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## Woodland Owners Short Course Helping YOU Achieve Your Management Goals

Managed woodlands are healthy woodlands, which can attract more wildlife, produce valuable timber and provide a place for family recreation, according to University of Kentucky forestry specialists in the College of Agriculture. The 2010 Woodland Owners Short Course will cover all those aspects—for both novice and experienced landowners.

“Some of the biggest obstacles woodland owners face are understanding their property’s potential and finding people who can help them accomplish their objectives,” said Billy Thomas, UK Cooperative Extension forester. “The Woodland Owners Short Course presents essential information and puts landowners in contact with professionals who can help them achieve their particular management goals.”

The one-day course is offered once in each of the three geographical regions of the state. In Eastern Kentucky, the course is scheduled for Aug. 21 at the UK Robinson Forest in Breathitt County. The course in Western Kentucky is scheduled for Aug. 28 at the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton, and in Central Kentucky the course will take place Sept. 11 at the Casey County Cooperative Extension office in Liberty.

Though many of the sessions are offered in all three locations, some sessions will cover topics specific to the region in which they’re offered.

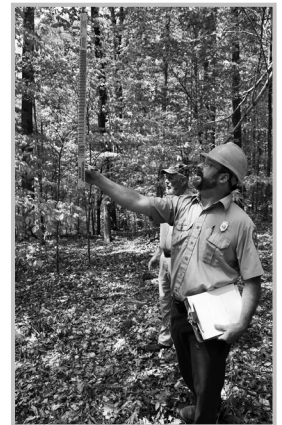
Two concurrent tracks, Gold and Green, target either the seasoned woodland owner or those who are just beginning. Landowners who might just have acquired woodlands or who are beginning to think about management should enroll in the Green Track, while more experienced woodland owners can register in the Gold Track.

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## Hardwoods for Hard Times KWOA 2010 Annual Meeting

by Betty Williamson, KWOA President

The 2010 KWOA annual meeting was held on April 16 – 17 at Barren River State Resort Park. The purpose of the annual meeting was to provide the membership with educational opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills to better manage their woodlands. It also provides a time of fellowship with fellow woodland owners, agency representatives, forestry professionals and industrial representatives. We share a common goal: to see the Commonwealth of Kentucky maintain healthy and sustainable forests.



During the outdoor/field day portion of the annual meeting, personnel from the Kentucky Division of Forestry were on hand to guide a “walk through the woods.” Participants were instructed in measuring timber, selecting harvestable trees and timber stand improvement. Local exotic invasive plants were identified and control methods were discussed.

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Woodstock Mills of Scottsville, KY provided a variety of logs which Bob Bauer, KFIA Executive Director and KWOA board member, used to demonstrate different grades and values. Felix Taylor, KWOA board member and Kentucky 2009 Tree Farmer of the Year, brought his portable Wood-Mizer sawmill for an on site demonstration.

During the evening program, James Morris, service forester from the Green River District, was presented the KWOA Service Forester award and Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry, was the keynote speaker. She presented an update of the Kentucky Forest Assessment project. Doug McLaren, KWOA Board Member and UK Forestry Extension, ended the banquet with his ever popular "Forestry Bowl" game.



Henry Duncan congratulates James Morris.

Billy Thomas, UK Department of Forestry, provided information concerning the local forestry organization survey results and Dr. Andrew Stainback, UK Department of Forestry, discussed the Woodlands Tax Project.

Dr. John Obrycki, UK Department of Entomology and State Entomologist, provided an update on the status of the emerald ash borer in Kentucky and Jerry Adams, USDA/NRCS, provided information on the USDA Farm Bill programs that are available for forest owners.

Bob Bauer and Ken Negray from Kentucky Forest Industries Association provided an update on the 2010 legislative session and forest certification options in Kentucky.

J. Henry Duncan, KWOA Vice-president, organized and conducted another successful and informative annual meeting.

The primary goal of KWOA is to help Kentucky forest landowners attain the best long-range dollar return from their forestry operation, while at the same time maintain a healthy, beautiful forest. These goals are achieved by:

- Promoting economically and environmentally sound forest management
- Advancing the skills of Kentucky woodland owners
- Serving as an advocate for Kentucky woodland owners in legislative activities
- Keeping the public and lawmakers informed about the importance of woodland management and the contributions that woodlands make to Kentucky.



Throughout the year, our membership is kept up-to-date on forestry issues in Kentucky via our newsletter, website ([www.KWOA.net](http://www.KWOA.net)) and internet mailings.

We invite everyone with an interest in the woodlands of Kentucky to join us. Together we can make a difference!

## KWOA 2011 Annual Meeting Will Go To New Depths

KWOA members have explored rivers, mountains and lakes during the association's annual meetings. Good food, comfortable accommodations and a variety of forest types and settings have made the Kentucky state parks a popular venue for KWOA's forest management field sessions, business meetings and well, just plain enjoyable social events.

