



DELAWARE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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A Message from the President ...

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Newsletter

Dot Abbott

During 2012, the Delaware Forestry Association celebrated its **30th Anniversary!** In celebration of this milestone, we joined the Delaware Tree Farm Program and hosted a full day event on Saturday, September 15, at the Delaware Forest Service Headquarters-Redden State Forest for members of the Delaware Forestry Association, Delaware Tree Farmers and invited guests. Outdoor festivities included a Pig Pickin' Dinner provided by Granville Hall (a.k.a, the BBQ Doctor) and live entertainment by local acoustic folk musicians "Gypsy Collective". Forestry equipment demonstrations and local logger-sawmill products were on-hand for participants to explore. A Jonsered chain saw was raffled. Children and adults built bluebird boxes made from local, native lumber and climbed on forest fire trucks, skidders and grapples. Aerial tree climbing demonstrations captivated the audience. Over 100 folks attended the event throughout the day. Special guest, Oscar Bailey, took center stage shortly after arriving. Oscar retired from the Delaware Forest Service as the manager for Redden State Forest and currently resides near-by. Oscar celebrated his 104th Birthday just days before!

On behalf of the entire Delaware Forestry Association, we would like to thank the following folks and businesses for helping make our 30th Anniversary celebration a success:

Felton Boy Scout Troop #141 (Chris Jarman, organizer)
Bill Horner's Sawmill
John Heberts' Chainsaw Sawmill
Wood Mizer Sawmill
Alban Caterpillar Equipment – 525 CAT Skidder
Cropper Brothers – Load of Pine Piling
CW Matthews - Delimber
Delaware Forest Service Fire Fighting Equipment
Eastern Shore Forest Products – Trailer of Sample Mulch
Gatewood, Inc.
Egolf Forest Harvesting, Inc.
H & L Logging – Tree Cutter
JESCO-John Deere Logging Equipment – 437 JD Log Loader
Johnson Lumber Company – Load of Logs
Kenna Nethken – 'Cut Em Up' Aerial Equipment
Timber Harvest, Inc. – Load of Logs
Oxen Cart Ride provided by Bruce Betts



For more photos of the DFA 30th Anniversary Celebration... visit our website!

The Delaware Forestry Association 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.

Federal Timber Tax

The US Forest Service has released the 2012 edition of **Federal Income Tax on Timber: A Key to Your Most Frequently Asked Questions.** This is a quick reference guide to timber tax laws impacting woodland owners. Complete with the new tax law updates, this publication provides a timely tax reporting information for the 2012 return filing season. To access the publication: <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/taxpubfaq.pdf>

Delaware Forest Service (DFS) NEWS

Both the Delaware Forestry Association (DFA) and the Delaware Forest Service (DFS) celebrated milestones in 2012. The DFA has been in existence for 30 consecutive years and the DFS celebrated 85 years of landowner forestry assistance. Both organizations seek to promote forestry activities in the state and encourage wise use of this important renewable natural resource. Maintaining an adequate and viable base of working forestlands in the State of Delaware is vital to the quality of life for all Delawareans. This is the message that members of both organizations must continuously champion as we go about our daily business. Public understanding of the importance of trees and forests, in general, is fairly shortsighted. As stewards of the forest we are obligated to work towards a better informed public for the benefit of everyone.

The open field forester position at Redden State Forest was filled in December with West Virginia University graduate Brian McDonald. Brian earned both a BS and MS in Forestry from WVU and for the last couple of years worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mexico. While south of the border he was directly involved with reforestation efforts throughout the State of San Luis Potosi located in the north-central region of Mexico.

After five years on staff as first a field forester for New Castle County and then as one of our urban foresters, Marcia Fox left our agency in November. She accepted a watershed position over in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). Although we will miss her ability to consistently make positive contributions to our agency's programs, we are also happy to have another working partner over in DNREC. Many DFS initiatives, especially tree planting for soil stability and water protection, go hand-in-hand with some of the projects on which Marcia will be working. We look forward to future cooperative efforts with Marcia in her new role at DNREC. The vacant urban forester position should be filled by early 2013.


The fourth edition of William S. Taber's Delaware Trees book is now available to the public (one copy per family at no charge). We also have copies of our Big Trees of Delaware booklet on hand for distribution. Please contact the nearest Delaware Forest Service office if you would like either or both of these publications. We will consider requests of multiple copies so long as they will be used for educational purposes and distributed to the general public for such a purpose.

