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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



During the past couple months it was my pleasure to meet with many of you during our regional meetings across the state. I really enjoyed putting faces with names that I have heard and seen on our membership lists. I wanted to make sure to thank our three hosts personally again. As one of the many presenters

that made it to all three meetings it was astonishing to see the diversity of forests we have across the state.

Maryland Forests Association Presents Three Regional Seminars A venue to fit everyone's needs

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Eastern Shore
at Eastern Shore
Forest Products
Sept. 13, 2016

Central Maryland
at Edrich Lumber
Sept. 29, 2016

Western Maryland
at Green Ridge
State Forest
Oct. 6, 2016

Our first meeting was at Eastern Shore Forest Products in Pocomoke City, MD. They gave us a great tour of their shaving operations and we got to see some of their new packaging and labeling equipment. It was wonderful to have landowners, sawmill owners, loggers and foresters there to see what issues and opportunities are in store for this privately held company. The tour was followed up by a meeting and a meal at a historic log cabin on the Pocomoke River. Tom Johnson and his crew put together an astounding tour and presentation.

**Eastern Shore
Forest Products, Inc.**

Our next meeting was at Edrich Lumber in Windsor Mill, MD. Doug Wolinski and his company gave us a tour of his pallet lumber mill as well as looking at other products and services that they sell. I



believe many of the participants including my father were shocked at what they could do with off grade logs.

I believe we had well over 45 participants with this event that included several arborists. Edrich lumber allowed us to use their facility for the meal and meeting following the tour. A little rain and wind never slowed down the tour or hayride to the different stops.

Lastly, our meeting in Western Maryland was at Green Ridge State Forest. The group toured several past-harvest areas and some stunning views of the forest. Mark Beal and Tom Mathews led us through the evolution of the forest management and fielded several questions through the day. This tour was especially important because we had almost 20 Alleghany College Forestry students that participated with an additional 20 other participants. Our tour concluded with a small presentation and an amazing meal at Town Hill B&B.



I again want to thank our presenters including Dan Rider (MD DNR), Kenneth Jolly (MD DNR), Robert (Bob) Tatman (MD Dept of Ag), Bob Tjaden (University of MD Extension), Chris Holmgren (Seneca Creek Joinery), and Steve McHenry (MARBICO) for their informative presentations.

I look forward to seeing you all at our MFA Legislative Tour in Annapolis in February. I encourage all of you to be active in the forest and in the community to ensure our forests are healthy, productive and vibrant. As I have said many times, without the landowners there would be no need for foresters and loggers; without loggers and foresters there would be no forest industry; and without forest industry most of the enhancements, investments and enjoyment of the forests would not be possible. Please share with your friends and family that Maryland's forests are growing and with your help they will continue to be vibrant and healthy.

Todd Berman
President, MFA
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Attention MFA Members

The MFA Needs You!



Interested in helping the MFA fulfill its mission? The MFA has grown a bit in the past couple of years, has hosted numerous membership events and looks forward to a bright future. Engaged and forward-thinking leaders are needed to help us continue our move onward. To this end, the MFA is seeking to grow its board and currently seeking several new members.

Specifically, individuals who represent the following industry sectors are needed:

- Logging
- Forests products
- Private or agency forester

If you would like to serve on the MFA board, or would like to nominate someone you think would be interested, please contact either MFA president, Todd Berman,

todd.berman@glatfelter.com or Vanessa Finney, MFA Executive Director at 410-823-1789.



The MFA board typically conducts its meetings via late afternoon conference calls, about 5 times per year. Board members help set agendas and content for MFA educational programs, may represent MFA on other organizations' boards or committees (i.e. committees within DNR), and serve as a resource in establishing legislative and regulatory policies.

The MFA posts 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 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, 410-823-1789.

Forest Industry Calendar

December 1, 2016

Land Conservation 101 for Landowners
Location: Deale, MD
Contact: Sarah Knebel, 410-980-6837

December 7, 2016

Cecil County Forestry Board Meeting
Location: North East, MD
Contact: Tom Frederick, 410-287-5777

December 13, 2016

Estate Planning Workshop
Location: Cambridge, MD
Contact: Dorchester County Extension Office,
410-228-8800

December 13, 2016

Carroll County Forestry Board Meeting
Location: Westminster, MD
Contact: Donna Davis, 410-848-9290

January 17, 2017

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee
Location: Rockville, MD
Open to the Public

January 21, 2017

Carroll County Forestry Board's Winter Workshop
Location: VFW—Westminster, MD
Contact: Donna Davis, 410-848-9290

February 15—17, 2017

Allegheny SAF Winter Training 2017
Location: Wyomissing, PA
More Information TBD

March 17—19, 2017

Central VA Beginning Landowner Retreat
Location: Appomattox, VA
Contact: Jennifer Gagnon, 540-231-6391

ForestConnect Webinar

Location: Webinar
This webinar broadcasts on the third Wednesday of each month, once at 12:00 pm and a repeat broadcast at 7:00 pm. The length of the webinar is about an hour, but questions and answers are taken during the broadcast.

