



# MARYLAND FORESTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Maryland's Voice for Forest, Wildlife, and Natural Resource Management.



## Our Vision

The Maryland Forests Association envisions a future in which vibrant forests are maintained throughout the State, providing diverse economic and environmental benefits to all.

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## Message from the President



The board of MFA has been busy recently working in several fronts. One of the areas that we believe to be very important is preserving rural economies. By maintaining markets and jobs in our rural areas we encourage people to invest in forest lands. This may mean better access for recreation, better habitat for wildlife, and a healthier forest for

all Marylanders. I and several members of the MFA board have been asked to serve on the Sustainable Forestry Subcommittee of the Rural Economies workgroup that reports to the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission. Each of us comes to this sub-committee from different backgrounds and fields of interest. The sub-committee was asked to put together actionable items that would help support and grow forest based economies in rural Maryland.



This group of over fifteen people brainstormed opportunities for improvements in the forest industries of Maryland. The ideas ranged from removing regulatory roadblocks to increasing funding for research and development. In the end, we came up with eight ideas that we believe the state, through regulation or policy could help support the rural areas across this state. The hope was that the ideas would be shared with the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission for future support and funding.

The culmination of the brainstorming and debate produced the following list:

1. **Integration of sediment and erosion control plans into forest management plans.** This would allow land owners to have a forest management plan that they could actually implement when markets were good and not have to wait for state approval to see if they could actually be carried out.

2. **Standardize the application procedure for harvesting across the state.** Each county has its own procedure and process that can take anywhere from two days to six months for a standard timber harvest. Costs permits can also range from \$30 to \$500 for a standard permit.
3. **Expand the market for local wood.** Many current procurement practices for Maryland Government actually discourage the use of locally grown wood. This is similar to the focus on increasing markets for locally grown agricultural products like farm to table and farmers markets. We also believe this will help grow use of local firewood.
4. **Provide incentives, such as tax credits, cost-share and/or technical assistance to developers or builders who install pellet stoves or wood chip boilers in new residential or commercial construction.** This has been shown to be a lower cost of heating than fuel oil and increases local business.
5. **Expand the Maryland Forests Products Utilization and Marketing Program in support of private forest landowners and develop a robust plan addressing opportunities such as biofuels and ecosystem services.**
6. **Establish a policy for forest cooperatives in Maryland.** This will allow small landowners the ability to market, permit, and cost-share fund projects together that are not feasible unless you have large acreage.

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# Forest Industry Calendar

## August 28, 2015

UMD Extension: Forestry Friday: Tree ID Tips  
Location: Western Maryland Research & Education Center  
Contact: Jonathan Kays, [jkays@umd.edu](mailto:jkays@umd.edu)

## September 8, 2015

Montgomery County Forestry Board Meeting  
Location: 5110 Meadows Lane—Rockville, MD  
Contact: Dan Lewis, 301-854-6060  
[Daniel.lewis1@maryland.gov](mailto:Daniel.lewis1@maryland.gov)

## September 10, 2015

MFA/Tree Farm Meeting  
Location: Allegheny Community College  
Contact: MFA, 410-823-1789

## September 13, 2015

Free The Trees-Little Falls Park  
Location: Little Falls Park—Bethesda, MD  
Contact: Little Falls Watershed Alliance

## September 16—18, 2015

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting  
Location: Lake Raystown, PA  
Contact: Mike Kusko, [mikekusko@gmail.com](mailto:mikekusko@gmail.com)

## September 17, 2015

UMD Extension Webinar: Nature-based Forestry: The Pro Silva Movement in Europe  
Contact: Andrew Kling, [akling1@umd.edu](mailto:akling1@umd.edu)

## October 14, 2015

MFA/Tree Farm Meeting  
Location: American Legion—Salisbury  
Contact: MFA, 410-823-1789

## October 27, 2015

MFA/Tree Farm Meeting  
Location: Baltimore County Ag Center  
Contact: MFA, 410-823-1789

## November 4, 2015

4th Annual Trees Matter Symposium  
Location: Silver Spring Civic Center  
Contact: [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org)

*A full list of industry events is kept on the MFA website ([www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org)).*

*Remove calendar for easy reference to events*

## Pellet Stove Design Challenge

*(Source: Branching Out)*

In 2015 and 2016, the Alliance for Green Heat's Wood Stove Design Challenge will turn its focus to pellet stoves. The competition is tentatively set for the week of April 4, 2016.

