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Woodland Community Updates

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("here" links to info on KWOA.net)

EVENTS:

- **May 19, 11:30 AM EST: Chestnut Chat** [here](#)
- **May 23, 6- 8:30 PM: EST: New to Managing your Woodlands?**
Check out this workshop: Simple Steps to Stewardship Workshop - Bullitt Co Extension Office evening program. See [below](#) and [here](#)
- **2023 Woodland Owners Short Course - WOSC: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Dates [below](#) & [here](#).

NEWS:

- **Job Openings:** USDA Opens Full-Time, Entry-Level Soil Conservationist Positions (including KY) More [here](#).
- **American Chestnut Fdn. News** [below](#)
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Land, Water, Trees, & Wildlife: Simple Steps to Stewardship

May 23 - 6-8:30pm (ET) Bullitt County Extension Office

Workshops for *new landowners or folks just starting out on land management*. KWOA members and partners are encouraged to spread the word by reaching out to "new" folks in their area of the state. Registration links and info on our website [here](#).

2023 Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC)

Schedule:

Online Sessions (7—8:30 PM Eastern): • June 20, June 22, June 27, June 29

Field Sessions (9:30-3:00 PM Local):

- July 15 - Pennyryle State Forest
- **July 29 ***- Elk Cave Farm in Boyle County (See Save the Date below)

Registration details [here](#).

Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation (KWOA) helps sponsor the WOSC program.

July 29, 2023*

The Taylor Legacy Continues

Elk Cave Farm, Gravel Switch, KY

The University of Kentucky Forestry Extension & Elk Cave Farm (AKA The Taylor Family Tree Farm) will be hosting a forestry field day for woodland owners. The Taylors are active KWOA members. Dr. Clifton Taylor was on the KWOA/KWOF board for many years and his son, Scott Taylor, was just elected Vice President of KWOA. The family farm reflects the value of management practices on the ground and the importance of succession planning.



The American Chestnut Foundation Update: A new documentary about the American chestnut entitled *Clear Day Thunder, Rescuing the American chestnut* aired on Earth Day, April 22, 2023. The film is a fresh telling of the iconic tree's importance, history and the recent efforts to ensure its comeback in our Eastern forest. The documentary describes the efforts of many volunteers, staff, partner organizations and luminaries such as President Jimmy Carter, Dolly Parton, Chuck Leavell, Michael Twitty, Barbara Kingsolver, E.O. Wilson, and Rex Mann. For more information about the film or to view the trailer go to www.acf.org.

"Chestnut Hunting"

Chestnut trees will begin to bloom in Kentucky from mid-June to early July. Be on the look-out for wild type Americans in your woods. A few surviving stump sprouts live long enough to begin to bloom. However, few produce viable nuts because of the trees need to cross pollinate. If you find what you believe to be a surviving American chestnut you can report its location by using a



Col. Jimmie Sizemore, KWOA Director and American Chestnut Foundation volunteer, amidst a

form found at www.acf.org. Or simply use the Tree Snap App to record the tree and its location.

Chestnut Tree. Photo by Ken Darnell.

We hope to have pictures of blooms in the June Issue. If you have a picture, please contact us.

Learn how to Sample Water with Salt River Watershed Watch

Salt River Watershed Watch is offering a **Water Sampling Training** prior to the next round of sampling that will occur in July. If interested in learning how to sample, please complete this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexBOB9aTgbWg4KY4R1YS60VrQNwu5_9s-8LFHn1XFu8hi5Q/viewform

Ohio River named our nation's second most endangered river by American Rivers, a national organization dedicated to protecting our natural resources.

ARRI News:

The 'Mine or Move' Choice Solved? Love, Land and Survival - Blue Ridge Country:

<https://blueridgecountry.com/newsstand/magazine/the-mine-or-move-choice-solved-love-land-and-survival/>

Mining for Apples: <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/newsroom/mining-for-apples/>

KSU Kentucky State University announces the acquisition of a new research farm dedicated to the study of environmentally sustainable crop development. Dr. Kirk Pomper, dean of the College of Agriculture, Community, and the Sciences, at Kentucky State. "The new farm also has forested land that will support student research in water quality and forest health management. Specific research at the farm will focus on row-crop production, horticultural crop production, agroforestry, control of invasive plants, soil health integrated pest management, and pollinator health. The farm will also serve as a resource for local farmers, providing training and technical assistance for sustainable farming practices. For more information about the new research farm, please contact Dr. Pomper at kirk.pomper@kysu.edu or (502) 597-5942.

- Ongoing -



"From the Woods Today" : Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET.

Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at

www.fromthewoodstoday.com

May 24: Pesky Plants

May 31: Wildly Infectious: A Wildlife Health Podcast

KWOA Members are encouraged to get to know your **Extension Agent** (here's a map with links: <https://extension.ca.uky.edu/county>) and your **Conservation District** (here's <https://www.kyconservation.com/districts>). Let these people know the challenges you face as a woodland owner. They are people who are always looking for ways to help and may not be aware of some unique aspects of woodland management.

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 on every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- **Kentucky Master Logger Program:** <https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu>
- **Bad Actor Information & List:** <https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information>

Just so you know

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

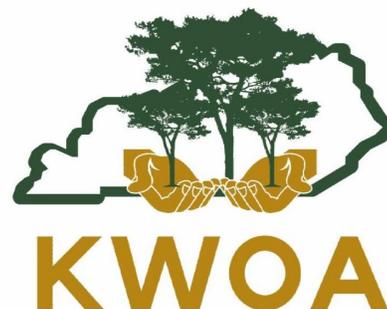
Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.

KWOA Mission
“Bringing people and woodland sustainability together”

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