

# SC Tree Farm News



A Special Publication of the South Carolina Tree Farm Committee

## Program Marks Sixty-three Years Of Service

South Carolina's Tree Farm Program is marking 63 years of service as it continues to assist landowners in making the most of their timberland via a network of dedicated volunteers.

The SC Tree Farm Committee brings foresters from industry, consultants, and government together with experienced Tree Farmers to plan and administer the Program.

It's part of the American Tree Farm System, a nationwide community of

more than 73,000 individuals and families. They share a unique commitment to protect watersheds and wildlife habitat, to conserve soil, provide recreation, and produce the wood that America needs to grow.

"The Tree Farm System in South Carolina has a long tradition of working with individuals and families who share a desire for excellence in forest stewardship," said SC Tree Farm Committee Chairman Eric W. Smith,

Kinards, SC.

Program sponsors are: SC Forestry Association, SC Forestry Commission, and Clemson Cooperative Extension Service.

In this publication, we offer a look at some of the faces behind the Tree Farm Program in South Carolina. Sources of local assistance are included for those seeking additional information about the Program.

## SCFA Convention Slated For Nov.

*Nov. 4 Tree Farm Conference*



At left, historic Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC

The SC Forestry Association's Nov. 4-6 Annual Meeting at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC will focus on wood energy.

A Tree Farm Conference is slated for forest owners and foresters on opening day, Nov. 4. Purpose is to inform landowners about how to realize the most from their timber investment. Tentatively, the program features presentations on forest economics, marketing/utilization of timber products, and the latest information on forestry/wildlife incentives contained in the Farm Bill.

On Nov. 5, SCFA Board Chairman Johnny Haralson will call to order the 41st Annual Meeting, then introduce keynote speaker Donna A. Harman, President and CEO, American Forest & Paper Association. She will provide a Washington, DC update on federal legislation that affects forest industry, housing outlook, renewable energy, carbon credits, climate change, and other national issues.

Under the theme "Exploring Wood to Energy", the morning session will provide insight into bioenergy developments, and separate myths from realities in the emerging wood to energy industry and feedstock availability.

The controversial topics of climate change, cap-and-trade, and carbon credit trading will be explored as well. Speakers will offer frank, candid responses to possible marketing opportunities for carbon credit trading to forest owners but also identify and explain hidden pitfalls, misinformation, and hype surrounding it. Goal of this session is to create greater awareness of the issue so that forest owners can make informed decisions if or when the time comes.

*See Conference, page 3*

## Upstate Meeting To Focus On "Birds, Plants, & Trees"

*Aug. 22 features SC ETV's Dr. Patrick McMillan*

The SC Tree Farm Committee and Greenville Forestry and Wildlife Society will host a regional forestry conference at Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), Greenville, SC on Aug. 21-22.

On Aug. 22, Dr. Patrick McMillan, naturalist and host of SC Educational Television's "Expeditions", will discuss the importance of private property in conservation in the Piedmont. He'll provide an expedition of seldom-seen gems that depend on private property for survival. Included are shimmering masses of red minnows, waterfowl, songbirds, and even the largest-flowered magnolia in North America.

The Aug. 21 program features Judy Barnes, Certified Wildlife Biologist with the SC Dept. of Natural Resources, Columbia, SC. She'll discuss songbirds and forest management for northern bobwhites. Barnes is a former member of the SC Tree Farm Committee.

*Birds In The Piedmont* is open to the public and requires no registration fee.

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## SC Tree Farm Field Tour Scheduled

*Oct. 1 Marlboro Co. program will provide unique insight on hardwood management*



At left, SC's top Tree Farmer -- Eddie Drayton will share management insights.

The SC Tree Farm Committee's Field Tour and Awards Ceremony will be held Oct. 1 at Edward R. Drayton's Cattails Tree Farm in Marlboro County.

Cattails is primarily a hardwood forest in a red river bottom. Drayton's objectives are to manage the land as a family business growing hardwoods, improving long-term timber production and financial return, while enhancing recreational, wildlife and aesthetic values.

"We want to invite all Tree Farmers to attend," says Roy Boyd, Rock Hill, SC, who chairs the Tour Committee. "The annual Field Tour is a great way for landowners to learn new management practices, network with other Tree Farmers, and meet experts stationed at the various stops."

Keynote speaker Angus Lafaye, Milliken Forestry Co. Inc., Columbia, SC, will discuss changes in markets, technology, and certification requirements to participate in the market of the future.



Tour stops include: waterfowl management, hard-

*See Field Tour, page 4*

## SC Teams Up With NC Tree Farm

*Includes Oct. 7 field trip of Hobcaw in Georgetown, SC*



Above, George Chastain is coordinating the field trip showcasing Hobcaw Barony.

