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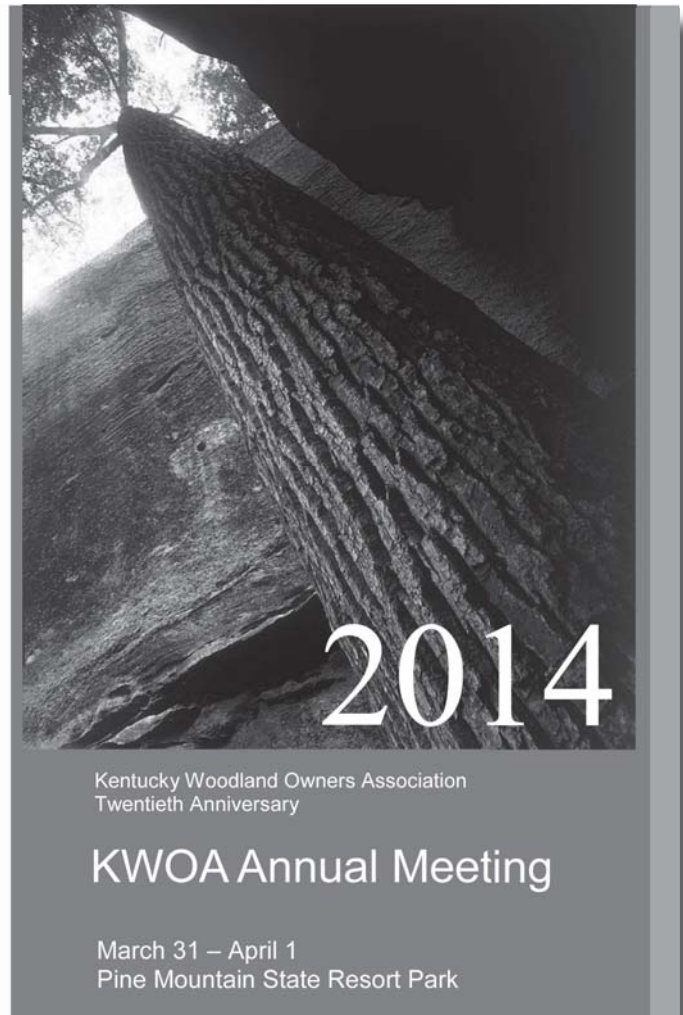
Winter 2014

You Are Invited to KWOA's Annual Meeting

Make plans to attend the KWOA/ KWOA 2014 Annual Meeting held March 31 - April 1 at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville, Ky. On-line registration can be found at www.kwoa.net See page 4 for meeting details.

Auction Items Needed for Annual Meeting

Start your spring cleaning early! Look for an item you would like to donate to the annual meeting silent auction. Donations can be anything with a monetary value. Examples: sporting event tickets, gift baskets, gift cards, handmade items such as scarves, blankets and wooden items such as toys, bowls, spoons, etc. E-mail a description of it and a suggested minimum bid to Della Wall, board member, at dwall@prtcnet.org.



Kentucky Woodland Owners Association
Twentieth Anniversary

KWOA Annual Meeting

March 31 – April 1
Pine Mountain State Resort Park

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Annual Meeting Special Thanks To:

- Bluegrass Woodworks
- Kentucky Division of Forestry
- Kentucky Forest Industries Association
- Kentucky Natural Lands Trust
- Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation and Association Board Members
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Pine Mountain State Resort Park
- University of Kentucky Department of Forestry

KWOA Turns Twenty!

Join KWOA as it celebrates its 20TH anniversary at Pine Mountain State Park March 31 – April 1.

And now a little history...

On February 12, 1994 an organizational meeting launched KWOA in Bardstown. Keith Argow was the keynote speaker.

The first KWOA newsletter was issued in 1994 to announce the inaugural meeting. Don Girton, retired U.S. Forest Service and one of KWOA's founders, was the first editor for the newsletter and continued in that role until Karen Marshall assumed the position in 2006.

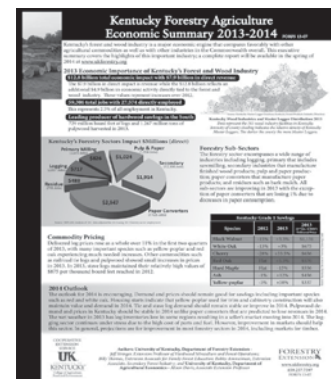
The 1994 issue noted that timberlands available for wood production cover 48% of Kentucky's land area (unchanged today) and that the state ranked third among all states in annual hardwood production. Wood industries accounted for nine percent of the state's employment (compared to 2.7% today). Wood industries ranked fourth in employment.

The 1994 issue discussed a recent meeting of wood industry, university and governmental agency representatives to discuss expanding the economic strengths of the wood industry.

