The Pennsylvania Forestry Association

2020 Conservation Banquet
“Raising funds for forestry education”

Saturday, March 7, 2020 | Genetti Hotel, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Activities start at 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments – Silent Auction – Card Games – Raffles— 50-50 Cash Drawing – Chainsaw Drawing – Door Prizes

At 5:00 p.m. Live Auction Starts

Come and bid! Great items for a worthy cause!

6:30 p.m. – Dinner Served

After Dinner - $10,000 Draw Down Raffle

This is the evening’s high point! Only 350 tickets are available!
Your chance of winning is outstanding! Don’t miss this great time!

Each $100 ticket includes your choice of a Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian dinner and door prizes. In addition, you have a chance at $10,000. A limited number of Guest Tickets are available for $45. Guests are eligible for door prizes and a special raffle drawing. (See prize list on reverse side.)

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association depends on this event to finance its forest conservation mission and invests these dollars directly back to forestry education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Your support is important! To facilitate event planning, please purchase tickets and donate auction items early. All donations are GREATLY appreciated. This event is open to everyone, you need not be a PFA member to join the fun and have the possibility of winning $10,000. A ticket would make a great gift for family members or outstanding employees. Join with a few friends on a “pool” ticket. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets go FAST, get yours today! Come and join the fun!

Complete the reservation form and send it to the PFA Office by February 15, 2020.

$100 Ticket Holder Prizes

1st— $10,000 cash
2nd— $1,000 cash
3rd— $500 cash
4th— $300 cash
5th— $200 cash
6th— 10th Prizes $100 cash and a ticket to the 2021 Dinner

Ticket Holders need not be present to win

Overnight accommodations are available at the Genetti Hotel.
For room reservations, call the hotel directly at 1-800-321-1388
Ask for the PFA Conservation Dinner rate!

Download the Registration Form
Sponsorship opportunities are available! Contact the PFA Office (thepfa@paforestry.org | 800-835-8065) to sponsor this annual event! Please note the following levels:

- Chestnut Sponsorship - $1000 - includes five banquet tickets
- Black Cherry Sponsorship - $800 includes four banquet tickets
- Sugar Maple sponsorship - $600 - includes three banquet tickets
- Red Oak Sponsorship - $400 - Includes two banquet tickets
- Hickory Sponsorship - $200 - includes one banquet ticket
- Friends of PFA Sponsorship - ($25 - $199)

Deer Management Update

On January 25, two members of the PFA/PATree Farm Deer Management Task Group (Dave Jackson & Mark Ott) along with John Saf of the Society of American Foresters traveled to the PA Game Commission quarterly meeting in Harrisburg. Our goal was to present the deer management recommendations that the group has settled on. The recommendations are those which we believe are reasonable and have a chance to be adopted.

I was the first of our group to speak. It was a learning experience. Five minutes is much shorter than I thought. I managed to get through 2/3 of my prepared comments, failing to state our recommendations for red tags in relation to forestry. I was also forced to rush through the recommendations we have for DMAP tags.

Dave and John were able to get all the information out in their presentations. Dave practiced the prior evening, I did not. Lesson learned.

The PGC had a few of our recommendations already under consideration. They approved allowing a hunter four DMAP tags, up from two. This will enable landowners to get more DMAP tags to their “alpha” hunters with a better chance at managing the herd devastating their forest. Not in our recommendations but great news is a two week concurrent rifle deer season. This proved to be a great boon years ago. On my property I started seeing flowers that hadn’t been seen in years after the concurrent seasons knocked back the herd in the area.

Though controversial, and not an item we took a position on, three Sundays have been approved for hunting. One of those will be the Sunday following the Saturday opening of rifle season and another is to be used during archery season. This should help interest young hunters giving them more chances early in the season to connect and become long term hunters. This will also greatly benefit those who cannot get off work for a Monday opener and give them two full days at the start of the season. Many people spoke to these changes with 2/3 in support and 1/3 against the Sunday’s.

Of interest was a proposal from several speakers asking that Jr Hunters automatically receiving an antlerless tag with their general license so they further increase their chance of harvesting a deer. The task force will continue to speak at future meetings to keep our concerns and recommendations in front of the Commissioners.

We also encourage PFA members and Tree Farmers to write the Commissioners and let them know how the deer affect your forestry efforts, following up with the recommendations of the task group. Those are listed below for your consideration. Also think about going to a PGC meeting and adding your voice to the chorus. Just be sure and practice your presentation ahead of time!

