

# TimberTalk

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## Sinsinawa Conference a Success Again

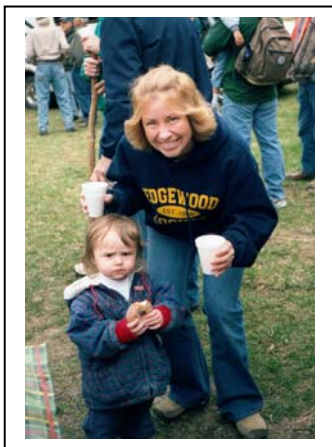
by David and Andrea Novak, IWOA members, Cedar Rapids

The March 10 Sinsinawa Wisconsin Tri-State Forestry Conference, not far from Dubuque, lived up to its reputation as one of the best woodland educational experiences available in the Midwest.

Hundreds of landowners, forestry professionals, and people interested in the natural world filled the auditorium and breakout sessions. Seminars covered everything from emerald ash borer to oak wilt to invasive species management. Anyone interested in birding could attend presentations on managing for ruffed grouse, bird I.D., wild turkeys, and backyard wildlife. From a financial perspective, programs touched on agroforestry, timber sales and marketing, estate planning, and forest products. Forest inventories, directional tree felling/ chain saw maintenance, plantation establishment, and woodland management objectives were sessions available for those who regularly work in the woods.

The Sinsinawa conference is an excellent networking opportunity, and a lot of that was going on. My wife, Andrea, and I made it a point to share the noon meal with people we did not know and were delighted when we visited with two young DNR employees new to their respective careers. We made sure we picked up our coffee mugs and added them to our cupboard collection at home.

Sinsinawa is an excellent and productive use of time. We plan to return next year the second Saturday in March when it is usually held. \_\_\_\_\_



### It's never too early to start loving the woods.

Jodi Kerns, Edgewood, and daughter, Ava Grace, start off the April 19 field day with rolls and juice. It began chilly and windy but by afternoon the sun came out and felt great. Jodi and Jim Kerns operate Edgewood Locker. They provided a delicious hot lunch to a hungry group.

**Iowa Forest Facts:** Acres of Forest Land: 2,050,000  
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land: 1,807,000  
Nonindustrial Private Forest Landowners: 55,400

## Forestry from the Ground Up April 19 Field Day in Fayette County

by Bev Brink, IWOA Board and TimberTalk editor, Elkader

Sixty-seven people arrived at Louis Christen's tree farm on April 19 for a full day of walking through the wooded hills, learning about forestry practices, learning early spring flora and the local geology, and hearing from Louis about his cabin mostly made with his own timber. Below are some pictures from the day.

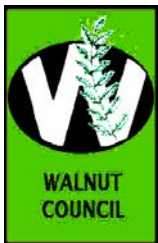


Will Ogle and Bill Bennett, neighbors and assistants to Louis Christen for the field day, enjoy an all-wheel drive Polaris vehicle that is great for getting around in woods.



Louis Christen explains to field day attendees how he built his cabin, and shares some tips and techniques. His brother Dave Christen (behind to left) is an experienced builder and helped Louis put up the cabin as did friends and neighbors.

See more Fayette County Field Day photos on the IWOA website. [www.iowawoodlandowners.org](http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org) such as, Louis's cabin, District Foresters sharing knowledge with ready learners, and folks having a good time.



## 2007 National Black Walnut Council Annual Meeting

Dubuque, July 29-August 1

The 2007 National Black Walnut Council Annual Meeting will be held in Dubuque on July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> at the

Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque. All interested in forestry are encouraged to attend.

Monday morning's field day at New Melleray Abbey located south of Peosta includes a direct seeding tour, a field discussion on the natural history of oak in the driftless area and a field lesson in black walnut grading. The highlight of the morning will be a live field demonstration and exhibit of the newest tree harvesting technology from John Deere's Forestry Equipment Division. For those that want to test their skill operating the harvester, JD will have their harvesting simulator running in the exhibit room back at the Grand Harbor.

