

## Chairman's Corner

By John Perry

Hopefully by now, you have made plans to join your colleagues in Louisville June 11-13. The East KY Chapter has put together a fine meeting. May's roses, already run for, may have faded, but fresh are interesting and vital topics, as well as the comradeship of your professional clan. If you have not made plans to join us yet, there is plenty of time. If you have, encourage your peers who have not. Among many topics, we'll explore that the spirit in the spirits produced by Old Forester is partially a product of the forest.

If you need some more incentive to attend, Louisville is the site where we will be the host for our version of the "gathering of the clans", the SAF National Convention in 2017. It will give us all a chance to see the locale and what it has to offer the Continent's forest professionals. The National meeting planning has moved to the front burner for our group this year. That may make some who were involved with our last hosting effort in Memphis want to seek a hidden crevice on Mt. LeConte until it is over. However, the National office now handles quite a few of the details that were our responsibility at the Big Muddy Convention. Over the next 3 years, we need the energy and ideas of our youth, the wisdom of our Memphis sages, and all those in between to help put this together. Please begin to ponder your input.

The big change locally in your Society is a change in the Treasurer position. After 20 some years in KY, Bernie Andersen, Treasurer for this year, departed for his native Texas this month. He is moving to the Capital area, but I did not hear him mention if he wanted to contribute to the local goal to "Keep Austin Weird". Bernie mentioned a possible move at the winter meeting, but the date was uncertain. He thought he might possibly serve out his term. The Treasurer has already invested a year learning the business, so that role is not easily filled at mid-term. Thankfully, a seasoned veteran of the position, Greg Bailey, stepped up to serve out Bernie's term. The cavalry had reached the circled wagons and my concerns over what could have been a rough transition faded. You recognize Greg as the editor of this Newsletter. I hear frequent

complements on our Newsletter, so Greg was already filling a vital role without being an officer. He certainly has done us a favor by assuming more responsibility. Thanks for the work and good luck to Bernie in his new home and a hearty thank you to Greg for stepping up (along with a sigh of relief).

Another change in the KY-TN leadership is that Allan Houston has accepted the Awards Chair. Allan has served KY-TN SAF in a variety of important roles, including Chair. I have enjoyed his writing over the years in a variety of publications and can't think of a better person to credit the good work of those in forestry, wildlife, & natural resources. In a reply about his pondering acceptance, he managed to touch base while on a prescribed native grass burn, accompanied by a picture of 25' flames fanned by a March breeze in ample fuel. Thank you, Allan. I hope to see you in Louisville.

Please contact me with issues important to you where KY-TN SAF is concerned.

~ John

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## TWRA RECEIVES ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AWARD

*By Brant Miller*

The TWRA has received the honor of being the recipient of Arbor Day Foundation's 2014 Forest Lands Leadership Award for its bottomland hardwood forest restoration program in West Tennessee.

The award is given annually to an individual or organization from across the nation whose outstanding work provides leadership in advancing sustainable forestry efforts on public forest land. The criteria for receiving this prestigious award are demonstrating initiative and leadership in sustainable forest programs, being a model for others to emulate, addressing a high need area, and having sustainable program building and development.

The TWRA and other 2014 award winners in several categories were honored by colleagues, supporters, and friends at the Arbor Day Awards Ceremony on April 26 at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center in Nebraska City, Neb. Present to receive the award for TWRA were KTSAF members Brant Miller (Wildlife Forestry Program Manager) and Damon Hollis (West Tennessee Wetlands Forester), and Jason Maxedon (Area Manager over Ernest Rice, Sr., Moss Island, and several other WMAs and refuges).

Approximately three million trees have been planted on a total of 6,800 acres of former row crop land since 2000, the year that Jason Maxedon was hired to develop and oversee TWRA's bottomland hardwood restoration program. Damon Hollis took over in 2011, when Jason transferred to the area manager position. In addition to Damon, the team includes the program's longtime Wildlife Technician Sam Turner, Wildlife Forester Justin Hallett, and Wildlife Technician Josh Emerson.



Working with TWRA Region I personnel, the East Tennessee State Nursery and the University of Tennessee Tree Improvement Program, TWRA's West Tennessee foresters annually restore 500-1,000 acres of bottomland hardwoods on TWRA-owned lands, with a greater than 80 percent seedling survival rate. In addition to several oak species, many other supplemental tree and shrub species are planted, as well, to promote a more natural forest composition. This has been accomplished with the help of generous grants from the Arbor Day Foundation, which have been approved for TWRA afforestation projects every year since 2010. These new forests will provide optimum habitat and mast, in an area where it is critically needed, ensuring sustainable management of various wildlife species for the benefit of Tennessee citizens and visitors.

TWRA's goal is to connect the fragmented forests of West Tennessee into an uninterrupted travel corridor through which wildlife can fly, walk, and crawl freely. At a time when wildlife habitat is being lost to increasing urbanization, the future is bright for TWRA's bottomland hardwood forests and associated wildlife of West Tennessee.