Many Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA) members, Tree Farmers and other forest landowners are impacted by deer over-abundance issues. The PFA/Tree Farm Deer Impact Task Group has identified the following concerns:

- Deer over-browsing consumes much of the desirable commercial hardwood reproduction.
- This has the potential to be a huge economic loss in the future.
- Over-browsing by deer results in the proliferation of deer tolerant, less desirable, competing, and invasive plants.
- Deer over-browsing negatively impacts other wildlife species.
• Deer are “actively” managing the forest at the expense of plant and wildlife diversity.

In many cases, landowner efforts to be responsible forest stewards are overwhelmed by the high impact deer are having on their. The Task Group, based on feedback from our members, has drafted a number of suggested changes. They are:

DMAP: Suggestions for Change

• Move application deadline later to allow more time for agencies to compile field data and complete application process.
• Change the “online” DMAP system to match the regular antlerless system, i.e. hunters receive one tag at first round and then can apply during successive rounds for unsold tags up to a maximum of 4.
• Increase the season length for DMAP tags on private lands, similar to what is currently being done in urbanizing areas of the state.
• Allow hunters that ability to transfer DMAP tags to other adults and to mentored youth. Current policy does not allow DMAP tags to be transferred to another adult and Mentors can only transfer one to a Mentored Youth.
• Reduce acreage requirement to qualify for DMAP to 25 acres, only need a minimum of 25 acres of forestland to qualify for one tag instead of 50 acres.
• Change the standard allocation to one antlerless tag per 25 acres of forestland. DMAP coupons are currently allocated at one per 50 acres of forestland.
• Increase the number of DMAP coupons a landowner can hand out to an individual. Currently a hunter can only receive two DMAP coupons. This will allow more tags to go to “alpha” hunters with a better harvest success rate. Recommend 4 per hunter as max.
• Allow leased properties the opportunity to participate in DMAP.

Red Tag Suggestions for Change

• Allow private forest landowners to enroll in the Red Tag program. Red Tag permits can be filled by taking antlerless deer only from February 1 – September 28 (except from May 16-June 30).
• Wave the requirement to enroll the property in the Game Commission’s “Public” Access program in an effort to interest more landowners to enroll.
• Increase the number of tags (permits) that can be allocated to hunters. Currently a hunter can only receive one permit/red tag. It was suggested to increase it to 4 to match DMAP suggestion.
• Waive any kind of waiting period before red tags can be issued and filled.

The Task Group is committed to finding the best solutions to assist all Pennsylvania forest landowners who are dealing with deer over-abundance. They encourage anyone interested in healthy, sustainable forests to communicate their concerns to the PGC Commissioners. If deer overabundance impacts you, we ask that you attend a meeting and use the suggested changes above in your comments.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but would like to be part of the effort, please contact the Commissioners in writing. A listing of the Board of Commissioners can be found here: https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/AboutUs/Commissioners/Pages/default.aspx
If you feel so inclined, invite them to visit your property to see the damage first-hand.

Change will only be brought about by making sure our voices are heard. Help us find a solution, contact your PGC Commissioner and voice your support for a solution to deer over-browsing in our forests.

Mark Ott

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association Gearing Up for Earth Day 50
On April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day events occurred. As we move closer to the 50th anniversary of this historic environmental awareness day a PA Earth Day 50 coalition has formed.

The Coalition is putting in place plans to celebrate the Earth Day movement and to refocus on sound environmental policies and goals that will benefit the future health and prosperity of all Keystone state residents.

PFA President Mark Ott notes, “PFA is participating in the Coalition and will be undertaking the following Earth Day/Earth Week/Earth Month activities.”

PFA Outreach Committee Chair Matt Sampson will be leading an effort to participate in an Earth Day educational event on April 22 for 200-500 school children at Governor Wolf's residence.

While exhibiting at this event PFA will hand out wildflower seed packets and Earth Day silicone bracelets for the children at the event. PFA has also offered to help defray some of the food and beverage expenses at this event.

PFA Education and Communications Committee Co-chairs Linda Finley and Nancy Baker are working now on an Earth Day themed issue of Pennsylvania Forests magazine that will be distributed in the month of April.

Other PA Earth Day 50 Coalition members will be conducting many and varied events throughout the Commonwealth on Earth Day as well as Earth Week and Earth Month. For more information on PA Earth Day 50 please visit www.earthday50pa.org.