The afternoon includes a brief history of the Abbey, tour of Trappist Caskets, self-guided tour of Brother Placid's nut orchard, Lucas Mill demonstration, tour of the Monastery, or invasive species equipment demonstration. In the evening, join the Landowner Show & Tell hosted by Larry Krotz, of Washington, IA.

Tuesday's agenda includes concurrent sessions on the history of Iowa's forest resource, hardwood insect and disease problems, wildlife protection, walnut grafting, Iowa's walnut improvement program, backyard woods, crop tree release, timber sale advice, stave production and woodland IRAs.

Wednesday concludes the meeting with the latest wood technology updates from the Forest Service Forest Product Lab, exotic invasive species management, hardwood tree improvement, and state chapter reports.

To register, go to the Walnut Council website <http://www.walnutcouncil.org/meetinginfo.htm>, or contact Liz Jackson at [jackson@purdue.edu](mailto:jackson@purdue.edu) 765-583-3501 or mail Walnut Council Inc, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906-9431. Early Registration (before July 2) is \$110 for adults and \$60 for children. Late registration is an additional \$25 and an additional \$50 at the door. For motel reservations contact the Grand Harbor toll free at 1-800-690-4006. Room rates are \$80 for a single or double. Ask for Walnut Council rate.

### Yes, you can send an email to everyone on the IWOA listserv if you are a listserv member!

Here's how:

1. open your email program
2. address your email to [iwoa@yahoogroups.com](mailto:iwoa@yahoogroups.com)
3. Send

It's that easy! Don't be shy about sharing info others need to know, or asking forestry questions you'd like answers to.

## A Gift of the Iowa Spring

By Lois Tiffany, ISU Prof of Botany, and Rosanne Healy, Assistant

Ahh spring, the long-awaited season for sensory deprived morel hunters cooped up too many months. Spring rains have dampened the earth, the temperatures are now consistently above freezing, the Dutchman's breeches, hepatica and bloodroot are in bloom, can morels be far behind? It is a seemingly simple question, but the answer is elusive. In the following article, we try to answer some of the frequently asked questions regarding morels, so that those who love to hunt them, or those who are simply curious about them can begin to make some sense of their seemingly mysterious ways.



### How do you get morel mushrooms started and encourage their growth?

We really don't know the answer to this. There are companies that sell morel inoculum kits, but we have no data about how well these perform. A morel is the fruiting body produced from microscopic vegetative mycelium, which must colonize a substrate for a sufficient amount of time to store the nutrients necessary to build a fruiting body. The point to remember is that no matter how good the habitat is for morels, they won't fruit unless their mycelium is there.

They are found in open woods, woodland edge, and well-drained bottomland woods. They do not appreciate standing water. They seem to do well in the vicinity of elms that have been dead 1-3 years, so this may enhance the possibility of getting morels to establish, but we have no hard evidence that this works.

The best advice we can give for managing the woodlands for morels is to disturb the habitat as little as possible during the timber harvesting process, in order to cause the least disturbance to the morel mycelium. Also, when harvesting the morel, you can minimize disturbance to the mycelium by cutting the stalk at the base rather than pulling it from the ground. Timbering, and harvesting process that could disturb morel mycelia. Fungicides could certainly be discouraging, although we are not aware of studies on the effect of particular fungicides. It is inadvisable to eat fungi that are growing where pesticides of any kind have been used recently because the mycelium can readily take these products up from the soil, and potentially cause harm to the consumer.



Fire should not affect the species that are common in Iowa, unless the fire is so intense that it sterilizes the soil. There are some species of black morel that appear to be stimulated to fruit following fires.

Tree species don't appear to be limiting. Morels fruit with almost all of the major tree species in Iowa, including pine.

Light does not seem to be a factor in discouraging or encouraging morels to fruit. They are less likely to fruit in situations where there is heavy understory. They are more likely to be found on slopes than in river bottom land because of soil moisture - their mycelium needs oxygen to grow, so they don't fare well in sodden soils.

Outside of these tidbits, the science behind morel biology is not at a place yet where more detailed advice can be given. Hopefully, this will change as research continues.