The SC Tree Farm Committee is collaborating with the NC Tree Farm Committee and spotlighting a lowcountry gem during North Carolina's annual meeting Oct. 6-7 at Marriott Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Oct. 7 agenda includes a field trip hosted by historic Hobcaw Barony -- a 17,000-acre tree farm established as a foundation dedicated to forest and marine biology research.

"We're pleased to have this opportunity to showcase the unique aspects of this property to Tree Farmers in both states," says George Chastain, Executive Director of Belle W. Baruch Foundation, Georgetown, SC.

Much of the research is coordinated with Clemson University and the University of South Carolina. Both have significant facilities and activity on site.

Subjects to be covered include: local timber history, longleaf restoration, managing a red cockaded woodpecker "Safe Harbor" forest, prescribed burning alternatives/results, and pre-commercial thinning op-

*See Hobcaw, page 5*

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: SC Tree Farm Committee  
Chairman Eric W. Smith

The American Tree Farm System (ATFS) has served as an outstanding voice for family forest landowners since 1941. The mission: To promote the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.

The SC Tree Farm Committee consists of about twenty-five landowners, foresters, and other individuals. They are joined by more than two hundred foresters who serve as Inspectors -- educating and encouraging others about responsible management of our forest resources.

We've accomplished much during 2009.

■ The year began with the National



Tree Farm Leadership Conference in Charleston, SC. This was a great forum to become better informed on national issues, such as the Farm Bill.

■ We recognized Kirk Weyman as State Tree Farm Inspector of the Year. He has faithfully served as District 1 Chair for several years and is always quick to complete reinspections for counties he serves.

■ Since 1941, ATFS has served as a certification system consisting of periodic on-site property inspections by our Tree Farm Inspectors. They look over Tree Farm properties to ensure conformance with Tree Farm Standards and offer recommendations. ATFS recently gained international recognition for its certification system by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC).

In May, thirty-four SC Tree Farm properties were selected to be part of the first Tree Farm independent certification assessment in the nation. Feedback from assessors was very

positive. One area for improvement concerned Tree Farm management plans and the need to include various elements as required by the Standard.

Overall, assessors were impressed with the quality of forest management activities and the high degree of involvement by foresters and landowners that manage those Tree Farms. Several examples of "Good Management Practices" were noted. They included activities associated with prescribed fire, visual impacts, thinning harvests, wildlife habitat improvement, maintenance of special historical sites, and excellent utilization.

■ The SC Tree Farm Committee has been involved with educational events such as the SC Teachers' Tour and Wood Magic -- excellent programs that get teachers and students out in nature.

■ In upcoming months, we'll be hosting educational workshops for landowners in Greenville, Myrtle Beach, and at the SC Forestry Association's Nov. 4 Annual Meeting in Asheville, NC.

■ We're providing information and

resources to county landowner meetings.

■ On Oct. 1 we'll host the annual Tree Farm Field Tour & Awards Ceremony. Program will include an excellent tour of SC Tree Farmer of the Year Eddie Drayton's Cattails Tree Farm in Marlboro County. Awards will be presented to the 2009 District Tree Farmers of the Year.

■ We've also added additional information to the SC Tree Farm website at [www.sctfs.org](http://www.sctfs.org).

The SC Tree Farm program is indebted to the various industries, agencies, and organizations that allow their employees to volunteer their time. Special thanks to the SC Forestry Association, SC Forestry Commission, and Clemson Extension which serve as Tree Farm co-sponsors.

I'm honored to serve you as state chairman. It is a privilege when there are so many hard working individuals doing great things for our forests.

*Smith is Forest Certification Manager with KapStone Charleston Kraft LLC, Kinards Chip Mill, Kinards, SC, 803/276-0255 ext. 20*

## CARBON TRADING AND CARBON AGGREGATION

By: Robert S. Simpson, American Forest Foundation, Washington, DC

The American Forest Foundation, parent organization of the American Tree Farm System, has been in the forefront of securing the ability of US certified Tree Farmers to market their forest's sequestered market should US cap-and-trade legislation become reality.

To date, AFF has worked through two partnering organizations, Empire State Forest Products Assoc. and Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc. to create CarbonTree, LLC and Woodlands Carbon Co., respectively. These companies are working through the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX), a carbon credit trading platform, and have had their aggregating projects approved by CCX.

Below are several frequently asked questions forest owners have regarding carbon trading and carbon aggregation. These answers may not necessarily apply to other exchanges.



**Q: What is a carbon aggregation company?**

A: Most forest owners do not own enough property to engage in carbon trading by themselves. The upfront costs of membership, inventories and verification make it cost prohibitive. Carbon aggregation companies consolidate numerous smaller properties into a tradable "portfolio" of properties and thereby spread the costs among many.

**Q: Am I eligible to trade carbon?**

A: CCX recognizes ATFS certified properties as eligible to trade carbon on their exchange.

