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## Message from the President



I am slowly moving my family from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to just north of Baltimore. I do a lot of driving these days. This allows me to do a lot of thinking and some self reflection. This past week, as I was driving back to Salisbury, it was 60 degrees and sunny. This allowed me to divert my attention from worrying about snow and where our loggers were going to move next.

I started to think about all the mentors I had when I started in forestry. These men and women knew the soil (dirt) and what it would grow just by kicking their heels into the ground a few times. They could talk about growth rates and yield tables as if they had written it themselves. They never got lost and knew everyone we met whether farmer,

banker, or fellow forester. They took their time teaching me and correcting me for making mistakes. Several of them have saved me, when I went too far down a wet road to check on a logger. I would ask them about a landowner or company tract of land. They would tell me in great detail the lineage of the ownership or even the last time they harvested the timber. They were no different than the farmer who remembered when the farm field was abandoned or the last time they lived in the old farm house. I looked forward to the day that I would not be nervous every time I went to go speak to a county forester or logger.



Looking back, it does seem like time has flown by. Now when I drive by tracts of land that I helped plant or supervise a spraying to release the pine trees, I am amazed at the growth. Roads that I used to be able to drive easily have all but been closed. It is amazing how nature can heal and grow.



Landownership on the shore has changed several times for some of the tracts of land, but the trees just continue to grow. Several of the foresters and loggers that I started with are now approaching retirement. Just this week, one of my coworkers and long time forester with PH Glatfelter decided to retire.

Who will show the next group of foresters and land managers about soils that will work in wet weather and which ones will not support equipment when wet? Who will teach the next flock of land managers about the ability of forests to not only grow fiber but to also offer wonderful experiences of hunting

with their kids, watching a new fawn run for the first time, or the devastation of an ice storm? I was lucky enough to have such people in my life when I started. Reflecting back on early times, did they ever realize that they were not just planting tree seedlings when they were in the forest?

Todd Berman  
President, MFA  
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## Remembering Vernon Gauss

*Vernon L. Gauss, Jr., age 67, of Kingsville, MD passed away on March 24, 2017 at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson, MD. Born in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Vernon L. Gauss, Sr. and Mae (Hardesty) Gauss. Mr. Gauss is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Sharon (Fisher) Gauss; his two daughters, Michelle Mae Gauss of Havre de Grace and Pamela Ann Gostomski and husband, Frank, of Forest Hill; his grandchildren, Eric M. Kling of Aberdeen, Amy M. Kling of Havre de Grace, Paige A. Gostomski and Frankie E. Gostomski III, both of Forest Hill; step-mother, Barbara Gauss of New Port Richey, FL; step-sisters, Sheila Hare and Sharon Dixon, both of Naples, FL; half-brother, Kurt B. Gauss of Maryland; and cousins Wayne Hardesty Sr. of Phoenix, MD and Wayne Hardesty Jr. of Sykesville, Maryland (Godson).*



*A 1968 graduate of Parkville High School, Mr. Gauss was a small business owner and partner in the greater Baltimore area for more than 30 years.*

*A master plumber by trade, he began his career with Burgemeister-Bell Inc. in 1965 and eventually took over his father's company, Vernon L. Gauss Heating and Plumbing, which he ran until his retirement in 2004. Mr. Gauss was an active member of the community, serving a multitude of roles in professional, political, and philanthropic organizations. In addition to serving on or advising nearly a dozen professional committees and organizations, including the MD Homebuilders' Association, the MD State Plumbing Board, the Harford County Plumbing Board, and the Harford County Department of Public Works, he was an active member of the Maryland Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors Association since 1981, serving in every leadership position. For more than 20 years, Mr. Gauss was a committed member of the local Republican community, tirelessly campaigning for local candidates, including former MD Governor Robert Ehrlich and seated MD State Senator Wayne Norman. He served as a member of both the Harford County Liquor Board and the Harford County Republican Central Committee, chairing multiple committees during his tenure.*

*An avid sportsman and outdoorsman, Mr. Gauss was an active member of both the National Rifle Association and Ducks Unlimited, and had recently become involved with forestry conservation in Western Maryland. He spent more than 40 years traveling to his favorite place, Green Ridge State Forest in Western Maryland, to hunt, camp, and hike with his family as well as with his hunting club, The Green Ridge Hunters, of which he was a founding member. In honor of Vernon's deep love for the natural beauty of Maryland, those who desire may contribute to her protection and preservation by sending donations in Vernon's name to: Allegany County Forestry Board, 14110 Pleasant Valley Road, Flintstone, MD 21530 301-777-5835 (Please note "Green Ridge State Forest, for Vernon" in the memo line). "The mountains are calling, and I must go."*

***The MFA would like to thank Vernon for his service not only on the board of directors, but for his service to Maryland's forest industry. We are forever grateful for him, and he will be missed by his friends and colleagues.***

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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](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.