### **Where does a person get the spores or transplants?**

They are readily available online. People have suggested that the wash water, or pieces of the cap from collected morels can contribute spores and vegetative mycelium that may provide initial inoculum to appropriate sites. We have no data to prove the effectiveness of this approach, but it doesn't hurt to try.

### **What is the value of morel mushrooms environmentally?**

Environmentally, they are one of the fungi that contributes to the recycling of dead organic materials, and also may have a mutually beneficial association with trees.

### **If a woodland owner has a question about morel mushroom growing, who should he/she contact?**

Contact either Lois Tiffany (515) 294-3121 or Rosanne Healy 515 231-2562 [rosanne.healy@gmail.com](mailto:rosanne.healy@gmail.com)

**Authors:** *Lois H. Tiffany, an Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Botany, Iowa State University, and Rosanne Healy, her mycological sidekick who can be found in the plant disease clinic at Iowa State University. \_*

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### **Websites for morel mushroom info:**

#### **The Great Morel Home Page**

<http://www.thegreatmorel.com>

#### **Morel.com**

<http://www.morel.com>

#### **Morel Mushroom Hunting Club**

<http://morelmushroomhunting.com>

#### **Morel Mushroom Evolution and Biology**

<http://www.nov55.com/mr>

#### **Morchella from Wikipedia**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morel>

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## **Portable Sawmills - A Valuable Asset for Small Woodland Owners**

*By Jeff Mullins, Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc. member*

When first introduced commercially 25 years ago, portable thin-kerf band sawmills drew little attention from the commercial forest industry. However, the low cost, ease of operation and the capacity to produce fine quality lumber, led to enthusiastic acceptance by farmers, wood lands owners, and others wanting to saw relatively small quantities of inexpensive lumber to support personal needs.

More importantly, the availability of this new technology provided a tool to profitably turn previously "useless and worthless" trees into valuable lumber with an initial investment less than the cost of a small tractor. The highly portable mills are easily towed behind a small pickup, set up. In minutes and can be operated by a single operator to produce quality lumber from logs conventional sawmills cannot or will not accept. The thin blades often yield 30-200% more lumber from a log than log scale would indicate and more lumber enhances value and profit achieved.



It is common for a small woodland owner to purchase one of these mills for his own use anticipating that others may also benefit. Dan Cassens purchased Wood-Mizer's LT40 thin-kerf mill to saw lumber for his personal use knowing that others would also pay for the service he could provide as a part-time custom sawyer.

### **Environmental Benefits - A Significant Bonus**

Several tangible and measurable environmental benefits are realized by utilizing thin-kerf sawmills.

Although there is considerable controversy regarding greenhouse emissions and global warming, most agree that where greenhouse gases can be reduced with little difficulty or expense, they should be. Portable sawmills can, and do, play an important role in some of the carbon mitigation strategies many believe to be critical to atmospheric carbon reduction.

Portable sawmills often utilize raw materials that otherwise would be left to rot, burn or at best, be processed into chips, all of which eventually

release significant amounts of carbon into the atmosphere. A double benefit is realized as the need for harvests in healthy forests is reduced so more healthy trees are allowed to remain standing. Those remaining trees "scrub" carbon from the air and release oxygen providing significant environmental enhancement.



Dealer al Manning puts a Hud-Son portable sawmill through its paces during April 19 IWOA Field Day in Fayette County. Photo by Rollie Henkes, Monona, editor of *MidWest Woodlands & Prairies* magazine.

### Portable Thin-Kerf Sawmilling - An Alternative to Commercial Harvests

Portable mills allow landowners flexibility to manage small woodlands for optimal long term production. Individual trees can be profitably removed and milled to improve future stands vs harvesting larger volumes of timber to pay for logging and full load shipment to mills. A better alternative than shipping "poor quality" logs to mills willing to pay minimal amounts, portable mills can glean much valuable lumber "on-site" for the owner's personal use or for sale to others.

