



# Wisconsin SAF News

## Society of American Foresters

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## 2004: Historic Year for Forestry in Wisconsin

Forestry was in the spotlight during 2004 as a partnership of forestry organizations, including Wisconsin Society of American Foresters (WSAF), led dozens of projects around the state to celebrate the Year of Wisconsin Forestry as declared by Governor Doyle. The year recognized a number of landmark anniversaries – including WSAF’s 85<sup>th</sup> and the centennial of the state forestry program among many others – as well as honoring the hard work and commitment of those who helped reestablish Wisconsin’s forest resource over the past 100 years.

The Year of Wisconsin Forestry provided an opportunity to increase public awareness and understanding about Wisconsin’s forest resource today and the importance of the resource historically. The year kicked off with a ceremony in the State Capitol in January 2004 (which included the presentation of certificates to Wisconsin’s first class of certified Master Loggers) and concluded in December at the Capitol with a ceremony showcasing the holiday tree (provided this year by the Brule River State Forest).

Statewide projects included the production of three new books to help children and adults learn about Wisconsin’s forests and their history and management (see page 12). Foresters and landowners throughout the state helped thousands of kids learn about forestry through the summer reading program at public libraries. Many of the libraries highlighted forests as part of their “Discover New Trails” theme and conducted a birthday card contest for Smokey Bear’s 60<sup>th</sup>.

Tree planting was, as always, the highlight of Arbor Day in 2004. Thanks to the Wisconsin Nursery Association, Wisconsin Arborist Association and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry, a red oak was planted on the lawn of the State Capitol on Arbor Day.

That ceremony also featured Madison songwriter (and graduate of the Wisconsin Woodland Leadership Institute) Stuart Stotts and the debut of a song he wrote for the 2004 celebration. Learn about this song online at: <http://wisconsinforestry.org/> This is one of ten songs on a CD produced for the Year of Wisconsin Forestry and distributed to 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teachers for use in Wisconsin studies unit.

Other examples of statewide Year of Wisconsin Forestry celebrations included:

- A ceremony hosted by Northern Highland – American Legion State Forest staff showcasing the Star Lake plantation established in 1913.
- An art exhibit featuring pieces made by graduate students at the UW-Madison Art Department using materials from the Forest Products Lab. The show opened at the Wisconsin Academy Gallery in Madison and then traveled to the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center near Ashland.
- Two tours of an environmental performer known as “The Tree Guy” helped connect children with the many ways trees are important in our lives.
- Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association sponsored an “Open Woods” event in May, inviting the public to visit a woodland property in each county on the same day for educational and recreational activities.
- A Governor’s Conference on Forestry in November brought stakeholders together to develop action plans for the future of Wisconsin forests.

Other articles inside this newsletter describe Wisconsin SAF statewide activities for last year’s celebration of the “Year of Wisconsin Forestry.”

In addition to these and other statewide events, numerous local events around the state helped make the year a success. A big thank-you to everyone who played a role in this tremendous year-long effort!

# Words from the Chair

By John DuPlissis

During 2004 we celebrated 100 years of professional forestry in Wisconsin and the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Wisconsin SAF organization – as well as the history of forestry and the advancement of forestry as a profession and a science. We used these milestones to continue to educate the public about the role forests play in their everyday lives, helping them to understand and value the benefits that woodlands provide.

Last year I challenged each chapter to use their chapter meetings to reach out to beyond our membership to invite forestry professionals who are not members of the SAF to become active in the Society. I also challenged chapters to reach out to their community and host programs for woodland owners and enthusiasts to learn more about forestry and the Society. I would like to share with you examples of how our chapters did this in 2004.

The Southwest Chapter held a joint meeting with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Walnut Council

and the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association to tour black walnut plantations in Grant County.

The Chippewa Chapter held a Forestry Education Day on the Brule River State Forest with a series of stations highlighting forestry tools and knowledge. The event was co-sponsored by WDNR and UW Extension.

The Southeast Chapter held a “Walk in the Woods” with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Parnell Elementary near Cascade, WI.

The Mid-Wisconsin Chapter had a bar-b-que at Fort McCoy and invited area foresters who were not currently members.

This list is by no means exhaustive and certainly does not cover all of the activities that our members were involved in last year but it does give you a sense of the work that is being done to promote the profession and science of forestry in Wisconsin.

Part of the reason I’m sharing this information is to let you know what is going on around the state, part of it is to encourage all of our members to be as active as possible in these programs. If the Wisconsin SAF is to be effective we need all of our members to use their talents and participate as fully in chapter activities as possible.

A recent report from the House Society of Delegates’ Volunteer Organization Support Task Force makes these very same recommendations:



**WSAF Chair John DuPlissis**

\* SAF must continue to encourage membership. Membership is everyone’s responsibility.

\* SAF needs to promote the organizational structure so members can learn about all the opportunities to get involved.

\* SAF must find ways for members to participate so they have a voice within the organization.

As a society we are currently operating at less than our full strength. Both Jim Kerkman (Communications Committee Chair) and Dave Czysz (Membership Committee Chair) would like to have a member from each chapter serving on their committees to help facilitate communication and build membership within the Society. We’re also looking for a member to serve as the Education Committee Chair. My goal is to build the organization, to find a way for members to participate and give each of us a voice within the organization. I would like to ask all of our members to consider how they might serve. Please feel free to call me or your chapter chair and let us know how you would like to get involved.

