

# TimberTalk

Newsletter of the Iowa Woodland Owners Association

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## What's going on with Iowa Tree Farmers

by Ron Fullenkamp, Pres. ITF, and IWOA Director

Here is a little update on the activities of the ITF.

- We applied and received word that ITF will get a grant for \$1650 from national to pay for our share of the IWOA newsletter you are now reading. We have also joined as charter members of the Iowa Forest Network (IFN) which is a joint venture of all the various timber and conservation groups in Iowa. The purpose of the network is to communicate and educate each other in the things that interest us, and to preserve the quality of life that good conservation brings. This is just getting started and we will give you a more detailed report on IFN activities in a later article.
- also many of you received a mailing from national that asked for you to consider sending \$50 dues to national. This is not mandatory dues but voluntary. If you did not pay there will be no change in your status as an Iowa Tree Farm Member. The only thing you will miss out is receiving the national magazine. ITF will receive \$10 of the \$50 to help our budget. We hope many of you can see the benefit of paying these dues.
- Other good news is that on September 12, 2006, the United States and Canada signed the Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement. Within this framework \$450 million was set aside for wood-related projects. Out of this American Forest Foundation was to get \$150 million to promote sustainable forestry practices. How this will be split up remains to be seen, but Vice-chair, Bill Bennett, and I will be attending a national leadership conference in Orland in February to put our input into the distribution of these funds.

## National Tree Farm Convention October 11-14, Madison, Wisconsin

By Ron Fullenkamp, IWOA Director, Pres. ITF

The National Tree Farm Convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin this year, October 11-14, 2007, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. The anchor hotel is the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace. Rooms are blocked at a rate of \$142. This is a great opportunity for Iowa Woodland Owners to be close enough to take part in a great convention. I have personally attended one of these conventions and they are wonderful. More details in next newsletter.

## IWOA Spring Field Day – April 19 (Thurs.) at Louis Christen's Tree Farm in NE Iowa

The IWOA Field Day will be held April 19, Thursday, 9:00-4:00 at the Louis Christen Tree Farm, in the rolling hills and valleys of NE Iowa between Elgin and West Union. Louis was named Iowa's Tree Farmer of the Year in 2000 so has many examples of good forestry practices for us to see.

**Topics/activities:** direct seeding, natural regeneration, mature veneer walnut stand, woodland diversity hike, walnut progeny plot/development, and basics of timber framing at Louis's cabin.



**Directions:** Coming from Elkader, go 14 miles west on Hwy 56, then turn left (south) on D Ave and go .1 mile. If coming from West Union, D Ave is 9 miles east on Hwy 56.

**Lunch:** catered by Jim and Jody Kerns of Edgewood Locker.

Menu is grilled burgers with caramelized grilled onions on the side, baked beans, potato salad and brownie.

**Cost:** \$10 to cover materials and lunch. Pay when you arrive at the field day.

**Register:** If you are planning to attend please register by April 15<sup>th</sup> by contacting Bev Brink, 106 High St NE, Elkader, IA 52043 [bbrink@alpinecom.net](mailto:bbrink@alpinecom.net) 563 245-2044. Tell us your name, address, phone, and email. We need to know how many are coming for purposes of food, handouts, and other arrangements.

## IWOA Membership Renewals

It was great news at last month's Board Meeting that IWOA currently has 517 members. Our membership secretary, Cathy Wilkie, sent out reminder letters in late January to members who had not yet paid their 2007 IWOA dues. If you received a reminder letter and still have not paid, please send in your dues soon. We don't want to lose you as a member.

If you have any questions, or think you might have already paid and received the reminder in error, please contact Cathy at [cat\\_wilkie@yahoo.com](mailto:cat_wilkie@yahoo.com), or leave a message at (319) 325-8871.

## What Is Forest Stand Improvement

by Paul Tauke, Iowa State Forester

Like any profession, foresters often use technical jargon or terminology to describe various aspects of their work. However, from time to time the utilization of “forestry speak” may sound more Greek than English and can create misunderstandings between foresters and the landowners they serve.