### Thin-Kerf Mills Have a Successful Record

With perhaps 50,000 or more very thin-kerf units operating world wide today, portable thin-kerf sawmilling has proven its viability as both a profitable business venture and an important asset for those seeking to enhance the earth's environment.

For small woodland owners, portable thin-kerf sawmills provide flexibility in management and harvesting practices. Greater short and long term yields can be realized from trees harvested and positive environmental benefits are achieved.

*Author: Jeff Mullins, Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc. member who pastors a rural church in northwest Oregon where he lives with his wife and children. He has recently purchased a portable sawmill himself.*

### FFA Forestry Awards Supported by IWOA



Travis Garlow, of the Tri Star FFA Chapter at Elkader, is the first place winner of the Forest Production Management. Garlow learned skills such as selection of trees for firewood, operating a chainsaw and log splitter, firewood marketing,

and small business management. Garlow's goal is to attend NICC in Peosta while continuing his firewood business. His FFA advisor is Steve Zaruba.

The second place winner in the area of Forest Management and Products is Shae Pesek of the West Delaware FFA Chapter at Manchester. Her advisor is Tammy Schnieders.

The sponsor of the Forest Management and Products Proficiency Award is Iowa Woodland Owners Association, Iowa Christmas Tree Growers, and Iowa Tree Farm Committee through the Iowa FFA Foundation. IWOA has contributed for the past 14 years to the IA FFA Forestry Production Management Award.

### Mark your Calendar:

**September 18, IWOA Fall Conference & Field Day**  
Toddville. Topic: Prescribed Burns in Prairies & Woods

### National Tree Farmer Convention

**October 11-14, 2007**  
**Madison, Wis.**

*taken from Missouri's Green Horizons Newsletter*

Hosted by the American Tree Farm System, the 14th 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention is themed:

"Great lakes. Great forests." The convention will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

**Registration:** Visit the American Tree Farm web site at [www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org) for updated conference information, or call: (202) 463-2462.

**Lodging:** Conference rates have been secured at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace. Call (866) 403-8838 to make a reservation (be sure to mention the National Tree Farmer Convention) or make lodging reservations online:

[www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/msnmhfh\\_tre\\_e/index.jhtml](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/msnmhfh_tre_e/index.jhtml) (This is a direct link to the conference lodging reservation site.)



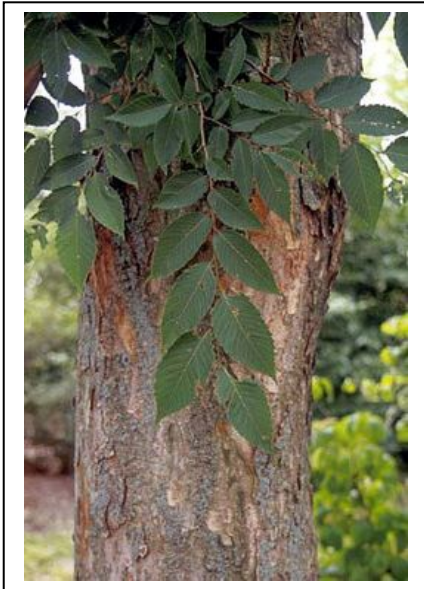


# Non-Native Tree of the Quarter

## Japanese Zelkova *Zelkova serrata*

by Tom Brady, IWOA Member, Runnels, IA

Japanese Zelkova's are referenced in most tree books but there is quite a bit of variance in the description. They are Elm relatives and are touted as replacements for American Elm because of their resistance to Dutch Elm disease. One writer ridiculed this because Japanese Zelkovas lack the "dignity and grace" of our American Elm.



The mature height is described as from 50'-120' ( they are almost always described as being of equal spread). The leaves are dark green but are described as being 1"-5" long and half as wide. The fall color is described as being yellow to red, or even bronze or russet. The bark is described as smooth when young with brown or gray color, and as exfoliating when mature, revealing pale orange. They are sometimes described as tender when young and as being marginal in zone 5. The seed is described as a green drupe from 1/8"-1/4'.

