

TREE LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION



It took a while, but the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee finally caught up with Representative David Lewis to present him with the committee's Friend of Forestry Award that he earned this year. He is a busy man! (l-r) Sue and David Raynor, Representative David Lewis, FFPAC member and incoming NCFA Executive Committee Member Allen Whitesell presented the FFPAC award to Representative Lewis at a holiday event at the Raynors. The FFPAC presents awards to deserving elected officials who support the FFPAC's mission of promoting the health, productivity and conservation of our forest resources in addition to supporting private property rights. The FFPAC and NCFA membership appreciate Representative Lewis efforts on behalf of forestry in the North Carolina General Assembly.

FFPAC TO HOLD REVERSE RAFFLE ON JUNE 5, 2018 - NIGHT OF FORESTRY DAY

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee will once again hold its Reverse Raffle Event this year the night of Forestry Day in the Legislature, which is June 5, 2018.

FFPAC members and NCFA Board of Directors will be selling tickets to the event where the last ticket(s) pulled is the winning ticket(s). Tickets will once again be one for \$50 or three for \$100.

Typically, the winning jackpot is \$5,000. Once the number of tickets left in the barrel drops to five, there is an option for the individuals to share the winnings. You do not have to be present to enter the raffle. If you would like to learn more about this event, please contact Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or (800) 231-7723 ext. 3. ■

JOINT MEETING OF SLTC AND NC SFI STARTS NEW YEAR FOR COMMITTEES

The Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee and the North Carolina SFI Implementation Committee met on January 16th at the North Carolina Farm Bureau to start the new year and establish training topics for the education subcommittee to consider.

The committees met separately for the first portion of the morning and then came together for a joint session. Prior to the start of the joint session, former committee chairs Chuck Daniels of the SLTC and Bernard Rose of the NC SFI were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the committees over the past three years.

The committees heard from Alan Coats, a Forest Water Quality (continued on page 5)

NCFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES 2018 BUDGET

The North Carolina Forestry Association Board of Directors met at the North Carolina Farm Bureau on January 30th to approve a new slate of officers on the executive committee and board of directors in addition to approving the operating budget for the association for 2018.

The new leadership for 2018 will be the following:

Chair	Bernard Rose	Kapstone
President	Boyd McLaurin	Canal Wood, LLC
President-Elect/Treasurer	Perry Hunt	Hunt Forest Resources
First Vice President	Doug Burselson	Canfor Southern Pine
Eastern Vice President	Chuck Daniels	Domtar
Piedmont Vice President	Allen Whitesell	Troy Lumber Company
Western Vice President	David Johnson	Weyerhaeuser Company
Forestry Mutual Chairman	Michael Walters	Claybourn Walters

In addition to the new executive committee, the following NCFA members were elected to a three-year term on the NCFA's Board of Directors through the most recent ballot election. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the election.

East

Brian Chaney	Weyerhaeuser Company
Chuck Daniels	Domtar
Lauren Killian	Enviva

Piedmont

Bruce Evans	Jordan Lumber & Supply
Brett Goulding	Campbell Group
Tim Morris	Louisiana-Pacific

West

David Johnson	Weyerhaeuser Company
Chris Logan	Valwood
Jacob Shuford	Bristol Industries

The NCFA Board of Directors also received an update on how the association completed 2017 financially as well as the budget proposal for 2018.

It is important to remember that the association operates with two operating accounts that combine to give one overall outlook. One account is the North Carolina Forestry Association budget and the other account is the Forest Education and Conservation Fund (FECF) budget. The end of year profit/loss sheets show that the combined accounts finished 2017 with a positive profit statement of \$210,785.60. (continued on page 3)



(l-r) Incoming Chair of the Board Bernard Rose presented Marshall Thompson a plaque in recognition of his service as the NCFA's Board Chair in 2017 and his service on the executive committee.

NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bernard Rose <i>Chair of the Board</i>	Chuck Daniels <i>Eastern VP</i>
Boyd McLaurin <i>President</i>	Allen Whitesell <i>Piedmont VP</i>
Perry Hunt <i>President Elect/</i> <i>Treasurer</i>	David Johnson <i>Western VP</i>
Doug Burleson <i>First Vice President</i>	Michael Walters <i>Chair of the Board</i> <i>Forestry Mutual</i>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Todd Adams	David Johnson
Tommy Adkins	Robert Jordan
Ray Allen	Lauren Killian
Marvin Bagwell	Kenneth Lin
Bob Bardon	Robin Little
Billy Barnette	Chris Logan
Keith Biggs	Parker Lumpkin
Scott Bisette	Charlie Marshburn
Jay Boyette	Boyd McLaurin
Scott Brewer	Roger Melvin
Doug Burleson	Tim Morris
Kenny Cain	Wib Owen
Brian Chaney	Jeff Pardue
Mark Church	Patrick Parton
Sam Cook	Amy Phillips
Chuck Daniels	Allen Plaster
Rudy Daughtry	Frank Rackley
Tony Doster	Jim Reavis
Rob Elliot	Bernard Rose
Bruce Evans	Jacob Shuford
Joe Evans	Scott Smearman
Ashley Faircloth	Russell Strong
John Fletcher	Jack Swanner
Brett Goulding	Jaime Teel
John Gray	Marshall Thompson
David Hendrix	Nancy Thompson
Kent Holmes	Mark Vollinger
Maurice Hull	Michael Walters
Perry Hunt	Mary Watzin
Tom Inman	Allen Whitesell
Lynn Jenkins	Lori Worley
James Jeuck	

SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at cbrown@ncforestry.org or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY GETS BACK TO WORK

The official starting date for this year's legislative session is scheduled for May 16, but the General Assembly reconvened in January to address some odds and ends from last session such as confirming appointments to commissions and boards.

One of those individuals confirmed onto a standing board this week was our own Ray Allen of Uwharrie Lumber Company. Allen served as the NCFCA's President in 2014. He was appointed by Governor Cooper to the North Carolina Board of Agriculture as the forestry representative on Wednesday. Allen's term will expire on September 1, 2019.

The North Carolina Board of Agriculture is a statutory agency with members appointed by the governor. The board is a policy-and rule-making body that adopts regulations for many of the programs administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

While some of the tasks at hand were procedural, the General Assembly being back in Raleigh provides elected officials on hand to address the ongoing issues surrounding North Carolina's Congressional maps.

In addition, the lawmakers are still discussing how judges are elected and/or appointed in the future and what those judicial maps will look like by election time. ■



Ray Allen and his wife, Breon, pose for a photo during the NCFCA's 2017 Annual Meeting held in Wilmington.

SUPREME COURT ISSUES HOLD ON LOWER COURT ORDER ON REDRAWING MAPS

On the request from North Carolina's Republican legislative leaders, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a hold on the three-judge federal panel's ruling issued earlier that the congressional districts needed to be redrawn by January 29, 2018.

The Supreme Court stated that North Carolina does not have to redraw its congressional districts until the Supreme Court has the opportunity to review the ruling by the three-judge federal panel. This means that the 2018 Congressional Elections will be held under the current district maps.

In early January, the three-judge federal panel ruled that the existing maps drawn for North Carolina in 2016 by the North Carolina General Assembly were unconstitutional because they were gerrymandered to provide an unfair political advantage to the Republican party. As the maps stands now, 10 of the 13 districts appear to favor a Republican candidate. The filing period for next election extends until February 12, 2018. ■

PLANT INDUSTRY DIVISION SEEKS INPUT ON WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

White Pine Blister Rust is an important disease of Eastern White Pines (*Pinus Strobus*) caused by a non-native fungus known as *Cronartium ribicola*, which requires both white pines and currants to be present in order to complete its life cycle. The rust first appeared in the United States around 1905. Historically, the decision was made to sacrifice currants in favor of White Pines, with the hope of breaking the disease cycle and preventing further spread of rust.

To that end, the NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division enforces regulations dating back to the 1930's which prohibit planting of currants and gooseberries (*Ribes* species) statewide. Unfortunately, currant removal efforts did not stop the disease.

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WAKE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION HOSTS WORKSHOP FOR LANDOWNERS

When something is not broken, you don't fix it! That's the motto for Dale Threat-Taylor, Wake County's Soil and Water Conservation Director, who has been coordinating the extremely popular Keeping the Farm Workshop for the past 13 years.

Over 120 participants were in attendance in January to receive updates on public policy, regulations and other issues that may impact their ability to manage their farmland into the future in one of the fastest growing large counties in the country.