According to the Alliance, "In addition to a technology competition, there will be a hands-on workshop for inventors, academics, regulators, industry leaders and non-profits to study and assess innovation in pellet stove design. The selection of the stoves for the competition and the criteria by which to judge them will be set by a panel of experts." The testing will consist of two rounds. First, the Alliance will follow EPA criteria to test some of the most popular pellet stoves for efficiency and emissions at an EPA accredited test laboratory. Then the same stoves will be tested at Brookhaven National Lab under conditions that approximate consumer usage. The stoves will also be tested for noise level and ease of cleaning and repair. For more information, visit the Alliance's website at <http://www.forgreenheat.org>.



## Allegany College of Maryland Host Mid-Atlantic Woodsmen's Meet

Thanks to the financial support of many organizations and businesses, including the Maryland Forests Association, Allegany College of Maryland was able to host a very successful Mid-Atlantic Woodsmen's Meet on April 11<sup>th</sup> on their Cumberland, Maryland Campus. A woodsmen's meet challenges individuals to compete for their schools in events that were often mastered by loggers and foresters of old as well as many that are important to those individuals today. Events included tree identification, archery, log rolling, using a compass, wood splitting, wood chopping, fire building, throwing pulpwood for accuracy, and tree felling with an axe. Afternoon events included climbing a 35 foot pole, sawing a log with a two-man crosscut saw, doing the same with a one-man saw, running a chainsaw, and

maneuvering through a course to set a choker on a log. Many of these events had men's and women's contest.

A large crowd was on hand to see six schools compete at Allegany. In addition to the host team, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College from Clifton Forge, Virginia, Haywood



*Hunter Waite of ACM competes in the Stihl Timbersport Regional Qualifier. Hunter uses a single bucksaw to make one cut through this 19 inch white pine.*



*The Allegany College of Maryland Woodsmen's team competes in the "Jack and Jill Crosscut" event during the Mid-Atlantic Woodsmen's meet.*

Community College from Clyde, North Carolinian, Montgomery Community College from Troy, North Carolina, Pennsylvania College of Technology from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Penn State Mont Alto from Mont Alto, Pennsylvania participated in the events of the day. All of these schools have two-year forest technology programs. Haywood Community College was the overall winner of the event. Allegany College of Maryland finished in third place but had a good showing just missing a second place finish.

In addition to the Mid-Atlantic Meet, STIHL conducts a regional Timbersport Qualifier at noon on the same day. This event allows each school to enter one contestant who completes four events. The four events are: the Underhand Chop, where contestants use an axe to cut through a 13 inch, horizontal pine log; the Stock Saw has contestants using a STIHL 461 chainsaw to make three cuts through a 16 inch piece of pine; the Single Buck where the objective is to make one cut with a bucksaw through a 19 inch log in the fastest time; and the Standing Block Chop where a 12 inch vertical pine log is severed with an axe. This contest had an entrant from West Virginia University, Penn State University, and Warren Wilson College in addition to the six schools that participated in the Mid-Atlantic meet. To see the results of this contest, you will have to tune in to ESPNU later this summer when the event will be televised. The winner of this regional will go on to compete against other regional qualifiers where a collegiate champion will be determined. This champion will be allowed to compete against professionals in a nationally televised event.

The annual meet is hosted by the six forest technology schools on a rotating basis. Allegany College of Maryland will host the event again in



*A competitor climbs the 35 foot pole and rings a bell at the top to complete his time.*



*Seth Clapper from Allegany participates in the Bolt Split event. Two bolts must be quartered and each piece must have part of the red dot appearing on it.*

six years. The competition is fierce, but as the same time, the comradery for all the contestants is evident. Everyone wants to see every person complete every event. In many cases, a contestant who is struggling will often be encouraged by receiving the biggest roar of the crowd. More than anything, it is a fun event to watch as well as a fun event to participate in. It would not be possible to hold the event without the support of organizations like the MFA. Allegany College of Maryland would like to thank the membership for all their support. 🌳