# Forest Industry Calendar

## June 2, 2017

2017 Eastern Shore Procrastinators Pesticide Recertification Conference  
Location: Wye Research and Education Center, Queenstown, MD  
Contact: Ginny Rosenkranz, 410-749-6147

## June 9, 2017

2017 Pesticide Recertification  
Location: 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD  
Contact: Chuck Shuster, 301-590-2807

## June 9-10, 2017

Working in Your Woods--A Bird's Eye View  
Location: University of Pitt-Bradford, PA  
Contact: Todd Fearer, 540-231-9519

## June 13-14, 2017

TCIA Legislative Conference/Day on the Hill  
Location: Washington, DC  
Contact: Mark Garvin, 603-314-5380

## July 23 – July 29, 2017

Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC)  
Location: Hickory Environmental Education Center, Accident, MD  
[www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm](http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm)

## August 19, 2017

Green Industry Picnic  
Location: Woodbine, MD  
Contact: MNLGA, 410-823-8684

## September 12-14, 2017

Mid-Atlantic Biomass Conference and Expo  
Location: Penn Stater Hotel and Conf. Center  
Contact: Vera Medici, 814-337-0242 x 322

## November 10, 2017

Maryland/Delaware SAF Fall Meeting 2016  
Location: Chesapeake College, Wye Mills, MD  
Contact: Bryan Seipp, 410-461-8323

## 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.  
<http://blogs.cornell.edu/cceforestconnect/>

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

*Remove calendar for easy reference to events*

## Congratulations Tim Smith!

The MFA congratulates Tim Smith on being awarded the Logger of the Year! Tim graciously serves on the MFA board while running his family business, T.D. Smith. We are proud to have Tim working in Maryland's forests. At the MFA Annual Meeting in Annapolis, Tim accepted a chainsaw to commemorate his great accomplishment. Congratulations Tim!

*More information on the Maryland/Delaware Master Logger Program can be found: <https://extension.umd.edu/masterlogger/about-program>*



## MFA Scholarships 2017



The MFA sponsors or is involved with several scholarship and career education opportunities for members, families of members, or industry associates.

Additional information, and applications, if applicable, regarding these programs may be found on the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org), on the Scholarship and Education page, under the “About Us” tab.

### The Dick Stanfield Scholarship

*Applications due May 1, 2016*



This scholarship was established in 2012 by the MFA, in memory and honor of long-time member, Dick Stanfield. Mr. Stanfield was instrumental in starting the Maryland Forests Association in 1976. He had been president of the Maryland Lumberman’s Association and after it became the Maryland Forests Association he served as vice president of its Central Maryland division, and treasurer from 1987 until his death in 2012.

Mr. Stanfield began working in 1956 as treasurer of Edrich Farms, Inc. on Old Court Road in Windsor Mill and was also treasurer of Edrich Farms Nursery Inc. In 1962, he established and served as president of Edrich Lumber Inc.,

located at the site of Edrich Farms Inc. and Edrich Farms Nursery, Inc. Mr. Stanfield began the operation with a small mill cutting logs into lumber, with the sawdust and shavings being turned into mulch. He became one of the largest producers of mulch in the area. Later, as the need arose for the proper disposal of brush and wood debris, he expanded again when he developed another business that grew into one of the largest recyclers of wood products in the Baltimore area. Dick is credited with expanding the lumber business into the international arena. In addition to his career, Mr. Stanfield was an avid gardener, enjoyed fishing and boating, and was instrumental in the development and expansion of what is now known as Northwest Hospital Center.

The Dick Stanfield Scholarship will provide a \$500 cash award to an MFA member, child of an MFA member, or employee of Edrich Lumber to continue their education at the college level. The scholarship will be awarded every fall. The application includes short essay and verification of college enrollment. Application deadline is May 1st with awards announced by the end of June.

The MFA continues to accept donations to the Dick Stanfield Scholarship, to build its endowment to fund future scholarships. If you wish to make a donation, please remit payment in care of the Dick Stanfield Memorial Scholarship, MFA, PO Box 904, Brooklandville, MD 21022. Donations are tax-deductible.



## The Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC)

The MFA accepts donations to the NRCC and passes any funds to support the Camp program. College credits and scholarships are available at the Natural Resources Careers Camp. Students join professionals from across the state for seven days of intense instruction and fun at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland. The NRCC is presented by the Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards in partnership with Allegany College, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Maryland Forestry Foundation.