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To enter the site, use your SAF membership ID number as the User Name, disregarding any zeros that may appear at the beginning of your membership ID number. Your last name is your password. Be sure to capitalize the first letter of your last name as the field is case sensitive.

## 2005 SAF National Convention Fort Worth, Texas October 19-23



The convention begins Wednesday night, with scientific sessions all day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Technical Field Workshops will be held on Sunday.

# Council's Corner

By John Kotar

As they say, the older you get the faster the time flies. My three year term as Council representative for the SAF voting region V expired at the end of 2004. Together with my recent retirement from the University this event definitely underscores the old adage. The experience of serving on the Council has to be unique among the activities one can participate in as a member of the SAF. I enjoyed it greatly. Instead of reporting on recent activities of the Council (you can find these in the *Forestry Source*), I would like to reflect on some conclusions I have reached by serving on the Council.

Our membership is shrinking, but it certainly is not for the lack of passion, and hard work of everyone involved in this volunteer organization. Much has been said and written about this phenomenon and there are varied opinions and reasons given for it.

I come away with the inescapable fact that the values and role of forests in the society at large have changed greatly since the days of Gifford Pinchot. I am sure that this is not news to any of our members, but I do not believe that we have come to grips with the changes that are needed in the SAF, if the organization hopes to meet the goals of its mission and indeed to survive for another century. Let's take a look at the core values we have identified for ourselves:

- 1) Forests are fundamental source of global health and human welfare;
- 2) Forests must be sustained through simultaneously meeting environmental, economic and community aspirations and needs;
- 3) Foresters are dedicated to sound forest management and conservation, and
- 4) Foresters serve landowners and society by providing sound knowledge and professional management skills.

Our core values are solid, but I don't believe we open our door wide enough to let in many who do not believe we act on all of our stated values, but are selective in promoting those we are most comfortable with. Our emphasis tends to be on "educating the society." What we usually mean by that is that if people would only see our "science-based" rationale for forest management, we will again be loved rather than mistrusted, or worse, vilified, by large segments

of our society. Instead of down-playing, or even denying some of the less "traditional" forest values held by many, we should seriously consider them in our management decision making process. I realize that many of us are already doing this, but we are not visible to the public.

I also believe that we have nothing to fear by greatly broadening the concept of what constitutes the forestry profession. Many talented specialists working in areas we do not consider as part of forestry profession (e.g., biologists, engineers, economists, psychologists, sociologists, etc.), engage in activities that promote the same forest values we ourselves have identified. There should be room for them in a professional society that provides "sound knowledge and professional management skills" (core value 4). I can envision a diverse professional society, still based on our core values, but with 150,000 or more, instead of 15,000 members. Even though this will sound as a utopian (or blasphemous) idea to many - perhaps most - of our members, I believe that only such an organization could muster the energy necessary to gain public trust and truly guide forest management policy of the future. I admit that it is easy to lament what we think would be lost under such a transformation, but I believe that what we today consider as "forestry core" (i.e. our current SAF membership) could nicely continue to exist, perhaps as a special society, under the umbrella of a much larger organization with real clout.

I believe that if we remain on our present course, our membership will continue to shrink and our influence on forest management will continue to decline. We will become marginalized by the collective influence of myriad of existing and emerging organizations eager to shape public opinion and policy regarding our forest resources.

Which way do I believe we will go? I am enough of an optimist to believe that we are capable of "reinventing" ourselves to effectively function as leaders in forest resource management in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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## Communications Committee

By Jim Kerkman

The year 2004 was a once in a lifetime opportunity to highlight the 100 years of Wisconsin's forestry leadership. In addition, Wisconsin SAF has been around for 85 years. With everyone's help we got the message out about forestry, how it helps fuel our economy, protects and enhances our water resources, protects our soil, and all the other obvious benefits of a healthy forest cover.

A special Girl Scout forestry patch was developed for 2004, and was only available to the girls during this year. Age appropriate activities were developed for each scouting level to give the girls an understanding of forestry. Over 400 Girl Scouts learned about Wisconsin forestry and earned this patch.

We encourage you to continue working with local Scout troops to help both boys and girls earn a Forestry merit badge. You can help organize a special forestry camp-o-ree that will feature activities to complete badge requirements or volunteer as a merit badge counselor. Many youth get their first experience in the forest through Scouts and we have a real opportunity to make a difference in how they view forestry.

Many of our SAF members were involved with the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association's Open Woods on May 15, 2004 from 9 am to 1 pm. A forest landowner in each county opened their land to allow the public to learn about their efforts to be good stewards of the forest.

Wisconsin SAF also hosted an exhibit at the 2004 Wisconsin State Fair during Youth Activities Day on August 10. The SE Chapter helped staff the booth. Our forestry exhibits were a big hit with the visitors (see photos at right).

Every year, Arbor Day is a great opportunity for SAF to promote forestry. The DNR-Division of Forestry supplies free seedlings to 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classrooms that request them. My personal experience is that kids of all ages love to plant trees. If you are familiar with the school forest in your area, contact them and suggest an Arbor Day planting/ceremony. If you would like to be involved with a local school forest, contact Jeremy Solin at 715 346-4907 or email at [Jeremy.Solin@uwsp.edu](mailto:Jeremy.Solin@uwsp.edu).

