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## Plan to Attend a Woodland Owners Short Course in Your Area!



Make plans to attend the 2018 Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC). Sponsored in part by KWOA, this program is a great opportunity for you and your family to learn how to enhance your woodlands and get the most from your woodland ownership experience. Most woodland owners are not fully aware of the wide variety of organizations and programs available to help them care for their woodlands. Do you have questions about: how to receive a fair price when you sell your timber, making your woodlands wildlife friendly, or simply making them as healthy as they can be? If you want to maximize your woodlands and get answers to your questions about them then the WOSC is right for you!

## Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

The WOSC is designed to assist Kentucky's woodland owners in the care and management of their woodland resource and is conducted on a regional basis with full Saturday programs in the East, Central, and West regions of the state. The regional programs have been developed by local planning committees with local needs in mind and cover a wide variety of subjects. The WOSC offers two programming tracks: green for woodland owners just getting started and gold for those already actively managing their woodlands. Based on your experience and interest levels, you will attend one of two educational tracks lead by Kentucky forestry and

natural resources experts. Couples may consider splitting up so one can attend one track while the other attends the other track. The WOSC is one of the best woodland owner educational opportunities available in the state and anyone with an interest in forestry or wildlife will benefit from attending. **Register now at [www.forestry.ca.uky.edu/WOSC](http://www.forestry.ca.uky.edu/WOSC) because space is limited.**

### WOSC Events

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course - Central  
Shelby County Extension Office - July 28

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course - West  
Marshall County Extension Office - August 4

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course - East  
Morgan County Extension Office - August 18

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# Annual Meeting Recap

## Annual Meeting takes on rural roads, spirits and weather

The 2018 KWOA annual meeting challenged and delighted members in many ways with flavors, weather and rural roads. The adventure started on Tuesday morning, March 20th in Frankfort with a guided tour of Buffalo Trace Distillery. Participants gained an understanding of the complexities of the bourbon making process through history, barrel house inspections and, yes, sampling several types of bourbon mid-morning at the tourism center's bar.



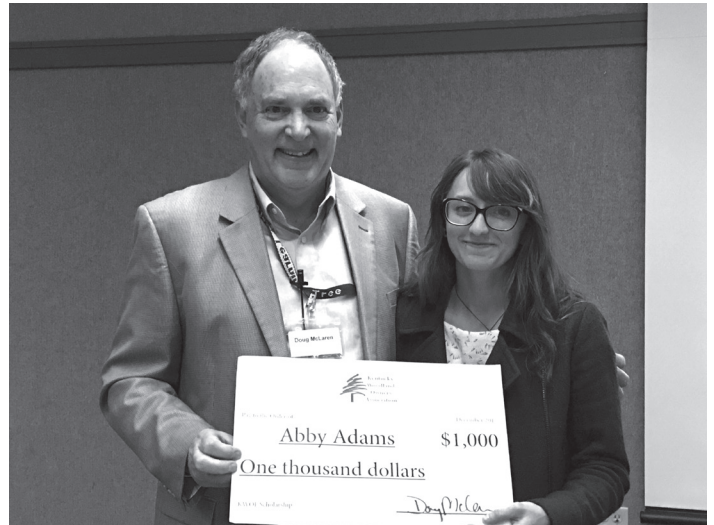
In the same area is the Single Oak Project exhibit, a recently completed experiment to test the effects of barrels made from 96 oak trees selected from as many different locations as well as ages. The resulting bourbons, all aged for eight years, are on display as is a list of sites from which the oak trees were harvested.

***"Happiness is having a rare steak, a bottle of whisky, and a dog to eat the rare steak."***  
— Johnny Carson, Single Oak Project Exhibit

From the distillery the road warriors traveled to Elk Creek Vineyards in Owen County. After a pizza buffet lunch and some post-St. Patrick's Day iridescent green wine, the group went below ground to see another type of barrel used to age wines and learn about the cultivation and processing of grapes.



With snow definitely in the forecast, the tour headed to General Butler State Park to continue the agenda with the evening award banquet. Members met this year's forestry student scholarship recipient, Abigail Adams (see spring newsletter issue for full article about Abby).