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Earth Day Products Available through PFA
Order by February 21st

Dear PFA Members and Allied Associations/Organizations:

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association Outreach Committee is developing and ordering Earth Day wildflower seed packets and Earth Day silicone bracelets to distribute to all the children/youth attending the Governor Wolf’s Residence April 22nd Earth Day event as well as at PFA’s other 2020 meetings and events.

We will also be batching and filling orders (at cost) for these two Earth Day items from PFA members and allied associations/organizations. A brief description of both items is attached.


We are hoping to receive enough orders of each item to qualify for the most discounted price. ($.30/each for the seed packets and $.20/each for the silicone bracelets).

Please let PFA Executive Committee Member Richard Lewis (rlewis7575@aol.com) know by Friday, Feb 21st whether you or your organization would like to order wildflower seed packets or silicone bracelets and how many you’d like (only multiples of 100 please).

Questions?....please call Richard Lewis at 301-452-4202.

Sincerely,

Mark Ott
PFA President
meocem@aol.com

Download the Pricing Sheet
JOIN US!
Become a Certified American Tree Farm System Inspector

Help the American Tree Farm System get more good forestry on more private acres by becoming a Tree Farm inspector.

2020 Tree Farm Inspector Certification Training Session

Wednesday, February 26. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM.
Wyndham Garden State College, Garden Room C
310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827
(Note: This training is being offered as a special pre-conference session prior to the Allegheny SAF Winter Conference)

Sponsored by: The Pennsylvania Forestry Association, Tree Farm Committee and Penn State Extension

Trainings are open to anyone interested in becoming certified by the American Tree Farm System to inspect family owned forestland to the Tree Farm Standard. The minimum qualification to become an inspector includes a 2 yr. or 4 yr. forestry degree from an SAF accredited program. All those wishing to inspect and certify Tree Farms must attend an initial face-to-face training class. There is no charge for taking the class.

Prior registration is required. Register by email or phone:

Contact the Pennsylvania Forestry Association
Phone: 1-600-635-6065
Email: thePFA@paforestry.org

PFA Forest Heritage Committee Activity
PFA’s Forest Heritage Committee has been busy on a variety of projects and activities.

**PA Forestry Heritage Record Curation Assessment**

In November-December 2019 approximately 80 boxes of the former PA Forest Heritage Association forest history collection of records and artifacts were transferred from the temporary storage areas in the Blacksmith Shop at the Michaux District Forest Office and the former CCC Dining Hall in Caledonia State Park to PFA Forest Heritage Committee Co-chair, Wayne Kober’s, workshop near Dillsburg. These materials were accumulated largely by the late Steven Cummings of the PA Forest Fire Lookout Association in preparation for the creation of a forest fire museum in the Caledonia area. The proposed forest fire museum did not materialize.

On January 14-16, 2020, three museum curators from the PA Historical and Museum Commission Lumber Museum and Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums conducted a curation assessment of the collection to identify the records and artifacts of historical importance and measures to properly preserve them for future research and exhibition. On February 4, 2020, the PFA Forest Heritage Committee received the curation assessment report and is in the process of identifying the next steps to best preserve the collection.

Some of the next steps being considered are: 1) transfer the forestry records and artifacts of statewide importance to the PA State Archives in Harrisburg and the PA Lumber Museum archives in Galeton; and 2) inventory, catalogue, and store the records and artifacts in an environment which will preserve them and make them available for research and exhibition. For example, the paper records need to be placed in acid-free file folders and boxes to prevent their deterioration and the collection needs to be stored in a climate-controlled environment.

**Crucible of PA Forest Conservation Discovery Center Feasibility Study Idea**

Forest Heritage Committee leadership members continue to make progress on the idea of conducting a “Feasibility Study” of a future Crucible of Forest Conservation Discovery Center as part of the new Michaux State Forest office in the Caledonia area that is expected to be built in a few years. Meetings on this concept have been held with Cindy Dunn DCNR Secretary and Harrisburg DCNR staff, Roy Brubaker - Michaux District Forester, and the Friends of Michaux State Forest.

At the recommendation of DCNR, committee members have conducted visits and/or conference calls to learn about the public/private partnerships and environmental education features at the Ohiopyle State Park, the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, the Keystone Elk Alliance Visitor Center, the Buchanan State Forest District Office, the Tiadaghton State Forest/PA Wilds Visitor Center, and Lake Raystown Seven Points Visitor Center. A visit to the Raystown Lake Visitor Center complex is planned for early May.