A full list of industry events and webinars is kept on the MFA website (www.mdforests.org).

Remove calendar for easy reference to events



MFA in the 2016 DNR Hunting and Trapping Guide

If you haven't seen it yet, the MFA has an advertisement in the 2016 DNR Hunting and Trapping Guide! The PDF download of this year's guide can be found by visiting: <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/>.

Simply go to page 10 to see the fantastic MFA ad. The MFA hopes that through initiatives such as this, many people across the state will see the value in our association and become supportive members. Please take a look at the guide—and the website as there are a ton of resources available to those who enjoy the sport of hunting and trapping.

Now Available!

The Woods In Your Backyard, 2nd Edition

The first edition of *The Woods in Your Backyard: Learning to Create and Enhance Natural Areas Around Your Home* was published in 2006. The guide helped thousands of landowners of 1 to 10 acres in the mid-Atlantic area enhance the stewardship of their land. They learned valuable techniques about caring for their natural areas, including how to convert lawn to woodland, how to enhance existing wooded areas, and how to cooperate with neighbors to enhance wildlife habitat.

Now the guide has been revised and updated.

Highlights of the new edition include:

A new Foreword by Doug Tallamy, author of [Bringing Nature Home](#)

Methods for documenting your natural area projects through a “stewardship journal”

Tips for identifying your natural area’s natural and wildlife habitats

Expanded and up-to-date information related to non-invasive plant species

Expanded information about water resources, including tips for creating and maintaining riparian buffers, and identifying and preserving wetlands

A new section on best management practices for soil resources and conservation

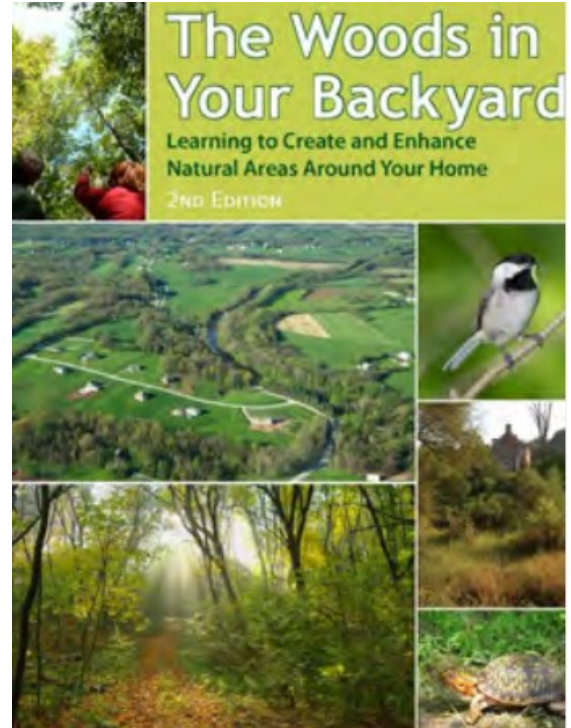
A fully revised and expanded Glossary

The 108-page guide contains more than 100 color photos and illustrations, and includes information tables, case studies, appendices, and an index.

Contributors include natural resources specialists at the University of Maryland, Penn State University, Virginia Tech and Forests for the Bay.

The 2nd edition of *The Woods in Your Backyard* is now available to order through Cornell University’s Plant and Life Sciences Publishing (PALS, formerly NRAES). Each copy is \$23.00, with quantity discounts available.

For more information, go to <http://go.umd.edu/WIYB-2nd-edition> to order.



Source: Branching Out

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Has Tree-of-Heaven Met Its Match?

Source: Branching Out (Aaron Cook; Lee Reich; Associated Press)

A naturally-occurring fungus might help curb the spread of an invasive tree species that is threatening forests in most of the United States, according to researchers at Penn State, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia University.