**Q: What do I need to get started?**

A: Most likely you will need to contact a qualified forester to re-inventory your entire property ownership. This inventory will set the "baseline" of your existing carbon stock. All the new carbon your forest adds (wood) is what is eligible to be traded on the exchange.

**Q: Can I enroll only a portion of my forest?**

A: No, currently CCX requires you enroll all your property if you are interested in trading carbon.

**Q: Will I have to stop timber harvesting?**

A: Not necessarily. Your inventory will establish a baseline of your existing carbon stock. Your harvest levels should not take your carbon stock below the baseline. If that happens you may be required to pay back some of the money you had received. Basically, as long as growth exceeds harvests, you're ok. However, any removals (commercial or non-commercial) have to be accounted for and affected stands re-inventoried.

**Q: Can I only sell carbon from my forest once?**

A: No. Carbon is counted on a "vintage" basis. That means your annual growth is all that is sold in one year. You can sell your annual carbon increment annually for as many years as the contract is in force. And it is a contract. Your obligation to the aggregator is legally binding.

**Q: What if my forest is harmed by natural disaster? Will I be penalized?**

A: Every time a "portfolio" is sold 20 percent of your carbon is held back in a "reserve." This is insurance against catastrophic loss such as wildfire, insects, ice storms, etc. As long as the loss is in not due to deliberate actions of negligence by you, your

liability will not exceed 20 percent. At the end of the contract period you can sell the reserve. Think of it as a savings account.

**Q: Some aggregation companies are pressuring me to enroll today? Should I?**

A: Be wary of anyone rushing you into a contract. Congress has not finalized legislation and all this could be moot by the time they do. So be patient. At this writing carbon is trading on CCX for under \$2.00 a ton. We believe that as the US gets closer to final passage and implementation of cap-and-trade, carbon prices will climb. We don't believe anyone will get rich, but we do believe that it may generate enough revenue to help pay some of your taxes or install that new culvert you've been putting off until you could find the money.

We're working to make being a member of the American Tree Farm System hold real value for you. If not for our nearly 10-year effort in forest certification, carbon trading would not be possible for Tree Farmers. This gives you very elite status in the forestry world. Now certification has not only opened doors for new foreign markets, but for emerging eco-markets like carbon.

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## District Tree Farmer Winners

### District 2: W. Patrick Dorn Nominated By: Angus B. Lafaye, Columbia, SC



W. Patrick Dorn, Jr., principal with Anchor Investment Management, LLC, Columbia, SC, says his first forestry lesson came from his father. "When I was a youngster, we worked together on his farm to improve it," he recalls. "It wasn't anything he said, but what we did, and that we were together, and so I loved it."

"Our efforts in forestry have always been a family undertaking. My first land purchases were as many acres for as few dollars as I could manage. Then, we would go out as a family and work to plant and improve what was often land in poor condition for forestry regeneration."

"I remember one day we had been planting pine seedlings by hand, and I said to the children, "Plant, plant, plant, and then you thin, thin, thin." Leaning on his dibble, my son replied, "Dad, I'm ready for the next word."

Dorn has relied on experts for forestry recommendations -- working primarily with Milliken Forestry, the SC Forestry Commission, and the SC Forestry Association.

His 450 acre Cedar Creek tract in Richland County requires constant attention and management. "If you don't have a calling to do the work and enjoy the outdoors you will tire of the effort quickly."

"Forestry is a very long term investment," he says. "Cutting rotations from planting to harvest range from 30 to 35 years. Many individuals have asked me about getting into forestry and I suggest that they think in terms of a 50 year commitment. Not many people think that long term."

Dorn has generously contributed time and energy to help advance forestry in the state. He's a former Chairman of the South Carolina Forestry Association, a past President of the Richland County Forestry Association, and serves on the advisory board of the Congaree Land Trust as a Richland County representative.

"Pat has been a real friend of forestry and is always willing to assist in working for favorable legislation, improved cost-share opportunities, and increasing landowner education," says Angus Lafaye, of Milliken Forestry Co., Inc., Columbia, SC. "Pat has a tremendous interest in land management with a personal knowledge of management alternatives and opportunities."

### District 4: Mark T. Jones Nominated By: Wayne Anthony

Mark T. Jones, who worked as a firefighter in Greenville, SC for 26 years, is enjoying spending more time on his land in Abbeville County. He owns 382 acres that are certified as a Tree Farm and does about 95 percent of the work himself.

Primary objectives are: profitable timber production, wildlife habitat enhancement, and to provide a demonstration area of forestry practices for other landowners.

"Mark has completed the Master Tree Farmer course, is a Certified Prescribed Fire Manager (#1237) and conducts prescribed burns himself," notes forester Wayne Anthony. "He has a vision for the future of the farm and has a strong desire to demonstrate what can be accomplished on a Tree Farm for minimal cost."

