Chairman’s Corner
By Chris Will

“All Hands On Deck!”

Kentucky-Tennessee SAF is the host of the 2019 SAF National Convention
October 30th – November 3rd in Louisville, KY.

The 2019 SAF National Convention to be held in Louisville, KY is just over one year away. The planning process is well underway with monthly conference calls being held with the planning committee. The theme: “Goods from the Woods” has been decided upon and the schedule is taking form.

The Louisville convention will break from the traditional SAF format by offering an unconventional floor plan for the exhibit hall and innovation zones. These zones will be used for demonstrations and non-exhibit interaction opportunities that will provide attendees a more hands-on experience. In addition, there will be an emphasis on the local and traditional products produced from the forests of Kentucky and Tennessee. Sessions, tours and speakers will highlight both Appalachian and central hardwood forests.

The plenary session topics are being developed and speakers are being contacted. These plenary sessions are planned for all attendees and are used to convey “big picture” ideas. The use of sub-plenary sessions will be new to the SAF convention in Louisville and are designed to bring together larger groups than do the concurrent sessions.

An important part of any SAF National Convention is its volunteers. Without a commitment from you to help out we just can’t get this done. Volunteer opportunities range from stuffing registration bags to helping exhibitors set-up their displays. No prior experience is needed, and on-the-job training is provided. A full list of volunteer opportunities will be provided to Chapter Chairs and present at our upcoming K-T Winter meeting in Bowling Green, KY. Although there is no reduction in registration for convention volunteers there is the opportunity to meet and interact with foresters from around the country. Also, the registration is very reasonable when compared to the conventions of other professions. Setting back just $10 a week from now until the registration time will cover your registration cost. There is also, a one day registration option available. Mark your calendars now, ask your employer for a couple of days off, and help us to make this convention a success. It is an opportunity to showcase our forests, our foresters and our professionalism. Come out and lend a hand as we host our colleagues throughout the country in 2019.

“Being a professional is doing the things you love to do, on the days you don’t feel like doing them.” Julius Irving
MARK your calendar

K-T SAF Winter Meeting

January 24 - 25
Boling Green, KY
Executive Meeting the evening of Jan. 23rd

4th Annual
Music and Mentoring

September 20th, 2018
Nashville, TN
Info Tidbits on pg. 5. More details coming!

Tennessee Forestry Association
Annual Meeting

September 26-18
Carnegie Hotel
Johnson City, Tennessee
Check the TFA website for upcoming details

5th Southern Forest Products Export Conference

October 21 – 24, 2018
Guesthouse at Graceland
Memphis, Tennessee
More info on Page 4 and at southernforestproducts.org

What’s Going On?

K-T SAF Student – Professional Fall Field Day

October 6, 2018

University of TN: Kevin Hoyt has organized wood pull/invasive plant work day along the Kerr Hollow Road riparian zone at the UT Arboretum in Oak Ridge, TN. Contact khoyt@utk.edu if interested in attending.

Sewanee: TN Division of Forestry has organized several practical forest management work on Prentice Cooper State Forest that includes timber sale preparation, road layout and design and boundary marking. Contact heather.slayton@tn.gov if interested in attending.

University of KY: Still to be determined. Contact John Paul Hart (johnpaul.f.hart.civ@mail.mil) if interested in attending.

UT Forestry Releases Continuing Education Webinar Addressing Hardwood Log Defects

This webinar offers one (1) continuing education credit and examines the subject of hardwood log defects. Many examples of defects are addressed with discussion of their cause and resulting problems in the wood. This subject is important to those in the business of buying, selling, growing, or appraising hardwood trees/logs/lumber. Fee $32.

Access the webinar HERE
Former KT-SAF Chair, Tim Phelps, is Running for SAF District 9 Director

Fellow KT-SAF Members,

Election season is upon us. I am running for SAF District 9 Director and would greatly appreciate your vote.