For more information on the NRCC visit:  
<http://www.marylandforestryboards.org/nrcc.cfm>



**Natural Resources  
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## Project Learning Tree

Project Learning Tree is a program of the American Forest Foundation. Project Learning Tree advances environmental literacy and promotes stewardship through excellence in environmental education, professional development, and curriculum resources that use trees and forests as windows on the world. Project Learning Tree is committed to creating a future where the next generation values the natural world and has the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions and take responsible actions to sustain forests and the broader environment.

**The MFA is proud to have contributed to Project Learning Tree with a donation this year. Please enjoy some of the thank you notes below from those who benefitted from the program.**

Project Learning Tree Workshop  
Frostburg State University  
March 31, 2017

The 76<sup>th</sup> workshop held at FSU since 1992 was attended by 21 Elementary Education majors. The workshop was facilitated by Champ Zumbrun (retired Green Ridge State Forest Manager, and member Allegany County Forestry Board); Bernie Zlomek (retired MD Forest Service Project Manager for Allegany County, and member Allegany County Forestry Board); Dr. Barbara Ornstein, Education Professions, FSU; and Dr. Kim Rotruck, Education Professions, FSU. The workshop was held in the Atkinson Room of the Lane Center.



The students were from Washington, DC; Frederick, MD; Rockville, MD; Westminster, MD; Frostburg, MD; Cumberland, MD; Oakland, MD; Little Orleans, MD; Thurmont, MD; Brunswick, MD; Arnold, MD; Romney, WV; Vienna, VA; Rawlings, MD; Meyersdale, PA; and Crofton, MD.

Our sponsors were recognized during the portion of the program entitled “What is PLT?” with an explanation of what each sponsor’s purpose is. The sponsors were also mentioned during the activities of the day if pertinent to that activity.

The students are asked to evaluate the facilitators and the workshop at the end of the day, on a scale of 1 (Needs Improvement) to 5 (Excellent). The students’ average rating of the facilitators was 4.95. Their rating of the workshop overall, was 5.0.

The students were asked how the workshop could be improved, and given an opportunity to write additional comments. The following is what was written:

It was perfect the way it was.

I loved the book, the activities and then at the end implementing them all; I felt I learned more today than any other day.

More singing.

I enjoyed this, thank you so much!

Very enthusiastic instructors!!

Extremely fun experience; hands-on activities will be remembered.

My name is Ashton Niemiec and I am a student at Frostburg State University. I am sending this email to thank you for the fun experience I had at the Project Learning Tree workshop. The workshop was something I will remember for my whole teaching career. The materials we receive were amazing and very beneficial for my future classroom. I am excited to be able to teach my future students about PLT and I am very happy of the thought that one day one of my students may be a person who could make a difference. Thank you again for the materials we receive and the overall experience at the Project Learning Tree workshop.

Sincerely,  
Ashton Niemiec

Thank for supporting the March 31st Project Learning Tree workshop at Frostburg State University! This workshop, led by Mr. Bernie Zlomek and Mr. Francis Zumbrun, provided attendees with a wealth of engaging learning experiences and wonderful teaching materials. The educators in attendance are so eager to bring Project Learning Tree teaching activities and posters into their classrooms to enhance their students' environmental education. Your contributions to this workshop are wholly appreciated!

Best,  
Carrie Durell  
Student, Frostburg State University

I do not think there was anything that needed improved.  
 This was a very fun activity, and I am happy that I got to be a part of it.  
 Not knowing much about PLT, I did not expect today to be so fun and informative; I can't think of anything to change; It was a great experience.  
 More musical involvement; had a lot of fun!  
 Fun, engaging, informative.  
 It's good the way it is; thank you!  
 Great experience! Very beneficial.  
 It was great.  
 Doesn't need improvements; Well organized, fun, and hands-on; Facilitators did a wonderful job and made the workshop a lot of fun.  
 Less talk in the beginning of workshop, or have students more engaged in the beginning; I really liked this; I might try to use this throughout the

assistantship.

Facilitators were phenomenal – energetic, engaging; well -planned and organized and prepared.  
 I really enjoyed this workshop and is something I would recommend to peers considering going into education.  
 I thought it was great the way it was! I had a lot of fun and enjoyed attending this!  
 The presenters were fantastic. Their enthusiasm for PLT is evident in their presentation.  
 Loved the activities. Very beneficial and useful info to use in the future.  
 Thanks for a fun workshop! I enjoyed the leaf relay activity the most.  
  
