program: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu](http://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu)
- Kentucky Division of Forestry: [forestry.ky.gov](http://forestry.ky.gov)
- Bad Actor Information & List: [masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information](http://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information)
- Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters: [kacf.org/find-a-forester/](http://kacf.org/find-a-forester/)

## Just so you know...

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#).
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to [info@kwoa.net](mailto:info@kwoa.net) with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

**Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.**

*KWOA members receive a 10% discount at [Forestry Suppliers](#). Get the code when you join!*

### KWOA Mission

*“Bringing people and woodland sustainability together”*

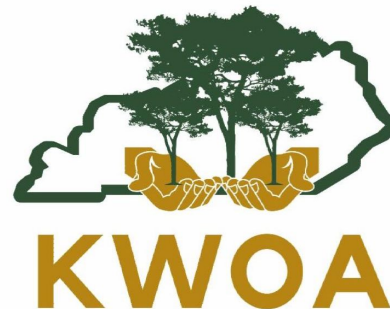
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