Researchers tested the fungus, *Verticillium nonalfalfae*, by injecting it into tree-of-heaven, or *Ailanthus*, plots. The treatment completely eradicated the tree-of-heaven plants in those forests.

“It appears that this treatment is effective in Pennsylvania and could be used as a bio-control agent throughout the United States,” said Matt Kasson, a former Doctoral Candidate at Penn State University.

Since tree-of-heaven’s introduction into Pennsylvania in the 1780s, the tree has spread from a rare and prized plant for collectors to a nuisance in at least 40 of the 48 contiguous states.

One of the problems is that if you cut it down, it won’t go away. New sprouts enthusiastically pop up from the cut stump, even after years of re-cutting. What’s more, the spreading roots send up sprouts that eventually can grow into full-size trees at some distance from the mother plants. “Full-size” for tree-of-heaven means 40 to 60 feet or more.

Although a single tree-of-heaven lives rarely more than 50 years, those roots sprouts stand ready and waiting to replace any old top growth in decline.

Additionally, tree-of-heaven also is among the fastest growing trees. At 3 to 5 feet per year, it can quickly outstrip competitors, whether they are cultivated plants or weeds. It also tolerates adversity. This is “a tree that grows in Brooklyn,” thriving despite heat, cold, alkaline or acidic soil, wet or dry soil, even infertile soil and polluted air.

Further complicating matters are its seeds. Each tree can potentially cast more than 300,000 seeds to the wind.



Tree-of-heaven.

Photo by James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service,

www.invasive.org

Each seed has wings that ensure it doesn't drop to the ground before first hitch-hiking a ride on the slightest breeze.

Trying to find the best way to get rid of tree-of-heaven has become a serious land-management issue; it can cost up to \$3,500 an acre to eradicate the invasive tree.

Dr. Donald Davis, professor of plant pathology at Penn State University, said that in 2003, he noticed a large number of tree-of-heaven deaths in a southwestern Pennsylvania forest. The foresters in the



area then took him to a site where large-scale wilt was affecting the trees. Davis described hundreds, if not thousands, of dying and dead tree-of-heaven in the area, which is very unusual, because tree-of-heaven is very hard to kill.

The researchers also noticed a number of Ambrosia beetles near the infected stands, leading them to theorize that the fungus, often carried through the forests by beetles, was involved in the tree deaths. The Ambrosia beetles may explain some of the long-range spread of the disease; one theory is that

Image Source: Michigan State University

the beetles feed on an infected tree and then take those spores to another healthy tree, which could be miles away.

Studies on the vegetation that surrounds Ailanthus groves indicate the fungus does not harm nearby plants and trees. Only a small percentage of plants near the infected tree-of-heaven plots showed signs of being harmed by the fungus, specifically devil's walking stick and striped maple, both uncommon in central Maryland.

Perhaps tree-of-heaven in Maryland has met its match?



Image Source: The Nature Conservancy

Firearm Deer Season to Open in Maryland

Source: MD DNR

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has announced that the two-week firearm deer season opens Nov. 26 and runs through Dec. 10. Hunters may use firearms to harvest sika and white-tailed deer during this season.

“The two-week firearm season is our most popular hunting opportunity,” said Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto. “Not only is the harvest over this period a critical part of the department’s deer management program, it also allows hunters to spend time outdoors with family and friends after the holidays.”