 Thanks to all, facilitators and sponsors, for another successful workshop.  
 Bernie Zlomek,  
 PLT Facilitator

I wanted to reach out and inform you how beneficial the Project Learning Tree workshop was for me as an Early Childhood/Elementary major. I had never heard of this workshop before and did not know what to expect. Fortunately, the workshop happened at the most convenient time for me. I am teaching a science unit that involves learning about habitats and many of the activities that we performed could come in great use while teaching my unit. The resources we were provided with at PLT are very much appreciated. I am thankful for your sponsorship and hope you continue to benefit more college students in the future. I also hope they feel this experience is as beneficial as I did. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
 Alyssa Wilson

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Project Learning Tree workshop at Frostburg State University, as I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and look forward to incorporating environmental education into my future classroom. I wanted to thank you for your sponsorship which allowed me to partake in this opportunity.

Thank You,  
 Sara Paul

My name is Rachael and I am a junior at Frostburg State University. I participated in a Project Learning Tree seminar on Friday, March 31. I just wanted to take a minute and express how much I enjoyed it.

I didn't quite know what to expect going into the seminar, but the presenters, Bernie Zlomek and Francis Zumburn, were fantastic! They were inviting, funny, and extremely engaging. They kept the attention of 22 young adults without question.

I was so thankful for the activities they showed, ideas they presented, supplies given to us, the book of activities and lessons, and the posters. Those items will come in extremely handy when I get my own classroom.

Again, thank you for allowing these two men to come share with us. I will suggest this seminar to many people.

Sincerely,  
 Rachael Yost

## Featured Member

# Big Savage Sportsmen's Club

Among the many benefits of a healthy forest is a strong wildlife habitat, and just as a forest sometimes needs thinning, sometimes a deer herd does, too. Members of the Big Savage Sportsmen's Club have been happy to provide that service in western Maryland for more than 50 years.

Ralph Nelson, chairman of the board and member almost since the beginning, shared the club's history: "In the spring of 1966, a group of men in Frostburg got together to determine if it would be feasible to lease some land and form a hunting club. Roy Loar, now deceased, led the effort and became the first president. The Big Savage Sportsmen's Club Inc. was chartered on June 13, 1966, and a lease was signed with the Borden Mining Company. BSSC was named after the mountain upon which the land is located.

A constitution and bylaws were established. Originally, the meetings were held in the Potomac Edison Building on Broadway. Within the next couple of years, the membership grew to 280, the number we have now. Membership is capped at 300."

In 1968, the club purchased outright 4 acres from the mining company. An additional 2,400 acres is leased. Members built a basement and foundation upon which a club house would later be built. The basement had heat and electricity and was used as a meeting place until the club house was added in 1984. "We waited until we were able to finance it," Nelson explained. "Most of the work was done by members. We had carpenters, electricians and plumbers in the club."

Members added a pavilion also, in a large area among big oak trees, where picnics were held. Unfortunately, in 1999, a tornado came through and tore out all the trees, demolished the pavilion and tore off the front of the clubhouse.

"We were able to rebuild the clubhouse, but without the trees in the picnic area, we did not restore the pavilion. It's a clear field now," Nelson recalled. The downed trees were harvested for lumber. A deck was added to the front of the clubhouse where family picnics are held now.

Hunters generally are after deer and wild turkey, Nelson said. "It used to be that squirrel and rabbit were hunted also, but not much anymore. Times have changed. A couple of members hunt them."

Current president of BSSC is Bernie Zlomek, who described the steps the club takes to improve the land for wildlife.

"The 2,400 acres are primarily wooded. There are open areas because the land was mined in the past, decades ago. When a strip-mined area was reclaimed, the mine operators were required to



*Member Dave Spataro preparing to haul tree shelters and stakes to planting site. Shelters were used to protect hardwood seedlings planted for wildlife purposes.*

revegetate the area with something in order to get their bond back. They had to cover the soil rather than leave it bare, so they planted it in grass, but it wasn't a kind that is suitable for wildlife. In fact, it is detrimental to wildlife. It causes deer to abort their babies; the same for rabbits," Zlomek said.

Club members were unaware of this situation until the Maryland Wildlife Administration came to evaluate what kind of land it was. They were told they needed to get rid of the grass and plant something more suitable for wildlife. The goal was to establish food plots, but the soil is very poor and rocky, Zlomek explained.

“Our first task was to eliminate the undesirable grass. Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service conducted a prescribed burning with the Wildlife Service.”

Timing depended on how busy the Forest Service was in the spring fighting fires. It doesn't take much sun to dry out the grass, Zlomek said.

After burning, because the fire doesn't get the roots of the grass, when the grass starts to come back out, it is treated chemically with a spray. Two or three weeks later, it is sprayed again. This process eventually gets rid of the bad grass.

Then a member gets a disc to till the soil. Lime and seed are added. “It takes a lot of lime,” Zlomek said. “Then we wait for good weather.”

Last spring, after seeding, Zlomek continued, “It never quit raining. All the seed got soaked and rotted. Nothing came up! We now have an extreme affinity for farmers. We were disappointed with the results, but we will keep trying. It is an ongoing project.”