Michael A. Valenti
State Forestry Administrator

Delaware Tree Farm Program - Update

The Delaware Tree Farm Program Committee has recently reorganized. Your committee consists of woodland landowners, forest business interests, forest industry, forest education and local service foresters. If you are a Delaware Tree Farmer, CONGRATULATIONS - you are part of the American Forest Foundation (National 501(c)(3) organization) available to help provide a network of forest stewardship information to forest landowners. Currently, the Delaware Tree Farm Program is upgrading our filing system to bring it more 'in-line' with your specific woodland needs. As we go through this process, we would like to hear from you. Please contact me @ dotad@udel.edu or (302)730-4000 to share your thoughts.

Dot Abbott
Delaware Tree Farm Program Chairman

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Its time to **RENEW** your Delaware Forestry Association membership for 2013! Select from one of the five membership categories below and mail your membership information and payment to:

Delaware Forestry Association, P.O. Box 344, Bridgeville, DE 19933

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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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DELAWARE FORESTRY ASSOCIATION 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, March 28, 2013 ● Bridgeville Fire Hall ● Bridgeville, Delaware

- 5:30 p.m. Registration & Social Hour
Silent Auction ... remains open till 7:45 pm
- 7:00 BUFFET-STYLE DINNER
Oven Fried Chicken, Crab Cakes, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Dumplings, Cole Slaw,
Green-Bean Casserole, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Beverage
- 8:00 Welcome
DFA Business Meeting
Election of 2013 DFA Board Directors
Delaware Tree Farmer-of-the-Year Awards
Delaware Forest Service - Forestry Administrator's Update
- 9:00 Wrap-up/Announcement of Silent Auction Winners/Adjourn
- If you are able to DONATE items to the Silent Auction, please bring them with you or contact a DFA Board Director ●
 - We will be receiving your 2013 DFA Membership dues at the door, **or** you can pre-send them with meeting registration ●

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Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

# of adults	_____	X \$ 25.00	=	_____
# of children (under 12)	_____	X \$ 12.50	=	_____
		Total enclosed	=	_____

Please make check payable to: Delaware Forestry Association
Mailing address: P.O. Box 344, Bridgeville, Delaware 19933
For more information contact: Steve Ditmer (ph: 410-896-9283)

----- **Reservation Deadline = March 22, 2013** -----

Delaware Forestry Association - Tree Seedling GIVE-AWAY

Here are the winners from our FREE Tree Seedling Give-Away Contest at the Delaware Forestry Association - Delaware Tree Farm Program exhibit during the 2012 Delaware State Fair. Each winner will be receiving (2-3) American Plum, (2-3) Redbud, (2-3) Persimmon and (2-3) Red Maple tree seedlings during the March 2013 planting season. Each of these deciduous trees are native to the State of Delaware and not only provide shade, reduce surrounding air temperatures and seasonal foliage interest, they are also important for our native wildlife.

Tammy Duvall (Millsboro, Delaware)
Lori Lubbers (Smyrna, Delaware)
Lynn Cosden (Camden, Delaware)
Jerry Schrack (Wilmington, Delaware)
Ben Gleodeles (Ridgely, Maryland)

Joseph Adams (Harrington, Delaware)
Cheryl Lopatofsky (Delmar, Delaware)
Linda Larrimore (Milton, Delaware)
William Pedersen (Houston, Delaware)
Sharon Schreiber (Greensboro, Maryland)

Congratulations to all!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 13-15, 2013 ... **6th Biennial Small Log Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho** ... in the fall of 2012, USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture issued a \$120 million grant to the Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA) and other university-led biofuels efforts to research the viability of creating a sustainable biofuels industry for aviation (and important co-products) and other uses from wood feedstocks. This Conference will be used as a platform to discuss their progress and network with attendees. For more information visit: <https://www.forestbusinessnetwork.com/our-events/slc/>

March 28, 2013 ... **Delaware Forestry Association Annual Banquet, Bridgeville, Delaware**

May 7-8, 2013 ... **5th Annual Tree Farm Fly-in, Washington, D.C.** ... join other members of the American Tree Farm System to make your voice heard on policy issues that affect woodland owners across our Nation and get an in-depth briefing of federal policy issues, learn strategies for being an effective advocate and meet face-to-face with YOUR Members of Congress. On-line registration is now open ... visit: www.forestfoundation.org

July 25-27, 2013 ... **National Tree Farmer Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota** ... for more information and to register visit: www.forestfoundation.org