Ready for some subterranean adventure? For the 2011 annual meeting KWOA is already negotiating with Carter Caves State Park in Olive Hill, KY to get the best deal and educational opportunities for its members. Tentative date for the this event is April 8-9, 2011.

The Carter County region has the highest concentration of caves to be found in any area of Kentucky. The state park offers guided tours of some of its caves. Since April weather can be notoriously unpredictable in Kentucky, it's nice to know that the weather doesn't change much in the caves. The park also has a 45-acre lake for fishing and boating and a golf course.

# 2010 Woodland Owners Short Course

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Past graduates of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the course through the Gold Track.

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover tree identification; working with forestry and wildlife professionals; woodland and wildlife management practices; farm bill programs; elk in Eastern Kentucky; tree quality and value, including a WoodMizer demonstration; developing and using a management plan; forest health issues; timber trespass and woodland boundary issues; timber harvesting, sales and marketing considerations; forest certification; and food plots and hunt leases. A detailed listing of course topics at each location can be found online at [www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php](http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php)

Parents are encouraged to bring their children. Children ages 6 through 13 can look forward to a day of hands-on activities led by representatives of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and 4-H Extension Agents. Each youth participant will take home a goodie bag of fun forestry-related products.

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



is strongly encouraged as space is limited. Sessions are \$25 for individuals, \$40 for couples and \$5 for youth.

The 2010 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.

Registration is available online at [www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php](http://www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php), by calling 859.257.7597, or simply fill out the form to the right.

## WOSC REGISTRATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name(s) and age(s) 6-13 years of age \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (street and/or box number) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I own \_\_\_\_\_ woodland acres in \_\_\_\_\_ county.

### Course Fees (Pre-registration strongly encouraged):

Sessions are \$25. Couples \$40. Youth \$5. (\$5 extra day of program) Registration includes: lunch, clipboard, resource CD, and educational programs from some of the best forestry and natural resource experts in Kentucky.

Visa/MasterCard accepted by phone or mail.

Circle one: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ month / \_\_\_\_\_ year

or checks payable to: **UK Department of Forestry**

### Please check the track(s) you wish to attend:

East Region	West Region	Central Region
Breathitt County	Caldwell County	Casey County
August 21	August 28	Sept. 11
Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>

Mail your registration form to:

**Woodland Owners Short Course  
UK Forestry Extension  
216 T. P. Cooper Building  
Lexington, KY 40546-0076**

Register on-line at: [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)

Information contact:

**859.257.7597 or visit [www.ukforestry.org](http://www.ukforestry.org)**

# *A Note from the Editor...*

*Last spring a friend sent me an e-mail about the invasive plant garlic mustard. Just like everything looks like a nail to a hammer, every plant in my woods looked like garlic mustard. Unfortunately, that wasn't far from the case. So I ripped, pulled and even learned how to make a variety of dishes for the garlic mustard leaves using recipes developed by a chef. (A lot of work and not all that tasty, but the added vengeance made them palatable.) The prolific reproductive ability of this invasive allows it take over a forest floor in a few seasons.*

*The list of invasive plants, not to mention insects and diseases, seems to increase every year. Or perhaps it's our improved ability to identify them. Either way, an informed eye and early intervention are probably the woodland owner's best defense for our native species. And, oh, if you want any of those garlic mustard recipes next spring just let me know.*

**-- Karen Marshall, Editor**

## **Forest Threat Center Identifies Nonnative Invasives in Eastern States.**

Put your cursor over the state of Kentucky on the US map at the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center (<http://threatsummary.forestthreats.org/>) and it responds with 175 threats for our state.

Click on the state and it divides those threats into eight categories and then lists them by category. The categories are invasive plants, insects, diseases, climate, loss of open space, pollution, wildland fires and unmanaged recreation. Choose your favorite threat, click on it and the website brings up a photo, a short description and a threat description. Here's that garlic mustard I mentioned earlier.



Photo credit: Chris Evans, River to River CWMA, Bugwood.org

Alternatively, you can search each of the eight categories directly without going through the state maps. According to the forestthreats.org website, the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center (EFETAC) was established as part of the USDA Forest Service's program under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act. The Center is located in Asheville, NC, and is part of a network of early warning activities established by the Forest Service nationwide. The mission of the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center is to generate, integrate, and apply knowledge to predict, detect, and assess environmental threats to public and private forests of the east, and to deliver this knowledge to managers in ways that are timely, useful, and user friendly. The Center also publishes a newsletter that is available on the website.

This is an extensive and easily accessible website. Thanks to Betty Williamson for letting us know about it. I only wish there was a website that could prioritize the threats by degree of potential harm or urgency, but I guess that would be complicated. In the meantime, this is an extensive resource on one website.

