

# Leaves

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### Association News

#### Register Now for Annual Meeting!

#### Join us at Cedarville

There's still time to reserve the weekend of August 21 & 22 on your calendar 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>

Visit the wooden boat school.  
Evening cruise among the Les Chenaux Islands.  
Much more!

Presentations on wild birds and **Carbon** credits.

Find the entire meeting agenda on the MFA website at [www.michiganforests.com](http://www.michiganforests.com)

#### MFA Bus Tour to Biltmore Estate & Great Smoky Mtns

Your initial response to the bus tour has been strong. The bus is 1/3 full and the trip isn't 'til October. The members-only time has expired, so, if you have non-member friends who might be interested, feel free to invite them. The dates are Oct. 22-25; the cost is \$619 per person, double occupancy; \$839 single occupancy. \$150 will reserve a seat for you – make check to "Gail Andrus Travel" and send it to MFA at 6120 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids, 48827.

#### Greetings from Barbara Clark.

"Thank you for the honor of being voted a Life Member of MFA. The association, and all of you board members, holds a large and warm spot in my heart! I can't express how much I miss the forests you support and foster, especially our dear "Camp" in the UP. I am well and adjusting to life in Alaska..... What I miss the most are the maples, oak, basswood, pine and hemlock of the Michigan forests, since here in interior AK there are only birch, aspen and spruce. Fall colors are yellow, period. Still people get all excited and make car trips to view the 'fall colors'.... My apartment complex is adjacent to a several thousand acre Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, so I get to walk through flocks of Sandhill Cranes and ducks and geese of all stripes in season. Also moose, fox, caribou and ptarmigan show up on occasion right in town. On trips north of Fairbanks we've seen muskox, grizzly bear, Arctic loons, swans and more. I enjoy the Leaves and Michigan Forests and appreciate continuing to receive them. I wish you all the best in your support of sustainable forest management in Michigan."

Barbara was MFA president in 1980 and was a prominent board member for many years. Ed.

#### WILDLIFE NEWS

**Bear plan.** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has adopted a new bear management plan that would allow Michigan's bear population to expand naturally and would adopt appropriate strategies as issues arise. The plan has four major areas of emphasis: 1) maintaining a sustainable bear population, 2) facilitating bear-related benefits, 3) minimizing bear-related conflicts, 4) conducting science-based management.

DNR listserve

**These Deer can really Kick.** Wisconsin logger Jim Hintz, of Fifield, reports having watched several adult deer chase two wolves away from the area where he was working last winter. He said the deer stopped nibbling on the maple buds from the trees he had just felled and charged the two wolves that appeared on a knoll about 60 yards from where he was working. "The smaller wolf didn't wait. It ran away," Hintz said. The big one stayed and those deer just overhauled him. First they stood on their hind legs and batted him with their front hooves, and then some of them turned and kicked like mules with their back hooves. I'm sure they broke his ribs. He was whimpering and yelping. He got kicked from all sides. When he finally got out of there, he was limping really bad and dragging a leg. I actually felt sorry for him." Great Lakes Timber Professional

**Porkies in Lower Michigan?** I'm hesitant to tell you this, but I saw two dead porcupines along a county road between Eaton Rapids and Charlotte last week. In open farm country. (See the photo.) Does this mean we have a breeding population of porkies in Lower Michigan? Hard to say, but if not, how did they get here? I looked for little lunch pails that they might have been carrying, but no luck.

Bill Botti



**No Food Plots on State or Federal Land, Please.** The DNR has issued a reminder that state land use rules that prohibit destruction of vegetation effectively prohibit construction of food plots for wildlife. National forest rules directly prohibit introduction of seeds. Evidently, some people have viewed construction of food plots as a way to circumvent the ban on baiting. DNR listserve

### Remember the Moose?

Sorry to belabor this, but after we showed you the picture of the bull moose in harness skidding pulpwood, We heard from two MFA members, **Jay Snyder** of Ann Arbor and **Keith Calkins** of Tustin – each sending the same story relating how the young moose had grown up in the horse pasture and copied (APED? No, let's not go there) the horse behavior. Well, in checking out the note from Keith Calkins, I came upon links that led me to these two photos. Mind you, I'm still not buyin' it, but I have to admit these pictures are intriguing. Ed.