A recent example involved a forest landowner, a forester and the practice of forest stand improvement (FSI). The landowner hired a forester to do forest stand improvement in their woodlands. When the landowner reviewed the forester’s work, they were somewhat bewildered by the fact the forest stand improvement did not include eradication of woodland invasive species. The landowner and the forester both knew what they meant by the term “forest stand improvement”. Unfortunately, they did not know that their individual meanings differed substantially.



Forest stand improvement can be any broad category of practices that improve forested areas to better meet the goals and objectives of individual forest landowners in a sustainable fashion. Practices such as harvesting, invasive species control, site preparation for natural regeneration, woodland planting, vine removal, pruning, and prescribed burning will typically be referred to specifically by name and will not be lumped into the FSI category even though such practices can improve woodlands.

Foresters utilize various thinning techniques to manage species composition, maximize individual tree growth, improve forest health, and affect wildlife habitat. It is these thinning techniques; weed tree eradication, weeding, basal area thinning, crop tree release and free thinning which are considered forest stand improvement by Iowa foresters.

To avoid the conundrum of forestry speak, I offer the following definitions of the FSI terms listed above:

**Weed Tree Eradication** – The eradication of all weed trees in the managed area. Often this is done to promote natural regeneration of desired species in preparation for woodland planting and/or harvesting.

**Weeding** – The identification and elimination of fast growing undesirable trees that are overtopping slower

growing desirable trees. The technique is often applied to young stands.

**Basal Area Thinning** – Thinning a woodland stand down to a specified basal area. Basal area is a measurement of the actual square feet of a forested acre occupied by wood fiber. If a stand has an average tree diameter of 12 inches at 4.5 feet off the ground and a basal area of 120 square feet per acre or higher it would be considered overstocked. In comparison, a stand that averaged 6 inches in diameter would be considered overstocked with a basal area of 95 square feet per acre. Why? The 12 inch stand would have 150 trees per acre; the 6 inch stand would have slightly over 500 trees per acre. In overstocked stands there is so much competition between individual trees that all trees in the stand stagnate and diameter growth grinds to a crawl.

**Crop Tree Release** – The identification of individual dominant or co-dominant trees (tall or tallest trees) in a woodland stand and the killing of any competing trees that are touching the crop tree’s crown. Killing competing trees allows crop trees to expand their live crown and retain their dominant position in the stand. Individual trees are selected based upon species, spacing, condition, and management objective. The number of crop trees per acre will also vary based on overall forest condition. There may be as few as five crop trees per acre or as many as fifty. If you are doing true crop tree release you are usually selecting only dominant or co-dominant trees as crop trees. If a tree is not competing with a crop tree it is retained in the stand regardless of species or condition.

**Free Thinning** – A combination of other thinning techniques with the goal of controlling stand spacing (density) and favoring desired trees; this technique is sometimes applied as the initial thinning method in previously untreated natural stands in preparation for a more systematic future program. It can be utilized to manage and maintain irregular stands (mixed composition, density, or age). Free thinning requires considerable skill in tree selection and density management and is somewhat controversial among Iowa’s foresters because it does not fit well in the traditional thinning categories.

Regardless of what forest stand improvement technique you utilize, the best way to avoid the confusion of “forestry speak” is to ask your forester to explain any terminology that you’re not quite sure you understand and be sure to carefully read your forest management plan. If you don’t have a plan, you should not be working in your woods. If the description of the work outlined in your plan does not seem to match your understanding of what is to be done, it’s time to ask your forester more questions. Plain old fashioned communication is the best way to turn “forestry speak” into your second language.

## Iowa's Sweet Forest Crop

by Paul Wray



Maple syrup is a wonderful sweetener used on pancakes, waffles, ice cream and in the production of maple candies. It is produced in the early spring simply by collecting sap from maple species and boiling until it thickens into syrup. Iowa is not considered a large maple syrup production state, although it does have a few commercial producers. Many other individuals produce small quantities of maple syrup with a few maple trees, a shallow evaporator pan, and a source of heat.