Please be on the lookout October 1st for your SAF ballot where you'll have the opportunity to vote for SAF vice president and district 9 director. The district 9 director serves on the SAF Board of Directors to help lead the national society and represent the district, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Great Plains, Kentucky/Tennessee, Missouri, and Ouachita state societies.

As a representative on SAF’s Board of Directors, my goal would be to collaboratively work with our leadership to elevate our organization's identity as the central leader in forest and natural resource management and to help our members grow their careers through opportunity and effective communication. SAF would benefit from leveraging the collective voice of our members. The vast array of experience and education of our members provides a reliable and well-rounded perspective on issues affecting our profession. I would work to harness and amplify that voice to raise our local and national profile as a leader in forestry. SAF should continue to enhance opportunities for our new members to network within the profession as well as provide development opportunities for mid-level professionals to strengthen skills. I would also encourage retired SAF members to mentor the next generation by sharing their love of the art and science of the profession. Our Society has tremendous opportunity to build influence by utilizing our internal strengths.

Service is a part of this profession and very much a part of SAF membership. I look forward to continuing service in both and would appreciate the opportunity to be your next District 9 representative. Please cast your vote for me on October 1.

Sincerely,

Tim Phelps
2013 KTSAF Chair; 2015 SAF House of Society Delegates Chair

The West Kentucky SAF (WKSAF) spring meeting was held at the Pennyrile State Forest Office on May 25, 2018. Five members attended the meeting. In addition, a representative from the Kentucky Division of Forestry and a representative from the University of Kentucky attended the meeting. The field trip included the Bed Wood and Parts, LLC, Hopkinsville, KY, as the Pennyrile Sawmill.

Bed Wood is noted for it custom pickup truck beds. Many of the trucks with Bed Wood custom beds have been showcased on Mechum Auctions Company.

Pennyrile Sawmill, Crofton, KY operates very efficiently. We were treated to home made ice cream after the tour!

The WKSAF fall meeting is being scheduled to be on Fort Campbell.

Submitted by Lloyd Foe
5th Southern Forest Products Export Conference
Submitted by: Tim Phelps

We are expecting the conference will feature a world-class panel of experts speaking on the challenges and opportunities of exporting forest products from inland states. Building off the previous four iterations of this conference that took place in mid-Atlantic states with ocean ports, this next conference will:

- Identify challenges & opportunities related to inland exporting
- Present modes to scale business to meet international demand
- Address key international markets
- Highlight success in exporting
- Raise awareness of the worldwide importance of southern forest products

We are looking to cater to an audience including:
- Primary and Secondary Wood-using Manufacturers
- International Buyers
- Marketing Specialists
- Extension Specialists and Researchers
- Trade Association Representatives
- Service Providers: freight forwarders, trade compliance, financial, etc.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry, through its Tennessee Wood Products Brand Marketing Program, will take the lead hosting the conference to promote the export of southern forest products to international markets with an emphasis on exporting from inland regions. We do this with strong cooperation from our partners including the department’s Agriculture Advancement Division, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Tennessee Forestry Association, participating state forestry agencies, and trade partners.

Expert panel of speakers will provide up-to-date information on key aspects of exporting within four topical sessions, including:

**Logistics**
Inland states have unique challenges for exporting wood products. Getting products to port efficiently and at low cost are critical for success. We'll examine pathways to ports, the Memphis connection, and services that assist business move products.

**Scalability**
Does your company produce the volume needed to satisfy the demand for international buyers? Just because the answer may be no, does not put you out of the game. We'll learn what opportunities are available for companies of varying sizes.

**Trade Policy**
Getting your product to port is half the battle. Understanding how to navigate the international trade waters is another ordeal. We'll hear global perspectives on current trade climate, plus hear updates and get tips on doing business with major world regions.