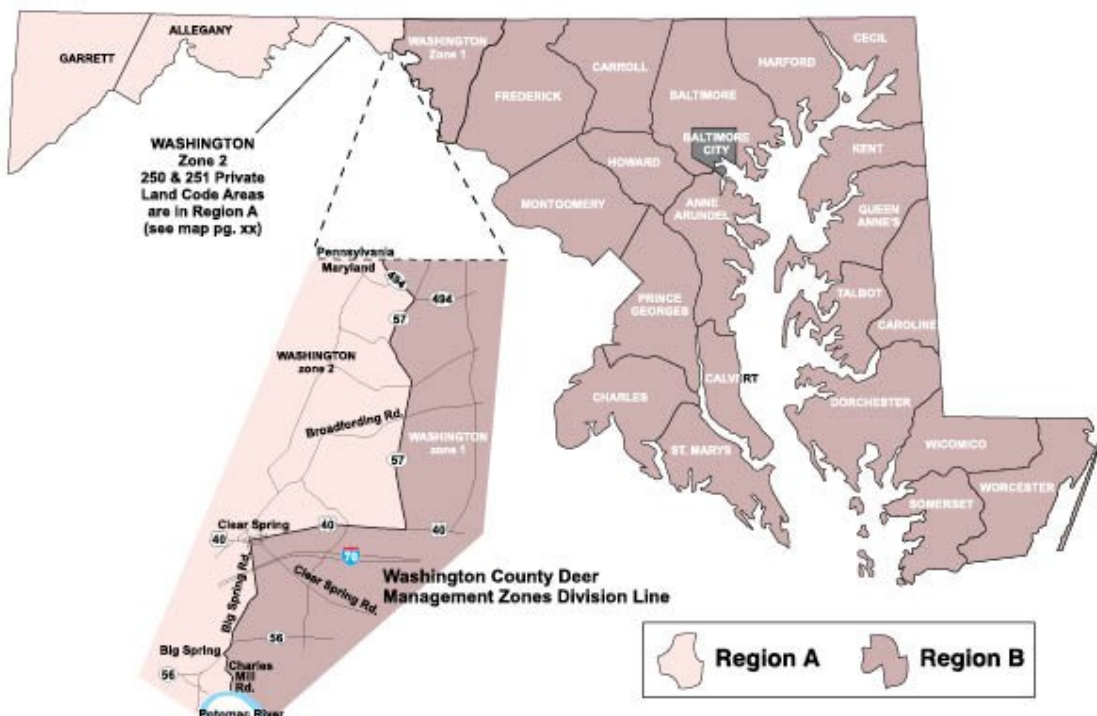
The bag limits for the season are:

- **Statewide:** One antlered white-tailed deer. Three sika deer, no more than one antlered.
- **Region A:** One antlerless white-tailed deer. Antlerless deer season is open Dec. 9-10 on private land and Dec. 10 on public land. Hunters may only take two antlerless deer total for the license year.
- **Region B:** Ten antlerless white-tailed deer. One bonus antlered white-tailed may be taken per year during a weapon season of the hunter’s choice. A hunter must first take two antlerless white-tailed deer and purchase a Bonus Antlered Deer Stamp before taking a second antlered deer.
- Deer management regions—more information: <https://goo.gl/zLO0cl>

New this year:

- Sika deer season is open in all counties,
- Hunters in Caroline County may use a rifle or handgun during the firearm seasons, and
- Changes have been made to the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Area (<https://goo.gl/tNbjd3>)

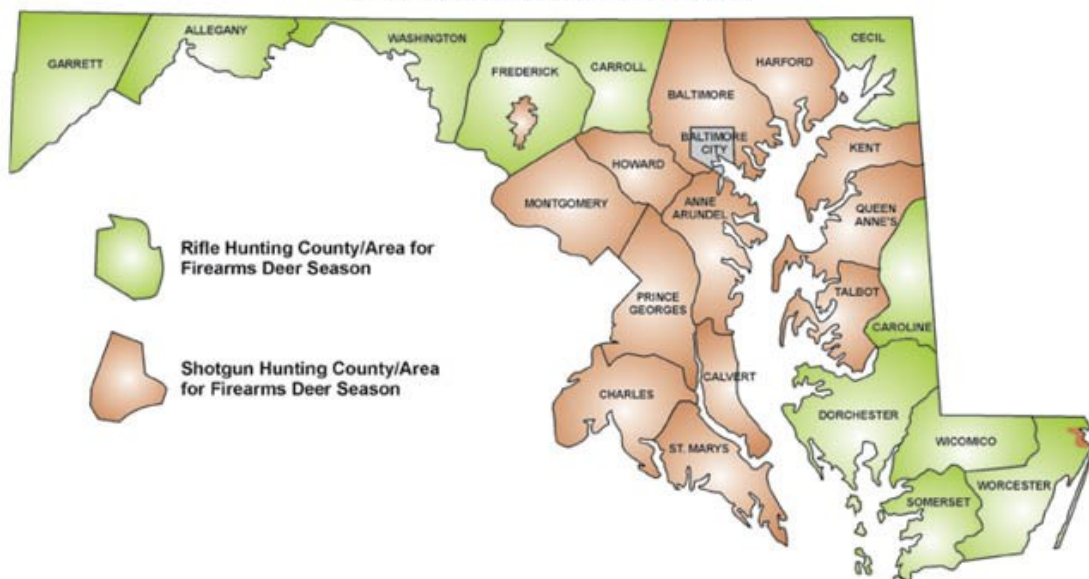
DEER MANAGEMENT REGIONS/ZONES MAP



Hunters are reminded an antler point restriction has been instituted for white-tailed deer. One may harvest up to two antlered deer per license year, which have two or fewer points on each antler present. Any additional antlered deer taken within the legal seasons and bag limits must have at least three points on one antler. Licensed junior hunters are exempt from the restriction.