Committee Co-chairs Wayne Kober and Peter Linehan are scheduling visits with the Visitors and Convention Bureaus and the Economic Development Authorities of Adams, Franklin, Cumberland and York Counties to discuss the Discovery Center feasibility study idea.

Also being scheduled are briefing visits on the Discovery Center feasibility study idea with area legislators.

The Forest Heritage Committee is working towards the PA Forestry Association submitting a formal feasibility Discovery Center proposal to DCNR this Spring.

**Caledonia Forest Discovery Center 2020 Summer Season**
The Caledonia Forest Discovery Center will be open on weekends for the Summer season. A college student intern will be hired to open the Discovery Center and greet visitors.

PA Forestry Association members who are interested in volunteering at the Discovery Center this Summer should contact, Peter Linehan, Co-Chair of the Forest Heritage Committee.

Prepared by Richard Lewis, Peter Linehan, and Wayne Kober

Forestry News You Can Use

EPA Finalizes Glyphosate Mitigation

EPA has concluded its regulatory review of glyphosate—the most widely used herbicide in the United States. After a thorough review of the best available science, as required under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, EPA has concluded that there are no risks of concern to human health when glyphosate is used according to the label and that it is not a carcinogen. These findings on human health risk are consistent with the conclusions of science reviews by many other countries and other federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, the European Food Safety Authority, and the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The agency is requiring additional mitigation measures to help farmers target pesticide sprays to the intended pest and reduce the problem of increasing glyphosate resistance in weeds.

Glyphosate has been studied for decades and the agency reviewed thousands of studies since its registration. Glyphosate is used on more than 100 food crops, including glyphosate-resistant corn, soybean, cotton, canola, and sugar beet. It is the leading herbicide for the management of invasive and noxious weeds and is used to manage pastures, rangeland, rights of ways, forests, public land, and residential areas. In addition, glyphosate has low residual soil toxicity and helps retain no-till and low-till farming operations.

More information on glyphosate and EPA’s interim decision is available at [www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/glyphosate](http://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/glyphosate)

Background

EPA uses interim decisions to finalize enforceable mitigation measures while conducting other longer-term assessments, such as an endangered species assessment. EPA will next complete a draft biological evaluation for glyphosate, which is anticipated for public comment in Fall 2020.

Purple Paint Means No Trespassing

Landowners have new option for posting properties.

Landowners who post their properties now have the option of using purple paint rather than signs to alert others that lands are private and trespassing isn’t permitted.

House Bill 1772, which was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf in November, and took effect this week. The bill adds language to the section of state law dealing with criminal trespass.

Under the law, a person is considered a “defiant trespasser” – which carries enhanced penalties – if he or she enters or remains in any place where notice against trespassing is given by actual communication, lawful posting or fencing.

House Bill 1772 makes the use of purple paint on trees or posts a lawful posting method in all but Allegheny and Philadelphia counties.
Vertical purple lines must be at least 8 inches long and 1 inch wide. The bottom of the mark must not be less than 3 feet or more than 5 feet from the ground. And painted marks must not be more than 100 feet apart.

Now that the “purple paint law” is effective, hunters should know they might encounter purple markings on trees and that these marks are meant to define the boundary of an adjoining private property that’s posted against trespassing.

The new law also authorizes unarmed persons to go onto private property for the sole purpose of retrieving a hunting dog.

In Pennsylvania, defiant trespass is a third-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and $2,500 in fines. And if trespassing occurs while hunting, additional game-law violations – and additional penalties – also might apply.

A recent legislative act has provided the Game Commission the authority to investigate trespassing complaints and enforce trespassing violations as a primary offense, even if game-law violations aren’t alleged and the agency will enforce trespassing aggressively.

**DCNR Riparian Forest Buffer Grant Opens**

There are a number of incentives for conservation practices that include stream buffers that are outlined by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts in a Landowner’s Guide to Conservation Buffer Incentive Programs in Pennsylvania (PDF)Opens In A New Window.

DCNR’s Riparian Forest Buffer Grant Program provides financial assistance to identify locations in need of riparian forested buffers and to design, establish, monitor, and maintain those buffers.