The program includes reports for the Wake County Tax office on an annual basis. Mishele Lord provided this year's tax update, noting that the North Carolina General Assembly requires that all counties must review participants in the Present Use Value (PUV) program within an eight-year period, if not sooner. Wake County began a formal review of half of their participants last year and will continue with the second half next year.

Not surprisingly, there were several properties that no longer qualified for the program since the land use had changed. Lord also noted 344 PUV participants were dropped from the program after they could not be reached for confirmation of program participation.

She encouraged all Wake County PUV participants to stay connected to the tax office to receive latest information about the program and ensure future participation.

In addition to advice from local government and agencies, workshop participants had the opportunity to hear from their peers within the farming and forestry community.

Tyrone Williams of Fourtee Acres Farm, which is a North Carolina Tree Farm participant, provided a brief historical review of his family farm and how he and his family formed their own, Fourtee Acres, LLC, in 1994. The farm totals 62 acres in Halifax County.

Williams, who is in his early 60's, shared some of the techniques he uses to keep his three adult sons involved

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Tyrone Williams provided an overview of how his family encourages involvement in the family farm to ensure its future.

GO FUND ME GOAL SURPASSED!

We are happy to report that we have surpassed our goal of \$10,000 for our Go Fund Me Page for the NCFA's Business Manager Ann Harper! Overall, our members contributed over \$11,000. Many Thanks!

At last year's Annual Meeting, several NCFA members requested a vehicle to provide assistance to Karl Harper, Ann's son, with medical bills associated with his motorcycle accident that occurred in March of 2016 in Florida. The Go Fund Me Page was the result.

The week before Christmas, Ann was able to travel to Florida to visit with Karl as he was fitted for his new prosthetic leg. She reported that Karl was in good spirits and ready to begin the next phase of his recovery.

On behalf of Ann, the NCFA staff would like to thank everyone who helped achieve this fundraising goal. **Thank You!**

(right) Karl Harper takes his first steps with his newly fitted prosthetic leg.



WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY - MAY 5, 2018

Do you know a community that could use a little help, say \$500 to jump-start a wildfire safety program where they live? If so, please encourage them to apply for a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day grant. 150 sites will be selected from the pool of applicants. Last year, North Carolina received six of the 150 awards.

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Wildfire Community Preparedness Day campaign will award grants in the amount of \$500 each for implementing projects on May 5, 2018 that reduce wildfire risk. Funding for the project awards is being provided by State Farm. Applications for the awards are due to NFPA by March 2nd, 2018.

Project funding awards are open to everyone and potential applicants include individuals, neighborhoods, youth groups, homeowner associations, civic organizations, fire departments, park/open space and forestry agencies.

It is not a requirement that applicants be part of an active Firewise Community. However, if you're a recognized Firewise community, projects may serve as, or supplement, the annual Firewise Day event required for renewals.

There will be a webinar on January 18 at 2:30 p.m. ET to help applicants through the process. Please forward this opportunity on to anyone that you think might be interested.

If you have questions, please contact Hannah Thompson-Welch, the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist for the North Carolina Forest Service at hannah.thompson@ncagr.gov or (919) 210-7037. ■

Board of Directors...(from page 1)

Currently, the association's total assets equal \$837,996.19 while the FECF has total current assets of \$875,361.53.

The proposed budgets for the NCFA and FECF will total \$1.3 million. It is projected that if projects are completed within budget expectations and revenues meet expectations, the association should net just over \$30,000. The board unanimously approved the budget. The board also heard updates on NCFA committee work, NCFA programs, and updates from our partner organizations.

Interim Executive VP Frank Rackley reported to the board that the association had received over 150 applications for the NCFA's vacant Executive VP position. The application period officially closed on January 31st. The goal is to have a new leader installed by April 1, 2018. ■



PROLOGGER MODULE 18 CLASS SCHEDULE

Module 18 classes have started for the 2017-18 year. If you are going to host a Module 18 class, please send the information and a flyer (if available) to cbrown@ncforestry.org so we can update our online schedule at www.ncforestry.org and our e-mail newsletter, ZipLine, in a timely fashion. Thanks again to all of our member companies that host these continuing education sessions.