Those hunters who use tree stands are strongly advised to wear a full-body safety harness, which should be secured at all times, including while climbing up or down the stand. Using a sliding knot, commonly known as a prussic knot, attached to a line that is tied above the tree stand allows hunters to be secure from when they leave the ground to when they return. For more information on tree-stand safety, please visit this link (http://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Pages/treestand_tips.aspx).

MARYLAND SHOTGUN AND RIFLE COUNTIES/AREAS FOR FIREARMS DEER HUNTING



MFA Member Renewals—2017

It's that time of year again!

Please note that all MFA member renewals will be going out in the next few weeks to all members. If you do not receive your membership renewal within a few weeks, please contact our office via phone, 410-823-1789 or email: director@mdforests.org. Also, if you know of anyone that might like to join the MFA, please contact our office.

New this year—online MFA Membership Renewals! In your renewal information you will find all of the details on how to renew your membership online with a credit card.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you for your continued support of the MFA!

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Featured Member

Larry Walton

Spending summers at his family's place in Maine convinced Larry Walton at an early age that he didn't want a desk job. He wanted to work outdoors. When it came time to apply to colleges, he chose those with forestry schools, and ended up at Clemson.

"I loved that part of South Carolina from the day I got there," Walton said of the western part of the state, almost in the mountains.

"When I was a junior at Clemson, Chesapeake Forest Products, which was based at West Point, VA, came to interview students for summer jobs. I spent that summer working for Chesapeake in the Northern Neck of Virginia, North and East of Richmond.

"Early in my last semester of my senior year, they came back, interviewing for full-time jobs. I went to the interview — probably one of the only job interviews I ever had in my life — and in five minutes they offered me a job." I still had almost the entire semester to finish after finding out I had the job, and had just gotten engaged over the holidays before that semester. I probably wasn't as focused as I should have

been on classwork. However, I managed to make it to graduation on May 11th, got married on May 18th to my high school sweetheart, Janal, and started work in Henderson, NC, the first week of June 1974," Walton said.

He spent the next 25 years working for

Chesapeake in various locations. In 1988, he was transferred to the Eastern Shore, and he's been there ever since.

"That's when I joined MFA. Tom Tyler, who worked with me, was president that year, I think,"

Walton reminisced. "He got me involved."

Walton explained he had not been a "super active member" because he was involved in a lot of other things, including local environmental groups, watershed groups, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. "I was working with folks who were not so fond of forestry and harvesting timber, rather than preaching to the choir. Those environmental connections are what eventually led to my leaving the forest industry to start Vision Forestry with my partner, Neil Sampson."





Larry and his wife, Janal

Chesapeake Forest Products had a lot of land on the Delmarva Peninsula, 90,000 acres at its peak, with equal amounts in Maryland,

Delaware and Accomack County, VA. The company had a saw mill in Princess Anne and a chip mill in Pocomoke City.

Walton became regional

manager in 1988. Chesapeake Forest Products Company was eventually purchased by St. Laurent Paperboard out of Montreal, Canada. Walton worked for them for about six months until they sold out to Smurfit Stone Container Corporation, one of the world's largest manufacturers of paperboard packaging.

Along with all these changes, ownership of the forest land was changing also. In 1999, the

State of Maryland purchased 29,000 acres of Chesapeake Forest Product's land in five counties on the Lower Eastern Shore. The Conservation Fund, on behalf of the Richard King Mellon Foundation purchased the other 29,000 acres, later donating it to the State.

The Conservation Fund wanted a state-of-the-art sustainable forestry management plan for the land, and asked Neil Sampson to put together a team to write the plan. Walton was on the oversight committee because he had worked for the company that owned the land at the time.

Walton said, "Before the plan got finished in 2000, the Conservation Fund approached Neil and me about forming a business that would sign the management agreement for its 29,000

acres. When the state got the land, they also got the management plan, and they got us." The State agreed to implement the plan as a condition of the gift.

"It was an unusual private/public deal," Walton explained. The gift and the plan were intended to be a national model of public/private partnership, as well as sustainable forestry and ecosystem management on public lands.

Walton quit Smurfit Stone on Dec. 31, 2000, and on Jan. 1, 2001, Vision Forestry began the contract with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Sampson is president; Walton is Vice President and forester.