The club has planted a variety of species, including clover, rape brassica, alfalfa and sorghum. Warm season grasses also have been planted, not for food but for cover. It grows very tall and very dense.

The biggest problem in trying to establish a crop in the acidic mountain soil on this acreage is accessibility. “The only way to get material in, including water, is by 4-wheeler,” Zlomek said. “It's too rough for a pickup.”

One supplier delivered once, but the driver said he'd never come back.

Materials are delivered to an accessible spot, and then a convoy of 4-wheelers finishes the transport. Even water is moved by convoy, in coolers, bottles, ice chests... “It's comical to see,” Zlomek said. “When we chemically treat, we need lots of water to spray and then clean out the equipment.”

Trees are planted primarily for wildlife habitat improvement — white spruce, Norway spruce, white pine and some hardwood trees.



*Prescribed burning being done on BSSC property by MD DNR - Forest Service and MD DNR Wildlife Administration personnel to prepare food plot site for planting.*

Sawtooth oak, crab apple and American chestnut are planted to try to get food for wildlife.

As with the grass, trying to plant trees in hard mountain soil is difficult, but for the most part, BSSC has been successful.

The property is managed for the mining company by a licensed professional forester, Frank Stark. He prepared a management plan which is actively followed for improving timber harvesting and wildlife improvements. The plan includes removing undesirable trees to give more desirable ones room to grow and creating small, 1-acre clear cuts to encourage regeneration. Those plots are phenomenal for deer habitat, providing thick cover, Zlomek said.

Zlomek said he joined 10 or 11 years ago because the previous place where he hunted had been sold. “I needed a place to hunt, to keep busy after retiring. Being active in the club keeps me busy,” he said.

In addition to hunting, the most active project the BSSC is involved in is the gun range owned by the city of Frostburg.

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The city was in a bind, not having certified range safety officers available to supervise the public wanting to use the gun range. The city could not afford the expense of hiring officers.

Through an offer made to BSSC and another club, Piney Mountain Sportsmen's Association, the clubs agreed to get members certified by the National Rifle Association as range safety officers and make them available on the first and third weekends of April through November, when the range is open to the public.

"The range safety officers are required to be there to supervise shooting and assure that it is done in a safe and orderly manner," Zlomek said.

BSSC recently completed yet another class, training about 10 more officers, bringing its total to more than 40 certified safety officers among its membership. "It is highly unusual to have that many in one group," Zlomek said.

Four or five members are certified to be trainers, so they can do training any time it is needed.

As an incentive for making the safety officers available on 16 weekends of the year, BSSC club members can use the range free of charge any time they want.

"That's a major attraction for members," Zlomek said. "Most who have joined in the last four years have done so because of the free range usage."

As an offshoot to that activity, six or seven years ago, the BSSC held a hand gun day, specifically for people thinking about purchasing or who already owned but felt uncomfortable about handling hand guns. A hand gun day is now held in spring and in the fall. The next one is Sunday, May 21. The public may come any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A gun shop in Cumberland, Kerr Brothers Guns, has for the last several years, provided most of the handguns used at the event for public use. The public has an opportunity to handle a variety of guns, to see what fits their grip. Kerr Brothers brings all the ammunition, too, which is especially generous, considering that it has been difficult



*Gary Beal, one of about 40 of BSSC members who are National Rifle Association Certified Range Safety Officers, supervising the shooting by Greg Berkley, one of the visitors to the Frostburg Rifle Range.*

to get ammunition within the last five or six years, Zlomek said.

"We allow three to four shots with a variety of guns, which may include .22, .38 and .40 caliber. We don't want to use up their ammunition."

The event has been very popular. Before shooting, participants are required to go through a 30-minute class in which they are taught how to shoot a firearm safely, what to look for to make sure no one is harmed, how to properly sight a gun, how to grip it, and how to properly stand. Also covered are legal ramifications of owning a gun, what the requirements are, how to store a gun securely, especially when there are kids around, and how to transport a gun. "These are all areas we had not been trained in," Zlomek said.

"We were really fortunate to get Jim Yeary, a Maryland Natural Resource Police Reserve Officer, and his daughter, Danielle, also a Police Reserve Officer, to teach our classes."

After the class, each person is assigned a safety officer who will accompany him or her to the gun table, discuss the guns available and help decide which one to try first. The safety officer takes the guest to the target lane and remains right at his shoulder.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent. If the parent feels comfortable with his or her child handling a gun, and if the instructor has a good feeling about it, we allow it to happen,” Zlomek said. “This decision is with the approval of Brian Vought, Frostburg’s director of Parks and Recreation.”