# Congressional Members ask US Green Building Council to Support Full Inclusion of Wood Products in LEED Standards

A bi-partisan group of seventy-nine Members of Congress, led by Representatives Kurt Schrader (D-OR) and Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), sent a letter to the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The letter asks USGBC to accept sustainable wood products from Tree Farm and Sustainable Forestry Initiative certified lands in their Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system. Currently, LEED only grants a "certified wood credit" to builders that use wood products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

The federal agencies that Congress oversees are supporting this standard as evidenced by the over 30 percent of all LEED certified buildings owned or occupied by the United States federal government—including buildings constructed by the Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In the United States less than one fourth of the certified forests are certified by FSC. In Kentucky there are approximately 825 certified tree farms under the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) and very few certified acres under the FSC program.

One of the consequences of the USGBC's current FSC-only policy is that it closes the market for Kentucky woodland owners to supply certified wood for "green buildings" unless the woodland owner chooses to go through the very costly process of becoming FSC certified. Another consequence is that builders wishing to meet the LEED standards may be forced to purchase some their wood products outside of the United States.

Three Kentucky congressional members signed the letter to the USGBC: Ben Chandler (sixth district), Geoff Davis (fourth district) and Brett Guthrie (second district).

Source: American Forest Foundation and Rep. Kurt Schrader

## *Credits:*

Newsletter editor – Karen Marshall

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## *2010 Calendar of Events*

August 19, 2010

### **KWOA Quarterly Board Meeting**

KFIA Offices, 106 Progress Drive, Frankfort

1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be available at noon.

August 21, 2010

### **Woodland Owners Short Course**

Breathitt County — East KY

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INFO: 859.257.7597

August 28, 2010

### **Woodland Owners Short Course**

Caldwell County — West KY

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INFO: 859.257.7597

September 11, 2010

### **Woodland Owners Short Course**

Casey County — Central KY

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INFO: 859.257.7597

October 7, 2010

Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day

Jackson County

Time: TBA

INFO: 859.257.7597

# Summary of May 21, 2010 Quarterly Meeting

**Treasures Report** – Checking account \$14,321.84 and Foundation \$8,433.41.

**Kentucky Division of Forestry Report** – Leah McSwords reported that state government has not approved the budget. Forest Land Assessment has been completed.

**KFIA** – Bob Bauer reported that regional meetings for KFIA will be this summer.

**University of Kentucky** – Billy Thomas reported that new chair “Red” Baker will begin in July, last summer camp for UK students, Woodlands Magazine will arrive soon, Stainback continues to work on the tax project, and Local Forestry Organizations continue to be assisted when requested. MacSwords mentioned that KDF has monies available for assistance if the LFO meets the qualifications.

**Kentucky Farm Bureau** – Bige Hensley reported that Jeff Harper has been replaced with Susie Tanner for forestry commodities. KFB forestry committee will meet in September.

**Website** – Karen Marshall continues to manage the site and requests information and updates from membership.

**NRCS** - Jerry Adams reported that monies still exist for EQIP and WHIP. Links for more information: [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/) or [www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/](http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/)

**Annual Meeting (2010)** – Henry Duncan reported that the annual meeting had a deficit of \$91. Suggestions for future meetings were to be at state parks.

**BMP Board** – Betty Williamson reported that a letter will be written to have John Perry placed on the board.

**Timber Theft Articles** – the materials being sent to KWOA from Nina Cornett need to have further editing to be approved for the KWOA website. Jeff Stringer and Hugh Archer are the editors.

**Kentucky Association for Count Agricultural Agents** – Henry Duncan reported that the county agent association asked for a donation for the annual summer meeting in Prestonsburg on July 29 and 30. A motion was made by Joe Ball and seconded by Dave Henderman to donate \$350 from the education fund.

**Position Paper** – Joe Ball reported that the paper continues to be developed.

**Amendment to By-Laws** – the board can make transactions of KWOA business by electronic or phone voting without holding an official meeting. The results will be ratified at the following meeting. The information has been reflected in the current bylaws of KWOA.

**Foundation Board of KWOA** – it was discussed that there will be an increase of 15 to 18 members to reflect the difference between the KWOA Board and Foundation. The board passed the change for the bylaws of KWOA.

**Committees** – Duncan developed a list of committees to share the responsibilities of the organization. The committees suggested were Executive, Finance, Communications, Events, Membership, and Liaison. Definition of committees second tasks will be brought to the next meeting.

**Appearance before the Natural Resources Interim Committee** – President Williamson asked if we should ask to appear before the committee. Several suggestions were made as to the discussion at this meeting. It was suggested that the need for service foresters, concern about forest fires and adequate personnel to fight these fires and the need for continued support for the forest nurseries. KDF has just completed the Forest Assessment and will be making a presentation to this committee. It was suggested to have these two in conjunction with one another. Taylor and McNeill will provide support for these requests.

**Membership Packets** – President Williamson will request the membership committee to develop a membership packet for new members. Jack Rentz is the chair of this committee.

**Scholarships** – McNeill suggested that KWOA develop a forestry/natural resource scholarship for students that are majoring in these careers. Place on agenda for next meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR KWOA BOARD MEETING – August 19, 2010**

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Next Board Meeting: August 19, at KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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Karen Marshall, Editor

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