"Initially, we did everything on that 29,000 acres; the state managed the other 29,000."

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Certification audit with Mike Ferrucci

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“We had a five-year agreement that was supposed to be a transition agreement, transitioning away from the public/private partnership, or so they thought. It was expected that by the end of five years the State would have its own people in place to take over.”

At the end of five years, however, it seemed that Maryland DNR liked the way things were working, so the DNR Forest Service re-bid the contract for another five years, adding the rest of the acreage, now totaling 60,000 acres.

“We were awarded that contract, which expired in 2011,” Walton said.

“When we bid again, they added Pocomoke Forest.

Parker Forestry Services was awarded the contract and still provides technical assistance for these State lands on the Eastern Shore.”

“But we got other contracts,” Walton said. His list included The Forestland Group who bought Glatfelter Pulpwood Company’s land; the Nature Conservancy in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia on the peninsula; and the Conservation Fund, which kept the land Chesapeake Forest Products had owned in Accomack County, Va.

Vision Forestry also helps Delaware Wild Lands. The Great Cypress Swamp is Delaware Wild Lands’ largest land holding. Located on the

southern edge of Sussex County, the swamp spills over into Wicomico and Worcester Counties in Maryland.

“There are also a lot of smaller land owners who ask for our services. Anything that goes with owning land, we help owners do it — Forest Stewardship Plans, timber sales, reforestation, hunting contracts...etc.”

“We bought a little office in Salisbury, across from Kmart. We have pickups, brush saws, GPS and computers, but it’s what’s between our ears that we use the most,” he said.

Except for his partner, Neil Sampson, all employees of Vision Forestry are former Chesapeake people. Bill Cheesman, whom Walton met in the



Planting trees in the Great Cypress Swamp

‘70s, now works part-time, doing work in Virginia on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay. Kenny Rees, forestry technician at Vision Forestry, is another former co-worker and Eastern Shore native.

“I’ve been very fortunate over the years,” Walton said. “Any success I’ve had is because of not only the guys who work with me now, but the many wonderful people I worked with over the years ... many are MFA members and still beating around the Eastern Shore.”



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Maryland Public Television's (MPT) Original Series Maryland Farm & Harvest—Season 4



Maryland Public Television's (MPT) original series *Maryland Farm & Harvest* premiered with its fourth season on November 15. The series airs new half-hour episodes **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** The series puts a human face on Maryland agriculture by telling stories of the people, skills, and technology required to sustain and grow the state's number one industry.

Approximately four million viewers have tuned in to *Maryland Farm & Harvest* since the series' debut in fall 2013. For the past six months MPT's production team has filmed at more than four dozen farms and agriculture facilities across the state in preparation for the new 13-episode season.

About the Show:

Ever been to a Maryland farm to see how our food is grown? Have you seen a cow being milked, or corn being harvested at night? How about watermelons being hand-picked or broccoli seedlings being gently planted into the soil in early spring?

In fact, many Marylanders have never visited farms, though they've driven by them many times without knowing it.

To help Marylanders learn more about agriculture - the state's number one industry - Maryland Public Television (MPT) in partnership with the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has created *Maryland Farm & Harvest*, a multimedia series that puts a human face on farming.

Hosted by Joanne Clendining, *Maryland Farm & Harvest* takes viewers around the state to see and experience what it's like to run a 21st century farm – from technological advances and conservation challenges to age-old complications such as weather hardships. MF&H also captures the number one reason why planters and growers dedicate themselves to it all: their simple love of farming.

Can't watch the episodes on Tuesday? Look for re-broadcasts on Thursdays at 11:30 p.m., Fridays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 6:00 a.m. You can catch up on any of the episodes online (<http://video.mpt.tv/show/maryland-farm-harvest/>).



MFA Regional Seminars 2016

The MFA was proud to host another round of outstanding regional seminars this fall. The board and planning committee decided to hold the meetings in Central Maryland, Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore. Each workshop offered a tour by the host venue, dinner, and additional regionally-specific educational sessions. These meetings proved to be successful and attendees appreciated programs that catered to their unique geographical location within the state.

Attendees shared time of fellowship, a good meal, and quality forestry education at each meeting. From my perspective, it was great to see so many members attend, network, and share the challenges and successes of being a member in Maryland's forestry industry.

MFA would like to thank MAERDAF (Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund) and the RMC (Rural Maryland Council) for grant funding for this year's workshops.

