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## KWOA/F Annual Meeting Takes on Clean Water and Forest Management



Water is the theme for the KWOA/F 2019 annual meeting March 26-27 at Pennyriple State Forest and Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park.

Clean water plays a major role in our lives. We will be looking at the importance of streams and their health, and how proper forest management contributes to the clean water we all need. Educational programs will be held on Tuesday led by the Kentucky

Division of Forestry on topics of ecosystem management and prescribed fire. A hospitality hour, silent auction, banquet, awards and speakers round out the evening. Lunch and dinner for the first day are included in your registration. The meeting resumes Wednesday morning with presentations from cooperators and the annual business meeting.

Use the mail-in registration in

this newsletter or register on-line at <http://kwoa.net/annualmeet.htm>. Information about speakers, presentations and agenda are available at [kwoa.net](http://kwoa.net).

Make your room reservations by calling the resort park: 270-797-3421 and asking for the KWOA meeting rate (\$89.95 per night).

We look forward to seeing you at Pennyriple!

## Newsletter Transition to e-Delivery

KWOA strives to utilize membership dues in an effective and efficient manner. Printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter is a significant budget item for the association. KWOA foresees going to an electronic version in the near future. By providing an email address members will receive the newsletter as a pdf in their inboxes. Some advantages of receiving an electronic version are that photos and graphics will be in full color and hot links to

further resources are only a click away. All issues of the newsletter are always available on the News and Publications page at [www.KWOA.net](http://www.KWOA.net).

Members who do not have access to the internet or would prefer to continue receiving a paper copy via USPS will be able to do so for the near future. More details will be available with membership renewals for 2019.

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# A Message From Your President

## Can't See the Forest for the Trees

I attended forestry school five decades ago. I faintly remember that during those four years a great deal of time was spent on identifying the various forest types found in the United States and how they should be managed maximizing wood production. Looking back after all these years being in the woods, it seems that little time was spent studying the many diversified products that could be extracted from the woodlands. So little time, so much to learn.

Approaches to forest management in Eastern United States has changed over the years. There has been a swing from the exclusive use of the woodlands for developing timber products to the management approach for diversified products. Even the American Tree Farm System's iconic tree farm sign made a change a number of years ago to reflect the diversity of products that are derived from our woodlands - Water, Timber, Recreation, and Wildlife. These four diverse practices that surround the tree farm sign only begin to identify all the forms of products that can be extracted from our woodlands.

From our Kentucky woodlands come edibles such as shiitake mushrooms, paw paws, nuts such as black walnuts, and craft items such as wood for carving and even vines for decorative purposes. Many of these products have recently become labeled as "locally grown and locally sold" to bring to the attention of those that buy these products how diversified Kentucky woodlands truly are.

As I sit here writing this article I can think of three diversified uses of my woodlands beyond the typical management for timber products. I have, for years, used the trees from the woods for firewood. I have also been involved in maintaining several bee hives. Nothing is better than an early honey flow of yellow-poplar and locust. My latest venture is looking to the woodlands for sugar maple. After attending several maple syrup trainings in the past month, the thought of January and the beginning of the flow of maple sap sounds so sweet.

Diversity. Our woodlands in Kentucky have been true givers of a diversity of valuable products. These products were

recognized and used by the first pioneers into North America, the native American Indians. Today, for every woodland owner in Kentucky there is a diversified woodland due to the diversified management practices resulting in diversified products.

Oh, the diversity that our woodlands exhibit.

**-- Doug McLaren, KWOA/  
KWOA President**



## Plan for Spring Tree Planting – A Family Project

Written by: Laurie T. Thomas

This winter as we anxiously await the arrival of spring it is a perfect time to plan for a family project such as planting a tree or even several trees. We all know how important and valuable trees are to our environment and economy and hopefully your family adopted their favorite tree last autumn with the Adopt a Kentucky Tree activity. This spring tree planting project can be timed to celebrate Arbor Day (in Kentucky first Friday in April) and or Earth Day (April 22). Select a location for your planting, do your research and order your tree seedlings. The Kentucky Division of Forestry's nurseries are taking orders for tree seedlings, to order go to the link listed below. So with this coming spring you and your family can have the opportunity to add a few of these green gems to your landscape.

