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A Message from the President ...

Dear Delaware Forestry Association Members, Friends, and Family,

The Delaware Forestry Association Board of Directors has maintained their momentum and remained hard at work. I am happy to announce that The Delaware Forestry Association has continued to provide for educational experiences in the form of a \$1000.00 scholarship awarded to Ms. Alison VanVorst. Ms. VanVorst has been enrolled at North Carolina State University since 2014, and is perusing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology. Ms. VanVorst has maintained a perfect grade point average and has a strong understanding of the role that proper forest management plays in maintaining wildlife populations. The Delaware Forestry Association is also happy to announce that we were once again able to make a sponsorship pledge to the Delaware Envirothon Competition, as well as a monetary award to the top three placing teams in the forestry competition. The top placing teams were, in first place The Wilmington Charter School, in second place Middletown FFA, and in third place Delaware Military Academy. All of these students worked extremely hard and deserve a round of applause.

While we have been hard at work to provide for the educational experiences of the next generations, we have also been busy working on continuing education for the current membership of the Delaware Forestry Association. This year's fall field day will be held at the Delaware Wildlands at Burnt Swamp on September 30th. This field day will feature a Lecture by Lyme's Disease Specialist Marilyn Williams of the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, followed by a Q and A Session. DFA will then be providing a catered lunch, and the second half of our fall field day will be centered on Quality Deer Management Association techniques and practices to improve the quality of deer herds and the improvement of habitat. This will include a lecture and a tour of the implementation of practices. Pre-registration for the event is suggested.

With that, I would like to personally thank all of the members, directors, and supporters of the Delaware Forestry Association. Without you, we could not continue to promote the educational benefits that help to ensure that current and future generations understand just how important our forests are to all of us.

Sincerely,
Alex Fignar
President, Delaware Forestry Association

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.

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Delaware Forest Service (DFS) NEWS

The Delaware Forest Service has been having a busy summer. We have had two staff changes; Forest Conservation Technician Bobby Lauer retired after 37 years of dedicated service. We thank Bobby for his time, he will surely be missed. Urban forester Dion Duphilly left the Forest Service to take a teaching job. We enjoyed having you as part of our team. We wish her good luck in her new endeavors. We hope to be able to fill both positions in the near future.

The wild land fire program has been busy as well. The hand crew completed a two week assignment in Colorado in July. We have sent multiple single resources to various incidents across the country. Fire season is still in full effect. We expect more resources to be contributed to the national effort before the end of the season.

In April, the Delaware stewardship program hosted the annual meeting of the 20 northeastern states' stewardship coordinators. It was a successful meeting and included a field day comprised of tours of multiple properties and projects across Sussex County. We are in the process of measuring the state's 'big trees' for the new edition of the Big Trees of Delaware book. It should be released in 2018.

We will soon begin the process of reviewing and updating our State Resource Assessment and Strategy. This ten year document outlines our challenges, opportunities and goals, as well as outlining our strategy for achieving our goals. We will be reaching out to various partners and stakeholders during the process to receive feedback and guidance as we update this important guiding document.

As always, The Delaware Forest Service is here to help landowners, partners and stakeholders with all aspects of natural resource management. Please visit our website at <http://dda.delaware.gov/forestry/index.shtml> to find out more about our programs and services, and contact us with any questions, comments or concerns you have about forestry in Delaware.

Submitted by Sam Topper

Delaware Tree Farm Program UPDATE

These past few months have been a big time of transition for the Delaware Tree Farm program. We said goodbye to longtime chair and committee member, Dot Abbott, and longtime treasurer and committee member, Jeff Fisher. We would like to thank both of them for their many years of service and hope that they each find retirement to be as wonderful as they had hoped.

As always we are looking for new committee members, come out and see what we do at our next meeting which will be held November 13th at 6pm at the Redden State Forest. If you are interested or know someone who is, please give me a call at 856-2893.

We hope to see you all on September 30th at the Cypress swamp, should be a good time for all.

Congratulations LESLIE S. MERRIKEN



Laura Yowell
Chair, DTFC

2017
Delaware Tree Farmer-of-the Year

From left: Rep. David L. Wilson, Leslie Merriken and Rep. William R. 'Bobby' Outten

WE invite YOU to celebrate ...

2017 DELAWARE FORESTRY

- FIELD DAY -

Delaware Wildlands – Burnt Swamp
24558 Cypress Road
Frankford, Delaware 19945

Saturday, September 30, 2017
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

9:30 am = Registration

10:00 = Presentation on Lyme Disease

(Marilyn B. Williams, Executive Director-Lyme Disease Assoc. of Delmarva, Inc.)

11:30 = Delaware Wildlands Restoration Overview

(Pete & Andrew Martin, Biologists-Delaware Wildlands)

LUNCH

12:30 pm = Presentation by the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA)

1:30 = Field Tour of the Delaware Wildlands Restoration Area

FREE Admission to DFA members, Delaware Tree Farmers & guests

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Please contact Laura Yowell (302-856-2893) or e-mail: Laura.Yowell@state.de.us - **by September 26!**

This event is co-sponsored by the Delaware Forestry Association and the Delaware Tree Farm Program

APPROVED: 4.0 DEVD Master Logger Continuing Education Credits & 4.0 Category 1 CFE - Society of American Foresters

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