

# Leaves

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### Association News

#### Register Now for Annual Meeting!

Reserve the weekend of August 21 & 22 on your calendar now for the MFA annual meeting at Cedarville. A registration form is included with this newsletter and is available on the web site at <http://michiganforests.com/meeting2009.htm>

**Bill Cook receives forest education award.** MFA board member Bill Cook, of Escanaba, was honored by the Northeastern Loggers' Association (NELA) at their annual Loggers' Banquet in Bangor, Maine on April 30. The NELA publishes the monthly magazine *The Northern Logger and Timber Processor*.

Are you planning a Chapter or other regional event? Let us know so we can help publicize it. There may be help available, too, in the form of mailing labels and postage from the MFA office.

Are you interested in serving on the MFA board of directors? Or do you know someone who might be? Karen Serfass, of Dafter, is nominations chair and is seeking candidates for several board positions. You can contact her through the MFA office.

#### MFA Sponsors Bus Tour to Biltmore Estate in North Carolina

Check out the announcement included with this newsletter and/or posted on the website. We will sponsor a trip to the Biltmore Estate and the Smokey Mountains on October 22 – 25. This is the first such trip sponsored by MFA and we hope the first of many. Vice president Dave Wright, of Caledonia, has put it together. The tour is limited to 44 people; we will hold it open for MFA members only 'til June 1; then we will allow non-members to join the trip. Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis, so send in your reservation soon.

#### Cost-Share Money Available

Many woodland owners find themselves in possession of patches (or "stands") of timber that need thinning, but the trees are too small to yield commercially valuable products. Foresters often prescribe thinning of such stands, referring to it as Timber Stand Improvement or TSI. The lack of markets makes it difficult to accomplish the actual thinning. Under a provision in the 2008 Farm Bill, you might find cost-share money to encourage you to do the work. Some of the details are still being worked out, but now is the time to get in line. Contact your local U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and tell them you want to apply for Timber Stand Improvement under the Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP). You'll need to be able to show you have a management plan written by a forester.

#### WILDLIFE NEWS

**It's official – again.** The gray wolf is now officially off the federal endangered list and is subject to management by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR has authority to use lethal control measures if warranted. There is no hunting season established; the only circumstances under which an individual may kill a wolf are if it is threatening human life or is attacking livestock or a pet.

DNR listserve

**Counting Turtles and Toads...** The DNR is continuing its count of reptiles and amphibians through 2009. The "Herp Atlas" is the first statewide inventory of reptiles and amphibians ever done in Michigan. The DNR is asking anyone who encounters a reptile or amphibian to submit their observations by sending an e-mail to Lori Sargent at [SargentL@michigan.gov](mailto:SargentL@michigan.gov) or by calling 517-373-9418. This project is managed by the Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 North Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. DNR listserve

**TB or not TB?** A TB-positive deer was shot near the edge of the bovine TB zone in Iosco County last fall. This will trigger designation of a ten-mile circle as a Potential High-Risk area and require testing of cattle and bison herds and cervid farms within that ten-mile radius of the location where the deer was killed. If the cattle, bison and captive cervids test negative the high-risk designation will be dropped. MDA listserve

**Seven species removed from endangered list.** The Michigan DNR has announced the removal of seven species from the state's endangered species list. Notable among these are the bald eagle, osprey and the gray wolf. While seven species were removed, sixty-nine species were added. Most of those added were snails and plants – many are associated with rivers. DNR listserve

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## Alternative Energy

**Using Woody Biomass for Energy.** On May 28 there will be a conference at the Treetops Resort and Conference Center near Gaylord focused on using woody biomass from the forest. The conference will be sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Service. Speakers will include MFA members Bill Cook and Dr. Karen Potter-Witter, both from MSU. To register or for more information, contact Russell Kidd, District Forestry Educator, MSU Extension at 989-275-5043 or Bill Cook, District Forestry Educator, at 906-786-1575. Deadline for registration is May 18.

## Interesting Events

May 23, 2009 -- **Michigan Walnut Council Spring Field Day.** This event will be held at Fremont, MI, at the corner of Baldwin Street and 56 Street. Coffee and doughnuts at 9:00; tour of Ruth Beebe's woodlot and walnut plantations starts at 10:00. Foresters Jack Titus and Steve Kalisz will guide the tour. Lunch and prizes at noon. Three walnut plantations, planted in 1979 and a managed woodlot with some magnificent specimens will be visited on the tour.

See Bill Cook's Michigan Forest Pathways web site for a complete list.