Maple syrup is solely North American; native maples on other continents do not produce sap, which can be used for syrup or candy production. Sugar and black maples usually yield the best sap, but silver maple, red maple and boxelder can also be used. Sugar and black maples have higher sugar content. The "soft" maples develop buds earlier in the spring, resulting in a "buddy" flavor of the sap and syrup.

As maple trees go dormant in the fall, much of the growing season's accumulation of food production is stored in the bole of the trees as liquid starches and sugars. In the late winter as temperatures begin to rise, the trees start to mobilize these stored sugars and the sap begins to move up the trunk to the branches. A combination of cold nights (20F to 32F) and warm days (45F to 55F) brings on the greatest sap flow. Sap collection begins

in late February or early March in Iowa and continues until the trees begin to break bud. Trees are tapped by boring a 3/8 or 7/16-inch diameter



hole (sloped slightly upward) three inches deep into trees which are at least 10 inches in diameter.

Depending on size, up to four taps can be used on trees larger than 25 inches in diameter. Spiles or spouts are tapped into the hole to convey the sap into buckets or sap bags. At the end of the collection season, the spiles or spouts are removed and reused the following season.

Maple sap averages around 2% sugar content; finished syrup should be at approximately 66% sugar content. A total of 43 gallons of sap are needed to produce a gallon of syrup. Small producers of maple syrup can use a candy thermometer to determine when boiling process is complete. Syrup's final density is reached at 7 1/4F above the boiling point of water, and candy is complete at 22 to 40F above the boiling point of water.

Good sanitation and rapid handling of the sap from the tree through evaporation and packaging is extremely important in producing high quality products.

**Additional information** is available in Forestry Extension Note F-337, "Maple Syrup Production in Iowa" (available from Forestry Extension, Iowa State University). This publication is posted on the ISU website at

<http://www.forestry.iastate.edu/topics/misc/maplesyr.html>

Two regional suppliers of maple syrup equipment are: Brooks Maple Products, F8394 Bo-Di-Lac Dr., Minocqua, WI 54584 and Reynolds Sugar Bush, Inc., W18872 Maple Rd, Aniwa, WI 54408

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## Health Benefits of Maple Syrup

taken from George Mateljan Foundation website: World's Healthiest Foods

<http://www.whfoods.com>



Maple syrup is sweet - and we're not just talking flavor. Maple syrup, as an excellent source of manganese and a good source of zinc, can also be sweet for your health.

**Antioxidant** The trace mineral manganese is an essential cofactor in a number of enzymes important in energy production and antioxidant defenses. One ounce of maple syrup supplies 22.0% of the daily value for this very important trace mineral.

**Heart-healthy.** The zinc supplied by maple syrup, in addition to acting as an antioxidant, has other functions that can decrease the progression of atherosclerosis. Studies have found that in adults deficient in manganese, the other trace mineral amply supplied in maple syrup, the level of HDL (the "good" cholesterol) is decreased.

**Immunity.** Zinc and manganese are important allies in the immune system. Many types of immune cells appear to depend upon zinc for optimal function. In addition to the role played by zinc, the manganese in maple syrup is important since, as a component of the antioxidant SOD, it helps lessen inflammation, thus supporting healing. In addition, manganese may also act as an immunostimulant.

**Healthy Men.** Zinc is concentrated more highly in the prostate than in any other human tissue, and low levels of zinc in this gland relate to a higher risk for prostate cancer. In fact, zinc is a mineral used therapeutically by healthcare practitioners to help reduce prostate size.

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## Substitute Maple Syrup in Recipes

Substitute 3/4 of a cup of maple syrup for each cup of sugar and reduce the liquid in the recipe by 3 tablespoons.

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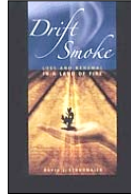
## Book Reviews

Here are three books you might be interested in reading when you are not in the woods.

### **Drift Smoke--Loss and Renewal in a Land of Fire**

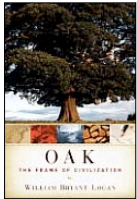
by David J. Strohmaier. Reviewed by David Novak.

