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A Message from the President ...

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Newsletter

Dot Abbott

Greetings!

At this writing, I am pleased to announce our "30 Years of Forestry" celebration event to be held at Delaware Forest Service - Redden State Forest Headquarters - north of Georgetown, on Saturday, September 15, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join us for an old-fashion pig roast complete with delicious side dishes and beverages. There will be a chainsaw (Jonsered) raffle held, as well as numerous forestry equipment on display. A portable "Wood-Mizer" sawmill will be in operation. Come out for a fun time of food, fellowship, entertainment, and forestry exhibits. There will be no charge for DFA and Delaware Tree Farm members, but you will need to pre-register (see page three). This is a "rain-or-shine" event! We look forward to seeing you all there.

We had 139 individuals join us for our 2012 Annual Banquet and Business meeting on March 22. This year, again, we gathered at the Felton Fire Hall for a meal of fired oysters, chicken-n-dumplings, cole slaw, etc. The Silent Auction and bird nesting box sales netted \$1,318 to support our scholarship fund. We received many requests for Wood Duck boxes - look for these at our 2013 Annual meeting. All proceeds from the candy 'egg' sale went directly to DFA outreach activities.

Ms. Kandace Burton was this year's recipient of DFA's \$1,000.00 college forestry scholarship. She was presented her scholarship check by Governor Jack Markell on July 26th, during the Delaware State Fair. Also in attendance for this presentation were Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Ed Kee as well as numerous state senators and representatives. Kandace is a graduate of Smyrna High School and is already a freshman attending West Virginia University with a major in forest resource management. Scholarship funds go directly to the WVU Foundation to cover tuition costs for Kandace's freshman year. Kandace joins Vivien McIndoe (McKean High School), DFA's 2011 Scholarship recipient, who also attended West Virginia University to study forestry resource management - emphasis on wildlife management. Congratulations, Kandace and good luck in pursuing your forestry career!

In closing, I would like to thank all of our directors for their hard work and personal dedication to the Delaware Forestry Association. They devote many volunteer service hours to our organization.

Thank you,

Brian J. Michalski
DFA President

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is a non-profit corporation of the
State of Delaware (1982) and
functions to support and protect
private forest landowners and the
forest industry's right to practice
forestry through public policy and
educational efforts.*

Delaware Forest Service (DFS) NEWS

The Delaware Forest Service closed on the 339-acre Marvel Tract on May 24, 2012. The purchase price was \$2,680,000, of which 75% came from federal funds (FY10 Forest Legacy Program acquisition grant) and 25% came from non-federal funds (Delaware Open Space Council). The property is located to the east of Downs Road adjacent to Redden State Forest's Headquarters Tract. Our staff is busy marking boundaries and the tract is open for public use. New maps will be available shortly. This is mostly higher ground with mixed hardwoods and some loblolly pine.

Matt Hansen, former field forester at Redden State Forest and Delaware Tree Farm Program Chairman, has taken a position as county forester back in his home state of Wisconsin. We are working to fill this position and it will officially be listed on the State web site. Plans are to advertise in the Forestry Source (Society of American Foresters periodical). It will be in print and be listed on SAF's web site. In addition, we plan to disseminate the announcement widely to regional forestry schools and through the National Association of State Foresters. We hope to have the position filled by the end of the summer or early fall. If any DFA members know someone who is qualified for this position, please encourage them to apply.

The Delaware Forest Service is in the process of reprinting a fourth edition of William S. Taber's Delaware Trees book. This hardcover edition should be available to the public within a couple of months. No changes were made to the 1960 version (second edition). We just ran out of third edition copies that were printed in 1995. We are also close to producing a colored version of our Big Trees of Delaware booklet. Both of these projects were made possible by leftover federal funding in one of our grants. Because we have a frozen open forester position (at Blackbird State Forest) some of the salary money that we had to have in place in case the position was freed up became available to use for other worthwhile projects. We felt that the Taber book and the big tree booklet were good candidates.

Federal FY12 grant narratives for all our core areas (health, fire, stewardship, urban, legacy, and Chesapeake Bay) have been submitted to the US Forest Service. Total funding for these grants is \$588,884. This funding allows the Delaware Forest Service to offer a variety of assistance to forest landowners throughout the year.