Jones has served as President of the Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association and won their Forest Farmer of the Year Award in 1997. He has led two field tours of the Tree Farm for the Association and delivered a presentation to the Greenville Forestry and Wildlife Society.

He is a member of the SC Forestry Association, American Tree Farm System, Forest Landowner Association, and Quality Deer Management Association.

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The SC Tree Farm Committee's Silent Auction will be held Nov. 4-5. SCFA's Convention Preview will be

mailed to members in early September. For additional information about the Tree Farm Conference, contact Dr. Walt McPhail, Program Coordinator, at 864/288-7618.

## NOV. 4 SC TREE FARM CONFERENCE

GROVE PARK INN, ASHEVILLE, NC  
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Registration and lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Robert Bain, RPM, Ecosystems Native Seedlings
- 1:15 p.m. **How Will Low Prices Affect Forest Management**  
Dr. Tamara L. Cushing, Clemson University
- 2:15 p.m. **Forest Landowner's Role In Wood Supply Chain**  
H. M. "Mac" Lupold, Lupold Consulting
- 4:00 p.m. **Managing and Marketing For Poles**  
Sam R. Coker, SC Pole & Piling, Inc.



Bain



Cushing



Lupold



Coker

### Upcoming Meetings

- Laurens Co. Forest Landowners Assoc. will meet Aug. 11 for a program on site selection and planting of hardwood trees presented by the SC Forestry Commission. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.
- Abbeville Co. Forest Landowners Assoc. will meet Aug. 17 for a fish fry. Speaker is State Forester Gene Kodama. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.
- The SC Tree Farm Committee and Greenville Forestry and Wildlife Society will host a regional forestry conference at Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR), Greenville, SC on Aug. 21-22. Contact Dr. Walt McPhail, Program Coordinator, at 864/288-7618.
- Greenwood Co. Forestry Assoc. will meet Sept. 14 to hear a report from the State Climatologist on pressing issues. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.
- The SC Tree Farm Committee's Field Tour and Awards Ceremony will be held Oct. 1 at Edward R. Drayton's Cattails Tree Farm in Marlboro County. Contact: Roy H. Boyd, 803/325-1926 (O), 803/230-0143 (M), or rboyd@comporium.net.
- The SC Tree Farm Committee is collaborating with the NC Tree Farm Committee and spotlighting Hobcaw Barony, Georgetown, SC during North Carolina's annual meeting Oct. 6-7 at Marriott Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC. Contact Chris Brown with the NCFA at 800/231-7723.
- McCormick Co. Forestry Assoc. will meet Nov. 2 for a program on forest and forestland protection. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.
- Laurens Co. Forest Landowners Assoc. will meet Nov. 10 for a program on changes in timberland ownership. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.
- Abbeville Co. Forest Landowners Assoc. will meet Nov. 16 for a program on herbicides used in forest management. Contact Tom Brant at 864/465-2112 Ext. 115 or jbrant@clemson.edu.

# Oct. 1 SC Tree Farm Field Tour

## TOUR *Steps*

**Stop 1- Waterfowl Management** - Johnny Stowe, SC Dept. of Natural Resources, Columbia, SC, will discuss ways to manage for ducks and geese along with managing for wading birds such as egrets and heron by controlling water levels.

**Stop 2- Hardwood Thinning & Biofuel** - SC Tree Farmer of the Year Edward R. Drayton will explore pros and cons of thinning hardwood "from below" and what products and income to expect from a thinning.

**Stop 3- Beaver Control** - Dennis Matherly will explain how to control beavers through trapping.

**Stop 4- Chinese Privet Control** - Charles Kemp, Marshfield Forest Service, Inc., Edgefield, SC, will discuss ways to control Chinese privet via use of herbicides and examine which ones would be best based on the landowner's objectives.

**Stop 5- Old Growth Bottomland Hardwood Management**- Bill Conner will discuss hardwood management techniques for longer hardwood rotations.



Stop one will explore waterfowl management.



Eddie Drayton has worked to greatly increase the recreational and wildlife values on his land.

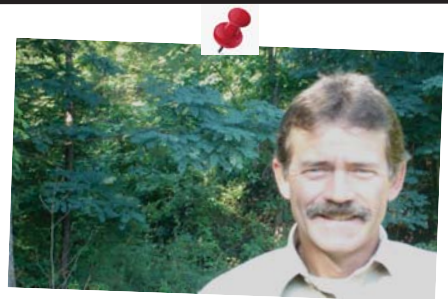


Stop 3 will focus on beaver control options. Above, just one of the beaver dams on Cattails.



Stop 5 features old growth bottomland hardwood management.

When Drayton purchased the land, it included 50 acres of Chinese Privet.



### Message From The Field Tour Chairman

The SC Tree Farm Committee invites you to attend the 2009 Field Tour and Awards Ceremony. Our program focuses on a variety of topics applicable to most Tree Farms. Come join us on Oct. 1 and learn tips and techniques that can help you meet your management objectives more efficiently.