Using words I could understand, Strohmaier describes fire, its effect on people and the land, grief and loss that comes with fire, and the rebirth that follows. A good conservation psychology read after spending a winter day doing TSI and firewood work. The Cedar Rapids library did not have the book, but it searched around and found it in a library out West and had it brought here through interlibrary loan.



### **Oak--The Frame of Civilization**

by William Bryant Logan. Reviewed by David Novak.



Logan, a certified arborist, describes the history of the oak, its worldwide spread, its use in the fabric of people's and animals' lives for thousands of years, and its role in the ecological health of the land. His detailed description of carpenters and their crafting/building

with oak is amazing. I had received a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble and was browsing around when my eyes settled on the book.

### **Invasive Plants of the Upper Midwest**

by Elizabeth J. Czarapata. Reviewed by Larry Wiley.

Here is a good book on invasive species that I found to be very interesting and informative. It won the "2005 Invader Crusader Award" from the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species. Published by University of Wisconsin Press.



### **Gardening With Deer**

Submitted by Tom Woodruff, IWOA Director

In north central Oregon (temp range 100 deg. to 0 deg. F.), a grower of Heirloom roses uses the following weekly spray. Mix one cup Water, 3 eggs, 1/3 cup Tabasco Sauce, 1/3 cup of Liquid Dishwashing Soap. Pour into a gallon tank sprayer and fill with water. He starts spraying with the first green sprout of spring.

After the first week of September, he discontinues the spray and the deer show up to nibble away all they want leaving the rose garden trimmed back enough so winter snows will not bend or break the remaining canes.

An additional deterrent is a cube of beef bouillon. The grower claims he has never had deer damage anything he's sprayed.

Source [www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com) - 2007 catalog.

### **Paul Tauke Named Iowa State Forester**

Paul Tauke was named State Forester by then IDNR Director Jeff Vonk. Tauke's most important duties will be to act as an advocate for Iowa's forestry resources, for the Department and for the Forestry Bureau. His role will be one of advocacy, technical knowledge, and policy level decision making for the DNR. He will also work to coordinate the private landowner assistance programs within the DNR.

Tauke will continue to supervise Iowa's 16 District Foresters and as State Forester will serve on the staff of Forestry Bureau Chief John Walkowiak.

### **Jesse Randall Named ISU Extension Forester**

In January 2007 Jesse Randall stepped into the position vacated by recently retired Paul Wray. Jesse's family manages several large woodlots for timber production and sap production for their maple syrup operation. The Randall's also raise Christmas trees for retail sale.

Jesse is interested in promoting multiple use forest management practices, hopes to build awareness of the benefits and practices involved with prescribed fire to maintain and/or increase native oak forests in Iowa, and hopes to continue his work studying the long-term impacts of overpopulated wildlife on forest composition and vertical development.

### **Richard Leopold Appointed Director of IDNR**

Rich Leopold had been serving as the executive director of the Iowa Environmental Council, the nonprofit coalition made up of 76 organizations and over 600 individual members working to improve Iowa's natural environment, when he was named by Chet Culver to head the Iowa DNR, replacing Jeff Vonk. Vonk has been named secretary of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department.



Leopold is a recognized leader in natural resources and agriculture issues in Iowa. He supports sustainable expansion of clean renewable energy for the 21st century, will be addressing Iowa's water quality concerns, and will be working to secure adequate funding for protection and enhancement of our natural resources, among other key issues.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, with an annual budget of \$150 million and approximately 1,000 employees, is the government agency that leads Iowans in caring for their natural resources. It is responsible for maintaining state parks and forests, protecting the environment, and managing energy, fish, wildlife, and land and water resources in Iowa.

## EQIP and Iowa Forestry

**... while the meek may inherit the earth, they will not be inheriting any EQIP dollars**

by Paul Tauke, State Forester

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is the flagship conservation program for the Iowa Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Iowa Agricultural producers. The 2002 Federal Farm Bill clearly states that sixty percent of EQIP funding must be made available to address practices relating to livestock production. The Farm Bill also expanded the definition of "eligible lands" to include "private, non-industrial forest land".

Iowa NRCS receives about twenty million dollars annually in EQIP cost-share dollars. In 2006 Iowa's 138,000 forest landowners have received about four-tenths of one percent of the State's EQIP allocation.

