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# **KENTUCKY WOODLANDS NEWSLETTER**

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## **Come Early, Stay Late at Carter Caves State Resort Park**

Continuing its tradition of holding its annual meeting at a Kentucky state park, KWOA will convene its 2011 meeting on March 31 at Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill. With both above and below ground recreational opportunities, the park offers unique and fun experiences for KWOA members and their families. The park is holding rooms for KWOA meeting participants at a reduced rate until March 15. Please make your reservations directly with the park by calling 606-286-4411 / 800-325-0059.

The KWOA conference will commence on Thursday, March 31 with afternoon outdoor demonstrations and talks by KWOA's many professional partners including the state forestry division, university forestry faculty and state park personnel. The day in the woods will be capped by a reception, dinner and speakers at the park's restaurant.



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*All photos courtesy: Billy Thomas, UK Forestry Extension*

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## **Certification Isn't A Dirty Word**

In the past couple of years the new "buzz" word in the world of forestry seems to be forest certification. My first knee-jerk reaction was, "Oh no!!! I don't want the government telling me what I can and can't do with my own forest!" I tend to be a very cynical person and don't blindly believe everything that I see and hear. I like to research and learn about new things before I form an opinion, so I started my journey to learn about forest certification. I started reading everything I could find online and in print about forest certification. I attended seminars and meetings about forest certification.

I don't proclaim to be an "expert" concerning forest certification but here are some of the things that I have learned:

FOREST CERTIFICATION IS TOTALLY VOLUNTARY. No one is making anyone get their forests certified. Forest certification isn't for everyone and no government agency is

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# Annual meeting

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Friday's agenda includes updates on forestry issues of interest to woodland owners by an array of experts and a short business meeting. For further details on the meeting agenda go to the KWOA website: [www.kwoa.net](http://www.kwoa.net).

Plan to take advantage of your state park recreational facilities:

## Cave Tours

The Carter County region has the highest concentration of caves to be found in any area of Kentucky. Two of the park's caves offer guided tours year-round, Cascade Cave and X-Cave. Enjoy a subterranean adventure, created by nature over millions of years.

In 1959 Cascade Cave became a part of the Carter Cave State Park System. Shown to visitors since 1925, the cavern is made up a series of parallel passages. They are filled with dripstone formations of different types. Cascade Cave also has a beautiful 30 foot underground waterfall.

## Hiking Trails

Discover the above ground beauty of Carter Caves on 26 miles of wooded nature trails. Trails range from easy to difficult hiking level ability. The Kiser Hollow Trail is a multi-use 10-mile trail for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. There is a parking area at the trailhead for trucks with horse trailers. Guests bring and ride mountain bikes. No ATVs allowed, and no overnight camping on the trail.

## Fishing

Smokey Valley Lake is Kentucky's first trophy bass lake. In addition to largemouth bass, anglers vie for bluegill, catfish, and crappie. Fishing license required for both residents and non-residents and are available at the front desk.

## Golf

Test your skills on the 9-hole regulation golf course. A fully-equipped pro shop, rental riding carts, pull carts, and clubs are available. Open year-round, weather permitting.



*Woodland owners get updates on forestry programs and opportunities at the 2010 KWOA annual meeting.*



2011 KENTUCKY  
WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
and FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING  
Carter Caves State Resort Park  
Olive Hill, KY

Phone: 606-286-4411 / 800-325-0059  
March 31 - April 1, 2011

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)  
TREE FARM/BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Registration package includes:  
Registration - \$35 per person includes dinner

# \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration and payment to:

KWOA  
1483 Big Run Road  
Wallingford, KY 41093  
Phone: 606.876.3423

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE

[kwoa.net](http://kwoa.net)

Please make your room reservations separately with :  
Carter Caves State Resort Park

A block of rooms and some cottages with a special reduced rate have been reserved for KWOA until  
March 15, 2011. Please state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when making your reservation.