“This is probably our most successful project,” Zlomek said. “It is the most ‘feel good’ project.”

“There has been extremely high interest in buying and owning handguns, especially with the previous administration trying to eliminate handguns from the hands of the public. That attempt created so much interest that people were buying guns right and left.”

The club also is involved in the Western Maryland Sportsmen’s Youth Field Day in Barrelville, which was started by John Clites, a club member. Clites is a past Mentor of the Year for the North American Hunting Club and is a shooting instructor and range safety officer for the National Rifle Association. He has been teaching kids for 30 years and recently taught his 12,000th child. The field day, co-sponsored by the Barrelville Outdoor Club, Allegany-Garrett Sportsmen’s Association, and Piney Mountain Sportsmen’s Club, includes .22 caliber rifle shooting, clay target shooting and archery.

The BSSC has 20 openings, open to men or women in the Allegany County area. You must be 18 to join. Until the age of 18, children can hunt with their parent(s) if their parent(s) belong to the Club.

For more information on the club, call Zlomek at (301) 689-9291. 

Carol Kinsley  
[cjkinsley@comcast.net](mailto:cjkinsley@comcast.net)



*Scenic view of Wills Mt., as seen from Wolf Gap, on property leased by the Club on the east slope of Big Savage Mt., just south of the Pennsylvania state line.*



*Clubhouse, showing back deck, located at 11616 Dobbin Drive, Frostburg, MD (mailing address: PO Box 242, Frostburg, MD).*



## MFA 2017 Annual Meeting Summary

The MFA board thanks all of our members who attended the association's annual meeting and legislative reception. We truly appreciate your attendance and representation of the MFA.

A special thank you to our sponsors: Glatfelter, MARBIDCO, Mar-Len Environmental, Eastern Shore Forest Products, Maryland Tree Farm Committee, McAllister and Co. Insurance, The Forestland Group, Rural Maryland Council and University of Maryland Extension.

The meeting opened with introductions and a brief "state of the association" report by MFA president, Todd Berman. Tim Smith presented the Secretary and Treasurer's report and both reports were approved and motion to file accepted.

President Berman shared some of the highlights from 2016 including:

- Received RMC/MAERDAF Grant Funding for our Regional Workshops
- Awarded the Dick Stanfield Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Rebecca Leonard, Thomas O. Tyler III Excellence in Forestry Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Broc Bowers, and based on donations by our members, the MFA contributed \$500 to the NRCC - The Natural Resources Careers Camp
- Held the Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception – February 25th, 2016
- Produced 3 Crosscuts magazines with 40 e-mail blasts with current issues and educational opportunities
- Hosted 3 Regional Meetings each of which included a tour from the venue host as well as updates from President Todd Berman, and discussions on regionally relevant issues.
  - These meetings were sponsored by: Mar-Len Environmental, Maryland Arborist Association, MD DNR, MD Tree Farm Committee, MD/DE SFI Committee, UMD Extension, MDA, McAllister and Co. Insurance, Forest Friendly Logging, Inc., and the Forestland Group

- These meetings were held at and attended by:

#1 - Eastern Shore Forest Products - Sept. 13, 2016 (38 MFA and Tree Farm Members in attendance)

#2 – Edrich Lumber - Sept. 29, 2016 (46 MFA and Tree Farm Members in attendance)

#3 - Green Ridge State Forest - Oct. 6, 2016 (36 MFA and Tree Farm Members in attendance)

- Continually adding new and updated content to the MFA website, throughout the year and ensuring that the site is full of industry information, resources, and current events
- Updated and produced the Legislative Handbook which includes the MFA's mission, policies, and positions on current regulatory and legislative issues
- Served on the REWG Sustainable Forestry Subcommittee (MD Dept. of Planning)
- Attended the Farm Bureau Annual meeting in OC (with sponsored booth)
- Placed an Ad in the Maryland Hunting & Trapping Guide
- Instituted MFA Sponsorship Program
- MFA members joined members of other local green associations to cheer on the Aberdeen Ironbirds and Frederick Keys on July 13th and July 21st
- Continue to work on integrating Timber Harvest Permits into Forest Management plan
- Inform and educate Maryland loggers, foresters, and landowners about the Logging Sediment and Erosion control standards
- Work with other interested parties to increase funding and resources that are directed at controlling exotic invasive insects (EAB, ALB, TCD, HWA, etc.)
- State land acquisition issues
- Working with loggers on fuel and equipment taxation issues (sales and use)
- Monitoring state harvest volume

During the annual meeting component of the event: President Berman, on behalf of the MFA, recognized Tim Smith for being named 2016 Logger of the Year.

