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## Woodland Owners Short Course - Helping Woodland Owners Just Like You

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend a session of the 2014 Woodland Owners Short Course. The Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC) is returning again this year to help owners learn the fundamentals of woodland management and get them connected to the wide variety of organizations and programs available to help them care for their woodlands.

Two concurrent tracks, Gold and Green, target either the seasoned woodland owner or those who are just beginning. Landowners who might just have acquired woodlands or who are beginning to think about management and wondering what their options are should enroll in the Green Track, while more experienced woodland managers can register in the Gold Track. Past graduates of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the course through the Gold Track.



*Photo by Renee' Williams.*

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover such topics as tree identification; woodland management; wildlife management; woodland health threats; forest certification; riparian buffers for water quality, native warm season grasses, and portable sawmills, to name just a few.

Each short course session begins at 9 a.m. local time and concludes around 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included.

West Region	Central Region	East Region
Crittenden County	Boone County	Knox County
August 9	August 16	August 23

Preregistration is strongly encouraged as space is limited. Sessions are \$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples.

The 2014 Woodland Owners Short Course is the result of a partnership between UK Cooperative Extension Service, UK Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky State University, Kentucky Tree Farm Committee, **Kentucky Woodland Owners Association**, Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Kentucky Chapter of the Association of Consulting Foresters of America Inc.

For more information and to register, visit the short course website at [www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php](http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php). Registration can also be done via phone by calling 859-257-7597. See page 7 for a registration form.

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# Morgan County Tree Nursery to Re-open

Buildings, equipment and tree seedlings were destroyed by the damaging tornado that struck the Division of Forestry's Morgan County Tree Nursery in March 2012. The adjuster declared seven buildings along with content, including tools and other equip-

ment, a total loss. As a result of efforts by many friends of the nursery, a restored and modernized operation was dedicated for re-opening in April.



*April 21, 2014. West Liberty. Leah MacSwords, KDF Director, makes remarks at dedication for restored Morgan County Tree Nursery with Governor Beshear in attendance.*

*Photo by Henry Duncan.*



*West Liberty. KWOA members attend dedication of restored Morgan County Tree Nursery. The nursery was devastated by a March 2012 tornado and slated by the Governor's office for permanent closure. Efforts by KWOA and many others resulted in restoration and improvements to the nursery that re-opened with a formal dedication on April 21.*



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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:

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# Annual Meeting Celebrates KWOA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The KWOA annual meeting celebrated the organization's 20th anniversary at Pine Mountain State Park March 31 – April 1 with awards, a field trip, a forestry quiz and a silent auction. And, of course, the two-day program was packed with presentations by professionals in wood certification, wood crafts, academic opportunities and conservation initiatives. A special thanks to Portia Brown, Assistant Secretary, for taking the lead in the planning and logistics for the meeting.



*Kristian Elswick is awarded 2014 KWOA Forestry Student Scholarship by Doug McLaren and Henry Duncan.  
Photo by Portia Brown.*



*Doug McLaren leads the 2014 Woodlands Quiz.  
Photo by Portia Brown.*

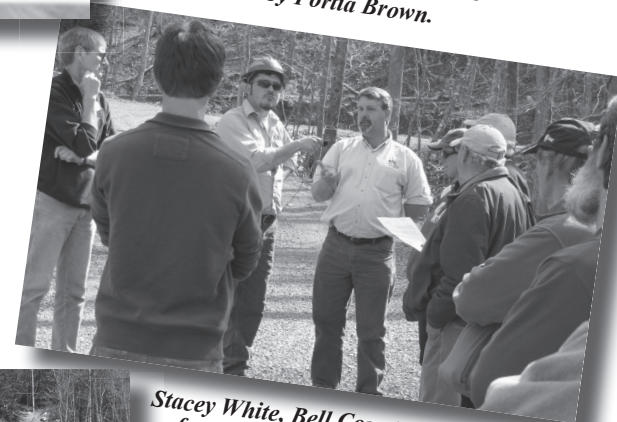


*Henry Duncan inspects logging equipment during 2014 field trip.  
Photo by Portia Brown.*



*Dr. Terrell Baker, UK Forestry, gives a presentation on Kentucky's Forest Sector Economic Outlook.*

*Photo by Doug McLaren.*



*Stacey White, Bell County extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, and Brandon Howard, Kentucky Division of Forestry, discuss the benefits of management practices at Kentucky Ridge State Forest.  
Photo by Billy Thomas.*



*Modern logging equipment demonstrated on 2014 field trip.  
Photo by Portia Brown.*

KWOA's first silent auction raised \$1,376.50! Many thanks to Della Wall, board member, for organizing this successful event. Look for its return at the 2015 annual meeting and consider donating an item. More information will be provided in the winter newsletter.

# Michael Froelich Receives KWOA Outstanding Service Forester Award

KWOA recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of a Service Forester employed with the Kentucky Division of Forestry at the KWOA annual meeting. Nominations for the award are submitted by KWOA members by February 1st. Considerations for the service award include demonstrated overall professionalism, volume of work, relationship with the woodland owner, responsiveness to requests and sustained excellence over a period of time.

Michael Froelich, service forester in the southeast district was selected for the 2014 Outstanding Service Forester Award. Michael started with the southeast district (Hazard) in 2007. Froelich was also the 2009 Tree Farm Inspector of the Year.