2/13 Tuesday	Roaring River VFD	5:30 p.m.	Roaring River, NC
2/13 Tuesday	Domtar Plymouth.....	6:00 p.m.	Plymouth, NC
2/15 Thursday	Weyerhaeuser Tr. Center.....	5:30 p.m.	New Bern, NC
2/16 Friday	Gilkey Clubhouse	9:30 a.m.	Rutherfordton, NC
2/22 Thursday	Southeastern CC	5:30 p.m.	Whiteville, NC
2/24 Saturday	GP Dudley	7:00 a.m.	Dudley, NC
3/8 Thursday	James Sprunt CC.....	6:00 p.m.	Kenansville, NC
3/22 Thursday	Lucky Clay Farm	5:00 p.m.	Norwood, NC
3/23 Friday	Halifax CC	1:00 p.m.	Weldon, NC
4/10 Tuesday	Domtar Plymouth.....	6:00 p.m.	Plymouth, NC
4/12 Thursday	Weyerhaeuser Tr. Center.....	5:30 p.m.	New Bern, NC
4/13 Friday	McDowell Tech	8:00 a.m.	Marion, NC
4/13 Friday	Chatham County Ag.....	1:00 p.m.	Pittsboro, NC
6/26 Tuesday	Roaring River VFD	5:30 p.m.	Roaring River, NC



The NCFA will be hosting three offerings of the ProLogger Base Course in 2018. The base course is a two-day program that is mandatory for all professional loggers who would like to earn ProLogger status.

If you are interested in becoming a ProLogger, you must complete this course and then maintain in good standing by taking a continuing education component, namely training modules.

Please contact Chris Brown (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or at cbrown@ncforestry.org if you would like to register for the next class.

Date	Community College	Location
March 21-22, 2018	Wayne CC	Goldsboro, NC
May 30-31, 2018	Montgomery CC	Troy, NC
September 11-12, 2018	McDowell Tech CC	Marion, NC

CAROLINA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 23-24, 2018

The Carolina Loggers Association will be hosting its Annual Meeting on February 23-25, 2018 at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside in Wilmington, NC.

Truck safety and the issues surrounding transportation will be the focus point of the meeting. There are opportunities to sponsor or exhibit at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jonzi Guill at (252) 809-3057 or jguill@ncloggers.com. ■

Plant Industry Seeks Input..(from page 2)

Many eastern U.S. states once enforced a ban on currants and have loosened regulations over the years. The only state surrounding North Carolina that enforces restrictions on currants is Virginia, which has a ban in place against black currant, *Ribes nigrum*, but no other species or varieties. In summer of 2018, the regulations enforced by NCDA&CS will undergo a review process, which could result in the ban being relaxed or maintained.

Feedback on these possible changes and how it may affect pine plantation owners or other stakeholders is welcomed and should be sent to Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3 or cbrown@ncforestry.org. ■

IFCO ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

International Forest Company (IFCO) announced the retirement of Wayne Bell as Chief Operating Officer, on December 31, 2017.

A veteran in the seedling business for over forty-five years, Bell built IFCO from a small seed sales and processing company to one of the largest seedling and genetics companies in the world. Bell will serve as an advisor in 2018.

Doug Sharp replaced Bell as COO. Sharp has over 34 years of experience within the nursery and orchard industry where he spent the last 21 years with Plum Creek leading their Forest Regeneration Group. Chris Johnston is the company's new Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

You can learn more about IFCO online at <http://internationalforest.co/> or by calling (800) 633-4506. ■

MORBARK NAMES GOLD TIER DEALERS

Morbark, LLC, recently recognized eight of its top equipment dealers – four in Tree Care and four in Industrial Products – with Gold Tier status for 2018, based on their performance during the previous year.

"Our customers' success is Morbark's success, and our dealers are integral to helping our customers succeed," said John Foote, Morbark Vice President, Strategy and After-Market Services.

Industrial Products

- Columbus Equipment - Ohio, Western West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana
- James River Equipment - Virginia, Eastern West Virginia, and North Carolina
- L.C. Whitford Equipment - Western New York
- Tidewater Equipment - South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

Tree Care Products

- Alexander Equipment - Northern Illinois
- Bobcat of Buffalo - Western New York
- Schmidt Equipment - Massachusetts and Rhode Island
- Stevens Products LTD - New Zealand

Morbark dealers are reviewed and scored annually on their customer service, business plan, equipment and parts sales, service and warranty process, marketing efforts, and much more.