If the school forest idea does not work out, consider having your chapter buy a nursery tree for a school yard planting ceremony. One last idea for schools and Arbor Day is to host a *Walk in the Woods*, a national SAF program.

Remember to submit updates about your communication and education projects to Paul Pingrey to be posted on our Website at <http://www.wisaf.org> and give me a shout at 608-388-2102 or [james.kerkman@emh2.mccoy.army.mil](mailto:james.kerkman@emh2.mccoy.army.mil) to discuss possible projects for 2005.



Jim Kerkman built innovative and educational exhibits for the State Fair. Julie Peltier, Randy Cooper, Jeff Kante and Al Johnson from the Southeast Chapter helped Jim staff the booth.



# Membership News

By Dave Czysz

Here's a tally of our current chapter membership:

Fox River Vally Chapter	36
Chippewa Chapter	70
Mid Wisconsin Chapter	84
Southwest Wisconsin	82
Southeast Wisconsin	43
Northeast Wisconsin	103
UW-Stevens Point Student Chapter	64
UW-Madison Student Chapter	17

Nationally, SAF had a membership of 15,656 as of the end of 2004.

## New Members

Please welcome the following:

Chippewa: Robert Huray, Rebecca Sromek, Matthew Riederer, Michael Long, Kristen Tiles, Jason Langenecker, and Nancy Lynn Wilson.

Fox Valley: Brian Spencer, Christopher Plzak, Lucas Schmidt, Timothy Allen, and Anthony Deininger.

Mid Wisconsin: Jadediah Kaurich, Michael Ederer, Aaron Mielke, Adam Fink, Troy Deleat, Erik Olson, and Anthony Marinello.

Northeast: Colleen Matula, Neil Nelson, Heather Berklund, Chad Gottbeheut, Ryan Severson, Todd Anderson, Christopher Mueller, Thomas Shockley, and Gordy Llewellyn Mouw.

Southeast: Richard Natynski, Paul Strong, and Randy Stampfl.

Southwest: Renae Paulson, Bradley Hutnik, and William Millis.

UW – Stevens Point: Erin Ernst, William Gardner, Samuel Maass, Ryan Medo, Brian Bale, Dylan Bell, Kevin Bergstrand, Adam DeBauch, Margaret Haas, Mark Halvorson, Logan McLennan, Anthony Metzger, Jaclyn Moeri, Matthew Molback, Ryan Saunders, Nicholas Sauter, Craig Schultz, Benjamin Williams, Andrew Komassa, Terry Larson, Michael Lindau, Patrick Riley, Wesley Rufenacht, Eric Schneider, Paul Schneider, Anthony Schram, Kyle Young, Jonathan Ciatti, Austin Felts, Richard Heimeri, Stephen Kaufman, Benjamin Knaack, Rita Koch, Katharine Lund, Kelly Mumm, Josef Russert,

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UW-Madison: Robert Murphy, Adnrew Stoltman, Kevin Tita, Sarah Unz, Aaron Wunnicke, Joseph Lennart, Brian Milligan, Michael La Bissoniere, Rebecca Gass, and Lawrence Oates.

## Student Mentor Program

Many of these students are applying for mentors through the Wisconsin SAF Student Mentor Program. I have a number of applicants already and expect more. I am looking for mentors. It is an honor to help acquaint a student forester to the real world of forestry. Be a mentor, sign up today and fill out a Mentor Profile Sheet (find it on the WSAF web site or by contacting David Czysz). These students are the future of the Society of American Foresters.

## SAF Membership Campaign

The membership goal for 2004 was to increase the state society's membership on December 31, 2004 by one more member than we had at the end of 2003. Although we were successful in meeting this goal in 2002 and 2003, we were not able to keep the winning streak going for a third year in a row. Wisconsin SAF membership at the end of 2002 was 496. It was 509 at the end of 2003 and our membership count at the end of 2004 was 506.

Let's get back to our good record in 2005. Talk to non-members that you work with. Point out the value and accomplishments of SAF. SAF is *our* professional society and has a lot to offer, for us as individuals and for forestry itself.

## Special Circumstances

The national office will work with members having financial problems paying their dues. There are options for students that graduate but do not have a full time forestry job, installment plans for full members and more. Before you let your membership lapse, contact Carol McKernon at the National Office, (301) 897-8720 ext. 108 or by email at [mckernoc@safnet.org](mailto:mckernoc@safnet.org), or David Czysz at (715) 365-4782, email: [David.Czysz@storaenso.com](mailto:David.Czysz@storaenso.com).

## Foresters' Fund

By Jeff Barkley, Foresters' Fund Chair

Wisconsin was granted \$800 each for the following two Foresters' Fund projects this past year.

### Forestry Education for Youth

Project coordinator: Jim Kerkman

This project fostered an appreciation for forestry among youth through SAF participation in the Wisconsin State Fair. SAF reached over 2000 adults and 2400 children through this event. Forestry coloring books were also provided for the annual Kretz Lumber Company field day and for use by the "Tree Guy," whose message about the importance of trees reached over 8,000 elementary students in the metropolitan areas of southern Wisconsin as part of the Year of Wisconsin Forestry activities.

