



ECOFA Newsletter

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The board meets at 6:00 PM and the general meeting begins at 7:00 PM on APR 1st, 2015

ECOFA was founded to provide information to the members and the general public about multiple use management of forestland

The ECOFA board meeting for March 4, 2015 began with Derra and Dick Scharver, Alan Walter, Kathy Myers, Tom Cushing and Mike Schmuki present. The menu and place are set for the annual banquet. We talked about a new brochure as a lot of the information in our present brochure is outdated. The brochures are available when we have a display at an event. More large and medium t-shirts are on order and will be available soon.

The membership meeting was called to order with the pledge to the flag at 7PM. There were about 37 in attendance. Alan gave the Treasurer's report, ECOFA ended February with \$8500.21. Of that total, \$1230 is in the education fund. The annual banquet is **Thursday** May 7 at St. John's UCC in Dover. ECOFA board decided to cost-share the dinner, so the price per meal is \$10. The banquet is the time we raise money for Forestry Camp scholarships. Please bring an auction item.

Jon Roales from Harrison SWCD and Levi Arnold from Guernsey SWCD told us of tree and other sales going on. Deadline for ordering for Harrison sales is March 27. Jeremy informed us of upcoming forestry related events and educational opportunities.

Kathy introduced Jim Chatfield from OSU Extension as our speaker. Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Ohio State University Extension Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, Department of Plant Pathology

Jim's topic was fungi. There are 1.5 million species of fungi. In the early days of classification of organisms, there were two kingdoms, plant and animal. At that time fungi were included in the plant kingdom. Now there are 5 recognized kingdoms, with fungi being in

one of their own. Fungi are heterotroph, that is they obtain food from organic material. They can be saprophytes, consuming dead material, or parasitic. They can be soloists or partners, Lichens is an example of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and algae. The fungus adheres to a substrate and obtains water and minerals, while the algae perform photosynthesis. Both benefit from the relationship. Fungi can be harmful, American Chestnut blight is caused by a fungus, as is Thousand Canker Disease in Eastern Black Walnut. Bracket fungi are the fruiting bodies of fungi in the tree. Trees can also benefit from mycorrhizal fungus associated with their roots. Fungi can cause rot by their action or alter chemical make-up of food. Penicillium is a genus of fungi containing species that make different types of cheese, such as Roquefort. Yeast is used to make beer and causes bread to rise. Two fungi destroy the bitter compounds in cacao to create its heavenly aroma. Penicillium chrysogenum produces the antibiotic penicillin. Fungi can also produce toxins.

Note about Penicillium Chrysogenum from Wikipedia; Penicillium chrysogenum is a fungus, common in temperate and subtropical regions and can be found on salted food products, but it is mostly found in indoor environments, especially in damp or waterdamaged buildings. It was previously known as Penicillium notatum.

Ergot alkaloids found on rye and other grains can cause gangrene and a precursor to LSD. There is speculation that some people accused of being witches were under the influence of these alkaloids. Our world would certainly be a much different place without fungus among us. Jim gave an address for Buckeye yard and garden online; bygl.osu.edu

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Upcoming Events or Seminars

Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp June 7th -12th, 2015

If members have children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews that you think would be interested, please start talking with them now about making plans to attend. If you intend to leave your tree farm to your heirs, we should make sure they have some preparation. **ECOFA plans on supporting this again with full and partial scholarships.**

There is a full page of activities at the Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center

Sunday March 29th 2-4 PM Join Dr. Chuck McClaugherty to search for signs of spring no registration required.

Guernsey County

The Talk on Turkeys on Tuesday Mar 24th at 6-9pm, located at Deerasic Park 14250 Cadiz Rd. register by calling Guernsey SWCD 740-435-0408

Harrison County SWCD AG breakfast March 21st at Capraro's Restaurant.

Tree Sales are on at most of your SWCD's. Please contact your county for specific details

2015 Tree School

April 18th 9:00 am to 4:45 pm at OSU Mansfield Campus. Covering planting, pruning, tree ID, tree selection and more. Reg. cost is \$40 b/4 Apr 4th. Register online at www.woodlandstewards.osu.edu

Sept 19th Ohio Tree Farm Field Day

Alan Walter's Ohio Tree Farm tour field day at his property near Scio. Usually, these events are visited by tree farmers from all over the state, educators, vendors and etc. They are a worthwhile event to attend, so mark it on your calendar. Details to follow. .

Some Recent Awards

Randy Clum received the following award at the Ohio Society of American Foresters annual meeting in Columbus.