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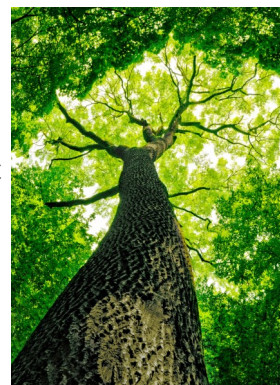


# Save The Date



## MFA and Tree Farm—Fall Meetings 2015

The Maryland Forests Association and Maryland Tree Farm will be holding three joint regional meetings across the state. Each meeting will include a brief meet and greet from 6-6:30 pm. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 pm with short presentations to include topics on Emerald Ash Borer and the Northern Long-Eared Bat. At 7:30pm, there will be two concurrent presentations (one will be on the new inspection and certification program for Tree Farm and the other will be a discussion on MFA related topics to include changes to the Sediment and Erosion Control Standards).



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**October 14<sup>th</sup>**—American Legion in Salisbury  
**October 27<sup>th</sup>**—Baltimore County Ag Center

All of the meetings will take place from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. There will be a \$10 registration fee for each meeting to cover the cost of the meal. Registration information will be available soon.



## June Forestry Friday Tour Recap *Habitat Management at Green Ridge*

Maryland DNR held an event on June 26, 2015 at Green Ridge State Forest Headquarters. The Maryland Forests Association and the Maryland Tree Farm Committee sponsored this event. Below, please find a recap of the event from the most recent edition of *Branching Out*.



Habitat management is hard to understand unless you see it. That is exactly what 19 woodland owners and managers did on June 26 during a field tour at Green Ridge State Forest Kirk's Orchard & Anthony's Ridge Wildlife Management areas. Standing before a thinned forest, Mark Beals, Green Ridge Forest Manager, explained how the management was targeted to improve habitat for the goldenwinged warbler, a young forest species of special concern found at higher elevations in western Maryland. Most of the trees in the young oak forest were removed to a stocking level that opened the canopy to stimulate growth of ground vegetation



for habitat, while assuring the canopy would close in 3-5 years and provide quality forest products.



The group also visited an 8-acre harvest area previously covered with a declining white pine plantation, now harvested and planted with spruce saplings to someday provide high quality winter cover close to the ground. In the meantime, the herbaceous and woody vegetation will provide prime habitat for many years for young forest wildlife



species such as the American redstart, blue-winged warbler, white-throated sparrow, Appalachian cottontail, Alder flycatcher, wood turtles.



## General Forestry Course Discounted for Fall 2015

The University of Maryland Extension will offer the General Forestry Course for the Fall 2015 semester. Both the paper and online versions are available. The course begins September 1 and runs until December 15, 2015. Registration opened July 1. To register, go to our website at <http://extension.umd.edu/forestry-course>. As there are no formal classes, you work from the comfort of your home using your own woodlot, a friends or a public forest. You will learn how to protect your trees from insects, diseases and fire. Step-by-step procedures will walk you through a forest inventory and stand analysis. The course also includes the details of the forestry business, including tax nuances and the sale and harvest of forest products. Ultimately, the course exercises help you develop the framework for a management plan for your forest.

The cost for this forestry course is normally \$300. However, we are offering the course at a \$25 discount during the month of July, so it only costs \$275 through July 31. The cost goes up to \$300 during the month of August. Late registration (September 2-14) is \$400. Included in the cost are copies of the supplemental readings: A Sand County Almanac, The Woodland Steward, American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery, and a small pamphlet entitled "What Tree Is That?" The paper version text and appendices are in binder form. Online users receive a flash drive of the paper version of the text and appendices. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

But don't take our word for it. See it for yourself on our website at <http://extension.umd.edu/forestrycourse>. There you can read a lesson from the text, view an interactive exercise, read through detailed course information and FAQs. For more information, contact Nancy Stewart at the University of Maryland Extension, Wye Research and Education Center, P.O. Box 169, Queenstown, MD, 21658; phone 410-827-8056, ext. 107; or email [nstewart1@umd.edu](mailto:nstewart1@umd.edu). Remember, the discount is offered during July only. Check for details on our website today and mark the date for open enrollment on your calendar! (Source: UMD Branching Out)

## USDA Announces Restart of Biomass Crop Assistance Program

On June 1, the USDA announced that incentives for forest owners, farmers and ranchers interested in growing and harvesting biomass for renewable energy will resume this summer. The incentives are part of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), which was reauthorized in the 2014 Farm Bill. According to the USDA, \$11.5 million will be allocated to support the delivery of biomass through December 2015.