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## Alternative Energy

**Using Woody Biomass for Energy.** The L'Anse Warden Electric Co. plant, once shut down, is now operating again – this time burning biomass rather than coal. The company also plans to convert plants at White Pine, Marquette and Escanaba from coal to biomass. Fuels at the L'Anse plant include old ties and tires and sawmill waste. The owners plan to pay local farmers to plant hybrid trees for fuel. Detroit Free Press

**Biofuels Grant to MSU & MTU.** A \$1.4 million grant from the federal government will be used to develop cellulosic biofuels from Michigan's forests. Work will be centered at the Michigan State University Tree Improvement Center near Escanaba. Michigan Tech will collaborate on the research. Detroit Free Press

## Interesting Events

**Teachers' Workshop.** Trees for Tomorrow Camp at Eagle River Wisconsin will host a teacher workshop July 13 – 16. Bill Cook

**Arboriculture Conference.** August 27 – 28, 2009 at Oakland University 2200 N. Squirrel Rd. Rochester, MI Michigan Chapter, Int'l Society of Arboriculture. 517-337-4999

**Farm Bill Info for Foresters.** A program intended to bring consulting foresters up-to-date on farm bill provisions is scheduled for July 20, at 9:00 A.M. at the Branch Conservation District offices in Coldwater. Contact Kathy Worst at 517-278-8008, extension 5.

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

## Miscellaneous

**Bark Regulations.** New regulations will soon be in effect on wood packaging material. The World Trade Organization Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures issued this communication that reduces the amount of bark allowed on packing crate material. This is aimed at reducing the chances of bringing in invasive forest pests. Hardwood Matters

**Mackinac Bridge Inspection Station to be Open.** The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) reports that the inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge will be open on the state furlough days. "MDA wants to assure Michigan's trading partners and stakeholders that movements of cattle and bison across the Mackinac Bridge will continue to be monitored even on furlough days," said MDA Director Don Koivisto. The inspection station also checks for illegal firewood transport. MDA listserv

**Polluted Ecosystems Can Recover.** A study at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies found that most polluted or damaged ecosystems can recover within a lifetime if society will commit to their cleanup or restoration. The Forestry Source

**Power of Silviculture.** Dovetail Partners has released a report called, "The Power of Silviculture: Employing Thinning, Partial Cutting Systems and Other Intermediate Treatments Increase Productivity, Forest Health, and Public Support for Forestry." Dovetail also has released a map of forestry education sites. Both can be found on the Dovetail Partners website. The Forestry Source

**Forestry Technician Position Open.** A forest technician position is open on the Hiawatha National Forest in the eastern Upper Peninsula. Contact Martha Sjogren ([msjogren@fs.fed.us](mailto:msjogren@fs.fed.us)) or Jim Ozenberger ([jozenberger@fs.fed.us](mailto:jozenberger@fs.fed.us)) 906-643-7900 extension 1. Bill Cook

**Carbon Valuation Tool** CVal (Carbon Valuation Tool) is a spreadsheet developed by the US Forest Service's Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wisconsin. It is designed to help foresters and landowners to assess the economic profitability of participating in carbon markets. Documentation is provided in the program itself and in GTR-180. Both the CVal program and GTR-180 are available to download at the website of the Forest Products Lab. The Forestry Source



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**2009 ANNUAL MEETING  
CEDAR CAMPUS  
PO Box 425, CEDARVILLE, MI 49719  
Web site: [www.cedarcampus.org](http://www.cedarcampus.org)**

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 AND 22, 2009**

## REGISTRATION FORM

Names (for name tags) – please include the ages of children to help us in planning a program for them:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Campsites and some lodging are available at Cedar Campus (see reverse). **Note: No pets, please.** A list of local motels and campgrounds appears in *Leaves* and on the MFA web site.

Meeting registration includes all other meeting charges (including Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and banquet). The registration fee (but not lodging) for two individuals is already covered for Oak and White Pine members -- **but please register.**

		<u>No. of People</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Adult full registration	\$70.00	_____	
\$ _____			
Child (12 and under)	\$30.00	_____	
\$ _____			
Friday only (includes lunch and dinner)	\$35.00	_____	
\$ _____			
Friday dinner only	\$15.00	_____	
\$ _____			
Saturday only (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)	\$45.00	_____	
\$ _____			
Saturday banquet only	\$20.00	_____	
\$ _____			

Cedar Campus lodging (from reverse)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed** -----

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if there are any dietary requirements that we should be aware of (allergies, special needs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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 7**), please phone Bill or Alice Botti at 517-663-3423 to check space availability. **(Please see reverse side for Cedar Campus lodging information and registration.)**

# 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	_____ \$50 = \$	_____
<b>Total lodging amount due (enter on front side of form) -----</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

	<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>

<u>No. of Nights</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
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Campsite \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total lodging amount due (enter on front side of form) ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(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  
Pets Allowed