He started the southeast forestry wood expo AKA forestry contest in 2010. Now in its fifth year, the contest has grown to attract over twelve schools competing in eleven events.

Michael has performed many leadership roles in wild land fire fighting operations in Kentucky and other states.

In his seven year tenure in the southeast district Froelich has serviced more than 200 landowners for a total of 17,400-plus forested acres of forest stewardship plans. He marked at least 225 acres of harvests with forest stewardship recommendation of 370 acres actually cut. He has provided service to over fifty landowners for TSI on more than 890 acres.

He has conducted more than 200 education programs for youth and adults in fire prevention, forestry careers, field days, 4-H contests, wood expos and tree identification. KWOA members are encouraged to consider whether their service forester is a potential candidate and prepare to submit a nomination for the 2014 award. More details will be provided in the fall on the website and in this newsletter. In submitting Froelich for the nomination, Dr. Jim Corum commented "Michael has been working with us since his arrival in the district some seven years ago. Over that time he has provided guidance in selecting areas to be treated, marking trees and inspecting the com-

pleted work on approximately 150 acres of our Tree Farm.

"We have found that working with Michael is also a learning experience from a knowledgeable and professional forester. He is a credit to the Kentucky Division of Forestry."



*Michael Froelich Receives Outstanding Service Forester Award at 2014 KWOA Annual Meeting. Photo by Billy Thomas.*

## *Calendar of Events*

July 22, 2014

### **Board of Tax Appeals**

Hearing on Jim Corum property tax valuation for woodlands  
128 Brighton Park Boulevard, Frankfort  
INFO: 502.573.4316

August 9, 2014

### **Kentucky Woodlands Owners Short Course**

Crittenden County  
Extension Office  
INFO: [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)



August 16, 2014

### **Kentucky Woodlands Owners Short Course**

Boone County  
Extension Office  
INFO: [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)

August 21, 2014

### **KWOA Board Meeting**

KFIA - Frankfort, KY

August 23, 2014

### **Kentucky Woodlands Owners Short Course**

Knox County  
Extension Office  
INFO: [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)

# Highlights from Quarterly Board Meetings

## **February 20**

### **Business items:**

The board approved the creation of a separate bank account to contain monies to pay for any fees concerning the Timber Assessment Project. If all the fees for this project are not used, the balance will be redistributed to those involved that made contributions.

The Go Daddy account used to host the website will be paid in the future through the website PayPal account rather than reimbursing the website administrator for the annual hosting fee.

Paid membership currently totals 117.

**Forestry Assessment and Taxes** – Senator Braden Smith from Harlan County met with UK faculty and other interested parties in December. The senator is setting up a meeting concerning assessment with PVAs and then with the state revenue department.

KWOA will provide assistance for the summer of 2014 Woodland Owners Short Course in the amount of \$650.

### **Cooperator Reports**

**Kentucky Division of Forestry:** The Morgan County Nursery will re-open in April. The Arbor Day Foundation will initiate a project in April that provides free tree seedlings to re-establish trees in the counties damaged by the 2012 tornados.

The 2015-16 proposed state budget will cut KDF by an additional five percent. If approved the division will have to eliminate tree farm inspections. The board requested that Jack Rentz draft a letter for members to send to their legislators opposing the KDF budget reduction.

**University of Kentucky:** A two year position is being established at the Department of Forestry to study Eco-Services. Also the Center for Forest Health will conduct genetic research in conjunction with the Forest Service and the Kentucky Division of Forestry. This project will have an applied phase that interfaces with landowners.

**Kentucky Farm Bureau:** The bureau is formulating resolutions to address the concerns of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and to sup-

port timber as a commodity. Emerging issues are (1) invasives, (2) market access, (3) management assistance and certification, (4) property tax assessment and (5) timber theft. Preston Lacy from the Kentucky Nature Land Trusts spoke to the meeting attendees about working forest conservation easements.

## **May 15**

Daniel Wilson, Chairman of the Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) Agricultural Committee attended the meeting to gather suggestions for helping woodland owners. Comments from the board meeting will be included in the SOAR recommendations to Governor Beshear. The board was encouraged to also develop a position statement for submission to the committee. The board is proceeding with that statement.

Chairman Wilson was encouraged to review recent economic studies of Kentucky's forest industry by the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the University of Kentucky.

Board meeting attendees provided an hour of perspectives on the current state of the timber industry in Appalachia, its potential, the challenges to realizing and maintaining that potential and suggestions for achieving it.

Wilson noted during the meeting that SOAR may have an opening for an additional member on the agricultural committee. KWOA has selected Frank Hicks, KWOA Vice President, to fill that capacity. He will be representing KWOA at forthcoming regional meeting of the SOAR agricultural committee.

The Board of Tax Appeals will hear Jim Corum's case on property tax valuation for woodlands on July 22 at 9 a.m. Members were encouraged to attend. The meeting will convene at the Board of Tax Appeals in Brighton Park in Frankfort.

The board was informed about the process of initiating resolutions at the county level to the Kentucky Farm Bureau. The board reviewed drafts of two potential resolutions on woodland tax valuation and on collaboration among local woodlands-related entities to encourage, support and assist woodland owners in the sustainable management and, if interested, certification of their forests. More final versions of these draft resolutions will be developed and provided to KWOA members for submission to their county farm bureaus.





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Next Board Meeting: August 21, 2014 - KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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