### Publications and Tree Seedling Supplier:

- 4-H Kentucky – Forestry Project: Tree Planting <http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/4df03pc.pdf>
- U.K.'s Small Woods Big Opportunities Series: Planting Trees in the Landscape & Planting Tree Seedlings [http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/forfs\\_17-08\\_planting\\_trees\\_inlandscapes.pdf](http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/forfs_17-08_planting_trees_inlandscapes.pdf)
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- Kentucky Division of Forestry State Nursery <http://forestry.ky.gov/statenurseriesandtreeseedlings/Pages/default.aspx>

# November Board Meeting Highlights

## Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy

KWOA participated in a September 19th meeting with this organization which coordinates the distribution of funds received by the state as a result of the tobacco settlement. There appears to be an opportunity for KWOA to initiate innovative programs that would be expected to result in more Kentucky landowners actively managing their woodlands. These might include education and/or demonstration programs administered by others.

## Health Task Force

KWOA and others are in the process of gathering data to submit to the Farm Service Agency for approval of an application for assistance to woodland owners for Emerald Ash Borer losses. There is also renewed interest in the Health Care Task Force which KWOA was instrumental in establishing.

## Kentucky Farm Bureau

Sections of the policy book are being changed to better reflect the role of forestry in the organization. KFB is encouraging the formation of a new program called "Ag in the Mountains," which will include forestry. Input on what might be included in these programs is welcome.

## UK Forestry Extension

Segments from the extension's fall weekly radio program "From the Woods KY" [<https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/fromthewoodsky>] are archived for those who would like to listen to them. Topics include Christmas trees, herpetology, Robinson Forest, bats, urban forest initiative, fall colors, martial eagles, black bears, green forests work, forest health and what is forestry?



Forestry extension is also launching a webinar series - *Getting to Know Your Woodlands: A Primer for Beginners*. The 4-5 two hour webinars will be held at county extension offices and other meeting spaces. Topics will include the southern forest and your woodland, getting to know your woodlands, managing your woodlands, identifying and managing woodland threats and wildlife and woodlands. The webinars will run on Thursdays from 7-9P (EST) on February 21, February 28, March 7 and an option field tour or extra local session on March 21.

Forestry extension has produced a new video of its student Kentucky Leadership Program which will be run at the KWOA annual meeting.

## Kentucky Tree Farm System

The Kentucky Tree Farm White Oak Initiative held a December meeting at Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort. The American Tree Farm System's national meeting will convene February 26-28, 2019 in Louisville.

Sustainability of White Oak Timber - an April 2017 conference - was specifically for the industries dependent upon white oak including forest industries, industries using white oak casks, and organizations and agencies associated with these industries. [https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/white\\_oak](https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/white_oak)

## USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

Jared Calvert said the allocation for EQUIP has not been determined. Woody residue treatment for ash has been recommended for EQUIP funding at \$700 per acre. White oak promotion, rare and declining habitat and prescribed burning are also factors in EQUIP rankings.

## Cooperator Profile - Kentucky Agricultural Council

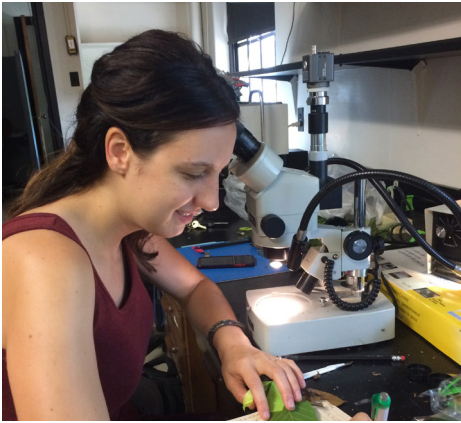
The KAC was established in the late 1970s by the Kentucky Farm Bureau and other Kentucky agricultural leaders. During the mid-1990s its focus was to promote communication among the state's institutions of agricultural education, state and federal agricultural agencies, and the main commodity groups, working toward common goals. Kentucky's HB 611 established a new framework via the Agricultural Development Board for funding and supporting innovative initiatives in agricultural production and marketing statewide.

