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Maryland Forests Association, Inc.

December/January 2013-2014

Valued MFA Member,

2013 is now behind us and so is another successful year for Maryland Forests Association. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions to our organization (both financial and in-kind volunteer support), and we really appreciated the participation of many of you in the various activities and events that took place during the past year. This organization could not exist without your continued support and dedication to preserving Maryland's forests and sustaining the industries that they support. Below you will see highlighted a few of MFA's accomplishments during the past twelve months, and attached is a member application/renewal form.

2014 promises to be another successful year for MFA, and we invite you to get involved in any way that interests you – be it by serving on a committee, helping with a tree farm tour, and making a trip to the county seat or Annapolis to speak up for the forest industry. We also currently have a couple of vacancies on the MFA Board of Governors, so please let us know if you might be interested in volunteering to serve your organization in this capacity. (Note: the Board meets just a few times a year, and often by teleconference to help minimize travel.) Just give us a call or shoot us an email to get more information. And we welcome your feedback on how MFA is performing.

Again, thank you for continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon in the woods and other places where MFA members gather!

The MFA Board of Governors

- ◇ MFA co-sponsored four well-attended field tours with Maryland Tree Farm this past fall in different regions of the State.
- ◇ MFA co-sponsored a very successful forestry bus tour in Harford County in partnership with the Maryland Forest Service and MARBIDCO last October.
- ◇ MFA sponsored a forestry workshop track and manned an exhibit booth at the Rural Action Assembly conference on October 16-18, at Ripkin Stadium in Aberdeen. The conference was attended by over 200 leaders from State and local government and the private sector. The very informative workshop topics included updates on the Maryland forest products industry by the State Forester, industry survey research work being done UM College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and extensive efforts being undertaken (by UME, DNR, MEA and others) to develop and promote the woody biomass energy industry in Maryland.
- ◇ MFA continues to be very actively involved in monitoring legislation affecting forest land owners and the wood products industry.
- ◇ MFA produced quarterly issues of the Crosscut newsletter in 2013.

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Board of Governors

Central Region

Chris Holmgren	Montgomery	Secondary FPI	2015
Tim Smith	Harford	F.P.O	2015

Eastern Region

Jim Culp	Kent	Forest Landowner	2015
Todd Berman	Salisbury	Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co	2015
Arthur Egolf	Sussex	Logger/forester	2015

Southern Region

Craig Highfield	Anne Arundel	Ecologist	2015
Steve McHenry	Anne Arundel	MARBIDCO	2015

Western Region

Jonathan Kays	Washington	Extension Forester	2015
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Staff

Sarah Zembas, Communications Coordinator
Shachar Weizman, IT Manager, Edrich Lumber
John Jastrzembski, Immediate Past President

Founded in 1976, MFA is a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] organization of forest landowners, foresters, loggers, wood-using industries and resource-based interests.

The mission of Maryland Forests Association is to conserve and enhance forests in Maryland by:

- *increasing awareness of the diverse, public benefits of forests;*
- *supporting the sustainable use of forest resources;*
- *promoting economic opportunity for forest landowners; and*
- *maintaining a viable local forest products industry.*

Membership benefits include subscriptions to *The Crosscut*, *Legislative Updates*, *MFA E-news*, and participation in the *Safety Group Insurance*, *Timberland Liability* and *Hunting Lease Liability Insurance* programs.

For more information on membership visit us on the web at www.mdforests.org

Legislative Update:

Todd Berman

Last year's legislative session was filled with bills on hunting regulations and as always funding of municipal projects. Very few bills get out of committee but several very important bills did. The Forest Preservation Act of 2013 was signed into law last year and is considered a feather in the cap of Governor O'Malley. In general terms, this law requires the no "net loss of forest cover" of the state. The Governor garnered support from many different diverse groups for this bill and took national attention as being one of the first states to have a law of this kind. The Governor also signed the nuisance organism law that made it a criminal offense to possess or release restricted nuisance organisms into the state. This law should help slow the release and spread of organisms that are threatening our natural animals and wildlife. Maryland has been attacked and possibly forever changed by the release of plants like Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife. Maryland has also seen the introduction of animals like the snakehead fish and Nutria that threaten native fish and wildlife habitat. Many states across the country see restricting the importation and release of nuisance pests as a major threat.

The Governor and state legislation will probably continue to focus much of their attention on protecting Maryland's green space with laws that promote Plan Maryland, controlling Green House Gas emissions, and alternative energy projects. At the present time, 130 Senate bills have been submitted for an early review. Of the Senate bills submitted so far the ones that should draw your attention are below in brief summary.

SB2 Garrett County- Industrial Wind Energy Conversion Systems-Setback Requirements

SB70 Agriculture- Fertilizer- Labeling and Restrictions on Use and Sale

SB86 Vehicle Laws – Size, Weight, and Axle load Limits

SB93 Natural Resources- Recreational Incentives Pilot Programs

The House has not submitted any early bills yet but keep your ears to the ground because this promises to be a very active legislative session.