Dr. Suzanne Dorsey, Executive Director of the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology provided an energetic and enthusiastic update on the Center and the importance of working with Maryland's Forestry Communities. Suzanne is relatively new to her position, having been named the new Executive Director last May. She was invited by President Berman who represents the Forestry Industry on the Hughes Center Board. The Center's mission is to "*Promote Economically Viable and Environmentally Sound Agriculture and Forestry as Maryland's Preferred Land Use.*"

Anne Hairston-Strang, Ph.D., Associate Director of Statewide Programs and a Forest Hydrologist for DNR filled in for State Forester Don VanHassent, who was in a legislative committee hearing, and provided a legislative and industry update. DNR Legislative updates are provided to MFA members via e-mail on as as-needed basis.

Below is the list of 45 Senators, Delegates and Legislative aides, representing 34 districts in 23 counties who RSVP'd to attend the reception. If any of these legislators are from your district, you are encouraged to send them a quick e-mail, reminding them of the MFA Mission (included below) and your membership. It's always a good thing to have a connection with your legislator. If you need contact information, use the listing from the General Assembly website.

Senator John C. Astle, Finance (vice chair), District 30, Anne Arundel

Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt, Budget and Taxation, District 37, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico

Senator Brian J. Feldman, Finance, District 15, Montgomery

Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr, Finance, District 36, Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil, Caroline

Senator Nancy J. King, Budget and Taxation, District 39, Montgomery

Senator Thomas M. Middleton, Finance (chair), District 28, Charles

Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs, District 44, Baltimore City, Baltimore

Senator Douglas J.J. Peters, Budget and Taxation, District 23, Prince George's

Senator Steve Waugh, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs, District 29, Calvert, St Mary's

Senator Bobby A. Zirkin, Judicial Proceedings (chair), District 11, Baltimore

Delegate Christopher T. Adams, Economic Matters, District 37B, Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico

Delegate Angela Angel, Health and Government Operations, District 25, Prince George's

Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Judiciary, District 13, Howard

Delegate Susan L.M. Aumann, Economic Matters, District 42B, Baltimore

Delegate Charles Barkley, Economic Matters, District 39, Montgomery

Delegate Erek L. Barron, Health and Government Operations, District 24, Prince George's

Delegate Pamela Beidle, Environment and Transportation, District 32, Anne Arundel

Delegate Wendell R. Beitzel, Appropriations, District 1A, Garrett and Allegany

Delegate Benjamin Brooks, Economic Matters, District 10, Baltimore

Delegate Jason C. Buckel, Ways and Means, District 1B, Allegany

Delegate Mark S. Chang, Appropriations, District 32, Anne Arundel

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Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo, Environment and Transportation, District 15, Montgomery

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines, Appropriations, District 22, Prince George's

Delegate Jim Gilchrist, Environment and Transportation, District 17, Montgomery

Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., Environment and Transportation, District 23B, Prince George's

Delegate Kevin Bailey Hornberger, Ways and Means, District 35A, Cecil

Delegate Seth A. Howard, Economic Matters, District 30B, Anne Arundel

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Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard, Ways and Means, District 24, Prince George's  
 Delegate Clarence K. Lam, Appropriations, District 12, Baltimore and Howard  
 Delegate Michael E. Malone, Judiciary, District 33, Anne Arundel  
 Delegate Charles J. Otto, Environment and Transportation, District 38A, Somerset and Worcester  
 Delegate Susie Proctor, Judiciary, District 27A, Charles and Prince George's  
 Delegate Pam Queen, Judiciary, District 14, Montgomery  
 Delegate Haven Shoemaker, Ways and Means, District 5, Carroll  
 Delegate Dana Stein, Environment and Transportation (vice chair), District 11, Baltimore  
 Delegate Kathy Szeliga, Health and Government Operations, District 7, Baltimore and Harford  
 Delegate Kriselda Valderrama, Economic Matters, District 26, Prince George's  
 Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Appropriations, District 23A, Prince George's  
 Delegate David E. Vogt, III, Appropriations, District 4, Frederick and Carroll  
 Delegate Brett Wilson, Judiciary, District 2B, Washington

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 Legislative Aide to Delegate Haven Shoemaker, Shannah Minderlein  
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 Legislative Aide to Delegate Susie Proctor, Jocelyn Collins

**MFA Mission**

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.

Thank you again for your participation at the MFA's Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception.