BCAP financial assistance also helps defray costs associated with harvesting and transporting woodland or agricultural residues to BCAP-approved facilities that convert the biomass into energy. Additionally, interested energy facilities can apply for BCAP eligibility.

Interested property owners can submit proposals for BCAP eligibility through the fall of 2015. The USDA will announce the new project areas and enrollments in spring, 2016.

For more information about BCAP, go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/energy-programs/BCAP/index>. (Source: UMD Branching Out)

## Conifer Alternatives for Eastern Hemlock

Source: *UMD Branching Out*  
David R. Jackson, Central PA Forestry



With the prevalence of hemlock mortality caused by HWA, the question arises concerning what, if anything, to plant in its place. The information below compares several coniferous species as a general guide for supplemental plantings. This list was compiled by Andrea Hille, Forest Silviculturist, on Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest. For more information, go [here](#).

### Potential alternatives to Eastern Hemlock:

*Red Spruce* is the best replacement species for northern flying squirrel. It grows well on poor sites with acidic and shallow soils preferred. It is shade tolerant to very tolerant. Red spruce is long-lived (350-400 years) and slow growing.

*White Spruce* is tolerant of a wide range of sites in northern North America, from moist to dry, alkaline and acidic. It is intermediate in shade tolerance and long lived (250-300 years).

Moisture is important to Black Spruce and it prefers dark brown peat, boggy areas, and wet organic soils. It is a common inhabitant of swamps or bogs. Black spruce is a pioneer species, though shade tolerant. A 200 year lifespan is typical.

*Balsam Fir* provides food and cover for wildlife and is the second best species on this list for northern flying squirrel. It requires abundant moisture and prefers slightly acidic sites. It is very shade tolerant and slow growing with a typical lifespan of 80 years.

*Pitch pine* is usually found on dry, low quality sites with poor sandy soils. Pitch pine requires a mineral soil seedbed for regeneration. It is a pioneer species and is shade intolerant. A typical lifespan is 200 years.

*Virginia Pine* requires well drained sites and prefers poor sandy soils. A mineral soil seedbed is essential for its regeneration. Virginia pine is shade intolerant with a typical lifespan of 100 years.

*Eastern Redcedar* grows on a wide variety of conditions, but it prefers deep, moist, well drained sites and calcareous soils. It is shade intolerant to very intolerant and has a typical lifespan of 150 years. It is a pioneer species and can tolerate drought and temperature extremes.



*Red Pine* prefers dry sites but will grow on wetter sites. It is shade intolerant to very-intolerant and has a typical lifespan of 200 years.

*Northern white-cedar* provides an abundance of food and cover for wildlife, especially in winter. It prefers moist, nutrient rich sites, such as those along streams and it prefers calcareous soils. Northern white-cedar is shade tolerant, slow-growing, and persistent. A 300 year lifespan is typical.

*Eastern White Pine* prefers well drained, drier sites, with coarse textured soils. White pine is intermediate in shade tolerance. A 200 year lifespan is typical, but it can be long-lived (450 years).

*Shortleaf pine* occurs on a wide range of sites from dry sites to deep well-drained soils. It is shade intolerant with a typical lifespan of 200 years.

## Featured Member

# National Woodland Owners Association

Keith A. Argow is president and founder of the National Woodland Owners Association, which now encompasses landowner associations in 42 states.

"I just love the land," said Argow, who personally owns timberland in four

states. He grew up in the forestry world in Oregon and spent the first half of his career with the U.S. Forest Service, working all over the nation. In addition to being a "professional forester," Argow is chair of the Forest Fire Lookout Association and has served on a number of national boards. He also is a former ski patroller.

After three years as national executive officer of Trout Unlimited — a "very challenging, extraordinary learning period," he said — Argow founded the NWOA in 1983. At that time there were 25 independent state landowner associations around the country. All 25 joined the NWOA as affiliate members. The organization, now with 42 affiliated state organizations working as the Alliance of Landowner Associations, has become the most active, independent landowners group in the country, representing up to 32,000 affiliate members. The alliance starts at the grass-roots level and is comprised of local and

state associations of forest and woodland owners. Its purpose is to develop policy, legislation and representation at the national level as one unified voice as well as to provide educational and



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networking opportunities to landowners throughout the country.