The first meeting kicked off on the Eastern Shore on September 13th at Eastern Shore Forest Product's Pocomoke Facility. Tom Johnson, owner and CEO of ESFP, along with Joe Hinson of Northwest Natural Resource Group, led attendees on a tour of the facility. Attendees were able to get a firsthand look at ESFP's operation and how wood shavings are produced and packaged. Additional programming and dinner was then held at Winter Quarters Log Cabin.

Dan Rider (DNR) and Steve McHenry (MARBIDCO) provided industry updates and addressed value-added opportunities within the forest products industry. MFA President, Todd Berman, updated the membership on recent MFA activities and initiatives. Kenneth Jolly, director of Maryland Tree Farm also provided updates on his program's initiatives. Robert Tatman, MDA Forest Pest Management, spoke on various pest issues and management practices. Dr. Bob Tjaden wrapped up the night on various studies addressing Maryland's Forest Industry.

The next regional seminar took place in Central Maryland on September 29th at Edrich Lumber in Windsor Mill. This event was co-sponsored with the Maryland Arborist Association, which gave members of both organizations a chance to meet and interact on common ground. Doug Wolinski, President, and Andrew Stanfield, Scragg Mill Manager led attendees on a mill tour.

Despite rain, we were able to get a great tour in of the scragg mill and were able to see how Edrich uses lumber to assemble pallets and various other products. Additional educational sessions and dinner were held in the Edrich pavilion.

Chris Holmgren, Seneca Creek Joinery, kicked off the educational sessions with his presentation on vertical integration, and how to make the most of your wood. Dan Rider and Steve Henry once again discussed value-added opportunities in the wood products industry. Lyle Almond, University of Maryland, provided a Master Logger Program update. MFA President Todd Berman and Kenneth Jolly of Tree Farm then provided their various organization updates. Robert Tatman and Bob Tjaden made their presentations on pest issues and management practices and the various studies addressing Maryland's forest industry. Quality discussion was had along the way, and attendees were eager to share information with one another.

The final regional seminar, Western Maryland, was held on October 6th at Green Ridge State Forest. State Forester, Mark Beals, and Tom Mathews, retired DNR wildlife biologist, were the hosts for this event. Mark and Tom provided a tour of the forest. This tour was a bit different from the other seminars as it lasted a few hours and attendees made their way through the woods and discussed various management zones, history of the forest, as well as the young forest initiative. Questions and answer sessions occurred all throughout the beautiful hike.

Dinner and additional education was held at the quaint Town Hill Hotel B & B. Todd Berman and Kenneth Jolly provided updates on their respective organizations, and Robert Tatman presented on pest issues local to Western Maryland. Dan Rider wrapped up the program with DNR updates and fielded various questions.

Unique to this third seminar was the attendance of about a dozen students from the forestry program at Allegany College. It was a positive dynamic to have these students included and participate actively in discussions.

MFA would like to extend our thanks to our meeting sponsors: Forest Friendly Logging; McAllister & Company Insurance; Mar-Len Environmental; Maryland Tree Farm Committee; MD/DE SFI Implementation Committee; The

Forestland Group, LLC; University of Maryland Extension; MD DNR—Forest Service; Maryland Department of Agriculture and The Maryland Arborist Association.

To all of our attendees—thank you for coming out and supporting the MFA. We look forward to future events!

Chelsea Bailey
MFA

MFA would like to thank **MAERDAF** (Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund) for grant funding for these regional workshops.



Meeting Sponsors



Below—and on the next few pages, please enjoy pictures from each Regional Meeting.

Eastern Shore Meeting



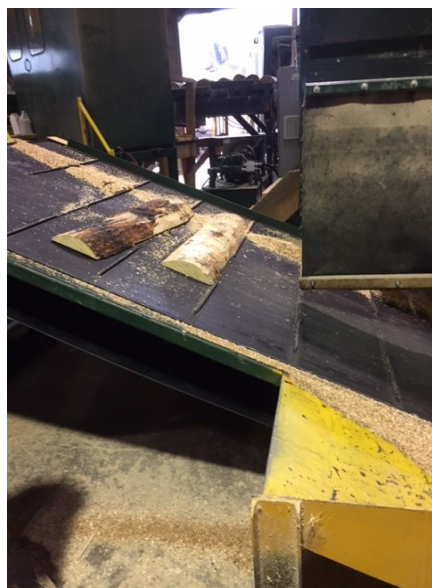


Above: Tom Johnson (owner of ESFP) addresses attendees; Above Right: Equipment operating at full force; Right: Winter Quarters Log Cabin