The KAC's strategic planning committees are designed to encourage broad participation by individuals and representatives from all sectors of Kentucky agriculture. Henry Duncan, former KWOA president and current board member, is KWOA's representative to KAC.

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## KWOF Awards Forestry Student Scholarship to Sarah Hays



Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation (KWOF) is pleased to announce and award its 2018 Forestry Student Scholarship to Sarah Hays, a senior 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 \$1000 paid directly to the University of Kentucky to help offset tuition fees.

Sarah grew up in Berrien Springs, Michigan and migrated to the University of Kentucky to follow a career in engineering which included a National Merit Scholarship. After two years in the program and an internship Sarah quickly realized that forestry and natural resources

was her true desire for a long term career path. Switching majors did not deter Sarah from maintaining two minors, mathematics and German.

Sarah enjoys not only the subject content of forestry, extracurricular work and field work involved, but also is involved in the Forestry Club where she has served as treasurer. During the summer of 2016 she was involved in the field work at Robinson Forest before becoming involved in working with the talents of the Forestry Extension team which includes the newly formed Forest Health Center. The Extension team has had Sarah work during the past year working directly with the woodland owners in Kentucky as well as the Master Woodland Stewards.

Academically Sarah has been very successful by maintaining her name to the Dean's List, as well as a high scholastic showing in her minor of German. She has also been paid by the University as a Calculus tutor.

Sarah switched majors and as a result lost her Merit Scholarship. KWOF is proud to have been able to provide funding to help in the continuation of Sarah in her schooling at the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources.

Three individuals at the Department have written

recommendations for this KWOF award, each stating Sarah's interest in forestry and successful accomplishments in the classroom work as well as her employment in the Department. "Ms. Hays is a passionate and intelligent person impressing me with her work ethic and professionalism...going above and beyond, demonstrating enormous leadership potential."

Continuing as to why Sarah is an excellent candidate for the KWOF scholarship, "Sarah is one of the most gifted, academically able students I have taught in my twenty years of teaching. Her work in the classroom as well as field experiences has shown her awareness, keen interest and sharp concentration and self discipline to the content. She is an excellent team player, generous with her time and energy....she approaches school, and seemly her life outside of school, with humility and generosity of spirit that is refreshing and most admirable. I cannot imagine a more deserving student for the KWOF scholarship."

The Kentucky Woodland Owners, through the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation, is proud to have Sarah Hays as its 2018 recipient of our scholarship. Continued success to Sarah in the years to come as she promotes forestry as her professional career.



## UK Forestry Extension receives NWOA award

The National Woodland Owners Association presented its 2018 Comprehensive Family Forests Education Award to the University of Kentucky Forestry Extension. In cooperation with the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs, the NWOA award is presented to educational institutions deemed to have delivered the most effective education program benefiting family forest owners.

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Member Type (Check One): Household membership \_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_ **Join/Renew Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Acres Owned \_\_\_\_\_ # Forested Acres by County Location(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation (list even if retired) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number (s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership and Donation Options</b>	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>KWOA Basic Membership:</b> Woodland owner household \$35 includes full color <u>Newsletter PDF</u> (email delivery) includes \$5.00 charitable contribution to KWOA	\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>Associates:</b> Individual Household Associate Non-Woodland owner OR Associate Business or Organization interested in forest stewardship) is a non-voting membership & includes a \$5.00 charitable contribution to KWOA.	\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>NWOA</b> (National Woodland Owners Association ) Membership (optional add on). You will receive the National Woodland quarterly newsletter and eight issues of Woodland Report.	\$30.00	\$ _____
<b>KWOA Basic Three year \$100.00:</b> Includes a \$15.00 charitable contribution to KWOA and Full color PDF Newsletter (email delivery)	\$100.00	\$ _____
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<b>Additional contribution to KWOA to help with operating Expenses,</b> such as bookkeeping, postage, and educational expenses.	Any Amount	\$ _____
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**MEMBERSHIP GENERAL INFO**