2013 Dick Stanfield Scholarship Recipient:

Katherine Leigh Garst

"I have had a love of the outdoors all of my life. Because of this, I have chosen to pursue a career in natural resources. I am currently attending Garrett College to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Natural Resources and Wildlife Technology. After graduating from Garrett College, I plan to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries with a minor in Forestry at Frostburg State University. The Dick Stanfield Scholarship would help me reach these academic goals.

When I was a junior in high school, I attended the Natural Resources Career Conference (NRCC), now the Natural Resources Careers Camp. The NRCC exposed me to forestry and showed me how important it is in managing habitats for wildlife. After the NRCC, I had a greater desire to continue learning more about forestry. I decided to become a member of the Maryland Forests Association and to pursue a minor in Forestry, so I would have a greater understanding of the forest and ecosystems in which I would be working as a natural resources professional.

In addition to the NRCC, I have been involved in other activities while exploring and working toward my future career in natural resources. In 2011, I became a certified Weed Warrior, so I could help remove non-native invasive plant species from Carroll County nature centers and parks. I also attended the Annual Community Forestry Workshop at Carroll Community College. In 2012, I attended the Woods In Your Backyard workshop at the Carroll County Extension Office to learn more about enhancing the land around my home for wildlife. I have been a member of 4-H for ten years, and for the past three years, I have been involved with the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program. This summer, I had the honor of being a member of the team that represented Maryland at the 2013 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program National Invitational in Indiana.

During my junior and senior years of high school, I took general education requirement courses at Carroll Community College to work toward my future college degrees. I always tried to do my best work in each class, and I performed well enough academically to become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society of community colleges.

All of these hands-on experiences in natural resources have made me certain that I am pursuing the right career for me, and that I will have the dedication to complete my degrees. These activities helped me realize that to be a competent natural resources professional, I must also have an understanding of forestry. My educational goals are to learn as much as I can while I work toward my degrees and to take every opportunity to gain a more complete understanding of the natural world. The Dick Stanfield Scholarship would help me to reach my educational goals and ultimately help me to be more competent natural resource professional."



The Dick Stanfield Scholarship 2014

Maryland Forests Association, Inc. is proud to announce an educational Scholarship in honor of Dick Stanfield and his dedication to MFA.

This \$500.00 Scholarship will be awarded every Fall. Employees and/or children of employees at Edrich Lumber Company, and members of Maryland Forests Association and/or their children are eligible.

To apply, please submit the following to:
Maryland Forests Association
c/o Sarah Zembas
PO BOX 42016
Baltimore, MD 21284

1. Verification of enrollment in college or University
2. A short essay (500 words or less) explaining why you should be chosen as the recipient.
3. Contact information: full name, birth date, mailing address & email address

SUBMISSION DEADLINE Oct 1, 2014.

The recipient will be notified via email by Oct 15, 2014 and a check will be sent directly to the student.



Maryland Tree Farm Committee Update

The Maryland Tree Farm Committee has had a busy and exciting fall filled with activities and accomplishments and 2014 promises to be another productive year in Maryland.

Tree Farm "Discover Your Woods" Tours

Four Tree Farm "Discover Your Woods" Tours were held across the State this past fall. Funding to support the tours was from an Educational Grant received from the American Forest Foundation. The tour locations were established in all four regions of the State and hosted on Certified Tree Farms. All four tours were well attended and a great success in reaching out to new woodland owners not familiar with the Tree Farm program or Forest Stewardship. A few key observations from the folks attending the tour were that 82% of those that attended had never attended a woodland tour before, after the tour folks had a 81% increase in knowledge about natural resources, recreation and wildlife management were the most popular topics at the tours and several landowners had follow up visits by DNR Foresters to pursue developing a Forest Stewardship Plan and learning more about the Tree Farm program. As a result of the success in coordinating all the tours, the Maryland Tree Farm Committee will give a power point presentation to other State Tree Farm Committee members at the 2014 National Tree Farm Convention to share information about the grant process and how to attract landowners to learn more about the Tree Farm program.

Maryland Tree Farm Committee Officers 2014-2016

After two years Len Wrabel will pass the Chair position to Scott English, Forester with the US Army at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Chuck Lewis, the Central Region landowner representative will assume the Vice Chair position previously held by Scott English. Rick Abend a Tree Farmer from Dorchester County and the 2014 Tree Farmer of the (Rick & Kathy) Year for 2014 will serve as the Eastern Region landowner representative on the MD Tree Farm Committee.

Maryland Tree Farmer and Tree Farm Inspector of the Year 2014

There were six Tree Farmers nominated by inspecting foresters for the MD State Tree Farmer of The Year 2014 award.

Thomas Bolt – Allegany County.

Don and Linda Grove – Washington County.

Paul, II & Judi Sellers and Paul, III & Daisy Sellers – Calvert County.

Claude S. Eans II – Frederick County.

