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Annual Meeting Coming Up!

Don't forget to make reservations for the Annual Meeting in Mio on August 10 & 11. Space is still available on the tour of the Weyerhaeuser plant in Grayling, but we are limited to 40 people on that tour. See enclosed registration form.

Nominations needed

Each year we have an opportunity to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the Association or to Michigan's forests in general. There are five categories of awards, described below. If you know of anyone who is particularly deserving, please send his (or her) name and a brief explanation of why he is deserving to the MFA office at 6120 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids, 48827. Thanks.

Woodland Merit Award

... recognizes the outstanding service of a long-standing member who has served in a leadership role, completed volunteer assignments for the organization and been successful in expanding membership. This individual will also practice the precepts of forest management endorsed by the organization on his or her own woodlands.

Woodland Honors Award

... recognizes an individual, business, corporation or organization who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of Michigan's forest resources in one or more of the following ways: 1) Teaching and/or completing research in forestry, renewable resource management or environmental studies. 2) Contributing to media coverage and publications promoting the benefits of multiple-use woodland management. 3) Contributing to the welfare of Michigan woodlands through legislative accomplishment. 4) Contributing to the development, use and expansion of Michigan's woodland resources.

Woodland Service Award

...recognizes individuals for outstanding professionalism, accomplishments and dedicated service in one or more of the following categories: 1) Management of private woodlands. 2) Management of public woodlands. 3) Management of corporate or industrial forests, particularly those administered under multiple-use programs. 4) Cooperative extension or interagency activity designed to encourage best management practices (BMPs) on Michigan woodlands.

Logger Award

... recognizes outstanding logger contractor performance. It is designed to raise the visibility of competent, professional independent logging contractors in the forestry community. It also encourages other independent logging contractors to follow the outstanding performance of the award winners and improves forester-logger relations by publicly recognizing outstanding logging performance as an essential element of every planned timber harvest.

Chapter Award

... recognizes an effective local chapter for the number of activities conducted, the number of people attending and/or participating in those activities and the percentage increase in chapter membership. The chapter chosen receives a certificate and is recognized in Michigan Forests.

Learn more about forestry...

Board member **Bill Cook** manages an informational web site that includes a calendar of forest-related events and good forestry information. Find it at <http://www.miforestpathways.net/> Check it out.

MFA board member **Debra Huff** forwarded the following sources of information:

The Forest Landowners Guide to Internet Resources: for the Northeast & North Central States <http://na.fs.fed.us/pubs/misc/flg/>
This is a web site of the USDA Forest Service, State and Private Forestry. Contact Mark Buccowich at 610-557-4029

"Forestry seminars on the Internet? Free and easy? Yes! Cornell University's ForestConnect program continues the nation's first webcast seminar series for private forest landowners, foresters and forest enthusiasts. Webcasts use standard Internet connections to allow forest owners to enjoy and participate in live presentations in the comfort of their home, public library, or local office of Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Webcasts are the third Wednesday of each month with live presentations at noon and again at 7:00 PM. Each presentation is approximately 30 minutes with time for questions and answers.

"Forest owners and enthusiasts with a broad variety of interests will be served by this initiative. The initial seminar on June 16th addressed key forestry principles. Topics of future presentation are listed below. Presenters are technical experts from the area of forestry and natural resources. Participants must pre-register once, without charge, at www.ForestConnect.info. E-mail notification of Internet URL details will be sent to all registrants prior to each seminar.

"The ForestConnect 2007 Internet Seminar Series is designed for forest owners and forest enthusiasts from New York and the Northeast, but will interest most forest owners. Funding is provided through the Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University Cooperative Extension, and the USDA Renewable Resources Extension Program.

"Future Topics:

June 20th: Selecting Trees During Forest Improvement Cutting

July 18th: Working with Foresters

August 15th: Timber Sale Arrangement – Payments and Contracts

September 19th: Small-scale Firewood Production

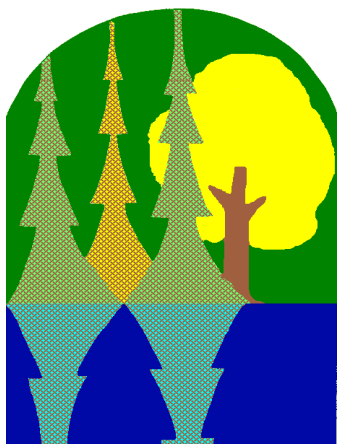
October 17th: Creating Vernal Pools for Wildlife (tentative)

November 21st: Natural Regeneration in Your Hardwood Forest

December 19th: Don't Degrade Your Woodlot"

Information for Teachers

The Temperate Forest Foundation is offering a forestry tour for teachers at Escanaba July 18 -21. This tour will give participants a good understanding of the practices and philosophy if forest management in the upper great lakes. For more information, go to www.forestinfo.org



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2007 ANNUAL MEETING – WOOD UTILIZATION WOODLAND SANCTUARY & LODGE, MIO, MICHIGAN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2007

REGISTRATION FORM

Names (for name tags): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Make own hotel, motel, or campground reservations – see list in *May Leaves*.

Meeting registration includes all meeting charges **except lodging**. Registration fee for two is already covered for Oak and White Pine members, **but please register**.

Space is limited for Tour A on Saturday; please indicate which tour you prefer:

_____ Tour A - Grayling area -- Weyerhaeuser OSB plant; Grayling Cogeneration plant; historic forest plantation, Prof. Wm. J. Beal, 1888

_____ Tour B - Mio/Oscoda area -- Woodhaven plant (molding, siding, dry kiln); Ripplecraft (whole-log homes plant); Woodworker's Shoppe (cabinets & interior wood décor); state-of-the-art maple syrup (Tim Boonstra)

_____ adults at \$60 per person \$ _____

_____ children under 12 at \$30 per person \$ _____

Total enclosed ----- \$ _____

I will bring _____ items for the auction and/or door prizes.

Please make checks payable to Michigan Forest Association and mail to MFA at the above address. Confirmation, map, and final program will be sent to registrants. **Please register as soon as possible.**

For late registration (after **August 1**) add \$10 per person and phone Bill or Alice Botti at 517-663-3423 to check space availability. Call Bill or Alice for partial attendance charges.