Kentucky Forestry Economic Impact Grows in 2013

UK Forestry Extension in cooperation with UK Agricultural Economics released the latest Kentucky forestry economic impact estimates recently. Dr. Jeff Stringer, UK Forestry Extension professor made the announcement at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting; he reported that the estimated total economic impact of the Kentucky Forestry Sector exceeded \$12 billion in 2013 and the outlook for 2014 is positive. You

can watch Dr. Stringer's presentation and get more information by visiting www.ukforestry.org



The top five barriers to bringing the Kentucky forest industry up to its potential:

1. Need for increased forest management;
2. Additional education, training, and technical assistance;
3. Modification of current workman's compensation;
4. Marketing assistance; and
5. Capital availability/financial assistance.

Girton noted the arrival of "ecosystem" perspectives in forest management. He noted the 1993 release by the Society of American Foresters report Sustaining Long-term Forest Health and Productivity.

Girton summarized the major forest issues of concern from a list of 40 identified by a meeting of a wide spectrum of interests in December 1993:

- Leadership
- Sustainable development
- Public awareness

As KWOA begins its 21st year it is worth taking stock of Don's synopsis of Kentucky's forests, challenges and priorities in 1994 and our progress and current course.

Calendar of Events

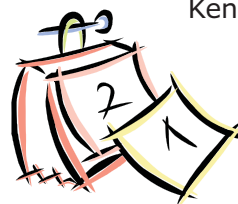
February 14, 2014
Kentucky Agricultural Council quarterly meeting
at the Farm Machinery Show
Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville.

February 20, 2014
KWOA Board Meeting
KFIA - Frankfort, KY

March 22, 2014
Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop
General Butler State Park
INFO: www.tristatewoods.org

March 31 - April 1, 2014
KWOA and Foundation Annual Meeting
Pine Mountain State Resort Park
INFO: KWOA.net

April 2-4, 2014
Kentucky Forest Industries Annual Meeting
The Brown Hotel - Louisville KY
INFO: kfia.org



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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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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:

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association

1483 Big Run Road
Wallingford, KY 41093

PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA CREDIT CARD OR PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE

Annual Meeting:

Pine Mountain State Resort Park - Pineville, KY
March 31 – April 1, 2014

2014 Annual Meeting

Monday, March 31

- 10:30 AM Woodland Certification and the Status of Certification Demand in the Region Presented by Christopher Reeves, Extension Staff Associate, University of Kentucky and Forest Management Section Administrator, Center for Forest and Wood Certification
- 12:30 PM Field Trip: Forest Management and Utilization in Southeast Kentucky Presented by Kentucky Division of Forestry, Bell County Cooperative Extension Service, and UK Forestry Extension.

KWOA Twentieth Anniversary Program

- 5:00 PM Social Hour - Woodland Quiz
- 6:00 PM Buffet Dinner
- 6:30 PM Program including:
- Recognition of KWOA Foundation Member
 - Service Forester Award
 - Forestry Scholarship Award
 - Kentucky State Legislative Representative: Rick Nelson
- 9:00 PM Adjourn



Photo courtesy: Pine Mountain State Resort Park

Tuesday, April 1

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| 8:00 AM | Cooperator Reports
Reports: NRCS, Jerry Adams; KFIA, Bob Bauer, KDF, Leah MacSwords, and UK Forestry, Jeff Stringer and Billy Thomas. | 10:30 AM | Conservation in Action
Hugh Archer, KNL, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust, will tell us about large-scale conservation initiatives coordinated through non-profit partnerships and the use of conservation easements by private landowners. |
| 9:30 AM | Jeff Foley, Bluegrass Woodworks
Selected by Kentucky Living Magazine as the 2013 "Best Artist/Craftsperson" in Kentucky, Mr. Foley specializes in heirloom wooden toys and displays them beneath the Christmas tree at the Governor's Mansion every yuletide season. | 11 AM | UK Forestry Students - Comment/Discussion |
| 9:45 - 10 AM | Break and Silent Auction Closes | 11:30 AM | KWOA & KWOF
• Business Meeting and Elections
• Meeting Adjourns at Noon. |
| 10 AM | Engaging the Next Generation in Forest Management - Rebekah Epps, assistant professor in the Agricultural Education Program of the Department of Community and Leadership Development at the University of Kentucky, will showcase different strategies she has used to help expose more students to our forests and natural resources. | | |



2014 Annual Meeting

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association and Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation

Pine Mountain State Resort Park

Monday, March 31 - Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Registration- PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse/Guest Name (Optional): _____

Email: _____/Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Check Registration Type:

\$25 per person for Paid-up Current Member Registration

\$40 per person for Non-Member Registration

Send Registration and payment to:

KWOA

1483 Big Run Road

Wallingford, KY 41093

OR

Register online via PayPal at [www: KWOA.net](http://www.KWOA.net)

Reserve your room and meals directly with Pine Mountain State Park by calling 1-800-325-1712 and request the Ky. Woodland Owners Assoc. group block. Deadline is March 15.