# Congratulations TWRA!!

## **2014 Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters Summer Meeting**

June 11 – 13, 2014

Louisville, KY

### **Registration**

\$70 SAF Professional Members by May 31 (\$85 after)

\$80 Non-SAF members (\$95 after)

\$55 Students

\$50 Guests

Visit [www.ktsaf.org](http://www.ktsaf.org) to register online with credit card (\$3 processing fee)

Check and money order payable to **EKSAF** through the mail with registration form

10.0 Continuing Forestry Education category 1 credits will be available

### **Hotel**

Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center

830 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209

1 (877) 227-6963

\$100 plus tax per night mention KTSAF Group by **May 28**

Online reservations can be made here: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/11252666/owner/2812/home>

### **Agenda**

#### **Wednesday, June 11**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Executive Committee Meeting – Location will be determined. Indicate on your registration that you will be attending the meeting to receive full details the day of the meeting.

#### **Thursday, June 12**

7:00 am – 8:00 am – Registration – Crowne Plaza lobby

8:15 am – 5:00 pm – Meet at Crowne Plaza lobby to depart in vans - Tour of Brown-Forman facilities including main campus, cooperage, and Old Forester distillery tour (lunch provided)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest (dinner provided) – Andrew Berry, Bernheim Forest Manager

#### **Friday, June 13**

8:30 am – 9:15 am – Kentucky Forestry Economic Impact 2013 – 2014 – Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky

9:15 am – 10:00 am – Update of Pests: Emerald Ash Borer, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Thousand Cankers Disease, and Asian Longhorned Beetle – *Speaker TBD*

10:00 am – 10:30 am – Status of Regional Timber Markets – *Speaker TBD*

10:30 am – 11:00 am – Break/Check out of hotel

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Business Meeting and Adjourn

**KTSAF Summer Meeting**  
**Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center**  
**830 Phillips Lane**  
**Louisville, KY 40209**

**June 11-13, 2014**

**Mail-in Registration Form**

**Attendee Information:**

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

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday night? Yes or No (circle)

\*If Yes, you will be contacted the day of the meeting with specific room details

**Registration Type:**

\_\_\_\_\_ SAF Member (\$70 before May 31, \$85 after)

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-SAF member (\$80 before May 31, \$95 after)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student (\$55)

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest (\$50)

Total Registration Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to EKSAF)

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## Newsworthy

Forestry officials say the growing popularity of bourbon and whiskey worldwide is helping bring back Kentucky's forest and wood-products industry.

The good news came in the Kentucky Forestry Economic Impact Report for 2013-2014, which was released on April 3.

UK forestry extension professor Jeff Stringer, who cowrote the report, told The Courier-Journal the industry is coming back from the recession that caused it to tank in 2009. In 2013, the industry pumped \$7.9 billion into the state's economy—putting it on par with the with the state's tourism industry.

Kentucky.com 4/4/14

### Salamander's Hefty Role in the Forest

If someone asked you to name the top predator in North American forests, you might think of bears, or maybe great horned owls. But here's another answer to think about: woodland salamanders. They are mainly small, a few inches long and weighing well under an ounce. But they are hugely abundant — and very hungry. On an average day, a salamander eats 20 ants of all sizes, two fly or beetle larvae, one adult beetle and half of an insect called the springtail. And in doing so, they collectively affect the entire course of life in the forest — and perhaps far beyond.

According to a new study in the journal *Ecosphere*, salamanders play a significant role in the global carbon cycle. Salamanders' prey consists almost entirely of "shredding invertebrates," bugs that spend their lives ripping leaves to little bits and eating them. At least in theory, having more salamanders in a forest should mean fewer shredding invertebrates and more carbon safely locked underground.

In the study, the presence of salamanders resulted in a significant decrease in shredders: fly and beetle larvae, adult beetles and springtails. In the plots with no salamanders there were more shredders, and they consumed about 13 percent more of the leaf litter. Almost half of that lost weight was carbon, released into the atmosphere.

The woodland salamanders — "the vacuum cleaners of the forest floor," as Dr. Maerz put it.

New York Times.com 4/7/14

## POP QUIZ !!

This Kentucky State Forest was established in 2006.

Do you know its name and location?

### Committee Passes Bill to Preserve Forestland

The Senate Agriculture Committee Tuesday passed by voice vote legislation by Tennessee's U.S. Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker that would designate nearly 20,000 acres in six areas of the Cherokee National Forest as wilderness areas.

"The Tennessee Wilderness Act would preserve federally owned land that has been managed as wilderness areas since 2004," Alexander said. "Creating and expanding these wilderness areas would have no effect on privately-owned land and will not increase costs for taxpayers. This legislation would help protect some of the wildest, most pristine and beautiful areas in East Tennessee and give the millions of visitors to our state an additional reason to come enjoy our outdoors."

Alexander and Corker first introduced the Tennessee Wilderness Act in 2010, and it was recommended by the Forest Service in 2004. Designation as a wilderness area is the highest level of conservation protection to preserve land.

Alexander and Corker's legislation would create one new wilderness area and expand the boundaries of five existing wilderness areas within the Cherokee National Forest.

The new wilderness area would be the Upper Bald River Wilderness, which is more than 9,000 acres in Monroe County.

The bill would also add 1,836 acres to the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness in Monroe County along with acreage in wilderness areas in Polk, Washington, Carter and Unicoi counties.

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**Knobs State Forest and WMA** is located 28 miles south of Louisville near Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. Comprising 1,539 acres, it is the first Forest Legacy project in Kentucky.

The forest is open for day use only unless hunting regulations specify extended hours. Hiking, wildlife viewing and regulated hunting are permitted. Off-road vehicles, including ATVs and horseback riding is prohibited.

**41 Months...**

**Till the 2017 SAF National Convention**  
Louisville, Kentucky



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**Friday  
August 15, 2014**

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