For Industrial: Both James River Equipment and Tidewater Equipment were honored with Gold Tier status for the fifth straight year, while L.C. Whitford earned its second straight Gold dealer award and Columbus Equipment was honored for the first time. For Tree Care: Alexander Equipment earned Gold Tier status for the sixth consecutive year, Schmidt Equipment earned the honor five of the previous six years, and Bobcat of Buffalo was honored for the third straight year, while Stevens Products enjoyed its second straight Gold Tier award. ■



(right) Boise Cascade's Jadie Andrews presented Bernard Rose with a plaque in recognition of his efforts as the NC SFI Implementation Committee Chair for the past two years.

Specialist with the North Carolina Forest Service, who provided a summary of the most recent study conducted by the North Carolina Forest Service on the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) across the state.

The new study included over 210 survey points in North Carolina, including 94 of North Carolina's 100 counties. The sites examined included both active and closed harvest operations. Overall, the compliance in the state was 85%.

The most telling statistics in the study was the threat to water quality was just 0.15% when BMP's were properly employed. When BMP's were not used, the threat jumped to 30%. The instances where no BMP's were employed was less than 5% in the total survey.

Overall, the results demonstrated that harvest operations are a minor threat to water quality when Best Management Practices are employed and BMP's are widely used across the state.

The one area that seemed to need the most improvement was site rehabilitation after a harvest operation has been completed in terms of reinforcing skid trails and stream crossings with adequate amounts of slash.

The two committees also discussed potential topics for next year's training module - Module 19. The top topics include soil productivity/reforestation; dash camera/GPS; body position in woods and on logging deck; site rehabilitation.

The committees also approved the ProLogger Guidelines for 2018-19 with no changes. Three years ago, the committees made some changes to the guidelines to allow ProLoggers who missed the June 30th deadline for the Module or dues payment to get back into the program as long as it was within the same training year without retaking the base course. The committees update the guidelines every two years.

Special thanks to Samantha Meekins with the North Carolina Farm Bureau for organizing the meeting space, lunch and her overall awesome hospitality! ■

NCFS TO START TIMBER PRODUCTS OUTPUT SURVEY

Since 1936, the Timber Products Output (TPO) Survey has provided regular updates on the status of our forest industry. Completed every two years, the 2017 TPO Survey is scheduled to begin in January 2018.

This survey will document the level of harvesting and forest product production for the 2017 calendar year. Individual mill data are confidential, and the resulting report summarizes timber production by product sector.

Why should primary forest products facilities participate?

- TPO data is the most reliable source of industrial roundwood consumption in the US and is frequently used by industry, economic development officials, academic institutions, and professional associations
- TPO harvest removal data is commonly paired with growth and inventory data from the Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) Program to determine forest sustainability
- Forest products companies rely on TPO data when making important business decisions on expansion, relocation, and new facility construction
- Inaccurate TPO data can have unintended negative consequences

The TPO Program is the responsibility of the USDA Forest Service. The North Carolina Forest Service is the lead agency in North Carolina and will coordinate meetings with forest products companies to gather 2017 production data.

All participating states have agreed upon best practices for conducting the survey, including greater efforts to raise the awareness of the survey's value, personal mill visits, and industry support to minimize non-responses.

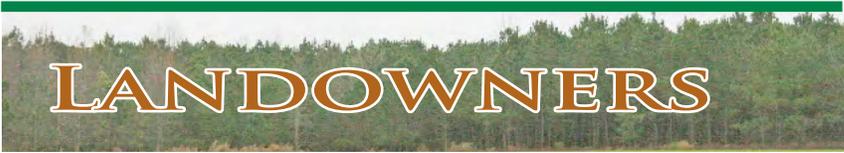
Most of the states in the Southern U.S. have set a 100% response rate goal for the 2017 TPO cycle.

Please help the North Carolina Forest Service reach our goal by participating in this important endeavor. We can't do it without your cooperation and assistance.

If you have questions, please contact the Clay Altizer with the North Carolina Forest Service at (919) 857-4840 or clay.altizer@ncagr.gov ■



The NCFA's Education Programs Manager, Amy Juliana, attended EdCampSTEM West in Conover, North Carolina in January. This professional workshop in the Northwest Region of the State connects educators to professionals. Despite some wintry road conditions, the workshop was well-attended. Juliana promoted the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience and distributed NCFA educational materials.