Central Maryland Meeting



Above: Equipment at the Scragg Mill was working hard despite the rain; Above Right: Doug Wolinski (Edrich Lumber President) and Andrew Stanfield (Scragg Mill Manager) field questions from attendees on their operation; Right: Despite the gray day, attendees enjoyed the tour of the Edrich Scragg Mill



Left: Attendees were able to tour the Scragg Mill and ask questions along the way; all the while the operation didn't skip a beat; Right: Wood is analyzed and processed for future use

Western Maryland Meeting



Above: Allegany Forestry Students came ready to learn!; Above Right: Mark Beals and Tom Mathews address attendees at the wildlife habitat project site



Above: Attendees gather at a stop on the tour; Below: Gorgeous day for a hike and we couldn't ask for a more beautiful backdrop!



Digitally Discover Your Public Lands Using the New Forest Service Visitor Map



Source: US Forest Service

There are few better ways to plan your get away on a national forests or grasslands than to use the Forest Service's online Visitor Map (<http://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/>). With thousands of recreation areas, roads and an increasing

number of trail systems, you can digitally explore and plan your next adventure from home before you even hit the road.

With recently updated features, finding the perfect forest or grassland location is easier than ever.

And it's as easy to use. For instance, when the online visitor's map first displays, an area called Explore is shown where you can select one of six items from its menu, with camping or hiking being the most popular. But selecting any of these items brings up clusters where these activities exist and by clicking each cluster, you can further zoom into the map as far as you'd like.

The site has additional features that the Forest Service thinks you'll really enjoy. First, you can share your outdoor experiences with us or anyone else for that matter on a social media app called Yonder.

The creators of Yonder describe the app as a "... purpose-built for sharing your camping vista, red point, single-track descent, pow shot, or dawn patrol adventure with a community that's just as psyched about the outdoors as you are."

We agree. So, when you're out exploring on your

public lands, we really encourage you to share your photos and videos! Just remember, reservations are required at many campgrounds, so a link is provided in the info window where the reservation can be made at recreation.gov.

Another cool feature allows Forest Service twitter content to be geo-located on the Visitor Map. Geo-location helps us get important messages out to you. So, don't forget to look for our Tweets on the map near the areas that interested you.

Even though we have lots of features and areas to explore using the Visitor Map (<http://www.fs.fed.us/ivm/>) we are always looking to improve our Forest Service Web-based products. So give it a try and let us know what you think (<http://www.fs.fed.us/visit/ivm-feedback>).



Visitor Map screenshot shows the number of camping opportunities throughout the Northwest. (US Forest Service)

Thinking About a Timber Sale? Now You Can Call Before You Cut

Your woodlands are important. They are a valuable resource for your family's enjoyment and their future, and for the environment. The University of Maryland Extension now participates in the "Call Before You Cut" program. The program provides Maryland woodland owners with free information to ensure that they harvest their timber in the most efficient, cost-effective, and ecologically-sound manner possible.

The Maryland Call Before You Cut program offers online information at:
www.callb4ucut.com/maryland/

Resources include tips on how to begin researching your harvest, where to go for expert help, and the program's partners. Interested woodland owners can obtain by mail an information packet that includes Maryland-specific resources. Landowners will learn about how a professional forester can assist with the harvest, the different types of licensed foresters in Maryland, as well as sources for more information.

MFA is a proud partner of this program.



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Reasons why you might decide to sell timber...



The timber represents a source of income.



The health and vigor of your woods, and habitat for some species of wildlife, can be improved if you develop a harvesting approach that fits your needs.



Trees that may be damaged due to ice, wind, snow, storm, fire, insects and disease can be salvaged to allow you to recover some of their value.

MFA Member Benefit!

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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, Resources page.

Maryland DNR: www.dnr.state.md.us/forests

MD Invasive Species Council: www.mdinvasivesp.org

MD Forest Conservancy District Boards: www.marylandforestryboards.org

Society of American Foresters: www.eforester.org

MFA Website

The MFA website, www.mdforests.org is full of resources to all of those involved in the industry. This site is very user-friendly, and includes information on upcoming events, legislative efforts, insurance programs, member benefits, 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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- 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.

MFA strives to accomplish this mission by:

- Monitoring and influencing legislation and regulation that affect forests and the forestry community;
- Promoting growth in MFA membership and finances; and,
- Recognizing recipients for outstanding contributions on behalf of Maryland's forest resource.