### High School Conference on the Environment

Project coordinator: John DuPlissis

SAF was an active cooperator in this November 16th conference that featured over 250 students from 44 schools in 25 Wisconsin counties. Each student group brought a poster or powerpoint presentation they had created focusing on the conference theme of *Sustaining Wisconsin's Forests: Exploring and Understanding Our Role*. Six SAF members participated in the judging of projects and four members made presentations. Tim Mulhern, SAF member and Deputy State Forester was the keynote speaker. Through nearly 40 breakout sessions, as well as exhibits and presentations, students explored the many ways of understanding and appreciating forests, investigated the importance of forests, and discussed how to sustain this precious resource.

Upcoming application deadlines for the Foresters' Fund are June 15 and Sept. 15. Get more information about this grant program and the application form from the SAF website or by contacting Jeff Barkley at 608-264-9217 or [jeffrey.barkley@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:jeffrey.barkley@dnr.state.wi.us). In addition to the national funding, Wisconsin has a state society fund. Executive committee approval is required on all projects. Use your imagination and get those projects submitted!

## Continuing Forestry Education

By Jerry R. Van Cleve, State CFE Contact

Certified Foresters may now submit their Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) hours on-line, instead of having to mail, fax, or e-mail forms. They may also now pay their annual renewal fee on-line. Visit [www.safnet.org/certifiedforester/index.cfm](http://www.safnet.org/certifiedforester/index.cfm) for more information. Lots of Certified Foresters are keeping track of their CFE credits. If your chapter is hosting a meeting, send me the agenda ahead of time, and I can evaluate the CFE content. My e-mail address is: [jvanclave@fs.fed.us](mailto:jvanclave@fs.fed.us)

The national website hosts a calendar of upcoming training sessions at [www.safnet.org/events/](http://www.safnet.org/events/). This listing contains all nationwide events that have been evaluated for CFE content and is searchable by date, state, and topic.

Congratulations to Dave Czysz and Jerry Van Cleve who have both recently earned CFE certificates.

## New Tree Farm Partnership Announced in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) and the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee (WTFC) have formed a partnership designed to increase their efforts towards educating Wisconsin's private woodland owners about sustainable forest management and the benefits of belonging to WWOA and the American Tree Farm System. Jim and Marlene Zdanovec, 2004 National Tree Farmers of the Year, are representative of landowners already active in both WWOA and Tree Farm. WWOA has hired Randy Sthokal as the new Tree Farm Administrator for the WTFC. Randy graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 1997 with a degree in forest management and lives in Iola. He is available to answer questions relating to Tree Farm certification, inspector training, and requests for general information concerning Tree Farm programs and activities. The new contact information for the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee office is WTFC, PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481, telephone 715-445-5991 and email [wtfc@athenet.net](mailto:wtfc@athenet.net)

## Wisconsin SAF State Meetings

The Northeast Chapter hosted the Spring 2004 Wisconsin SAF meeting in Wausau. The title was "Daylight in the Swamp: Managing Lowland Conifer and Hardwoods." The Fall 2004 meeting theme was "Non-native Invasive Species: Management Options for Foresters." This was hosted by the Southeast Chapter in Waukesha.

Plan to attend the 2005 state SAF meetings:

"Managing for Timber and Wildlife" March 16-17  
Hosted by the Fox Valley Chapter in Stevens Point.  
Registration form available at [www.wisaf.org](http://www.wisaf.org)

Fall meeting will be hosted by the Southwest Chapter in Wisconsin Dells. Date and topic to be announced soon.



Left: Wisconsin SAF Chair John DuPlissis (left) and Awards Committee Chair Paul DeLong (right) recognize Al Barden as a new "SAF Fellow."

Right: DeLong presents a certificate to Richard Smith for becoming a Golden Member - 50 years of membership in the Society of American Foresters!



## Foresters Meet Alien Species

The Southeast Chapter selected "Non-Native Invasive Species: Management Options for Foresters" as the theme for the Wisconsin SAF state meeting held in Waukesha on November 3-4, 2004.

The program started with an overview of the invasive threats in the eastern region of the USDA Forest Service by Nancy Berlin, the Non-native Invasive Species and Botany Program Manager. Eunice Padley, Forest Ecologist/Silviculturalist with the Wisconsin DNR, gave a talk on the impacts of invasives to forestry in Wisconsin.

The final two speakers for the day described current control work on invasives species. Wendy Walcott, Land Steward of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, discussed the importance of volunteers to her program and Jeff Kante, Village of Chenequa Forester, gave an overview of the invasive plant problems facing the village.

The Wednesday evening banquet featured Wisconsin Chief State Forester Paul DeLong as the speaker. Alvin Barden was presented with the SAF Fellow Award and Richard Smith received a 50-year SAF Membership Award.

The second day started with John Visage, Research Forester with the North Central Research Station, explaining how Forest Inventory Analysis plots could be used to show the relative abundance in each plot. Dave Eagan, Wisconsin Invasive Plants Reporting and Prevention Project coordinator, told about a program to encourage public awareness about exotic plants by recruiting "Weed Watchers." Jack Rasmussen related his efforts at buckthorn control as an interested citizen of St. Croix County.

Ron Martin of Midwest Prairies describes how he uses an 87 horsepower forestry mower to mow buckthorn then applies a foliar spray the next spring after the new growth starts. He uses two or more consecutive burns to kill garlic mustard and small buckthorn and applies Garlon with a paint roller for basal stem treatments. Rick Schulte from UAP Timberland LLC also discussed herbicide use to control invasive plants, listing the spray formulations and application schedules that work best on individual species. Mark Guthmiller of Wisconsin DNR gave the latest information on nonnative insects and diseases including gypsy moth, emerald ash borer, sudden oak death and Asian long-horned beetle.