***Doug McLaren presents KWOA scholarship to Abigail Adams during annual meeting.***

The association's Outstanding Service Forester award was presented to Floyd Willis, KDF northeast region.



***Henry Duncan (left) and Frank Hicks (right) present Kentucky Colonels citation and plaque to Floyd Willis. Photo by Pam Snyder, KDF.***

A substantial snowfall graced the park during the night. Some speakers were unable to travel to the park for Wednesday's educational program and cooperators reports. But quick technology fixes on both ends enabled presentations by Zoom video conferencing from several of those scheduled. Members learned about limited supplies of white oak timber to meet growing demands, timber exports and invasive species and insects affecting woodland owners' properties.





**Jack Rentz (left) and Don Girton (right) recognize Greg Kuhn's leadership.**

Dr. Greg Kuhns, tree farmer in Bullitt County, was recognized for over 20 years of service to KWOA as a board member, vice president, annual meeting chair and for his representation

of KWOA at national and regional American Tree Farm meetings.

After hearing updates from the forestry division, university, conservation committee and forest industries association, members elected officers and board for the coming year. KWOA welcomes new board members Scott Taylor (central zone) and James Vincent (western zone). By the time the meeting adjourned the snow had melted and members were able to return home safely.

KWOA/F thanks the many individuals who planned and managed the annual meeting. Special appreciation goes to Doug McLaren who took the lead on organizing the site visits and program. Preparations are already underway for the 2019 meeting. We hope you will plan to attend.

## KWOA Committee Investigates Disaster Assistance From EAB Induced Ash Mortality

*(This summary is based on a paper and presentation by Don Girton and Joe Ball at the May 18 KWOA board meeting.)*

Ash mortality in Kentucky induced by the emerald ash borer has cost woodland owners and the forest industry more than \$94 million in annual losses to timber value, logging, milling and other processing as well as secondary industries, according to a 2017 UK Forestry Department white paper prepared at KWOA's request. Tree farmers alone are losing more than \$4.4 annually in salable timber as well as management costs for ash removal and invasive species that capitalize on newly opened forest canopy.

An Ash Disaster Relief Committee appointed by KWOA's board explored existing relief options available to woodland owners from Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs. The committee found that none of these programs specifically

address the EAB disaster or its effect on the tree farmers producing the raw material for Kentucky's \$14 billion forest industry.

Ryan Quarles, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture, and Brian Lacefield, Farm Service Agency State Director hosted a meeting on April 24 with more than a dozen stakeholders in the ash disaster from the University of Kentucky, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Farm Bureau Kentucky Forest Industries Association and KWOA. An overview of the EAB infestation was followed by questions from KWOA members regarding availability of disaster relief similar to other agricultural crops. Commissioner Quarles indicated he would follow up with the Governor's Office to determine the possibility of requesting a "disaster declaration."

In addition Commissioner Quarles conducted a field investigation on May 2 of

Joe Ball's tree farm in Wayne County. Mr. Ball showed the commissioner damage in various stages to the ash trees on his 1,258 acre tree farm from the ash borer and its economic impact. Quarles expressed a desire to share this information with appropriate state and federal offices to identify assistance for tree farmers.



**KY Agriculture Commissioner and KWOA Board member Joe Ball inspecting an ash tree being attacked by the EAB. Photo by Renée Williams, UK Forestry.**

The KWOA committee will continue to explore courses of action for compensation to tree farmers and inform the KWOA board of developments in this issue.

# A Message From Your President

## **Welcome, Thank You, Congratulations, and Movin' On!**



Within this edition of the KWOA newsletter there are a number of opportunities to reflect on our Annual Meeting that was held in March. Weather will be the first item of reflection. Luckily we were all able to arrive at General Butler State Park before the six inch snow covered the area. By the time that we left on the following day, roads were in good condition for travel.

The newsletter has numerous writers and contributors explaining the different aspects of the two day annual meeting which began at Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort then moving to Elk Creek Winery near Owenton and finally programs at the General Butler Conference Center. Please take the time to either refresh your experiences or else familiarize yourself with these great events of the meeting.