The C2P2 Riparian Forest Buffer Grant Program is accepting applications now through April 22nd. Click the button below for more information.

[DCNR’s Grant Webpage](#)

**EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Allegheny Society of American Foresters (SAF) Winter Conference**

**Plan to attend the 2020 Winter Conference!** The Rothrock Chapter of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters invites you to attend the Allegheny Society of American Foresters – 2020 Winter Conference from February 26-28 in Boalsburg, PA. The meeting is open to SAF members and non-members alike. The Conference Committee has worked hard to put together a meaningful program with an impressive array of topics and presenters focused around the theme “Leveraging Tensions in Forestry.” The committee is showcasing how foresters must balance the many conflicting uses of our forests. Please see the attached document for the full agenda and conference information.

**Registration:**

**Sponsors - Exhibitors**
Please consider becoming a sponsor or exhibitor this year! As a sponsor or technical exhibitor, you will be a key contributor to the success of our Winter Conference, providing added value and interest to the program. The sponsorship program has been designed to provide a range of options for you to consider. Your support is appreciated!
Conference Facility:
The Winter Conference will be held at the Wyndham Garden State College located in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. A block of rooms is reserved at the Wyndham Garden State College, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA 16827. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. Ask for the Allegheny SAF Conference rate at $89.00 per night (plus taxes). Note, the rooms will be held at the above rate until January 26, 2020. For reservations call the Wyndham Garden at: (814) 466-2255.

2020 Log a Load for Kids Pheasant Shoot Donor Form

The jointly sponsored Pennsylvania Forestry Association/Pennsylvania Forest Products Association Log a Load for Kids Pheasant Shoot is scheduled for March 14, 2020. This event, along with the events at the bi-annual Timber Expo, and the Log A Load Sporting Clay Shoot hosted in the fall each year raised $23,500 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in Pennsylvania ion 2019 alone. Donations for the program are accepted all year. Use the donation form, linked below, to support this great charity.
Make plans today to participate in the **37th East Coast Sawmill & Logging Exposition** and take in the East Coast’s largest array of sawmill, pallet, logging, biomass and related machinery, supplies and services. Invest in your future and grow your business!

- More than 300 inside & outside exhibits
- See machinery in action!
- Convenient access
- Plenty of parking
- 1 entry fee, 2-day admission
- Log loader contest
- Pre-expo workshops

Visit ExpoRichmond.com to register before April 17, 2020 to receive the special rate of $10. After April 17th, admission is $20 per person. Spouses and children under 16 are admitted with paying adults.

An educational course on Wood Anatomy ($100) will be held off-site on Thursday, April 30. For more information or to register, visit exporichmond.com or https://www.sim.sbio.vt.edu/?page_id=2616

*Richmond Raceway Complex: 600 Laburnum Ave. Richmond, VA 23222*
02-10-2020 **Report: Bug could prove costly**
UNIVERSITY PARK — If not contained, the spotted lanternfly potentially could drain Pennsylvania’s economy of at least $324 million annually and cause the loss of about 2,800 jobs, according to a study carried out by economists in Penn State’s College of Agricultural Sciences. - *Altoona Mirror*

02-10-2020 **Fireflies are our state bug, but summer nights could lose those flashes**
In previous generations, the closest that children came to catching lightning in a bottle was dropping fireflies into Mason jars and twisting on the lid. Collecting lightning bugs was a magical outdoor rite of passage in suburban and rural backyards throughout southwestern Pennsylvania and... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

02-05-2020 **Growing Greener Coalition on Governor’s Budget**
(Press Release)

02-05-2020 **Almost 8,000 bluebirds, swallows, kestrels and others fledged in Pennsylvania state parks**
A total of 7,848 young birds fledged from nestboxes in 50 state parks across Pennsylvania last year, according to the annual Cavity-Nesting Trails Summary Report by the Bureau of State Parks in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*

02-03-2020 **PGC: Bear Harvest State’s Best All-Time**
(Press Release)

02-03-2020 **PFBC: 2020 Adult Trout Stocking Schedules Now Available**
(Press Release)

01-30-2020 **12,500 trees planted in Chester Springs to improve water quality**
Natural Lands announced a massive tree-planting effort was completed recently at the organization’s Bryn Coed Preserve in Chester Springs. A total of 12,500 native species have been planted along a 3.5-mile stretch of streams, creating more than 64 forested acres of riparian buffer. - *Pottstown Mercury*