## National award to Wisconsin landowners

Marlene and Jim Zdanovec of Oshkosh were named the American Tree Farm System's National Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year for 2004. This is only the second time that Wisconsin landowners have ever been selected for this national honor.

The Zdanovecs won the Wisconsin Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year Award in 2002, the North Central Region Tree Farm Award this past August, and on September 25, 2004 received the 2004 national honor at the American Tree Farm national meetings in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Jim and Marlene Zdanovec own 160-acres of woodland in the Town of Harrison, in northeastern Marathon County.

"This Tree Farm is living proof that a well-managed forest is a better forest," said Shirley Bargander, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forester, who, along with DNR forester Mike King, worked with the Zdanovecs.

For additional information about the award, contact Tom Jacobs, chair, Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee at (715) 582-4340.



Forester Shirley Bargander (right) with landowners Jim and Marlene Zdanovec of Oshkosh when they received the 2004 National Outstanding Tree Farmer award.

## A Fortune In The Forest

A conference on non-timber forest products

**James Williams Junior High School  
Rhineland**

**April 9, 2005**

Whether it's balsam bough harvesting, maple syrup collecting, or the gathering of some other kind of forest product, a growing number of people are taking advantage of opportunities that exist within Wisconsin's forests for enjoyment and personal income. If you fall into this group, then this conference is for you!

The conference will provide participants with information on a wide variety of ways to utilize forest resources for the production of a number of different products. Additionally, participants will have an opportunity to learn how they can market their products and make their business a success.

For more information about this conference, visit <http://basineducation.uwex.edu/woodland/conference/ntfp.htm> or contact Bill Klase, UW-Extension Basin Educator ([william.klase@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:william.klase@ces.uwex.edu), 715-365-2658), Colleen Matula, WDNR Forest Ecologist (715-358-9208), or Don Peterson, Renewable Resource Solutions (715-528-5579).

The fee for this conference is \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, and a packet of materials. Send your name and address along with \$25 for each person (make checks payable to UW-Extension) that will attend to:

A Fortune In The Forest  
Oneida County UW-Extension  
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Space is limited to the first 200 participants, so please register early!

This conference is sponsored by the Partners In Forestry woodland owner cooperative, WI Department of Natural Resources, and UW-Extension.

## Chippewa Chapter

By Jay Gallagher

Chippewa Chapter purchased 4 large transplant trees and planted them at Habitat for Humanity home sites in the Chequamegon Bay area. Dick Strauss headed up this effort. Also, for Arbor Day, Gary Vander Wyst coordinated tree-planting ceremonies at St. Anthony School in Park Falls and at Butternut Elementary School.

Gary VanderWyst also worked with the Butternut School District to help them establish a nature trail/outdoor classroom on school property. The school district applied for a \$1500.00 grant from the Foresters Fund. This trail will have several interpretive signs posted along it course. The plaques for these interpretive signs will be of a quality material to withstand years of weathering. There will also be a companion booklet developed for the trail to serve as a teaching guide.

Money anonymously donated by an individual to the Chippewa Chapter was used to present one \$500 and two \$100 scholarships to students at Butternut High School.

On June 18<sup>th</sup> we held a chapter meeting in Hayward. After our business meeting, Sally Hess-Samuels (USFS Forest Planner) provided a very informative program on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Plan. Attendees learned about the decision process that occurred in formulating the plan.

**Learning stations were the focal point of a successful "Year of Wisconsin Forestry" public outreach event hosted by the Chippewa Chapter and the Brule River State Forest.**



## Chippewa Chapter and Brule River State Forest host "Forestry Discovery Day"

By Jay Gallagher

More than 65 people enjoyed a forestry education field day on the Brule River State Forest. The

August 21, 2004 event was held at the State Forest headquarters and nearby Bois Brule Campground. State Forest Staff, headed by Superintendent Steve Petersen, worked with members of the Chippewa Chapter to advertise, coordinate and present the session. Chapter members helped with the learning stations and food preparation. They had a good time and were able to share some of the

things we do in our field of work with the attendees at eight Forestry Field Demonstration Stations spread out along approximately 1/8 mile distance. Coffee and rolls were available at both ends of the course. A picnic lunch, including a birthday cake celebrating "100 Years of Forestry in Wisconsin",

was also provided.



Activities at the stations included an increment borer demonstration, compass use, using a clinometer, GIS and stereo scope demonstrations, fire equipment, plant ecology, soil pit profile and discussions of Best Management Practices as well as the value of wood.



**Forestry Discovery Day participants learned about Wisconsin forestry while also enjoying beautiful weather and free food!**

## Northeast Chapter

By Roberta Kunzman

Markets, harvesting technologies and silvicultural treatments in forested wetlands were topics presented at the March state meeting hosted by NE Chapter. Thanks to all attendees, presenters and helpers.

Pat Crawford, founder of Timbco (now Timberpro), gave an excellent presentation at our July meeting in Shawano on his new company's product development to meet the changing needs of the logging industry. The meeting attendees viewed videos of the various models in action around the U.S. and world, and toured the manufacturing facility as these new state-of-the-art machines were being assembled.