As your newly elected President of KWOA and KWOF, I wanted to begin by "welcoming" the newest members of the board, Scott Taylor and James Vincent. Thanks also to those that moved to new positions and responsibilities to provide for a full board.

"Thank you" to those that have served and have for various reasons stepped down. Thanks to Frank Hicks who has been our President for several years and will continue to serve the board as our Immediate Past President. Thanks also to the countless members and supporters of KWOA that took time out of their regular routines to prepare for the meeting months before, during, and after. The support that was provided is literally "priceless". It is this support that maintains KWOA's presence in the agricultural community on so many levels.

"Thanks" also to whoever and whatever wizardry that took place to have our second day speakers appear out of the snow. Without the individuals that pulled all this technology together we would have been without a majority of our intended program content.

"Congratulations" to many of our members, several being recognized during the meeting. Many of these individuals that were named during the meeting take part in other organizations that are well aligned with similar philosophies of KWOA. Because of their success with those organizations, and the work that they do within KWOA, it was fitting to recognize them. Please take the time to find the accomplishments of these members within this newsletter.

"Congratulations" to one other group that was represented only by Abby Adams our 2017 KWOF Scholarship winner at our annual awards banquet. They are the forestry and natural resource students that are graduating from the universities in May, not only here in Kentucky but across the nation, that will soon be in positions providing us, the woodland owners in Kentucky and the other states, with the continued support in the management of our valuable woodlands.

In May we reconvened as a board with our usual board agenda. We quickly looked back and reflected on our annual meeting but the majority of the meeting was spent looking to the future of KWOA and simply "movin' on". We look forward to the opportunities that will be before us. One opportunity this summer will be the Woodland Owners Short Course that is partially funded by KWOA and organized by the University of Kentucky's Forestry Extension Program. Please take the time to find the information within this newsletter directing you to site locations, dates and times. There are three locations in the state. Locations have been chosen so that at least one should be relatively close to you. Each has some unique aspect that reflects the local where it is found. Hopefully we will see you all this summer!

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



# Members Elect 2018 Officers and Directors

The slate of officers and board members for 2018 is a mix of new and familiar faces.

Doug McLaren, previous vice president, has stepped up to the office of president. Portia Brown has moved from secretary to the vice president position. Jack Rentz, a past president, is now secretary. Some directors have renewed terms representing different zones than their previous positions. (See complete roster on back page.)

The board welcomes Scott Taylor, Danville, to the central zone slot and James Vincent, Henderson, to represent the western zone. KWOA thanks Frank Hicks, out-going president, for his commitment and service to the association.



**Taylor family (right to left): Steve, Travis, Cliff, Scott, Martha, and Marie.**

Scott Taylor owns woodlands adjacent to his father and KWOA board member, Cliff Taylor. The family farms are in Boyle and Casey Counties. He recently retired from a long career with the University of Florida Agriculture Department where he worked in dairy and crop production, focusing on commercial vegetable production for the last 25 years. He developed the Pesticide Residue Testing Model that is used across the USA. As a Kentucky Master Woodland Steward and Master Logger, Scott believes KWOA has a unique opportunity to provide goods and

services to society and that we need to structure our response to these opportunities in ways that are both economically and environmentally sustainable.

Jim Vincent is recently retired from a 50+ career in the plastics industry. He grew up in Robards and owns, with wife Holly, properties that include 250 acres of woodlands in Webster County and about 80 acres of wooded wetland habitat in Henderson County. Vincent is a long-time member of The American Chestnut Foundation and the Henderson Audubon Society.

Jim says joining the KWOA board is especially exciting and relevant to that which he enjoys. He further comments, "I am very interested in good woodland stewardship and the resulting environmental, economic and recreational benefits. Being able to meet and interact with such knowledgeable KWOA members provides a great opportunity to learn more about my favorite subject."



**Jim Vincent poses for a photo at Natural Bridge State Park.**

# KWOA Adopts Mail Chimp As New Communication Platform



We live in a fast paced world. Information and issues of interest to woodland owners are often time sensitive; sometimes you need to know sooner, rather than later, about matters such as legislation impacting forestry, governmental program changes and deadlines, woodland educational events, and more. In an effort to provide more timely communications regarding issues and events of interest to Kentucky woodland owners, your KWOA board has decided to try out an email list service called Mail Chimp.