# KENTUCKY WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## 2011 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / APPLICATION JAN 1 – DEC 31, 2011

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# of Acres Owned &  
County Location \_\_\_\_\_

KWOA Basic Membership	\$30.00	
Membership Plus Additional \$30.00 – Includes membership in the National Woodlands Owners Association. You will receive the NWOA quarterly newsletter and eight issues of Woodland Report	\$30.00	
Voluntary (much appreciated) contribution to the <b><u>Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation</u></b> – a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization...deductible as a charitable organization		
TOTAL		

Mail check to:

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**kwoa.net**

Annual Meeting: Carter Caves State Resort Park, March 31 – April 1, 2011  
606-286-4411 / 800-325-0059

**(A block or rooms with a special rate have been reserved for a limited time. Please make your reservation with the Park and state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when you make your reservation.)**



# Highlights from November 2010 Quarterly Board Meeting

**Membership** - membership is approximately 181. Motion passed by board for the membership committee to finalize purchase of display board and final copy of a brochure. Question raised was, "What do members receive?" Ideas were window clings, free trees, drawing for a state park visit. Make early payment of dues a criteria for receiving gifts or becoming a new member.

**Kentucky Division of Forestry** – 52,000 acres burned this year to date and foresters are attempting to accomplish the incentives funding plans before the end of the year.

**KFIA** – Wood Expo will be in London next year. Local county bonding and transportation issues were discussed. Promotion of a possible new license plate – Forests for the Future. Next legislative session in Frankfort will be only 30 days in length.

**University of Kentucky** – A motion was passed to support 2011 programming for the Woodland Owners Short Course with a contribution of \$650. EAB conference in December, Wood Certification Center moving forward, webinar series taking place, Tri-State Woodland Program (March 26, 2011) at General Butler State Park.

**Website and Newsletter** – Marshall continues to manage the site and requests information, updates, and photos. Please send any information to Karen and not web master. Next newsletter will be before next meeting.

**Annual Meeting (2011)** - The annual meeting will be at Carter Caves State Park March 31-April 1, 2011. Re-member to send nominations for District Forester Award. Marshall will send form to board members.

**Tree Farms** – will make visits to nominations after first of the year.

**Tax Update** – Stainback from the UK will have a report at the end of the year.

**Nominating Committee** – Bauer, Kuhns, McNeill will have a slate of officers for next year's officers and board.

**Scholarship Committee** – Taylor, McLaren and Marshall will formulate a scholarship proposal for KWOA.

**State Assessment Plan for Forestry** – Duncan suggested that we review the new State Assessment Plan for

Forestry. In the back is a list of the partners and strategies. This document's appendices would make for a good foundation for a "road map" for KWOA.

## Ohio River Valley Woodland and Wildlife Workshop



The Ohio River Valley Woodlands and Wildlife (ORVWW) Workshop is scheduled to be held on March 26, 2011 at General Butler State Park in Carroll County, KY. This workshop is a partnership effort among UK Forestry Extension, Ohio State University Extension, Purdue Extension, the state Divisions of Forestry and Fish and Wildlife in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana as well as numerous other partners. This workshop brings together a wide variety of forestry and wildlife expertise from throughout the Ohio Valley Region to provide woodland owners with forestry and wildlife related educational opportunities that will enhance your ownership experience. To find out more about this outstanding educational opportunity visit [www.tristatewoods.org](http://www.tristatewoods.org) or call 859.257.7597.

## Joint Invasives and Exotic Pest Plants Conference May 3-5 in Lexington, KY

The joint meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Invasive Species Conference and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council conference will encompass topics related to the research, management, outreach, education and policy of invasive species in the eastern and central regions of the United States.

Go to [www.ca.uky.edu/invasives/](http://www.ca.uky.edu/invasives/) for more information.

# Certification

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requiring woodland owners to get their forest certified.

FOREST CERTIFICATION INVOLVES MANAGING YOUR FOREST IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER. It doesn't mean that you can't harvest your timber. It just means that you will conduct your forest management activities in a sustainable fashion using established best management practices.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT CERTIFYING GROUPS. All of the certification organizations have the same main goal – making sure that forests are managed in a sustainable environmentally sound fashion. Some of the groups involve a large monetary commitment from the landowner to obtain certification. Others require no monetary expense to the landowner. It's up to the landowner to decide the program that fits his/her needs.