## Miscellaneous

**Left-over Pesticides?** The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) will collect unwanted pesticides as a part of their Clean Sweep program. For more information on drop-off sites, call 517-241-0236 or visit [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

**Carbon Credits available.** Michigan forest owners can enroll in a managed forest program through the Delta Institute whereby they will receive payment for trapping carbon in their growing forests. Information is available at [www.deltacarbon.org](http://www.deltacarbon.org) (proceed to the Aggregation site) or by contacting Todd Parker at the Delta Institute at 517-482-8810 or [tparker@delta-institute.org](mailto:tparker@delta-institute.org).

**Forest Legacy nominations being accepted.** Applications for enrollment in the Forest Legacy program are available on line at the DNR web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Click on *Forests, Land & Water*, then *Forest Management and Planning*. Forest Legacy is a program designed to help purchase development rights and conservation easements, or fee simple interest on environmentally important properties. Great Lakes Timber Professionals

**New book focuses on prairies and savannahs.** The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) and MSU Press have published a book called *Prairies and Savannahs in Michigan: Rediscovering Our Natural Heritage*. It is available at stores for \$24.95. DNR listserve

**Basketball floors come from Michigan.** The Final Four men's and women's championship games were played on hard maple floors made by Connor Sport Court International in Amasa, Michigan, in Iron County. Bill Cook



# LODGING/CAMPING REGISTRATION

2009 ANNUAL MEETING  
CEDAR CAMPUS  
PO Box 425, CEDARVILLE, MI 49719

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 AND 22, 2009

We have ten rooms available to us in the Taylor Lodge at Mariners Cove. Each room sleeps up to 6 persons; there are men's and women's shower rooms down the hall. Coffee and juice are available all day. The rates are: Friday -- \$25 per person; Saturday -- \$50 per person

There are also several cabins available to us. Cabins have from two to four bedrooms, most with private baths. The bedrooms in the cabins sleep up to 6 people. There is a kitchen and common living room in each cabin. The rates are \$100 per night per **room** (not per person). Cabins will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

Campsites, with bathhouse and electricity are available for \$25 per night.

Please compute your lodging fees and enter them on the appropriate line on the registration form on the reverse of this form.

**Please note: pets are not permitted.**

## Accommodations:

	<u>No. of People</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Cedar Campus Lodge -- Friday	_____ x \$25 =	\$ _____
Cedar Campus Lodge -- Saturday	_____ x \$50 =	\$ _____
<b>Total lodging amount due (enter on front side of form) -----</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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	<u>No. of Rooms</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Cabin -- Friday	_____ x \$100 =	\$ _____
Cabin -- Saturday	_____ x \$100 =	\$ _____
<b>Total lodging amount due (enter on front side of form) -----</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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	<u>No. of Nights</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Campsite	_____ x \$25 =	\$ _____
<b>Total lodging amount due (enter on front side of form) -----</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

(Please enter your lodging amount on the front side of this form. Thank you!)

**Lodging Facilities for Cedarville Area**  
(All facilities are within 5 -10 minutes of meeting site.)

**Barefoot's Resort**  
1551 Hill Island Road  
Cedarville 906-484-2270  
[www.barefootsresort.com](http://www.barefootsresort.com)  
No Pets

**Les Cheneaux Cottages**  
777 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Cedarville 906-484-4433

**Cedarville Inn (formerly Comfort Inn)**  
106 W. M-134  
Cedarville 906-484-2266 or  
800-222-2949  
[www.cedarvilleinn.net](http://www.cedarvilleinn.net)  
Pets \$10.00 extra

**Les Cheneaux Landing Resort**  
1158 S. Park Ave.  
Cedarville 906-484-2558 or  
800-466-5061

**Dancing Waters Bed & Breakfast**  
2363 S. Hill Island Road  
Cedarville 906-484-2976  
[www.dancingwatersbnb.com](http://www.dancingwatersbnb.com)

**Les Cheneaux Motel**  
769 E. M-134  
Cedarville 906-484-2581  
Pets Allowed

**Hills Point Resort**  
484 S. Hill Island Road  
Cedarville 906-484-2876 or  
800-378-2876  
hillspointresort.com  
Pets Allowed

**Patrick's Landing**  
966 S. Park Ave.  
Cedarville 906-484-3398  
Pets Allowed

**Islands Inn**  
M-134  
Cedarville 906-484-2293  
[www.islandsmotel.com](http://www.islandsmotel.com)  
No Pets

**Waterlawn Cottages**  
Cedarville 906-484-2456  
Pets Allowed

**Campgrounds & R V Parks**

**Cedarville R.V. Park**  
634 Grove Street  
Cedarville 906-484-3351 or  
800-906-3351  
[www.cedarvillepark.com](http://www.cedarvillepark.com)

**Loons Point Campground**  
1332 E. M-134  
Cedarville 906-484-2881  
[www.loonspoint.com](http://www.loonspoint.com)  
Pets Allowed