According to Larry Beeler, Assistant State Conservationist in charge of Programs, the distribution of EQIP dollars is a locally led process. When asked how forest landowners might better access EQIP funding, Beeler added, "My suggestions would be for landowners to contact the local NRCS office and make sure they are invited to the next public meeting to discuss resource conditions/concerns in the district. Usually this meeting is referred to a local work group (LWG) meeting the purpose of the meeting is to discuss forestland issues and get "buy in" from commissioners. They may also write the commissioners or attend a regular SWCD meeting which may be a very good alternative to the LWG meeting".

The implications of Beeler's message are clear. If forest landowners want to access and receive EQIP dollars it is incumbent upon them to get organized, get involved, and get vocal at the local level to raise the awareness of the importance of the forest resource within their county.

When raising the issue of EQIP and forestry, landowners need to keep in mind that each county does have the option of directing a portion of their county EQIP allocation to specific resource concern areas. Jones County, for example, earmarked over \$25,000 of their county EQIP allocation to forestry practices in 2006 and has indicated that they will reserve \$25,000 to \$50,000 in 2007.

**The take home message** is that while the meek may inherit the earth, they will not be inheriting any EQIP dollars. If forest landowners want EQIP dollars to improve the condition of their forest resource, they are going to have to be a bit wilder and a whole lot less mild.

IWOA Store  
cool items  
you, too, can own



**Metal IWOA signs,**

Cost: \$25, includes shipping

**Hats - \$7, includes shipping**

**Tree Finder or Winter Tree Finder**

Cost: \$3.50, includes shipping

**Send order to** Tom Woodruff,

4115 Rodeo Rd, Davenport, IA 52806



## IWOA Secretary Job Opening ... Taking Applications Now

Tom Woodruff, IWOA Secretary and current Board Member, will complete seven years as Secretary in September 2007. He requests that he be replaced but will remain on the Board to complete his term through 2008.

**To help provide an orderly transition, President Ace Hendricks requests that anyone with an interest in this volunteer position, or suggestion for such a person, contact him. You can also contact Tom.**

As per the Bylaws, the Secretary must be a Regular Member (woodland owner) but does not have to be on the Board.

Primary responsibilities are keeping records for the organization, recording and distributing minutes of all Board and Special meetings, providing timely communications as directed by the Board and President, and acting as the IWOA contact for general correspondence.

Duties, on average, require about two (2) hours per week plus attendance at 4 IWOA Board Meetings per yr.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ace Hendricks, [judenace@fbx.com](mailto:judenace@fbx.com) 515 961-8157 or Tom Woodruff [APWood70@aol.com](mailto:APWood70@aol.com) 563 391-8227

## Siouxland Flower, Lawn and Garden Show

The Siouxland Flower, Lawn and Garden Show will be held on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, 2007, at the Bluffs Area Family Center in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Educational sessions, how-to demonstrations, and exhibits are all part of this new, one-of-a-kind event in northwest Iowa. Admission is only \$4. Free parking. For more information: Woodbury County Extension at 712-276-2157 <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury>

## The Iowa Forest Network is Born!!!

by John Walkowiak, Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau Chief

For many years, the voice of woodland owners, foresters and forest supporters was like our forest resources – fragmented into many small organizations ranging in size from a thousand to only a handful. This fragmented voice has limited proactive forest awareness and education efforts to the general public and our elected federal, state and local officials.

Last January, organizational representatives from forestry groups ranging from the NE Iowa Forestry Advisory Committee to the Iowa Woodland Owners Association got together in Ames to discuss ways to improve and unify the voice of forest users and supporters to increase public awareness and education.

At that meeting lead by Ron Fullenkamp of IWOA/IA Tree Farm Committee and John Walkowiak, IDNR Forestry Bureau, organizations decided that a “forestry coalition” should be established to improve organizational communication, increase public awareness of forest values and to develop proactive efforts to enhance Iowa’s forest resources, for example, the Iowa Forestry Legislative Breakfast. A small sub-committee was charged to develop a “charter” for the “forestry coalition”. Members of that group were Ace Hendricks, Ackworth; Jim and Jody Kerns, Edgewood; Eric Nielsen, Steamboat Rock; Gary Harman, Indianola; Mary Hays, Adel; Will Ogle, Wadena; Ron Fullenkamp, West Point; and John Walkowiak, Des Moines.