Vanessa A. Finney  
 Executive Director  
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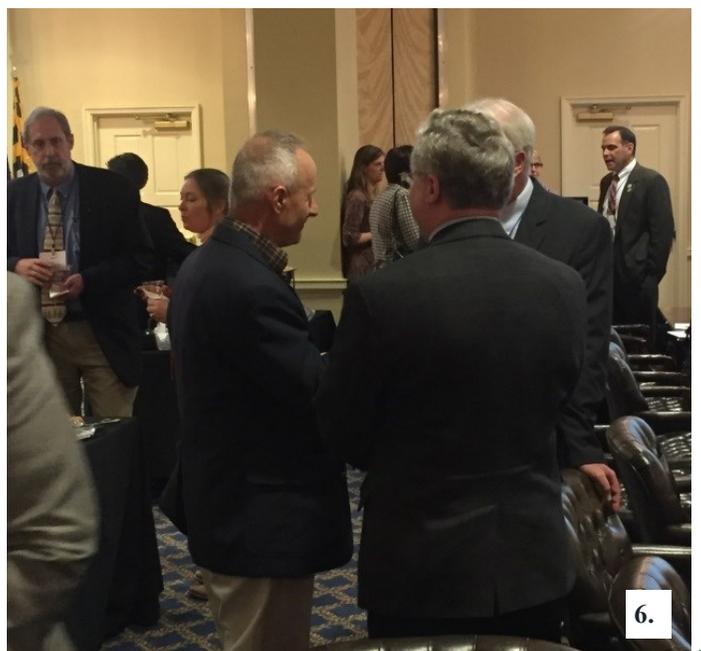
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- 1. Dan Rider, Donald and Linda Grove speak with Delegate Jay Jacobs
- 2. Tim Smith, Ronnie Haymaker, and Tom Johnson speak with Delegate Andrew Cassilly
- 3. Vernon Gauss speaks with Delegate Ric Metzger (Balt. County)
- 4. President Todd Berman along with Vanessa Finney discuss current issues with an aide to Senator Salling (Balt. City)



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- 5. Scott English talks with Suzanne Dorsey (Hughes Center)
- 6. Don Van Hassent along with Anne Hairston-Strang mingle with MFA members Len Wrabel and Steve McHenry



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# The Future of Sustainable Farming and Forestry in Maryland

Source: Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc.

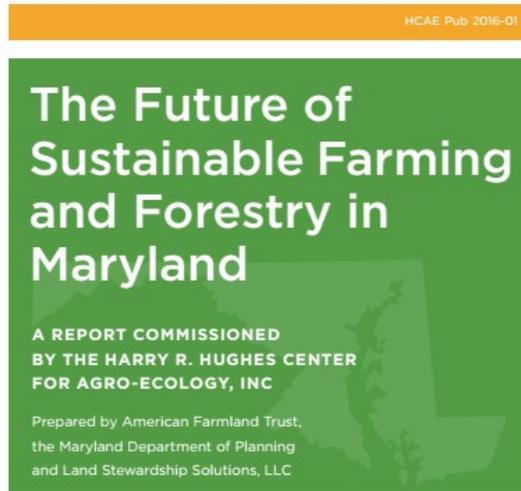


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The Harry R. Hughes Center shared their report with the MFA for use to distribute to our members. Below—please find the executive summary of the report and the link to read the full report which is found on the MFA website.

**Executive Summary:** One priority for the study was to assess likely effects of public policies—

specifically those related to the Chesapeake Bay Restoration and smart growth—on the sustainability of agriculture and forestry in Maryland. For instance, these policies include use of nutrient management requirements for pollution control from farms; and use of zoning and other land use management tools for community revitalization, fiscal efficiency and land preservation. We recognized that factors somewhat independent of these policies—specifically advances in technology, changes in markets and business models, and evolving US trade policy—have major effects on sustainability as defined (sidebar). In this report, we address the effects of both the policies of interest and these important external factors.



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For purposes of this report, sustainable farming and forestry means profitable, income producing operations that can be continued for the foreseeable future while maintaining productive, healthy soils and working land, without excessively compromising water resources and natural resource integrity in the surrounding environment. It does not refer to any particular crop, farming or forestry system.

The full report can be found on the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) under the “Resources” tab.

## 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/](http://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.

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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.



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For the past couple of years, MFA has sought sponsorship several times per year for various MFA-hosted events. In order to better budget, be more efficient, and decrease the number of times we request sponsorships, our board recently approved an annual sponsorship program.



Annual Sponsorships run the full calendar year, gaining your company greater visibility, recognition, access to MFA membership, and opportunity to support MFA events. You sign up once and receive benefit for the full year.

MFA will have three levels of Annual Sponsorship – Wye Oak, Sycamore, and Dogwood. For more information on sponsorship, please visit the MFA website, [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org) under the “About Us” tab. All of our current sponsors are featured on page 5 of this issue.

Do you know of anyone that would like to join the MFA? Please encourage your colleagues to check out the MFA website and see all that the association has to offer—including online membership application and renewal!

## 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 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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- Recognizing recipients for outstanding contributions on behalf of Maryland's forest resource.