- Dues Run Jan 1 - Dec 31 and apply to the entire household or business entity.
- KWOA: Kentucky Woodland Owners Association (KWOA) dues are not a charitable contribution; however, dues might be considered a business expense in some circumstances (ask your accountant). Part of your dues supports KWOA as indicated below..
- KWOA: Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation (KWOA) is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Support



Clean Water is theme for KWOA/KWOF 2019 Annual Meeting  
Pennyrile State Forest & Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park  
Tuesday, March 26 - Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
**Registration – PLEASE PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Farm Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland acres owned/managed: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL PROGRAMS, LUNCH and DINNER on March 26  
MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID or RENEWED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

	FEE	x	# of People	Total Amount
Registration	\$60	x	_____	\$ _____

Registration and payment can be made by:  
Credit Card or PayPal on KWOA website: WWW.KWOA.NET  
Mail registration and payment to: KWOA - PO BOX 694 - Maysville, KY 41056  
Phone: 606-782-1317

Please make your room reservations at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park separately by calling the park at 270-797-3421. A block of rooms have been reserved for KWOA. Please remember to mention that you are attending the KWOA Woodlands Owners Conference.

## Nominate Your Service Forester for KWOA Recognition

We are looking for nominations from KWOA Members for your Outstanding KDF Service Forester.

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association will recognize a KDF Service Forester for his/her outstanding achievements. Nominations may be made by any KWOA member and are due no later than February 15, 2019.

### **Purpose:**

To recognize outstanding accomplishments of KDF Service Foresters employed with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. The applicant should have not received this award for the past three years. Nominations may be submitted by any KWOA Member.

Suggested format and guidelines for nominations:

1. Entries may be typed or handwritten. Limit the award entry to 2 pages, one side only, plus 1-2 pages, one side only, of supportive information, i.e., letter(s) of support, news articles, pictures, etc. Additional pages beyond this description will not be considered. The nomination may be submitted in an electronic word file prepared format if desired.
2. Consideration for the service award will be the demonstrated overall professionalism, the volume of work, the relationship with the woodland owner, the responsiveness to request and the sustained excellence over a period of time.
3. Include in the application:
  - Full name, current address and title plus email address of nominee
  - Name, contact information of the one preparing the nomination
4. Other considerations, if available. Work history, achievements that particularly relate

to success in working with Kentucky Woodland Owners: who benefited and what were the impacts. Additional contributions made to forestry including work on committees, task forces, and leadership positions.

5. Summary Statements of Support: Concise, well-written, easy-to-read narrative summary statement (50-75 words).
6. TIME PERIOD: Entries are due by February 15, 2019. Although forestry programs require more than one year completing, the major accomplishments being considered should have been realized during the past three years.
7. Submit applications by February 15 to Karen Marshall, KWOA editor: [editor@kwoa.net](mailto:editor@kwoa.net) or mail hardcopy to KWOA at PO Box 694, Maysville, KY 41056.

Kentucky Division of Forestry Service Foresters are the first line of support for Kentucky woodland owners who have a desire and need to manage their woodlands. 160,000+ woodland owners have 10 acres or more located throughout the state. The service forester's workload is demanding and important to woodland owners. KDF will review the top three applications for accuracy and notify the KWOA awards committee for the selection. This recognition will not automatically be awarded each year if applicants do not meet KWOA selection standards.

The winning recipient and a guest will be invited to the KWOA annual meeting where the recognition and a plaque will be presented.

Previous award recipients were: James Morris (2010), Steve Gray (2011), Kevin Galloway (2012), Robert Bean (2013), Michael C. Froelich (2014), Lisa Armstrong (2015), William Knott (2016), Josh Frazier (2017) and Floyd Willis (2018).

## Donate Items for the 2019 Annual Meeting Silent Auction

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.

Email a description of your item and a suggested minimum bid to Harry Pelle, board member, at [hpelle@windstream.net](mailto:hpelle@windstream.net). Please put Silent Auction in the subject line of your email.

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