I bought 10 Japanese Zelkovas about 12 years ago and all have survived. I did have some die back in the severe winter of 1999-2000. Paul Wray told me that Iowa State University had Zelkova winter kill, but my impression was that they were improved varieties, and may have been more tender than my regular old seedlings.

I find the growth to be slow, my tallest tree being about 12'. The bark on my trees is smooth and gray with little or no exfoliation yet. My trees have not flowered or produced fruit. The trees reveal their relationship to elms in their leaves. They are similar but with sharp teeth on the edge. I would estimate the average length as 3" with 1 1/2" width. The fall color is pale maroon. I like this tree but I've probably spent more time staking and pruning my young trees than any other species I can

think of. They refuse to grow straight. Cone of the Tree Authors describes seedling zelkovas as growing like a rabbi's hind legs ( crooked and uneven ). Now that I've got them grown to a size that I've got the bottom limbs removed, the trees require very little pruning. You can pick them out in the landscape, though. They have the appearance of a bonsai specimen ( for which they are often used ), or a tree that grows by the seashore and leans away from the wind. The books promise a vase shaped tree at maturity, and recommend this as a street tree. I hope I'm around long enough to find out. \_\_\_\_\_

## Update: Emerald Ash Borer

from Larry Wiley,  
IWOA Board Member, Palo

Here is a web site that appears to have everything you may want to know about The Emerald Ash Borer <http://www.emeraldashborer.info> This beetle is



native to Japan, Korea, Mongolia and northern China. It attacks the trunks and branches of healthy trees of at least three species of native ash (*Fraxinus* spp.) in five counties of Michigan and near Windsor in Ontario, Canada.

Unlike native wood borers that usually attack the small branches high up in the tree, *A. planipennis* attacks both the trunks and branches in trees of any size. The tendency to attack smaller wood up high in the tree is evidenced by tree dieback starting in the tops of trees. This beetle has been found attacking green ash, white ash and black ash, and believed that *A. planipennis* will also attack red ash. There is a report of *A. planipennis* attacking elm (*Ulmus* sp.), but so far in Michigan, *A. planipennis* has been found exclusively on ash. This species attacks members of the Juglandaceae,

such as walnut, in Japan. This beetle very aggressive and appears to be attacking healthy trees, with the larvae feeding on the trees, and the adults are seen eating



## Iowa District 5 Forester Stan Tate Retires and is honored by ITF and IWOA

On April 13, Ron Fullenkamp, representing the Iowa Tree Farmers, and Ace Hendricks, representing the Iowa Woodland Owners Association, each presented Stan Tate with a \$100 Cabela's gift certificate in honor of his



Stan Tate and Ace Hendricks

retirement from serving for 38 years as District 5 Forester in Iowa, and for being instrumental in the founding of IWOA.

Below are excerpts from Ron's recent interview with Stan. For the entire interview, go to the

IWOA website. <http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org>

**Stan:** I started my forestry career in California in 1962, doing seasonal work, such as building trails, fighting fires, and doing rescue work. I went to Murfreesboro, Illinois for the next two years in the same capacity. Then I worked in the Forest Supervisor's office as a visitor information specialist in Shawneetown, Illinois.

After I graduated from Southern Illinois at Carbondale in 1968, I got a call one day from John Stokes, offering me a job. I didn't know John Stokes and I hadn't contacted Iowa. He said, "We've got an opening here, and if you are interested in it, you can have it." In



Stan Tate and Ron Fullenkamp

November of 1968 I began work. It was a great job that fitted my skills well and I loved what I was doing. It was a challenge and was never boring. You always had to study up and improve your skills and work hard to keep up with the changes. Time flies when you're having fun, and I did have fun.

**Ron:** You have been instrumental in many innovations and the formation of forestry organizations. Tell us about some of these ideas, especially the IWOA.