After several months of conference calls, emails and such the sub committee finalized a charter for the coalition to be known as the “Iowa Forest Network” or “IFN”. The purpose of the Iowa Forest Network is to act as an umbrella organization/network for forest landowners, foresters, forest industry, conservation organizations, government agencies, universities and others with an interest in enhancing Iowa’s forest resources. IFN membership will be open to any organization, government agency or university department who desires to enhance the forest resources of Iowa. Application for membership in IFN shall be addressed in writing to the IFN chair designating the name, address and contact information for the organization representative. Individuals who desire to become involved with IFN will be encouraged to join member organizations. There will be no dues for membership in IFN, but contributions and donations will be accepted.

The IFN charter was sent out to interested member organizations right after the holidays, with a request that interested organizations contact John Walkowiak, IDNR Forestry Bureau Chief, IFN interim chair, once

their organization approved the charter and designated an organizational representative. To date the following organizations have approved the IFN charter: Iowa Society of American Foresters; Iowa Tree Farm Committee, Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Grinnell College Conard Environmental Research Area, Iowa Woodland Owners Association, Iowa State University Department of Natural Resources Ecology and Management, and the Southern Iowa Oak Savanna Alliance. Others are meeting with their organizations over the next couple of months and will be responding. Copies of the IFN Charter are located on the IWOA website:

[www.iowawoodlandowners.org](http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org)

For more information on the Iowa Forest Network, contact John Walkowiak at 515-242-5966 or email John at [john.walkowiak@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:john.walkowiak@dnr.state.ia.us)

## Think Safety

### Winter Hazards

by Larry Wiley, IWOA Board Member

Working and playing in the woods, or anywhere else, during the winter can expose us to additional hazards.

Everyone knows ice is slippery, but it can be extra hazardous if carrying equipment or heavy loads. Be especially careful when carrying a running chain saw. Ice grips worn on boots can be helpful.

Be careful of hidden hazards in the snow. Sticks frozen in the snow may not be visible and can cause a fall. Be sure escape routes are clear of hidden hazards when felling trees. Also, be on the look out for hidden depressions or holes that can cause injury.

Take notice of snow and ice on limbs and trees. This may cause a tree to be weighted to one side causing it to fall differently than expected. The limbs may be brittle and snap off rather than flex as a tree falls, causing falling or flying hazards. Falling snow can cause quick reactions, which could result in a chain saw being jerked into a body part. Ice can dull a chain saw causing more effort by the operator.

In addition, do not over exert yourself. Any activity in deep snow requires more effort than on bare ground. Heavy breathing, especially when the air is cold can be a hazard. A lot of energy can be spent if you get your truck stuck.

The cold weather alone can be a hazard. Pay attention to the wind chill as well as the temperature to avoid



frostbite. Dress in layers, so you can dress down if you begin to sweat. Hypothermia is a real threat if you become wet, whether from sweating or falling in the creek.

Winter is a great time to do many things in the woods. That includes viewing the beautiful scenery and enjoying the wildlife in their world. Think safety and enjoy the winter in the woods.

### Green Gifts – Christmas Trees for Troops

by Tom Woodruff, IWOA Board Member and Secretary

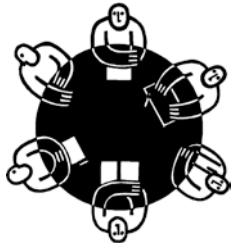
IWOA members Gary Harman, Walnut Ridge Farm at Indianola, and Mel Pacovsky, New Hampton, were part of a nationwide "Trees For Troops" program where 11,000 Christmas trees were donated to military families across the country. The Iowa Christmas Tree Growers led the effort. They were featured in the Des Moines Register December 6th, 2006.



### IWOA Officers and Board Members

These are the folks who run this organization. They give their time and talents for a 3-year term and may serve 2 terms.

