

February 2024

KWOA Wood Post



## KWOA Annual Meeting - Register & Book Your Room Today!

Join us at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center on March 25 - 27.

We have a block of rooms at both the Historic Boone Tavern and the Holiday Inn Express. Use promo code: **KWOA**. Make your room reservations directly with the facility of your choice:

- Boone Tavern, 100 Main Street, phone: 859-985-3705
- Holiday Inn Express, 219 Paint Lick Road, phone: 859-985-550

Late Registration Fee Begins  
March 15

Room Block Expires February  
24!

Register  
Online

Print Registration  
Form

## *Donate an Item for the Annual Meeting Silent Auction*

It's time to find a new home for those holiday gifts that were never given! Donate that item to the KWOA annual meeting silent auction. Donations can be anything with a monetary value. Event tickets, gift baskets, gift cards, books, artwork, and crafts are welcome.

Email a description of your item and a suggested minimum bid to Harry Pelle, board member – [hpelle@windstream.net](mailto:hpelle@windstream.net). Please put **Silent Auction** in the subject line of your email and let Harry know whether you can bring it to the meeting or need it delivered.

### **KY TACF New American Chestnut Found**

The American Chestnut Foundation identified the largest living American Chestnut in West Virginia.

As most of you know, the American chestnut was decimated by a fungal disease known as chestnut blight in the early to mid-1900s. Once growing to be 120 feet tall and up to 13 feet in diameter, according to Gifford Pinchot, finding a tree over 25 feet now is a rarity,

so you can imagine my excitement upon seeing this 80-ft monster. Luckily, this tree exhibited no signs of blight.

[Read more >>](#)



## Upcoming Events

Register for "The Poetics of Forest" a virtual event on Wednesday, February 21. The event centers on a dialogue around the poetic dimensions of forests, including how the old growth forests near Ellen Bass' home in Santa Cruz have inspired her own work, and how poetry as a genre can help give form to the many socio-cultural meanings of the forest. [Learn more and register.](#)

**2024 Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop, March 23. Registration is open!** This workshop will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Clifty Falls State Park's, Clifty Inn. [Learn more and register.](#) Early registration closes March 4.

**74th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage May 1-4** in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. [Learn more here.](#)

## KWOA Winter Woodlands Newsletter

The Winter newsletter is now available on our website! Get up to date on all the latest with KWOA.

Winter Newsletter



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#### Mark Your Calendar! The KWOA Annual Meeting is March 25-27, 2024

This year our theme is **forestry**, and we will be exploring a host of topics we hope you will find informative and help you as you make or implement your forest management plan.

We have chosen the Forest Outreach Center at Berea College for this year's meeting. This will, weather permitting, allow us to get into the field to observe practices that will help you form and carry out your forest management plan. Meeting topics include water wells, management plans, fire as a management tool, carbon programs, forest value and record keeping, white oak initiative and climate change. See the full agenda on the KWOA website.

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The room rate for both facilities is \$119.00 per night plus tax (breakfast is included at Holiday Inn Express). **Reservations must be made by February 28** to take advantage of this rate. This year's meeting has expanded to a 3-day event and includes an extra meal in the registration fee. As with most everything, our cost for putting on the meeting has increased substantially.

We appreciate your continued support and hope you will find this meeting fun and informative.

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# Woodland Community Updates

- **Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees.** Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may apply themselves. The [application](#) can be found at [sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA](http://sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA).
- **Woodland Stewards Webinar 6th season has two sessions remaining on February 27 and March 5.** This educational program was developed by a collaborative team of Forestry Extension personnel to serve a multi-state audience, to empower woodland owners to promote environmental and forest health through increased awareness, experience and access to resources. Learn more and register at [forestrywebinars.net/sponsor-pages/woodland-stewards](http://forestrywebinars.net/sponsor-pages/woodland-stewards).
- **The Yale Forest Forum Series** started in January and continues on Thursdays at 12:00-12:55 pm ET through April 25. Tribal Forestry: Understanding Current Issues and Challenges. [Register here](#).
- **Kentucky Conservation Committee Report to KWOA Board:** [Read it here](#).
- **National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) January 10th "Woodland Word"** shared an NBC News Item that brought attention to a lack of funding focus for addressing **Beech Leaf Disease** and some new research indicating the beech leaf-eating nematodes cause cellular damage in the trees similar to the effect cancer cells have in mammals. You can read the [NBC story here](#) and see the [USDA; US Forest Service report here](#). There is no cure at this time.
- **Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative ARRI:** Spring volunteer opportunities in western KY (Muhlenberg County) and Cumberland Gap area (located on the KY-TN border) in Campbell Co/TN. Contact person Cliff Drouet: [cdrouet@osmre.gov](mailto:cdrouet@osmre.gov) Check for dates and more at the ARRI website: [osmre.gov/programs/arri](http://osmre.gov/programs/arri)
- The USDA February Newsletter is now available. [Read it here](#).

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## USDA Helps Producers Prepare for and Recover from Severe Winter Weather

As you prepare for the potential impacts of upcoming winter weather, know that USDA offers several programs to help with recovery. Here are 2 programs relating to woodlands:

- The [Emergency Forest Restoration Program \(EFRP\)](#) helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters.
- [Tree Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#) focuses on nursery/orchard trees.



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

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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/)

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## 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.**

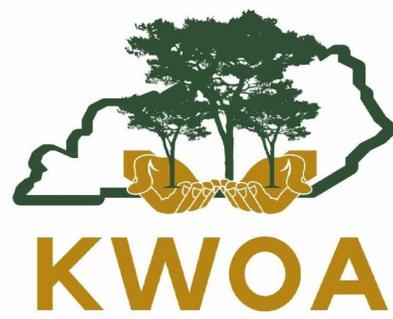
## KWOA Mission

*"Bringing people and woodland sustainability together"*

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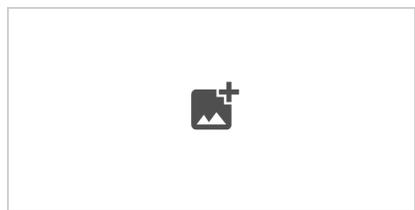


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