In December, the chapter met in Carter to discuss red pine management and markets, and Biewer Sawmill. These 2005 Chapter Officers were introduced:

**Chair:** Dave Czysz, Stora Enso, Rhinelander

**Chair-elect:** Brian Spencer, WI DNR, Rhinelander

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Roberta Kunzman, WI DNR, Boulder Junction

**Past Chair:** John Scott, Marinette County Forestry

Plans are in the making for a June meeting as well as a Spring Habitat for Humanity Tree Planting using plant materials donated by local nurseries.

## Southwest Chapter

By Raymond P. Guries

A meeting on April 16, 2004 at the Forest Products Lab in Madison provided the opportunity for chapter members to tour the Lab's model home as well as hear a presentation by Terry Mace (WDNR) and Scott Bowe (UW-Madison) about their participation in the Governor's trade mission to China.

The Southwest chapter also met on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Goose Lake Wildlife Area in eastern Dane County. Attendees at the meeting received an update from Ted Pyrek and Randy Stampfl on a proposed timber sale at the Goose Lake Wildlife Area between Deerfield and Lake Mills. This planned sale involves several issues, especially the protection of cultural and endangered resources associated within the Goose Lake Wildlife Area. Area wildlife biologist, Doug Fendry provided an update on wildlife issues there, while Briana Radtke provided an overview of the gypsy moth situation for hardwood forests in

## Fox River Valley Chapter

By Greg Rebman

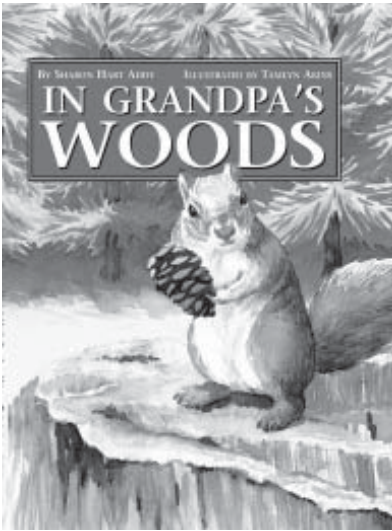
The Fox River Valley Chapter of SAF is well on its way to rebuilding and resurrecting the chapter and its membership. The goal for 2004 was to get organized and active again and to that end two chapter meetings were held and an election of officers was completed. Officers for 2005 are Ron Jones – Secretary/Treasurer, Curt Wilson – Vice Chair, Greg Rebman – Chair.

Some of the activities planned for this year include a February meeting featuring Ray Miller presenting a discussion on Northern White Cedar Management. On March 17 and 18 the chapter is sponsoring the Spring Statewide Meeting along with the State Executive Committee of SAF and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The Chapter is planning a "Walk in the Forest" for October and will be meeting September 7<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the event. The September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will also feature a forest pest update including the latest on the Emerald Ash Borer. On October 1<sup>st</sup> we will hold the "Walk in the Forest" at the Brown County Reforestation Camp. We will be looking at school groups as the target audience for this event.

Wisconsin. Fourteen members were in attendance. Thanks go to Randy, Ted, Doug and Briana (all WDNR) for helping put together a fine program.

During this meeting, members discussed possible topics for the state meeting we are to host in Fall 2005. Southwest Chapter officers (Ray Guries, Mark Heyde and Paul Pingrey) met in October to further discuss these ideas. At this point, we are proposing a program centered in the Baraboo Hills and Badger Army Ammunition Plant to address putting concepts of landscape scale management into practice. The meeting will involve an introductory overview of landscape issues followed by a tour to examine issues of scale, silviculture, 'high-value conservation forests' and the forester's role in managing at these diverse scales for different values. We are currently considering hosting the meeting sometime during the last two weeks in October. We'll likely use a Wisconsin Dells' facility for lodging and indoor sessions.

## Wisconsin's forestry community produced these books for the 2004 Year of Wisconsin Forestry celebration



**Title:** In Grandpa's Woods"

**Intended audience:** 4-7 year olds

**Description:** Two children discover many benefits of forests as they visit their grandparent's woods.

An e-version of the book for older children is online at:

[http://wisconsinforestry.org/activities\\_content\\_grandpa.html](http://wisconsinforestry.org/activities_content_grandpa.html)

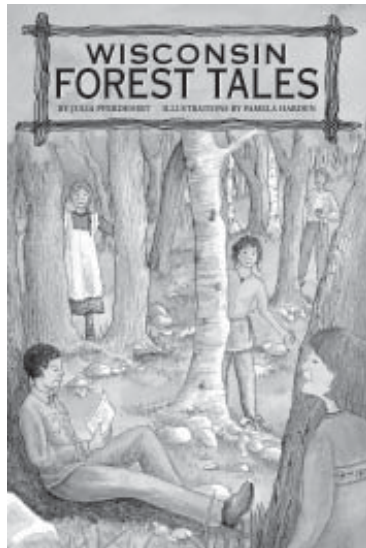
A product of Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River

(for their 60th anniversary in 2004) and available for sale from

them online at: <http://www.treesfortomorrow.com/books.htm>

or by phone at 1-800-838-9472. NOTE: They are offering a

**\$5 discount to SAF members** so be sure to give them your SAF membership number when you place an order for this book!



**Title:** Wisconsin Forest Tales

**Intended audience:** 9-12 year olds

**Description:** A collection of eight historical fiction stories to help fourth-graders learn about Wisconsin forest history.