I ALREADY HAD A CERTIFIED TREE FARM!!!! I utilize the f r e e services of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and have a written stewardship plan that was created for me by my KDF service forester.



I follow that management plan and use best management practices on my tree farm. I meet the standards of American Tree Farm and registered my farm with American Tree Farm.

That makes my woodlands a certified tree farm under the standards of American Tree Farm.

There are many woodland owners in Kentucky who have stewardship plans, perform the best management practices outlined in those plans, and actually qualify for forest certification status. Many woodland owners just aren't aware that their sound forestry practices make them eligible for forest certification.

At the present time the timber markets are not paying a higher price for logs from certified forests. At the present time the only "monetary" advantage of having a certified tree farm is the fact that your markets are increased and that you are eligible to sell your carbon credits.

Forest certification is just one of the many dynamic things that are occurring in the world of forestry. It's hard for the average woodland owner to keep up with all the changes. One of the primary missions of KWOA is to promote healthy sustainable forests in Kentucky through education of woodland owners. One of the educational opportunities that KWOA provides on a yearly basis is our annual meeting. This year the KWOA Annual Meeting will be held at Carter Caves State Resort Park in Carter County, KY on March 31 - April 1. KWOA invites the "experts" in many different aspects of forest management to speak and provide field demonstrations. Participants also have a chance to gain insight and share experiences with their

fellow woodland owners.

If joining our group or attending our annual meeting sounds interesting, please go to our website [kwoa.net](http://kwoa.net) for additional details.

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economically and environmentally  
sound forest management.**

**Visit our new Web site...  
[www.kwoa.net](http://www.kwoa.net) to learn more.**

## Suggested Reading by Extraordinary People

When he isn't playing keyboard for the Rolling Stones, Chuck Leavell and his wife, Rose Lane, manage her 2500 acre family forest in Georgia. The painful realities of managing a forest, including the 15 years it took to pay off the estate tax bill, have resulted in a book about his experiences that is also a primer for other forest property owners.

***Forever Green: The History and Hope of the American Forest***, published in 2001 and now in its second edition, tackles the tough issues surrounding the world's remaining forests as well as the non-technical aspects of managing a tree farm. Leavell has never regretted their choice of forestry for the family farm. His success on his tree farm and his passion for forestry and conservation has resulted in being named both state and national Outstanding Tree Farmer. Charlane Plantation is also a hunting preserve and conservation educational facility.

On a more local level, the Director of Horticulture for Lexington's Gainesway Farm has written an inside look at the arboretum aspects of the horse farm. ***Gainesway: The Stewardship of an Arboretum, 2011***, by Ryan Martin describes the garden aesthetic that compliments the farm's century-old trees and has made it on the national treasures of the Bluegrass.



## 2011 Calendar of Events

March 24, 2011

**Got Cedar: Now what? A program for landowners that have eastern redcedar on their property.**

Franklin County Extension Office

Pre-registration is required.

INFO: 502.695.9035 or 859.257.7597

April 12, 2011

**Got Cedar: Now what? A program for landowners that have eastern redcedar on their property.**

Bracken County Extension Office

Pre-registration is required

INFO: 606.735.2141 or 859.257.7597

March 26, 2011

**Ohio River Valley Woodlands and Wildlife (ORVWW) Workshop**

General Butler State Park

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May 3 - 5, 2011

**Joint Invasives and Exotic Pest Plants Conference**

Lexington

<http://invasives2011.org>

March 31 - April 1, 2011

**KWOA Annual Meeting**

Carter Caves State Park, Carter County

[www.kwoa.net](http://www.kwoa.net)

May 19, 2011

**KWOA Quarterly Board Meeting**

Frankfort

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Next Board Meeting: May 19 at KFIA  
Annual Meeting: March 31 - April 1, 2011 at  
Carter Caves State Park

Members are encouraged to attend.

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