If you were to ask any of them, you would hear that serving as a Director is very rewarding, puts them in the middle of the action for forestry issues in Iowa, allows them to meet leaders in forestry that they otherwise would never have the chance to meet, and it's a lot of fun. You might like to consider serving as an IWOA Director. By June of each year, the slate of Directors up for election is set, and at the September Annual Meeting the new Directors take office.



- President/Director – Ace Hendricks (08)
- Vice President/Director – Tom Rosenberger (07)
- Secretary/Director – Tom Woodruff (08)
- Treasurer - Joanne Mensinger
- Membership Secretary - Cathy Wilkie
- Timber Talk Editor/Director - Bev Brink (09)
- Legislative Liaison/Director - Ron Fullenkamp (09)
- Director - Steve Hansen (08)
- Director - Keith Sparks (07)
- Director - Harlan Steintjes (09)
- Director - Larry Wiley (07)

## Are you a member of the Iowa Tree Farmers, but not IWOA, .... yet?

IWOA invites you to become a full-fledged Iowa Woodland Owners Member. There are many benefits of IWOA membership, from this newsletter, to legislative influence, to educational opportunities, information about conferences and field days, and a progressive leadership that is working to help woodland owners in Iowa better manage and more fully enjoy their woods. Dues are only \$10 per year, and the rewards are great.

**To join**, just complete and mail this form to Cathy Wilkie along with your check (address below). The IWOA membership form is also available as a download from the IWOA website [www.iowawoodlandowners.org](http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org)

- Member** \$10 - woodland owner, voting
- Assoc. Member** \$10 – non-woodland owner, non-voting
- Contributing Member** \$50 – woodland owner, voting
- Contributing Assoc. Member** \$50+, non-woodland owner, non-voting

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Should we add you to the IWOA listserv?** Yes No

**Number of forest acres you own:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is your land in the forest reserve program?** \_\_\_

**Are you a certified tree farmer?** \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering for IWOA committees and/or events in the future

I am interested in serving on the IWOA Board of Directors and/or learning more about the Board of Directors' responsibilities.

Send your completed form to: Cathy Wilkie, IWOA Membership Secretary, 204 Park Rd, Iowa City, IA 52246  
[cat\\_wilkie@yahoo.com](mailto:cat_wilkie@yahoo.com)

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## Calendar of Iowa Forestry Events

**February 24, 2007, Saturday**

### Winter Gardening Fair

Kirkwood Community College

Keynote and concurrent presentations.

For registration form: 319 398-1022 or

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn>

**March 10, 2007, Saturday**

### 2007 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference

Sinsinawa Mound Conference Center, Sinsinawa, WI.

Mailed registration due February 24.

Online registrations due March 3.

For more info: Peggy Compton, (608) 342-1633

[peggy.compton@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:peggy.compton@ces.uwex.edu)

<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/gpsp/Sinsinawa07.pdf>

**March 23-24, 2007, Friday-Saturday**

### Siouxland Flower, Lawn and Garden Show

Bluffs Area Family Center in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

**April 18, 2007, Wednesday, 6 p.m.**

### IWOA Board Meeting

Tap't Out Stein-N-Dine, West Union

**April 19, 2007, Thursday, 9 - 4**

### IWOA Field Day

Louis Christen's Tree Farm, Elgin

Register to Bev Brink by April 12.

**July 29 - August 1, 2007, Sun.-Wed.**

### International Walnut Council Annual Conference

in Dubuque, Iowa.

More details [www.walnutcouncil.org](http://www.walnutcouncil.org)

Register by April 30 for a chance to win full registration, a \$110 value.

Call Liz Jackson at 765 583-3501

**September 18, 2007, Tuesday, 8:30-4:00**

### IWOA Annual Fall Conference

Wickiup Outdoor Learning Center, Toddville, IA

Mark your calendar. More details later.

**October 11-14, 2007, Thursday-Sunday**

### National Tree Farm Convention

Madison, Wisconsin

Great opportunity, and not far away for Iowans.

More info in next Timber Talk issue



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