Roy Boyd  
Rock Hill, SC



Tree Farmer Eddie Drayton stands in front of a cherrybark oak that's 140 feet in height and 34 inches dbh.

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wood thinning and biofuel, beaver control, invasive species, and old growth bottomland oak management.

Lunch will consist of BBQ, sweet potatoes, green beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, banana pudding, and iced tea. It will be catered by Bill's BBQ of Cheraw, SC.

Proper attire: comfortable field clothes.

The Tour registration form is included at left. Or call Scott Phillips at 803/896-8844.



### Contact:

Roy H. Boyd

803/325-1926 (O), 803/230-0143 (M)

rboyd@comporium.net

## Oct. 1 FIELD TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box below:

- I will attend the SC Tree Farm Field Tour & Awards Ceremony 2009 and eat lunch.  
 I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s). (Indicate number.)  
 I will eat lunch only.  
 I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s). (Indicate number.)

\*\*Note: The program is limited to the first 125 registrants

Return this form with check, payable to SC Tree Farm Committee, (\$15 per person) before September 4, 2009 to:  
 SC Tree Farm Committee, ATTN: Scott Phillips, P O Box 21707, Columbia, SC 29221.

# OCT. 7 JOINT SC/NC TREE FARM MEETING

Pictured on this page are scenes Tree Farmers will see on the Oct. 7 field trip of historic Hobcaw Barony, including: Friendfield Village Church, timber management, and a simple cabin.



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## Directions To The Oct. 1 Field Tour At Cattails Tree Farm

**From Columbia:** From Columbia: Take I-20 east approximately 24 miles to Hwy. 521 in Camden (exit # 98). Take Hwy. 521 north approximately 3 miles to Hwy. 1 in Camden. Take Hwy. 1 north approximately 55 miles to Cheraw. Take Hwy. 9 south approximately 3 miles to Wallace. After you cross over the Pee Dee River, take a right at first traffic light onto Brick Yard Road (beside Exxon Gas Station). Go approximately 1 mile and turn right on Hickson Road. Go approximately 0.3 of a mile and turn right on Cherry Bark Lane.

**From Florence:** Take Hwy. 52 north approximately 39 miles to Cheraw. Take Hwy. 9 south approximately 3 miles to Wallace. After you cross over the Pee Dee River, take a right at first traffic light onto Brick Yard Road (beside Exxon Gas Station). Go approximately 1 mile and turn right on Hickson Road. Go approximately 0.3 of a mile and turn right on Cherry Bark Lane.

**From Greenville:** Take I-385 to I-26 east to Columbia. Take I-20 east in Columbia towards Florence. Go approximately 24 miles to Hwy. 521 in Camden (exit # 98). Take Hwy. 521 north approximately 3 miles to Hwy. 1 in Camden. Take Hwy. 1 north approximately 55 miles to Cheraw. Take Hwy. 9 south approximately 3 miles to Wallace. After you cross over the Pee Dee River, take a right at first traffic light onto Brick Yard Road (beside Exxon Gas Station). Go approximately 1 mile and turn right on Hickson Road. Go approximately 0.3 of a mile and turn right on Cherry Bark Lane.

**From Charleston:** Take I-26 west to I-95 approximately 50 miles. Take I-95 north approximately 82 miles to Hwy. 52 (exit # 164). Take Hwy. 52 north approximately 39 miles to Cheraw. Take Hwy. 9 south approximately 3 miles to Wallace. After you cross over the Pee Dee River, take a right at first traffic light onto Brick Yard Road (beside Exxon Gas Station). Go approximately 1 mile and turn right on Hickson Road. Go approximately 0.3 of a mile and turn right on Cherry Bark Lane.

## Tour at Hobcaw Barony

Oct. 7 Agenda (Draft)

**11:00 a.m. Arrival and Sign In**

**11:30 a.m. Introduction and Welcome**

*George Chastain, Executive Director, Belle W. Baruch Foundation*

**11:40 a.m. Lunch (Box)**

**History of Hobcaw Barony**

*Lee Brockington, Senior Interpreter, Belle W. Baruch Foundation  
& Author of "Between the Waters"*

**12:40 – 3:40 p.m. Field Tour *Stops***

**Stop 1 Red Cockaded Woodpecker**

*Paige Grooms, Safe Harbor Coordinator, SC Dept. of Natural Resources*

The tour will stop at an active RCW group to discuss RCW management implications, habitat requirements, cost share assistance and the Safe Harbor Program in NC/SC.

**Stop 2 Naval Stores in the Southeast**

*Bob Franklin, Clemson Extension Service*

The tour will stop at an earthen tar kiln from the 1700's to discuss the historic role of the naval stores industry in the southeast from the colonial period to today.