A product of:

- \* Wisconsin DNR - Division of Forestry  
(celebrating the centennial of the state forestry program)
- \* LEAF - Wisconsin's K-12 Forestry Education Program
- \* Wisconsin Environmental Education Board
- \* Wisconsin Natural Resources Foundation

Not for sale. Copies have been distributed to libraries

and 4th-grade teachers in Wisconsin. **Visit your nearest public library in Wisconsin to read this book!**



**Title:** One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry

**Intended audience:** High school students and adults

**Description:** Chronicles the evolution of sustainable forestry in Wisconsin over the past one hundred years.

A product of Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association  
(for their 25th anniversary in 2004)

and available for sale from them:

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association

P.O. Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-346-4798 (**order form on next page**)

## One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry: 1904-2004

ISBN 1-931599-17-3

This new hard cover book chronicles one of Wisconsin's most important resources – our forests. Most of the state's forests were clear cut in the late 1800s and early 1900s and then rebounded to cover nearly half of the state and provide important cultural, economic, and ecological benefits. This story details the long journey and dedication of many people who have helped to bring Wisconsin forests back to life. Take a walk through the past one hundred years in this 176 page book with many photos and a 16 page full-color insert which provides insights into our forest's past *and future*.

Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association Inc. (WWOA) is a nonprofit organization that works to educate the private woodland owners of Wisconsin about good forest stewardship and the importance of sustainable forestry. Proceeds from the book will support WWOA's educational efforts.

The book can be ordered by sending a check payable to WWOA for \$24.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. Send your order to WWOA, PO Box 285, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Questions? Call WWOA at 715/346-4798 or email [nbozek@uwsp.edu](mailto:nbozek@uwsp.edu)

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### “One Hundred Years of Wisconsin Forestry” Book Order Form

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**(in case there are questions/problems with the order)**

*Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the book to the above address*

*at \$24.95 + \$4.00 shipping & handling per book for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

## Conservation and Forestry Halls of Fame online

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame has selected Cedric A. Vig of Rhinelander, Bud Jordahl of Madison and the late attorney Walter Kuhlmann as their 2005 inductees. The induction ceremony will be at Sentry Theatre on April 9. Visit their Website at <http://www.wchf.org> for more information about these honorees and the Conservation Hall of Fame.

You are also encouraged to learn about the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame online at: [http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/info\\_hallfame.html](http://www.wisconsinforestry.org/info_hallfame.html)

“Wisconsinforestry.org” was the Website established in 2004 for the *Year of Wisconsin Forestry* and will soon be updated to serve as an ongoing portal site to Wisconsin forestry information.

## Forest Service Celebrates Centennial in 2005

Following on the heels of the Year of Wisconsin Forestry is another important forestry year. The Forest Service will celebrate its 100th anniversary on July 1, 2005. On this date 100 years ago, the Forest Service was created as an agency with the mission to sustain healthy, diverse, and productive forests and grasslands for present and future generations.

The Forest Service kicked off their centennial celebration in January 2005 with a Centennial Congress designed to commemorate 100 years of conservation, assess current challenges and opportunities, and initiate a dialogue for the 21st Century.

Leading up to this national gathering, the Forest Service held 12 regional Centennial Forums. The forum for the Eastern Region was November 9, 2004 at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. Theme of the forum was "Healthy Forests and Healthy Communities in the East: Connecting People and the Land" and the 102 attendees focused on these topics: 1) restoring and managing the land, 2) retaining open space, 3) invasives, 4) connecting urban and rural communities to the land, and 5) building a commitment to a land ethic.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth provided an historical context for the forum by highlighting key eras and transition points in the agency history and talked about future challenges such as the threats from fire, insects and disease, increased recreational use, and increasing levels of ozone and other pollutants impacting forests. Bosworth also talked about the need for a community based collaborative approach to forest management in the future.

In the closing comments for the forum, Michael Rains, Director of the Northeastern Research Station, relected on the profound lack of understanding by the general population about our environment, its condition, and what we do to harm or help its state. He noted the need to reach out more and improve environmental literacy by emphasizing inclusion and education.

For a full summary of the regional forums, go to: <http://www.natlforests.org/centennial/forums.htm>

Following are some of the other signature projects for the Forest Service Centennial:

- An updated, hardcover, commemorative edition of the book "*Greatest Good: 100 Years of Forestry in America*" by Char Miller and Rebecca Staebler features new photos, a fresh introduction by Forest Service Chief Dale N. Bosworth, revised and updated chapter information, and appendices offering new information on Forest Service programs. It is available through the national SAF's online store at: <http://store.safnet.org/> for \$55 (SAF members) or \$65 (general sales). Author Char Miller is on a lecture circuit during 2005 presenting historical material from the book.

- The Forest Service has produced a new film titled "The Greatest Good" that shares perspectives on one hundred years of conservation and the prospects for the future. Screenings of this are scheduled for March 4 at the Al Ringling Theatre in Baraboo and April 12 at the Wisconsin Historical Society auditorium in Madison. Watch for future announcements of additional dates and locations. Read about the film at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/greatestgood/index.html>

- The Forest Service anniversary will be showcased at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Smithsonian Institution Folklife Festival on June 23-27 and June 30- July 4, 2005. The Festival takes place in Washington, D.C. on the grassy areas across from the Smithsonian museums between the Capitol building and the Washington Monument – the area know as "The Mall." The Folklife Festival is a living cultural exhibition that includes musical performances, craft demonstrations, illustrations of work lore, community heritage celebrations and discussions of traditional and grass roots culture. Colorful elements of Forest Service work life such as mule packing, Dutch oven cooking, fire fighting, fire lookouts, logging, rangeland management, wildlife surveys, roving interpreters, water and land recreation activities, and archeological demonstrations will be shared at the festival.