Meet Kristian Elswick, recipient of the KWOA 2013 Forestry Student Scholarship

KWOA is pleased to award its 2013 Forestry Student Scholarship to Kristian Elswick, a junior forestry major at the University of Kentucky. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide an award to an outstanding student enrolled in the University of Kentucky's professional forestry degree program. Awards are granted on the basis of leadership potential, connection with the forestry community and insight for the forestry profession. The scholarship is in the amount of \$600 paid directly to UK for tuition fees.

Ms. Elswick is a graduate of Montgomery County High School. After earning an Associate of Arts degree from Bluegrass Community and Technical College she felt like something was missing. A backpacking trip in Alaska helped her discover what she wanted to do with her career and her life. She enrolled at UK and began her major as a forestry student.

Kristian is very involved with the Society of American Foresters student chapter and was its sophomore representative last year. She volunteers with Reforest the Bluegrass. Through the forestry program and the U.S. Forest Service Kristian has completed her training for Firefighter Type 2 wild land fire-fighting. Through this training and experience, she is involved in the Fire Cats program at UK. She has worked recreation development for the U.S. Forest Service for the past two summers in which her responsibilities included maintaining and managing developed areas in the Red River Gorge Geological Area.

Kristian will be joining us at our 2014 annual meeting where we hope many of you will take the opportunity to introduce yourselves and get to know the latest recipient of our forestry student scholarship.

A letter of reference from one of Kristian's professors commented "...Kristian has a desire to learn. She is curious about the world around her and is trying to get as much out of her education as she can. Kristian sees her courses as something she wants to do. As a professor, I find few things as gratifying as this kind of enthusiasm from a student."



KWOA representative Doug McLaren presented Kristian Elswick with the 2013 Forestry Student Scholarship.

Photo courtesy: Renee' Williams

Kristian Elswick Thanks KWOA for Scholarship

Dear Kentucky Woodland Owners Association,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the Kentucky Woodland Owners Scholarship possible. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support. As a junior attending Spring semester the financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses. By awarding me the Kentucky Woodland Owners Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely
Kristian Elswick

Greg Kuhns: Private Landowners Key To Stronger Forest Industry

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Are wood products and forests Eastern Kentucky's economic salvation? The answer is both yes and no.

As a forest landowner and former resident of Harlan County, I would love to say that forests are the magic bullet.

As our country slowly recovers from its recent economic tragedy, we should appreciate the role that sustainable forests and the wood industry already play in Kentucky's economy and job growth.

According to a University of Kentucky study, the total economic impact of the forest industry in 2012 was \$9.92 billion, with direct revenue from the forestry sector of \$6.37 billion. This sector was responsible for total employment of 51,928 or 2.7 percent of Kentucky's jobs and \$1.25 billion in earned income. This is during a soft economic recovery with slow housing starts.

Kentucky is blessed with abundant hardwood forests and ranks as the leading producer of hardwoods in the South. About 75 percent of these forests are owned by private landowners. About half of Kentucky's forests lie in Eastern Kentucky. However, as is typical throughout Kentucky, management of these forest lands is woefully short of producing desirable, high-value hardwood.

To produce high-quality lumber, veneer and staves for the cooperage industry, forests need to be managed or tended like a garden. While the growth and number of trees in Kentucky have increased, the quality of timber has decreased.

Many forests have been "high graded" — that is logging in the past has taken the biggest and best and left the rest. This has resulted in low-quality forests with damaged, deformed or less valuable trees. High-quality trees are important to develop and attract a forest industry and make it profitable.

How can Kentucky, especially the mountains, attract, support and sustain a viable forest industry? It begins with the private landowner growing quality trees and practicing economically sustainable forestry.

Out of 168,000 landowners in Kentucky, a small number (about 800) have developed management plans that will sustain their woodlands and increase their economic benefit.

These plans (U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Stewardship Program and American Tree Farm System) include best practices that address tree planting, repressing destructive invasive species, fire trails, sustainable and ecosensitive harvesting, water quality



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enhancement and protection, wildlife habitat improvement and opportunities for recreation.

Money is available on a cost-share basis through the local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to implement some of these practices. The Kentucky Woodland Owners Association (<http://www.kwoa.net>) is another valuable resource for landowners. The Kentucky Division of Forestry has suffered severe personnel impacts because of state budget cuts.

These incredibly valuable experts are critical to enhance and foster viable sustainable forests, forest management and the forest industry. A ray of sunshine, despite the economic stress, the state is restoring the tornado-devastated tree seedling nursery in West Liberty.

Can economical sustainable forestry and forestry practices significantly impact Eastern Kentucky's economy?

An unqualified yes.

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Members are encouraged to attend.

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