"We are their D.C. eyes and ears," Argow said.

NWOA has 5,000 national individual members and subscribers. Members receive quarterly copies of the National Woodlands magazine, and for an extra \$10 now can subscribe to *American Forests* magazine also.

The NWOA "joins together people who are stewards of wooded lands and care deeply about the future of forests, forestry and land use."

Its mission is "to use unbiased, research-based, objective and factual information to inform, educate and advocate ... to ensure a sustainable managed forest resource in the United States."

Argow explained, "The association is organized independently of the forest industry and state agencies, but we have a close working relationship with them."

As a charitable, educational 501(c)(3) organization, Argow continued, "we cannot lobby, but we can advocate. We testify when asked." Congress does ask his opinion from time to time, he said.

Organized like a service bureau, the NWOA is there to provide support to its members, who are organized into 10 geographic regions, each with an elected director. "Common sense generally prevails," Argow said.

The group allows for the interchange of ideas. "Some people can pull off in one state what other states can only dream about," he added.

He applauded Maryland Forests Association for its education efforts and advocacy. "They're doing a good job in Maryland," he said. He noted the MFA, after going through several reorganizations, now has more heavy involvement of landowners.

Last summer, NWOA introduced the first nationwide wildfire insurance policy. "It took three years to develop this insurance with Lloyds of London," Argow said. The nationwide master policy is in NWOA's name and the risk, as NWOA convinced the carrier, is scattered so widely that the cost can be much less expensive than individual policies. For \$115 a year, NWOA members can insure their woods for \$25,000 with a simple application form. Larger amounts are available but require review by an underwriter.

NWOA also sells Woodland Liability Insurance and Hunt Lease Liability Insurance, or a combination of the two.

For more information on NWOA, call (703) 255-2700 or visit [www.woodlandowners.org](http://www.woodlandowners.org).



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### The NWOA Woodland Responsibility Code

#### As Woodland Owners we Agree to:

1. Follow Best Management Practices when harvesting trees.
2. Show, by deed, a practical concern for other natural resources, including water, wildlife, soil, and natural beauty.
3. We will share our knowledge of good forestry with others.
4. We will use only "certified loggers" when available.
5. When practical, and at our discretion, we will open our land to hunting and other uses by the public, either for a fee or at no cost.
6. We will manage our forest resource in a way that benefits many people, including that segment of society that makes a living harvesting and making products from trees.

#### In Return, we Expect:

1. Fair timber taxes at the federal, state and local levels.
2. Self-policing among mill owners against buying undervalued or improperly harvested wood.
3. Loggers to be the best they can be.
4. Multiple sources of professional forestry advice and educational opportunities.
5. Respect for private property rights.
6. A fair chance to compete in a fair market.



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### NWOA—Ranking of Top Ten Family Forestry Issues

In 1986 the National Woodland Owners Association began ranking the Top Ten Family Forestry Issues. These annual evaluations and rankings are selected by the leaders of the American Alliance of Landowner Associations (NWOA's 42 independent state affiliates).

Top of the list for 2015 are:

#### #1 Timber Markets, Biomass and Fair Trade

NWOA is a Free Trade organization advocating minimal governmental intervention. We believe America's premier forest products — quality hardwoods, dimension softwood lumber and logs and treated pine products — can compete effectively at home and in the world market without protective tariffs which can lead to retaliatory actions that take money from our pockets as effectively as taxes.

FREE TRADE



#### #2 Fair Income, Inheritance and Property Taxes

Inheritance and income taxes aside, steadily rising property taxes continue to concern



landowners at the local level and, in some cases, with state involvement. Settlement of these issues lies primarily with the state landowner associations, but NWOA will help whenever we can.

#### #3 Invasives and Forest Health

The introduction of unwanted plants, insects and animals, the spread of disease and insect infestations, the implementation of quarantines, and grim prospects for damage control are a growing concern.

#### #4 Extension Education and Service Forestry

Since its founding in 1983, NWOA has been the most active and outspoken advocate of Forestry Extension with the motto: "Forestry Education Beats Forest Regulation." Family landowners own half the woodlands in the United States and teaching good forest practices through service foresters and Extension forestry programs is less expensive than enforcing the growing number of laws and regulations.