Stay tuned for announcements about other events that will be taking place to celebrate the Forest Service centennial during 2005.

## Forest Service Origins

The Forest Service was established by an act of Congress in 1905, during Theodore Roosevelt's administration and at the height of the Progressive Era. From the start, the young men who ran the Forest Service were protégé's of Gifford Pinchot. Many received forestry training from Pinchot's first charge, Henry Graves, in a graduate school endowed by the Pinchot family at Yale University. They shared an *esprit de corps* inspired by the agency's mission and by their charismatic leader. Many stayed with the Forest Service for decades, long after President Taft fired Pinchot in 1910. This "old guard" created a strong agency culture that allowed it to survive bureaucratic infighting, world wars, low pay, political upheavals and natural disasters.

James Pinchot convinced his son Gifford to become a forester, a profession which did not exist in the United States. To learn this science of growing and harvesting trees, Pinchot went to Europe in 1889. Dietrich Brandis, a world-renowned German forester, became Gifford Pinchot's mentor and teacher. Earlier, Brandis had established a Forest Service for the colonial government of British India. In handwritten and highly-detailed letters, Brandis laid out the structure and functions of a federal forestry organization. These provided the blueprint Pinchot used to create the U.S. Forest Service.

The agency itself was created from two federal entities. Starting in 1891, forested public domain lands were set aside by presidential proclamation in order to slow destructive logging and preserve watersheds. The Forest Reserves were controlled by the Department of the Interior's General Land Office. Forestry expertise, however, resided in the Agriculture Department's Division of Forestry, in the person of Bernhard Fernow, a German ex-patriot struggling to demonstrate forestry's relevance.

In 1898, after shouldering Fernow aside, Pinchot became Chief of the Division of Forestry and its eleven employees. Over the next several years, he gradually increased its size and importance, turning the division into a bureau. Using his family's wealth and political connections (including a close friendship with Theodore Roosevelt), Pinchot then maneuvered to get the forest reserves transferred to his forestry organization and renamed national forests.

## SAF Origins

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) was organized in 1900, primarily by a group of seven leaders including Gifford Pinchot, E.T. Allen, William L. Hall, Ralph Hosner, Thomas Sherrard, Overton Price, and Henry Solou Graves.



L.H. Markwardt of the Forest Products Lab organized the Wisconsin Section of the Society of American Foresters in 1919. This was the 10th state section of the young national organization to form.

A national SAF meeting was hosted at the Forest Products Lab in Madison in 1925 with 52 members attending. Aldo Leopold, Assistant Director of the Lab from 1924 to 1928, served on the national SAF Council from 1927 to 1931.

Early leaders of the Society of American Foresters were instrumental in developing objectives, policies, and strategies by which our forests and related resources were to be protected and managed during the twentieth century.

Today, SAF remains committed to working with the various stakeholders to inform and aid in the development of the nation's forest policies.

SAF continues to believe that sound management of the nation's forest resources, informed by science and experience, is critical to the nation's well-being.

These views are reflected in the *Core Values*, *Forest Policy Principles* and *Position Statements* of the Society - all available for review at [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org).

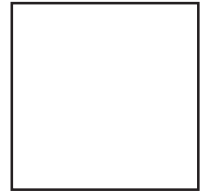
### Upcoming Conferences

- "Forests and Whitetails: Striving for Balance" June 9-10, 2005 in St. Ignace. Sponsored by Michigan SAF. For details, contact Bill Cook at "cookwi@msu.edu" or 906-786-1575.

- Spring ATV Trails Workshop sponsored by DNR and Wisconsin ATV Association. March 12, 2005 from 9-noon in Hayward. To register for this free workshop, contact [diane.conklin@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:diane.conklin@dnr.state.wi.us) or 715-635-4130.



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## **University of Wisconsin-Madison Team Wins Competition**

A UW-Madison team of Matthew Burczyk, Amy Jahnke, Katie McMahon and Samuel Nitz authored the first place capstone report in the 2004 Upper Midwest Capstone Competition, earning the top prize of \$1,000.

The purpose of the annual competition is to recognize excellence among senior forestry students in the Upper Midwest (Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) by evaluating their integrated knowledge as presented in senior capstone course or sequence projects. Awards are presented to the three best student (team) capstone reports.

A Michigan Tech team won 2nd and teams from Iowa State and Michigan Tech tied for 3rd place.

Purdue University, Iowa State, Michigan Technological University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison all have capstone courses or sequences that require senior students working in teams to integrate their knowledge of natural

resources while solving a forestry problem using holistic decision making.

The Capstone Award Program has been driven by the joint desire of forestry educators, forest industry and public agencies for students to enter the workplace with quality instruction and educational experiences involving problem solving, integration of environmental and socio-economic factors, sustaining forest resources and products, and effective team work. The award program recognizes excellence in the written artifact from the best teams in capstone courses.

Each university submits a maximum of two papers to the judging committee as well as a summary of the objective of each paper. At the end of the academic year, a committee of three industry representatives, two university judges, and two public agency representatives select the top reports. You can read the reports and more about the program online at: <http://forest.mtu.edu/competition/>

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