LANDOWNERS

NCTFP INSTALLS CERTIFICATION FEE

After much discussion and deliberation, the North Carolina Tree Farm Program's Board of Directors approved a new fee structure for Tree Farm certification process to ensure the program's ability to meet the demand for certifying forests for private landowners. The following is a letter that was distributed to all existing North Carolina Tree Farmers in December.

Dear Tree Farmer:

The N.C. Tree Farm Program enjoys generous support from donors and strong partnerships with other natural resource organizations that allow us to provide high-quality educational programs and forest certification throughout the state. In recent months, however, we have seen a significant increase in demand for our services that has made it difficult for us to operate within budget. After a detailed review of our business operations, our Board of Directors voted to implement a fee-for-services funding system to supplement the donations and grants we receive and to support the long-term viability of our program.

Beginning January 1, 2018, the N.C. Tree Farm Program will charge \$350 for new certifications and for the recertification of existing Tree Farms. This is a fee for certification as opposed to a membership fee and is due in full prior to certification or recertification. Under this new fee policy, a Tree Farm's certification is valid for five years. No additional certification fees are required until the Tree Farm is re-inspected and recertified five years later.

In January, we will send you a letter informing you of the year your Tree Farm is due for re-inspection. If your Tree Farm is scheduled for re-inspection in 2018, we will require payment of the certification fee for your property to remain in the program. Tree Farms due for re-inspection between 2019 and 2022 will not pay the fee until the year of their re-inspection. If you have more than one certified Tree Farm, we will stagger your re-inspection schedule so that the recertification of your properties and associated fees are not all due in the same year.

A Frequently Asked Questions memo is included to help address questions you may have about this new policy. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at nctreefarm@gmail.com or 919-917-8646.

Thank you for your continued support of the N.C. Tree Farm Program and for all that you do to promote sustainable forest management in North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,
Leslie Purcell McCormick,
Executive Director, N.C. Tree Farm Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why is the N.C. Tree Farm Program implementing this fee now?**
In recent months, the demand for certification in North Carolina has increased beyond our capacity to absorb the associated costs into our general operating budget. Our goal with this fee is to recuperate costs for services we provide so that we can maintain the integrity of our programs and services, and improve our long-term financial stability.
- **Does a small Tree Farm pay the same amount for certification as a larger Tree Farm?**
Yes, the certification fee is the same for all Tree Farms because our administrative process and costs are the same for certifying a 10-acre Tree Farm as they are for certifying a 10,000-acre Tree Farm.
- **How will this policy impact landowners with more than one Tree Farm?**
Landowners will pay a certification fee prior to the re-inspection of each Tree Farm. To help manage the cost to the landowner, we will

stagger the recertification schedule for landowners who have more than one Tree Farm so that all of their Tree Farms are not due for recertification in the same year. To maintain the integrity of our Tree Farm certifications, we are not able to extend re-inspection schedules beyond five years.

- **Will you offer a volume discount for landowners with multiple Tree Farms?**
No. We have costs associated with each certification, so we are unable to offer a volume discount.
- **What if a Tree Farmer doesn't pay the fee?**
If a Tree Farmer whose property is due for re-inspection does not pay the fee by June 1 of that year, the Tree Farm will be decertified. The Tree Farm can be recertified at a later date with receipt of payment and a re-inspection.
- **Can a landowner pay \$70 a year instead of the whole \$350 at once?**
No. This is not an annual membership fee but a fee for certification that is due prior to certification. Certification is valid for five years. Once the fee is paid, the landowner will not have any additional certification fees until recertification five years later.
- **Why are you charging a fee for certification instead of an annual membership due?**
We are implementing a fee for certification rather than a membership due because we are striving to administer our program as efficiently and cost-effectively as we can. By charging a fee at the time of certification or recertification, we recuperate expenses when we provide the service, and we only collect certification fees when certification work is done. This has lower administrative costs than an annual membership due, which would require us to collect payments from every landowner every year.
- **Will all Tree Farmers have to pay the certification fee in 2018?**
No. Landowners will pay the certification fee in the year of their scheduled re-inspection or prior to a new Tree Farm certification. Only those scheduled for re-inspection in 2018 or adding a new Tree Farm to the program in 2018 will pay the fee in 2018. All others will pay their certification fee in the year of their scheduled re-inspection or when they certify a new Tree Farm.
- **How will a Tree Farmer know when to pay the fee?**
In January of each year, we will notify Tree Farmers whose properties are due for a re-inspection that year. This notification will explain the process for recertification and include instructions on how to pay the fee.
- **If a landowner has a Tree Farm in another state, will he/she have to pay a certification fee for that property as well?**
This fee for certification applies only to Tree Farms certified in North Carolina. Landowners who have Tree Farms in another state should contact that state's Tree Farm Program to determine whether certification fees are required.
- **Can someone other than the landowner pay the fee for certification?**
Yes. Our only requirement is that the fee be paid prior to our processing the certification.