**Case Studies**
Selected companies, representing a range of forest products, will share their experiences in exporting.
4th Annual Music and Mentoring

A Middle Tennessee Chapter KT SAF event with:

The University of Kentucky
Berea College
The University of Tennessee
Hiwassee College
Sewanee

September 20th, 2018

Students and Professionals will gather between 1 and 1:30 pm at Nissan Field, the Titan’s Stadium, in downtown Nashville on Sept. 20th 2018. Doug Rodman, LP, and Rance Frye, Panther Creek Forestry, will welcome everyone. After a short LP special speaker there will be time for pairing the students with Professionals who work in areas of interest for the students then the Panel Discussion will begin. The event will conclude at Martin’s BBQ on 4th Avenue with music and food.

We are expecting 27 - 30 students and would like to have one professional for each student to meet and stay in communication with.

Current Schedule – central time

- 1:00 -1:30 pm – Groups arrive in C Lot – free easy parking in front of main entrance to Nissan Field
- 1:30pm – Welcome and Intro by Doug Rodman of LP
- 2:00pm – Some initial mingling time
- 2:30pm – Begin Panel Discussion in Nissan stadium (include one break) – less presentation/more mingle
- 5:30pm - Walk to Martin’s BBQ for Photo on Shelby Street Bridge then Music & Dinner - Second Nature to play a short set
- 8:30pm – Wrap up

Please RSVP to:
Rance Frye
Middle TN SAF Chapter Chair
rancefrye@gmail.com 931-644-5663 cell (for texts)
NATIONAL SAF – LOUISVILLE 2019  
Submitted by Rance Frye, General Sessions Chair 2019

The 2019 planning group will be attending the 2018 national convention to shadow current planners and begin the final year of preparation for next year’s grand soiree.

GOODS FROM THE WOODS

We currently have a general outline of plenary topics and several plenary speakers committed. Technical topics and speaker ideas are welcome.

Please send in additional tour ideas. We have a plateful of great tours in the hopper but all will pass through the budgetary and logistical filters this winter.

Contact any wood using and tangential natural resource connections you have. We plan on having a much more interactive Exhibition Hall, with lumber grading stations, stave viewing areas, etc. No boring Exhibition Hall in Louisville....

Feel free to contact me directly with any thoughts and suggestions.

Save the Date....

2019 SAF CONVENTION - LOUISVILLE  
KT SAF - Save the Date - Oct 28 – Nov 3 2019

This section of the newsletter could have held the information that you forgot to send.
Job Announcements

Weyerhaeuser – Madison, GA
Silviculture Scientist-01012438
As a Silviculture Scientist, you will be a member of the Southern Timberlands Technology (STT) Team that develops and implements new technology for growing Southern pine plantations. The STT Team is responsible for research planning, coordination of activities with area foresters, managing plot installation and measurement, data handling and analysis and developing operating guidelines for the business.

More info HERE

TDF - Hemlock Whooly Adelgid STRIKE TEAM
3 crew members are being hired (led by crew leader).
$13/hour. No benefits. Travel covered when applicable.
Forestry/Conservation experience preferred however training provided on job.
State vehicle and gear provided.
Base of operation: Westel, TN / Work on Cumberland Plateau and East TN.
Work is in all weather conditions, rough terrain, and is physically intensive.

Submit resumes ASAP to Nathan.Hoover@tn.gov

Forestry Jobs with the State of Tennessee

Area Foresters
Dickson County
Lawrence County
Wilson County
Expected to be posted September 12

1 – Forestry Program Specialist
Davidson County
Expected to be posted September 19th

1 – Forester 1 State Forest Forester
Pickett County
Expected to be posted September 26th

1 - FIA Forester 1 interim
Knox County
Expected to be posted early October

Kentucky Members!!

We need KY candidates for the upcoming K-T Executive positions:

Chair-Elect & Secretary

Let someone know if you are interested in these 2-year term positions,

All K-T Members!!

If YOU have found yourself attending meetings and thinking that you could and should do more for our State Society...

You can!

Let someone know your interest.
Volunteer now or BE volunteered later! [wink-wink]

Let’s help out a neighbor!!

Shawn Collins of Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College (ABAC) is looking for pressed plant (leaf) samples (twigs and cones/fruit) to be sent to him for northern, western, and exotic species that he can use to teach dendrology to students.