## #5 Right-to-Practice Forestry and Private Property Rights

NWOA asserts that a landowner's right to own and steward private property is fundamental to the American way of life. Woodland owners can and should assert these rights through responsible and sustainable land stewardship.

## #6 Water Quality and Quantity

Well-managed forested watersheds are without question the safest and most cost effective way of providing a continuous quantity of clean, good quality water.



## #7 Stewardship Incentives: Cost Sharing and Tax Credits

As a result largely of efforts by the "Forests in the Farm Bill Coalition," (of which NWOA is a member) the 2014 Farm Bill continued and even expanded programs available to woodland owners under the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).



## #8 Keeping Forests as Forests

This idea, which reflects emerging concepts in landscape forestry, ecosystem corridors and forest fragmentation, could better define the role of working private woodlands within the urban sprawl, and is an example of new thinking about how landowners can maintain their woods within a larger forest system.

## #9 Wildfire: Suppression, Fuel Reduction, Early Detection and Woodland Fire Insurance

Congress reauthorized and expanded the Healthy Forests Restoration Act with the goal of reducing fuels and fire hazards.



Every year NWOA reminds members of Congress that "small landowners can only afford small fires."

## #10 Certification of Loggers, Foresters and Forest Practices

Since 1986 NWOA has openly advocated the use and education of certified or trained loggers. The certification of forest practices is evolving into a market access issue, with lumber and forest products buyers requesting "certified" wood, but not yet offering a premium to cover the additional expense of certification to landowners.

The MFA will post all previous issues of its E-Newsletter on the association website. If you missed an issue, or just want to catch up, please visit the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) and see the newsletter link on the homepage. If you or your company has content to add to this newsletter, please email or call the MFA, [director@mdforests.org](mailto:director@mdforests.org), 410-823-1789.

## 2015 Survey Report: Maryland's Forest Resources in a Dynamic Environment

Bob Tjaden, a speaker at our 2015 MFA Annual Meeting, made his presentation available online to those that are interested. His presentation is centered around the future confidence and sustainability of Maryland's Forest Industry.

### MARYLAND'S FOREST RESOURCES

#### IN A DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT:

ASSESSING THE FUTURE CONFIDENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY  
OF MARYLAND'S FOREST INDUSTRY



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"Maryland contains 2.4 million acres of forestland; 75%, or 1.8 million acres, is family owned. These private forest landowners, numbering 130,800 and growing, own 78% of the forestland, with an average size holding of 17 acres; 75% of these landowners, however, own less than 10 acres. These private forestlands protect and supply more than two-thirds of Maryland's drinking water and provide the majority of the raw material for Maryland's sawmills, pulp/paper mills, and other forest product businesses."

*Source: Bob Tjaden's Report Introduction*

**If you would like to read and download Bob Tjaden's report, please visit the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org). Once on the site, you will see a link on the home page under News and Highlights.**



## **The Dick Stanfield Scholarship 2015**

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 Summer.

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 via email or mail to:

Maryland Forests Association  
[Director@mdforests.org](mailto:Director@mdforests.org)  
PO BOX 904  
Brooklandville, MD 21022

1. Verification of enrollment in college or University (i.e. a copy of your student ID, or college acceptance letter)
2. A short essay (500 words or less) summarizing your interests, educational plans, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.
3. Completed application

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE August 31, 2015.**

The recipient will be notified via email by mid-September and a check will be sent directly to the student's educational institution.

## Maryland-Delaware Master Logger Program

### Program Background

The Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program is a voluntary training and education program for loggers who work in Maryland and Delaware. The program helps loggers meet the ever-increasing demands of the logging profession. The courses provide information about current environmental regulations, forestry principles, and safe work practices.



Maryland forests are among the most diverse and productive forests on the continent. From the pine flats and cedar-cypress swamps on the Eastern Shore, to the vast oak-hickory forests rolling through the Piedmont and mountains, Marylanders possess an incredibly resilient and valuable renewable resource.

Maryland forests filter our water, keep our fertile soil in place, moderate our temperature, and cleanse our air. Our forests provide a healthy continual supply of raw material for some of the finest furniture and lumber manufacturers in the world.