Have no fear, the KWOA Newsletter will still be published four times a year. We will continue to mail the hard copy to you and we also hope to offer you e-delivery options in the foreseeable future. The new email list service is completely optional, you can choose to subscribe or unsubscribe to the KWOA email list whenever you want. There will be a link on our website, kwoa.net and at the bottom of each message where you can opt in or out of the email service. All KWOA emails sent through the Mail Chimp service will also have our logo at the top and our Maysville mailing address at the bottom. Our immediate goal is to be able to reach out to members and interested contacts regarding current matters of interest. We sent our first email message as an event reminder just before the Annual Meeting back in March. We imagine using the service to let you know about upcoming events and time sensitive action items. In the past, contacting you by email has been downright

cumbersome and extremely labor intensive. By using the Mail Chimp list service we can much more easily send well formatted email messages to all members and even to potential members or interested parties. This new technology also allows us to send membership renewal reminders and ultimately offer electronic newsletter options, direct information links, and more. Please bear with us as we are all volunteers trying to learn this new technology together. All in all we think using Mail Chimp will provide you with information you can use in a more timely manner, save us money (postage, printing, etc.) and a great deal of volunteer time.

Be on the lookout for a KWOA email and let us know what you think. We hope you will find our messages helpful and we are always open to your suggestions.

Growing Sustainable Forestry together,  
Your KWOA Board

## 2018 Calendar of Events



July 28, 2018

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Morgan County Extension Office

Aug 16 2018

**KWOA/F Board Meeting**  
KFIA Office Frankfort

# Adopt-A-Kentucky-Tree

By Laurie Thomas, UK Extension Forester  
University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

Summer is fast approaching and this is a great time to get outside and enjoy nature. You can take a hike or simply walk around your yard and soak up the sweetness of summer to come. While you are out enjoying nature consider adopting a tree. Adopt-a-Kentucky-Tree is a hands-on project that provides you and your family a simple way to highlight a tree that has enhanced your life. While doing this project you will learn about the many ecosystem services that your tree provides you and your community. All you need is a favorite tree, access to the internet, a tape measure, a camera and a calculator. Follow this link for step-by-step instructions <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/adopt-a-tree>. This will be a good time to put the tree identification skills you worked on over the winter to use.



The Adopt-a-Kentucky-Tree program was developed by the University of Kentucky Urban Forest Initiative as a way to get the public engaged with the trees in their community. The program utilizes the National Tree Benefit Calculator (NTBC) which is a tool based on the U.S. Forest Service's i-Tree (<http://www.itreetools.org/>) street tree assessment tool. With inputs of location, species and tree size, users will get an understanding of the environmental and economic value trees provide on an annual basis.

The Calculator will provide you the following environmental and economic values of your tree:

- Storm water run-off the tree intercepts each year.
- Property value the tree adds to your home. The model uses a tree's Leaf Surface Area (LSA) to determine increases in property values. That's a researcher's way of saying that a home with more trees (and more LSA) tends to have a higher value than one with fewer trees (and lower LSA).
- Energy reported as the conservation of kilowatt hours of electricity for cooling. Trees modify the climate and conserve building energy use by shading which reduces the amount of heat absorbed by a building and tree canopies slow down winds thus reducing the amount of heat lost from a home.
- Air quality benefits such as absorbing pollutants, intercepting particulate matter and releasing oxygen through photosynthesis.
- Atmospheric carbon dioxide reduction in pounds annually based on tree size. Trees lock-up or sequester CO<sub>2</sub> in the roots, trunks, stems and leaves while they are growing and in wood products after they are harvested.

Each of these environmental and economic parameters are totaled to give you the Overall Benefit of your adopted tree at its current size.

Once you have chosen your tree, measured it and determined its ecosystem services you then get to "register" your tree on the Adopt-a-Kentucky-Tree site to share with others. This is a great activity to do with your family or even a community or youth group you may be working with this summer. It is a great way to get out and enjoy nature, enjoy our trees, learn more about their benefits and then share with others in the community. You knew that was a great tree now share it with others!

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Next Board Meeting: August 16, 2018 - KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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