If you can help them out with items, ideas or information, contact:

Shawn Collins
Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College – 34
2802 Moore Hwy.
Tifton, GA 31793
scollins@gaaged.org
**Newsworthy**

**Wickliffe paper mill to reopen with $150M investment, employing 500 in Ballard County**

Gov. Matt Bevin announced Global Win Wickliffe LLC, a Chinese-owned paper products manufacturer, will reopen the former Verso Corp. mill in west Kentucky's Ballard County with a $150 million investment expected to create 500 full-time jobs.

More [HERE](https://www.thelanereport.com) The Lane Report 8/16/2018

**Gov. Haslam, Commissioner Templeton Announce New State Forester**

Gov. Bill Haslam and Agriculture Commissioner Jai Templeton today announced the appointment of David Arnold as State Forester and Assistant Commissioner for Forestry.

A 28-year veteran of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry, Arnold will assume the role Aug. 1.

“David has devoted his career to managing and protecting Tennessee’s forests,” Gov. Haslam said. “There is no question his professional experience and personal dedication to service make him highly qualified to fill his new role, and I’m pleased to make this appointment.”

Full Article [HERE](https://www.tndepofag.gov) TN Dept of Ag 7/19/2018

**TN Assistant State Forester Appointment**

Heather Slayton has been appointed as Assistant State Forester for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry. In the position of Assistant State Forester Heather will oversee the Division’s forest health, rural forestry, urban forestry, reforestation, and water quality programs. She will provide management and oversight of the Division’s federal and state grants, long term strategic planning processes, annual budgeting processes, and employee career development. Heather will also be responsible for recruitment and hiring of the Division’s forester positions and central office support staff.

Full Article [HERE](https://www.tndepofag.gov) Canadian Biomass Mag. 8/29/2018

**Hand-Applied Herbicides**

NC State Extension recently published an easily understood landowner guide for applying herbicides on small scale. Clique [HERE](https://www.ncsu.edu) for more

**Caterpillar plans to sell the purpose-built forestry business**

Caterpillar, Inc. announced on Wednesday that it has entered into a preliminary agreement with Weiler, Inc. to sell the Cat purpose-built forestry business. The sale is subject to negotiation of a final agreement, the closing of which is expected by early 2019.

“We remain committed to supporting our forestry customers and the forestry industry,” said Tom Pellette, Caterpillar Construction Industries Group president. “The sale of the purpose-built forestry business enables Caterpillar and Weiler, through the dealer network, to serve the complete forestry industry while providing customers with the same outstanding sales and service support they’ve come to expect.”

Full Article [HERE](https://www.caterpillar.com) Caterpillar 8/29/2018

**Fireproof Wood Poised to Save Houses, the Earth**

The phrase “wood buildings” conjures up images of flammable, unsafe architecture, but M-Fire Suppression Inc. is looking to change that picture. And it wants its fire-resistant wood to be the new face of ecologically friendly building.

Full Article [HERE](https://www.engineering.com) Engineering.com 7/3/2018

**POP QUIZ !!**

Which two Tennessee State Forests are located the farthest West and East in the state?
**John Tully State Forest** is the farthest west. It is a 2,131 acre tract that was acquired on August 29, 2002. Formed from part of a substantial tract of prime forestland and wildlife habitat acquired from Anderson-Tully, a Memphis-based timber management and lumber company.

**Martha Sundquist State Forest** is the farthest East and is a 2,001 acre tract of land purchased in 2001 from International Paper Company (formerly Champion International Corporation), who owned the property since about 1930. Prior to that it belonged to the Lambs Gulf Company and is how the property became known as the “Gulf”. It is the only forest that occurs in the Blue Ridge province. It is located in eastern Tennessee, in Cocke County near the North Carolina-Tennessee border. It is 70 miles east of Knoxville.

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**Executive Committee members needed for a quorum**

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Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is
Friday November 9, 2018

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:
Greg Bailey
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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!

K-T Summer Meeting
June 2018