Michael A. Valenti
State Forestry Administrator

Delaware Tree Farm Program - Update

CONGRATULATIONS **RUTH HITCHINS HICKMAN** - our 2012 Delaware Tree Farmer-of-the-Year! We also want to extend a 'THANK YOU' to **MATT HANSEN**, for the years he has given to the Delaware Tree Farm Program as committee chair and inspecting forester. The committee is in the process of re-organizing and re-energizing the Delaware Tree Farm Program. If you would like to serve on the Delaware Tree Farm Committee, please contact Dot Abbott (302-730-4000). Information regarding your Tree Farm Program will continue to be posted on the Delaware Forest Service website: www.delawareforest.com.

The US Forest Service has just published a new informational tool: "Federal Income Tax on Timber: A Key to Your Most Frequently Asked Questions." This can be downloaded from <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/taxpubfaq.pdf>. A full copy of the report is located inside the Spring 2012 issue of *National Woodlands*. A few copies have been provided to the states for distribution, check with your local DE Forest Service office or cooperative extension office. On page 53, of the Spring 2012 issue, Linda Casey has provided an excellent overview of third party certification for the forest landowner.

Delaware ENVIROTHON

Fourteen teams of high school students from around Delaware, gathered on April 14th at Five Points Subdivision, in Lewes, to participate at the 2012 Delaware ENVIROTHON State Challenge. Since 1994, the Delaware ENVIROTHON has been a valuable tool in teaching our high school students about aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, soils/land use and special environmental topics (i.e., non-point source pollution, wildfire management, climate change, bioenergy, low impact development, etc.). This year DFA contributed \$100 for educational material to the outstanding team achieving the highest forestry score during the competition, \$75 to the second place team and \$50 to the third place team. Just so happened the highest scoring team in forestry, Wilmington Charter School-Team A, also became our 2012 State Champions. These five students and their advisors represented Delaware at the 2012 Canon Envirothon (Pennsylvania 7/22/12 - 7/27/12) and placed **9th** in this international competition - where 54 teams from the US and Canada came together for the week-long event.

WE invite YOU to help celebrate ...

DELAWARE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION'S



30TH ANNIVERSARY

Redden State Forest Headquarters & Education Center
Georgetown, Delaware
Saturday, September 15, 2012
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Outdoor Event
- Rain or Shine -

PIG PICKIN' DINNER

Including: Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Corn-on-the-Cob
Ice tea & Lemonade

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY:

"Gypsy Collective"
- Local Acoustic Folk Musicians -

Forestry Equipment Demonstrations & Local Logger-Sawmill Products ...
Wood Mizer Portable Saw Mill Demo ... 'Jonsered' Chain Saw Raffle (\$5/ticket) ...
Tree Climbing ... Wood Carving ... Skidder ... Fire Plow ... Grapple ...
Clowns & Face Painting ... Build Your Own Bluebird Box & Wood Duck Box

FREE Admission to DFA members, Delaware Tree Farmers & guests

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Please call Dot Abbott (302-730-4000) or e-mail: dotad@udel.edu to register - by September 12, 2012.

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Its still time to **RENEW** your Delaware Forestry Association membership for 2012! Select from one of the five membership categories below and mail your membership information and payment to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$ 5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvester \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25.00 | |

Name: _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 15, 2012 = **DFA 30th Anniversary Celebration @ Redden State Forest**

September 27-30, 2012 = 2nd Annual Women and Their Educational Training & Retreat - sponsored by the Delaware Highlands Conservancy and Penn State Forestry Extension , Camp Susque, Trout Run, Lycoming County, PA. Cost for the full event is \$130, which includes all meals, lodging and educational materials. Workshop topics include forest ecology, forest plant identification, silviculture, hydrology, forest wildlife, working with professionals, skill sharing, peer networks, and field trips to nearby forest management sites. This is part of the Women and Their Woods Program. Apply on-line @ <http://extension.psu.edu/womenanddtheirwoods>. More information can be found at: WomenOwningWoodlands.net - this is a new website with lots of information for all forest landowners, but with a special focus on women who own or are active on forest land.

September 21, 2012 = Kent Conservation District 15th annual BARN DANCE - proceeds to benefit the Delaware Envirothon Program ... 6:00 pm - midnight, Delaware State Fairgrounds-Dover Building. Tickets: \$15/person, \$8/child 2-12, children under 2 yrs. are FREE. Activities include a down-home BBQ dinner, benefit auction and Romp in' Stomp in' Country Dancing. For more information contact #302-741-2600 (extension 3).