**Stop 3 Longleaf Pine Restoration**

*George Chastain*

The tour will stop at a recently planted site to discuss various options for conversion from loblolly pine to longleaf pine when a clearcut is not an option or is undesirable. The impacts of feral hogs, competition from hardwoods and other pines, invasive species, and prescribed burning will be discussed.

**Stop 4 Precommercial Thinning Pine Beetle Mitigation**

The tour will stop at a loblolly pine stand regenerated by the seedtree method that recently underwent a precommercial thinning. Topics will include methods for precommercial thinning, reasons why you may want to consider thinning, cost share options, and the SPB prevention program in SC.

**Stop 5 Prescribed Burning**

The tour will stop at a prescribed burning research and demonstration site to discuss the role of fire in southern pine forests as well as the impacts of varying fire regimes.

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tions.

The session kicks off Oct. 6 with a reception, awards dinner, and music.

Oct. 7 will begin with a breakfast and mid-morning classroom session.

Room rates for those attending the Tree Farm meeting will be \$129 per night if reservations are made prior to Sept. 5. Contact Marriott Grand Dunes at 800/644-2881 to make room reservations.

The NC Forestry Association will hold its annual meeting Oct.7-9 at the same location following the Tree Farm meeting.



### **Contact:**

**Chris Brown, NCFA**

**800/231-7723**

**919/834-3943**

**cbrown@ncforestry.org**



# AUG. 21-22 Upstate MEETING

# 1

## Birds in the Piedmont

Friday, August 21, 2009

Open to the Public, No Registration Required

### Agenda

- 6:00 - 6:30 pm **Songbirds on Private Land: Making Your Forest Bird Friendly**  
Bob Scott, Forest Landowner  
• 113 Bird species – and counting
- 6:30 - 7:30 pm **Forest Management for Songbirds**  
Laurel Barnhill, Bird Conservation Coordinator for SCDNR  
• Learn priority birds of SC and which ones are using your property.  
• How does active forest management impact birds?  
• How does forest structure affect habitat for birds?  
• What management do birds need?
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm **Forest Management for Northern Bobwhites**  
Judy Barnes, Certified Wildlife Biologist with SCDNR with Farm Bill/Ag Liaison responsibilities for the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division  
• Quail Population History in South Carolina  
• Quail Habitat Requirements  
• Goals of Habitat Management  
• Forest Management Practices for Quail

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## Plants and Trees Saturday, August 22, 2009

Registration Required

### Agenda

- 7:45 - 8:30 am Registration
- 8:30 - 9:30 am **Allocation of Timber and Land Tax Basis for your Forest Land**  
Dr. Tamara Cushing, Ext. Forestry Specialist, Assistant Professor of Forest Management and Economics at Clemson University
- 9:30 - 10:30 am **The Importance of Private Property in Conservation in the South Carolina Piedmont**  
Dr. Patrick McMillan, Naturalist and Biologist, Clemson University, Host of SC-ETV's *Expeditions with Patrick McMillan*
- 10:45 - 11:15 am **Blue Collar Tree Farming: Tree Farming on a Firefighter's Income**  
Captain Mark Jones, Greenville Fire Dept. and Forest Landowner, Abbeville Co. Tree Farmer of the Year and member of the American Tree Farm System
- 11:15 - 12:15 pm **Economic Decisions for Thinning Timber**  
Bruce Carroll, President and CEO of Foresight Resources
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm Lunch, Lowcountry Boil
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm **Forestry Organizations**  
• American Tree Farm System – www.sctfs.org  
• County Forestry Associations – listed at www.sc.forestry.org  
• Forest Landowners Association – www.forestlandowners.com  
• Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm Bill, Mike Banks – www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov  
• South Carolina Forestry Association – www.scforestry.org  
• South Carolina Forestry Commission - www.state.sc.us/forestry/
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm **Are My Pines Ready to Thin?**  
Timing the 1st, 2nd and later thinnings for quality and health
- 3:00 - 3:30 pm Break- Travel
- 3:30 - 5:00 pm **Outdoor Session** – nearby pine plantation (some walking required)  
Dr. Stephen Dicke, Senior member of Mississippi State Extension Forestry Group
1. How to measure sample plots  
Systematic sampling to avoid common mistakes and improve your data. Make and use an angle gauge to measure basal area.
  2. Training in dbh, height and radial stem growth measurements.  
Tricks to hone your skills with a diameter tape, clinometer, and increment borer.

## Birds, Plants, and Trees

August 21-22, 2009

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

- I'm a landowner with \_\_\_\_\_ acres of timberland.
- I have a management plan.
- I'm a County Forestry Association member.
- I'm an American Tree Farm member.
- I'm an American Tree Farm Inspector.
- I'm a registered or certified forester:  
 consulting  government  industry  other \_\_\_\_\_

Friday's Bird Session is open to the public.....No registration fee

Early Registration Fee for Saturday, Aug. 22 (until Aug. 15). .....\$40.00

Late Registration Fee for Saturday, Aug. 22 (after Aug. 15). .....\$50.00

Make checks payable to Greenville Forest and Wildlife Society.