Brian G. Klaas – Charles County.

Rick & Kathy Abend – Dorchester County

The MD State Tree Farmer of the Year for 2014 is Rick and Kathy Abend from Dorchester County. The MD Tree Farm Inspector of the Year for 2014 is Mike Kay, Washington County Forester with the MD Forest Service. The Tree Farmer and Tree Farm Inspector of the Year will be recognized at the Capitol in Annapolis on Arbor Day on April 2, 2014. Presentations will be made in the House and the Senate to promote Forest Stewardship across the State. The MD Tree Farm Committee will also be sponsoring the annual Tree Farm Arbor Day Seed-

Maryland Tree Farm Grants for 2014

Two Education Grants were submitted and approved by the American Forest Foundation for 2014. A \$5,000 grant was awarded to continue sponsoring the Woodland Stewards program in partnership with University of Maryland. A second grant was funded for \$5000 to continue the Discover Your Woodlands tours which will entail conducting two Forest landowner workshops and walking tours. Two 2014 Capacity Building Grants were also awarded to the MD Tree Farm Committee. A \$3,000 grant will sponsor Tree Farm Committee members to attend the 2014 National Tree Farm Convention in Savannah, Georgia. A second Capacity Building grant in the amount of \$4,900 was awarded to provide continuing education credits and training about Tree Farm program awareness to certified Tree Farm Inspecting Foresters. This program will be in partnership with the Society of American Foresters.



2014 MFA Board Member Nominations

All MFA Members interested in serving a one year term on the Board of Governors will be responsible for:

- Legislation
- Education
- Membership
- Financial Decision Making

Interested parties should submit their nominations to Sarah Zembas.

Please submit the following to:
Maryland Forests Association
c/o Sarah Zembas
PO BOX 42016
Baltimore, MD 21284

Name

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Telephone:

() _____ home

() _____ office

Maryland Forests Association Application/Renewal



2014 Standard Membership Rates

- 01 Student \$10
- 02 Landowner/General Public \$35
- 03 Natural Resources Professional \$50
- 04 Hunting & Recreational Clubs \$60
- *note you must pay your insurance fees directly to the company, MFA processes membership only*
- 05 Business/Agency/Education/Organization &150
- 06 Sawmills \$300

Membership Category: _____

Membership Dues: \$ _____

2014 Sponsor Membership Rates

- A Corporate Sponsor \$500
- B Agency Sponsor \$500

Sponsor Category: _____

Sponsor Amount: \$ _____

Endowment Funds

\$10.00 late fee enforced post 3/15/14. Please select which fund below you wish your late fee to be added to

Thomas O. Tyler Excellence in Forestry Scholarship

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Dick Stanfield Scholarship

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Natural Resources Conservation Camp

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

(Include city, state, zip code, county)

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ Go paperless _____ (only receive MFA via email)

(If applicable) Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Payments can be made via Check or Money Order to MFA PO Box 42016 Baltimore, MD 21284

Maryland Forests Association Membership Application



A dynamic local association working to improve Maryland's forests and green spaces. Preserves the health of Maryland's forests and the quality of the Chesapeake Bay. We also promote and encourage the use of Maryland's Forest Lands by supporting family forest owners, woods workers, and tree professionals. We believe that healthy forests and vibrant forest economics insure sustainability of our forested resources and the resiliency of our Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Become part of an association that truly makes a difference; The Maryland Forests Association !

- Involved with legislative issues which impact forest landowners and forestry businesses.
- Facilitates educational meetings and workshops for our membership and the greater forestry community.
- Provides scholarships for students interested in natural resource careers.
- Networks with other conservation organizations for the greater good.
- Provides mentoring to family forest landowners.
- Facilitates quality management for forest products operators.
- Fosters social events for our membership.

Become part of the Maryland Forests Association. Become part

2014 Membership annual dues rates

1. Student\$10
2. Landowner/General Public.....\$35
3. Natural Resource Professional..... \$50
you will be listed in our on line directory
4. Hunting & Recreational Clubs..... \$60
you must pay your outside club fees /insurance directly to the company.
5. Business/Agency/Education/ Organization...\$150
6. Sawmills.....\$300

2013 Sponsorship rates:

- A. Corporate Sponsor.....\$500
- B. Agency Sponsor..... \$500

TOT Endowment Fund:

The T.O.T. scholarship is awarded solely on merit to a full-time student enrolled in the forest technology curriculum or the forestry transfer curriculum of the Allegany College of Maryland. Donations are tax deductible.

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Individual membership:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

County _____

Telephone:

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e-mail:

_____@_____

Group or Business membership:

Company _____

Contact Person: _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

County _____

Membership Category (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6

Sponsor Membership Rates (circle one)

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Dues (see rates on back panel) \$ _____

Special tax deductible gift \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Membership is ANNUAL from 1/1/14 to 12/31/14

Hunt Club Memberships are due 6/1/14 to coincide with insurances. Please pay your insurance fees directly to the company.



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