Our forests are important to our state economy. Private owners like you own 80% of Maryland's 2.6 million acres of forest. These privately owned forests play a large role in the health of Maryland's forest products industry. As the eighth largest industry in the State, forest products generate over \$2.6 Billion to Maryland's economy and employs roughly 15,600 persons. This is an "green" industry, renewing its raw material on a sustainable basis, while providing environmental, recreational, and aesthetic benefits to Maryland.

Maryland Master Loggers are a vital part of this industry. They understand the many functions of our forests. A Maryland Master Logger understands his role as caretaker of this important renewable resource. A Maryland Master Logger can help you get what you want today without sacrificing the benefits of tomorrow.

Becoming a Master Logger publicly demonstrates an understanding of safe, environmentally and economically sound timber harvesting practices. The Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program also works to raise public awareness of the professionals harvesting trees – one of the region's important renewable resources.

The Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program is endorsed by the Maryland State Implementation Committee of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) program, and administered by University of Maryland Extension and the Master Logger Steering Committee. The Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program has reciprocal training agreements with Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia, allowing the transfer of credits for portions of each state's programs.

For more information on how to become a Master Logger,  
Visit: [www.extension.umd.edu/masterlogger](http://www.extension.umd.edu/masterlogger)

### Businesses Can Now Renew Pesticide Licenses, Permits & Certificates Online

Source: MDA

Businesses, public agencies and commercial applicators can now renew their pesticide licenses, permits or certificates online from any mobile or desktop device, 24 hours a day, through the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) website. This online service also allows those renewing licenses to print their renewal certificates directly from a computer.



"We've put a lot of work into creating a system that makes pesticide renewal simpler," said MDA Pesticide Regulation Program Manager Dennis Howard. "We hope that our customers will find the tools offered effective and convenient."

Businesses renewing licenses can submit an online renewal application by entering the license number, type of business, and a code sent to them from MDA.

Renew Online at: <https://www.egov.maryland.gov/mda/pesticides>

President's Message: *(Continued from page 3)*

- 7. Provide a zero property tax for landowners enrolling 10 acres or more in an easement that requires generating forest products on a 30 year term. Only properties in specific "working landscape" districts would qualify.** This would help offset some of the free services these properties are providing our communities with clean water, carbon absorption, and wildlife habitat and reduce the cost of forest ownership.
- 8. Support markets for products using wood residues/by-products/waste and provide incentives to builders who use building materials made from locally sources wood residue.**

We at MFA are working hard to maintain and improve our working forests of Maryland for future generations. Please help support MFA in this mission by recommending membership to your family and friends. For more information on joining the MFA, please visit [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) and select the "Join MFA" tab. We would also really enjoy meeting you and hearing some of your ideas at any of our regional meetings that will occur this fall.

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## MFA Annual Meeting

### *Look out for 2016!*

Last winter, the MFA board gathered with MFA members and local legislators. The meeting was a great success as twenty-three legislators and aides attended the reception, and had the chance to mingle with MFA members and really talk about issues that are relevant to our members in the industry. Below, please find a short recap of the meeting as well as some great pictures from the event. The MFA is actively planning our 2016 Annual Meeting and Legislative reception. We hope that you will all be able to attend, and we can work on developing an even larger legislative presence for our members. We'll publish the date and time once set.

The meeting opened with introductions and a brief "state of the association" report by MFA president, Todd Berman. President Berman noted the hiring of management for the MFA, redesign of the MFA website, and that production of *CrossCut* is now again occurring, among other association activities.



During the annual meeting component of the event, we heard the results of a research study spearheaded by Dr. Robert Tjaden of the University of Maryland, "Maryland Forest Resources in a Dynamic Environment:

Assessing the Future Confidence and Sustainability of Maryland's Forest Industry." If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report, please visit the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) and you will find a link on the homepage.



*Above: MFA President, Todd Berman chats with Delegate Sample-Hughes. Below: Tim Smith works with local legislators.*



*Above: MARBIDCO representatives Stephen and Linda.*



In addition to Dr. Tjaden's presentation, Don VanHassent, acting State Forester provided a thorough legislative update, offering pieces of legislation of interest to the industry. Legislative updates are provided to MFA members via e-mail on an as-needed basis. The 2015 Legislative Summary can be found on the MFA website on the Legislative page under "Advocacy".

And finally, after the meeting, members in attendance were joined by legislators and staff of MDA and DNR for introductions, information-sharing, and networking.