### Mail registration form and payment to:

Clemson Extension Service  
Birds, Plants, and Trees Workshop  
301 University Ridge, Suite 4300  
Greenville, SC 29601

Clemson Extension Phone – Joan Riddle. ....(864) 232-4431 Ext. 116



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#### Location:

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From I-85, take Exit 48A East (U.S. 276 East, Laurens Road) toward Mauldin, SC. At the next traffic light, turn left on Millennium Blvd., which is the main road through the CU-ICAR campus. Drive into the campus about 1 mile, and turn left on Research Drive.

Take the first left, and then make a left-hand turn into the parking garage, Auto Park. CU-ICAR's Auditorium is on the right up the ramp.

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County	District		
Abbeville	4	Hampton	12
Aiken	5	Horry	8
Allendale	10	Jasper	12
Anderson	1	Kershaw	2
Bamberg	10	Lancaster	2
Barnwell	10	Laurens	1
Beaufort	12	Lee	6
Berkeley	11	Lexington	5
Calhoun	10	Marion	8
Charleston	11	Marlboro	8
Cherokee	3	McCormick	4
Chester	2	Newberry	4
Chesterfield	7	Oconee	1
Clarendon	9	Orangeburg	10
Colleton	12	Pickens	1
Darlington	7	Richland	6
Dillon	8	Saluda	5
Dorchester	11	Spartanburg	3
Edgefield	5	Sumter	6
Fairfield	6	Union	3
Florence	8	Williamsburg	9
Georgetown	9	York	3
Greenville	1		
Greenwood	4		

## Former Regional Tree Farmers of the Year From SC

2007 Johney L. Haralson, Denmark, SC  
2005 Dyches Family, Savannah, GA  
2004 John & Mary Rebecca Spearman,  
Lane, SC  
2003 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC  
2000 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" and Gail Burris  
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## Former SC Tree Farmer of the Year Winners

'80-'81 S. Guerry Stukes, Summerton, SC  
'82-'83 Mary Julia Royall, Mt. Pleasant, SC  
'83-'84 Rufus B. Lawrimore, Hemingway, SC  
'84-'85 Iverson Brookes Lawton, Allendale, SC  
'85-'86 John W. Kemp, Jr., Edgefield, SC  
'86-'87 Charles W. Redfearn, Beaufort, SC  
'87-'88 Carroll & Jane Brown, Colleton County  
'88-'89 John Carter, Sharon, SC  
'89-'90 James W. Hunt, Jr. Eastover, SC  
'90-'91 Robert Cecil Gentry, Salem, SC  
'91-'92 Tom Turner, Rock Hill, SC  
'92-'93 Francis A. Snelgrove, Lexington, SC  
'93-'94 W. R. "Roy" Watkins, Cassatt, SC  
'94-'95 Dr. A. G. "Skeet" Burris, Beaufort, SC  
'95-'96 Gordon E. Gale, Hardeeville, SC  
'96-'97 William E. Eutsler, Cheraw, SC  
'97-'98 Randell C. Ewing, Hartsville, SC  
'98-'99 Deer Hill, Lane, SC  
'99-'00 Fred Gantt, Columbia, SC  
'00-'01 Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC  
'01-'02 Dyches Family, Savannah, GA  
'02-'03 John M. McPhail, Abbeville, SC  
'03-'04 Johney L. Haralson, Denmark, SC  
'05-'06 Bookman Station, LLC, Columbia, SC  
'06-'07 Ben Herlong, Saluda, SC  
'07-'08 Edward R. Drayton, Hartsville, SC

## Former George D. Kessler SC Tree Farm Inspector of the Year Recipients

2000 Tom W. Patton, Jr., Columbia, SC  
2003 Jeffrey G. Brown, Elgin, SC

Note: Dr. A. G. "Skeet" Burris, Cummings, SC, was instrumental in establishing the award. Burris named the award after Dr. George D. Kessler in honor of his many years of service to the South Carolina Tree Farm program.

## Weyman Named SC's Top Inspector

Kirk Weyman, SC  
Tree Farm Commit-  
tee's District 1 Chair-  
man, Anderson, SC,  
has been named SC  
Tree Farm Inspector of  
the Year.



## Auction Items Sought

Plans are underway for the SC Tree Farm Committee's Silent Auction Nov. 4-5, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC. "Auction proceeds will be used to support Tree Farm Committee projects, promotion, and educational activities to encourage landowners to manage their forests for multiple-use," says Auction Chairman Jeff Brown, Elgin, SC.