The Presidential Field Forester Awards Through presidential direction, eleven members (one from each of the eleven SAF districts) will be selected to receive an outstanding field forester achievement award. This process will assure that each region of the United States will be able to recognize an outstanding field forester.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD The purpose of this award is to recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. Previous Presidential Field Forester Awards were presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

DeNoon Lumber Honored as FRA 2014 Appalachian Region Outstanding Logger

ROANOKE, VA - The Forest Resources Association and STIHL Incorporated honored DeNoon Lumber Co., Inc., of Bergholz, Ohio, as

the Appalachian Region 2014 Outstanding Logger at the FRA Appalachian Region Awards Dinner in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on September 17. FRA Appalachian Region Chairman Brian Gingerich presented Bill DeNoon, Jr. with a wooden crosscut-saw plaque, a STIHL MS 461 chain saw, and \$250 check (saw and check compliments of STIHL Incorporated). DeNoon Lumber is a second-generation company, founded by William DeNoon, Sr. in 1963 with only three employees. Over the last fifty years, the company has grown to over 120 employees with a sawmill, dry kiln, retail shop, and a first-rate logging crew. Bill DeNoon, Jr. runs the company today and, along with Clint Carpenter, manages and coordinates the logging activities

Does the government both locally and nationally really consider the effects of having more forested land? I often wonder how an Ohio senator or congressman from an urban area would vote on proposals that are beneficial to a landowner but might not help the state gain tax revenue. The following is an article about how governments are viewing reforestation on the world level.

The following article comes from a blog entitled Forest News posted by the Center for International Forestry Research and contributed to Barbara Fraser

LIMA, Peru—To stop the loss of the world’s forests, countries around the globe have set an ambitious goal of replanting 150 million hectares of deforested and degraded land by 2020. Latin American and Caribbean countries have pledged to begin restoring at least 20 million hectares by then. But there is more to meeting the target than just planting trees, according to a series of studies published in a special issue of the journal *Forests*. How countries govern their farmland and forests plays a large role in the success or failure of restoration programs, the authors say.

Ecological restoration—“the process of assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, or destroyed,” according to the Society for Ecosystem Restoration—requires long-term commitment by all levels of government as well as landholders, corporations, researchers and others. Countries must decide which activities they will stimulate—restoration

plantations, natural regeneration, exotic tree plantations, forest management, or a combination—and identify the main challenges in implementing them, according to Pedro Brancalion, professor of native species silviculture at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil and a co-editor of the special issue.

“Countries must also define the locations where those activities would be achieved with better cost-effectiveness and create a map of priority areas,” Brancalion said. Economic incentives must be provided to farmers or other landholders. Those might take the form of payment for environmental services, developing markets for timber and non-timber forest products from restoration sites, and technical assistance for reforestation.

Membership dues for 2015 are being accepted now. It is time to renew your membership. Dues are \$20 per family. Alan noted that only 46 people have renewed for 2015

<p>Membership form:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State ____ Zip _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Make Check to ECOFA and mail to PO Box 486, Carrollton, OH 44615</p>
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<p>ECOFA Annual Banquet and Auction Thursday May 7th. At the St. Johns United Methodist Church in Dover OH.</p> <p>Please fill out this form and send your checks to the ECOFA, PO Box 486, Carrollton, OH 44615</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>No. attending ____ x \$10 per person= \$ _____</p> <p>Note : a veggie dinner plate is available, but only in advance....so mark veggie here _____</p> <p>Registration deadline is April 23rd.</p>
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(Checks can be combined for membership & banquet)

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Our new meeting location is the Dover Public Library in the meeting room in the basement. The address for the Dover Library is 525 North Walnut St. Dover, Ohio

April 1 Craig Hicks - Feral Swine

May 7th Banquet, Auction & Silent Auction “Note the date change and the day is now Thursday”
Note the deadline to register for the banquet is April 23rd, so depending on when you receive the next newsletter, you probably should send in the registration now. The banquet this year is at St. Johns United Church of Christ at 409 N Wooster Ave. in Dover. Doors open at 5:30 PM with the silent auction, dinner at 6:30 PM and the live auction to follow

Aug 5 Jamie Emmert - Becoming an Outdoors Woman

The Dover Public Library can be easily found by getting off I-77 at the Dover exit No. 83 (Rts 39 and 211). Take rt. 211 east (at the cemetery Rt. 211 turns to the right) to West 5th ST. and Turn left on West 5th. To Walnut St and turn left again to the Library on your right. There should be street parking there and a gravel lot around the corner on west 6th .st.