**Stan:** I can't remember the exact year, but the idea came about at a little coffee shop in Wapello, IA, called Carla's. John Wanfalt, a long time friend and tree farmer, and I were brainstorming one day. We were discussing how the tree farmer was really isolated in that the only person who knows anything about his trees is

the forester and the farmer has no one else to compare the forester's ideas with when it comes to the sales of his trees. If the tree farmer can get information from a half dozen sources, it will have a much bigger impact over time. This thought drove the idea of an organization of the thousands of Iowans who owned timberland to help each other pass around information. Sometimes the State office isn't too cooperative in changing things, but I will credit Bill Ferris, whom I called at this time with the idea of this organization. He jumped on the bandwagon and called a meeting at Ames. He was the driving force to get this done on this organization. I cannot remember who all was there, but John Wanfalt and I flew from Washington, Iowa in his plane to attend along with 12 or 15 other foresters, etc. It was at this meeting that it was decided that Iowa Owners of Woodlands Association was IOWA, but would be too complicated. Thus they decided on the IWOA logo.

**Ron:** I know you have had some great things happen and also some not so great. Give us a couple examples of the best and the worst of your experiences.

**Stan:** The best thing of my career was the fun I had working with the private landowners. Most landowners are enthusiastic and love their timbers, but just need some help in understanding what is going on out there in their woods. Working with people with this great attitude made my job a real joy.

People who hated timber, however, were most frustrating. They didn't have the motivation to improve or preserve the timber for family, friends, or future generations.

**Ron:** Tell us something about the Geode Forestry Program. I'm told that you were kind of the inventor of this program.

**Stan:** Program innovation was one of my strengths. Geode Forestry actually preceded One Stop Forestry and was the first program in the country. The same people were involved in this effort, too. John Wanfalt and I again got the idea in the same coffee shop, that we needed a bigger vendor base. I contacted Ron Snyder, who was a person not afraid to take the bull by the horns. We approached the US Forest Service for a grant and we were turned down. Later, we approached them with a slightly different plan and we were able to get a \$4,000 grant to get it started. It ran under the RC&D for 6 years or so, and Bob Petrezlka bought it and has been going ever since. There are now programs like it in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and I believe 40 or so in the Northeastern US modeled after this program.

Tate chuckles, my management style is "ready, fire, aim". I think it is cheaper to try something and have it fail than to plan, plan, plan and never get the rubber on the road, even though sometimes the wheels fall off.

# THINK SAFETY

## Especially in Storm Season

by Larry Wiley

As this is being published, it is storm season in Iowa. Everyone needs to think about where is their “safe place”, in case you are in the path of one of these nasty events. As you know a strong thunder storm or tornado can wreak havoc on property and buildings.

Unfortunately, these storms can also bring heavy damage to our shade trees and timber lands. Cleaning up these messes can be very dangerous.

Check for power lines that may be down in the area you intend to work. Also, look up for lines that may be in contact with trees above. Be sure the power is off before you make any attempt to enter the area.

Following a storm, the ground will typically be wet or muddy. Use caution to avoid falling when dealing with these slippery conditions.

Trees and limbs may be piled one on top of another or in a twisted mess. This may result in limbs being under extreme pressure. When cut, these limbs may spring free with considerable force, causing injury. Also, be aware that the saw can become pinched. A natural reaction may be to jerk the saw free. This is a dangerous situation if the saw suddenly comes back toward the operator.

Now is not a good time for short cuts. Be sure to wear and use all available safety gear.

I like to keep a cell phone handy when working alone. The phone should be attached to your body or in a pocket where it is easily accessible in case of emergency. Not on the truck seat! If needed, help is just a phone call away.

Spring is a beautiful time of the year, even with some of the hazards. Be safe and enjoy the woods!

## It’s amazing where trees will grow!



Red or White Elm growing through an old Spring Feed Stock Tank. This photo was taken in a section of a Forest Reserve Area on the Robert Nolan Farm in Jones County, Iowa.

## IWOA Membership Application

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 Wilke 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
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**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

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

### International Walnut Council Annual Conference

Dubuque, Iowa.

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

Call Liz Jackson 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

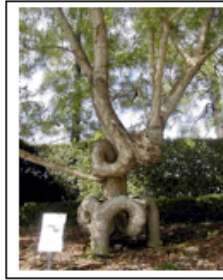
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