To donate items, or for more information, contact:

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**Signs Now Available:** Certified Tree Farmers in the American Tree Farm System can order "Certified Family Forest" and "Certified Tree Farm" signs online at <http://treefarmssystem.org/ordersigns/>. The green and white diamond shaped signs are 24"x24" and are available in recycled aluminum or plastic. Orders are limited to three signs. One sign costs \$33.99, two cost \$49.99, and three cost \$74.99.

**Haralson Named:** Forest Landowner Foundation has appointed Johny L. Haralson of Denmark, SC as its newest trustee. He serves on Forest Landowners Association's Board and is Chairman of the SC Forestry Association's Board.



## Mailing Panel

### In Memory

Mr. Francis Addy Snelgrove of Leesville, SC passed away on July 2, at Lexington Medical Center. He was president of the Lexington Co. Forestry Association from 1988-'89, and named South Carolina Tree Farmer of the Year and Southern Region Tree Farmer Finalist in 1994. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Priceville Road Cemetary Fund, 246 St. Paul's Church Road, Gilbert, SC 29054 or Newberry College, 2100 College St., Newberry, SC 29108.

### SC Tree Farm Committee Contributes To Education Projects

**Tour:** The SC Tree Farm Committee has made a \$2,000 contribution to the South Carolina Teachers' Tour and some Tree Farmers also volunteered time and energy to guarantee the Tour's success.

"This is an outstanding program and we are proud to be a part of it," said Michael S. Windhorn, a former Chairman of the SC Tree Farm Committee. "It's an honor to work with the teachers and have an opportunity to showcase top Tree Farms in our state."

The 2009 Tour, conducted June 23-27 in the Piedmont, offered intensive training to educators to prepare them to teach their students about the social, economic, and environmental benefits of sustainable forestry.

They toured public, private, and industrial forests; viewed timber harvesting operations; discussed forestry issues and management practices with industry professionals; and toured wood products production facilities.

Information was provided on how to incorporate forestry topics into classroom instruction through lesson plans and other materials.

Organizers said the Tour's purpose was to provide an unbiased look into the impact forests have on South Carolina's environment, economy, and quality of life as

well as familiarize teachers with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

**Project Learning Tree:** The SC Tree Farm Committee has made a \$500 contribution to South Carolina Project Learning Tree -- an environmental education program for K-12.

### SCFA Affiliates

Information about many of South Carolina's county forestry/landowner associations has been posted at the South Carolina Forestry Association's website at [www.scforestry.org](http://www.scforestry.org). Go to the bottom of the homepage and click on county forestry/landowner associations.

### Grassroots Network: Mobilizing Tree Farmers

The American Forest Foundation's Grassroots Action Network is mobilizing Tree Farmers to join a network of family forest owners who share the common goals of keeping family forest owners on the land and keeping forests as forests while encouraging sustainable forest management.

There are two long-term Network goals.  
1) Rally family forest owners and bring their voices to the public policy process.  
2) Advance policies that support and encourage the viability of family forest ownership.

To achieve these goals, the Network is focusing on public policy advocacy at the federal, state and local level. It's focusing on several public policy issues including: forest-related taxes, renewable energy from forests, climate change, green building legislation, endangered species act issues, and farm bill funded forestry and wildlife programs.

Tree Farmers are requested to join the Network and build relationships with their state and federal legislators and/or respond to "Action Alerts" by writing a letter or making phone calls as issues arise. Federal and state representatives want to hear from their constituents. Your voice does matter.

Visit the national family forest action website to get involved. <http://www.family-forestation.org/forestfoundation/home>

### National Tree Farmer Convention Slated

The 16th National Tree Farmer Convention will be held Sept. 28 - 30, at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. Focus: *Growing Policy For Your Woodlands*.

Tom Martin, the new President & CEO, of the American Forest Foundation will deliver the keynote presentation.



The program also includes a Sept. 30 visit to Capitol Hill. With a new Congress and administration there are many issues being debated that impact family forest owners. These include: new markets for carbon, biomass, tax policies that affect a landowner's ability to pass on their land, and new regulations that prevent a landowner from selling their wood for government building.

For additional information, contact: Amy Yambor at 202/463-5172 or [ayambor@forestfoundation.org](mailto:ayambor@forestfoundation.org). Convention and hotel reservation information can be assessed at the American Tree Farm System's website [www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org).

**NEW SIGNS:** The SC Tree Farm Committee is placing new signs (4 x 8 ft.) along well traveled roads in several Tree Farm districts. Some signs will be placed on the property of Southern Region Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year, including: Dr. Walter A. McPhail, Mauldin, SC; Dr. A. G. "Skeet" Burris, Beaufort, SC; and Johny L. Haralson, Denmark, SC.

Dr. McPhail, who coordinated the project, said purpose is to help increase awareness of Tree Farm and SC's new website located at [www.SCTFS.org](http://www.SCTFS.org).