The Mission of the 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.

One of the many ways we live our mission is by working directly with the legislators and their respective committees to monitor and influence legislation and regulation that affects forests and the forestry community. The Maryland Forests Association has a proud history of being a direct resource to individual legislators and these committees.

Through events such as the MFA's Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception, we can communicate as a direct resource and enhance our relationships with the legislature. Your presence at this event helps make this possible.



*Above: Timothy Smith interacts with legislators.*

*Below: MFA members and legislators.*



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## MFA 2015 Legislative Handbook

The MFA's 2015 Legislative Handbook is available as a reference to those interested. This handbook is intended to help educate legislators and regulators regarding Maryland's forestry issues. In addition, the book seeks to educate this same group that MFA exists as a go-to resource during the discussion and creation of policies that affect the industry and landowners. The manual may be found via a link on the MFA website, and is already in a format that may be easily downloaded and printed from the "Legislation" page of the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org). Limited numbers of the manual are being printed. If you would like your own copy or additional copies to take to your own district legislators, please contact the MFA office, [director@mdforests.org](mailto:director@mdforests.org) and let us know.



## Maryland Tree Farmer of the Year Award

*MFA Correction:* Please note that we ran this story in our last *CrossCut*, and would like to publish a correction. The MFA members featured below are John and Karen Colton. We apologize for any confusion.

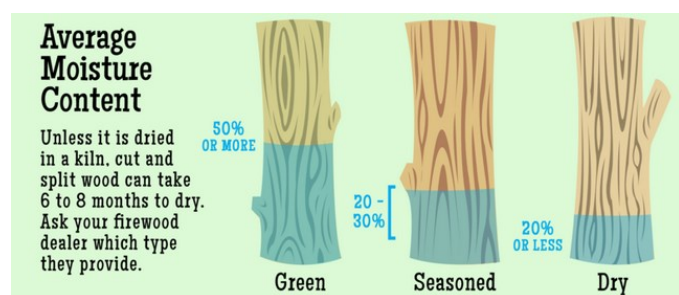
In the Spring Edition of *Branching Out*, the newsletter of the University of Maryland Extension - Woodland Stewardship Education program, long time MFA members and former MFA president (John), are recognized as Maryland's Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year—2015. Please note the article begins on page 4, "Maryland Tree Farm Committee Celebrates Arbor Day with State Legislators."

Congratulations - John and Karen Colton!

You can read *Branching Out* by visiting the UMD Extension website at: [www.extension.umd.edu](http://www.extension.umd.edu) and selecting "Newsletters" under the News & Events tab.

## Printable Guide to Firewood Available

(Source: *Branching Out*)



A new printable guide to firewood is available from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. The 11"x 17" full-color guide provides handy tips about using various species for firewood, how best to build a campfire, and how to calculate a cord of wood. The guide is downloadable from New

Hampshire Public Radios website at <http://nhpr.org/post/printable-guide-firewood-0>.

## Member Information

**Welcome New Members!** The MFA would like to welcome the below new members that have joined the MFA .

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- Oak Grove Farm—Courtney Davis
- F.D. Eure, Inc.—Franklin Eure
- Jay Hegeman

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## MFA Resources

There are many useful resources available to those in Maryland's forestry industry. Below are just a few; access a more complete list on the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org), Resources page.

**Maryland DNR:** [www.dnr.state.md.us/forests](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests)

**MD Invasive Species Council:** [www.mdinvasivesp.org](http://www.mdinvasivesp.org)

**MD Forest Conservancy District Boards:** [www.marylandforestryboards.org](http://www.marylandforestryboards.org)

**Society of American Foresters:** [www.eforester.org](http://www.eforester.org)

## MFA Website

The MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) is full of resources to all of those involved in the industry. This new site was developed a few months ago, is user-friendly, and includes information on upcoming events, legislative efforts, insurance programs, and many other relevant topics. The MFA encourages all of our members to explore the website and visit all that it has to offer. If you have any questions, or content that could be added to the site, please contact the MFA.

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**“A tree lives by its roots. Change the roots and you change the tree. Change the trees and you change the forest.” - Anonymous**



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MFA strives to accomplish this mission by:

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- Promoting growth in MFA membership and finances; and,
- Recognizing recipients for outstanding contributions on behalf of Maryland's forest resource.