If you have additional questions, please contact Leslie McCormick at 919-917-8646 or nctreefarm@gmail.com.

2018 SFTE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The North Carolina Forestry Association and its partners will once again be delivering the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience (SFTE) to three different locations in 2018. The SFTE is a multi-day residential program designed to educate participants about the field of forestry and the wood products industry across the state through a series of presentations, facility and forestry tours, and hands-on lesson plans.



The dates and locations are:

June 18-21, 2018 - Piedmont Experience, Southern Pines, NC
June 25-28, 2018 - Coastal Plains Experience, New Bern, NC
July 23-26, 2018 - Mountain Experience, Asheville, NC

Space is limited to 40 participants per workshop and preference will be given to science educators and individuals who have not participated in an experience in previous years.

In addition, NCFA members have the opportunity to sponsor an educator in their community by paying their modest registration fee of \$50.

For more details on our voucher program, please contact the NCFA's Education Programs Manager Amy Juliana at (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or ajuliana@ncforestry.org. ■

NORTH CAROLINA AG EXPORT SEMINAR - FOR MAY 24-25, 2018

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will host the 2018 North Carolina Agriculture Export Seminar at the Koury Convention Center at Sheraton Greensboro Four Seasons on May 24th-25th, 2018.

This seminar will provide market briefings, trade support, and education to growers and agribusinesses interested in exporting to 95% of the world's market. Please contact export@ncagr.gov for information. ■



Essay Contest Winner Honored at Montgomery Board of Education Meeting! (l-r) Superintendent Dr. Ellis, Green Ridge Elementary Principal Craig Wright, student Lily Green and the NCFA's Education Programs Manager Amy Juliana pose for a photo after Green was acknowledged by the board for her award winning essay. Juliana was also afforded the opportunity to update the group about the NCFA's forestry education initiatives and our members commitment to healthy and productive forests.

ONLINE TIMBER TAX WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

The U.S. Forest Service will be hosting an online tax workshop on Timber Tax Filing for the 2017 Tax Year Workshop on March 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. US/Eastern Standard Time.

The sweeping overhaul of the Tax Code passed by Congress in December of 2017 has triggered significant amount of questions among forestland owners as to how the 2018 tax changes will affect forest landowners.

In addition to the updates to the Tax Code, there will be an overview of the new special rules relating to the 2017 Hurricanes provided tax relief on personal property losses including landscape tree losses.

Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, USDA Forest Service, will be hosting this one-hour free webinar. Dr. Wang presented at the NCFA's Annual Meeting a few years back and is an expert on timber taxes.

Who should participate? Landowners, foresters, loggers, timber companies, extension agents, natural resource agency program staff and directors, CPAs, Tax Enrolled Agents, and attorneys should make this webinar a priority.

This webinar is sponsored by: NC State Extension, Southern Regional Extension Forestry, and the USDA Forest Service. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The North Carolina Forest Service has an open Service Forester position in District 8 - Whiteville area. It is posted through February 12th, 2018. This is a great opportunity for someone looking to have a good balance between forest management and fire control within coastal plain ecosystems. In addition to traditional Loblolly Pine management there is great potential to expand opportunities with landowners on Longleaf and hardwood bottom systems. Please check out the job posting online at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/1922349/forester-i?keywords=forester&page=jobOpportunitiesJobs>.

The North Carolina Forest Service has an open Assistant District Forester position in District 2 - Wilkes area. Please check out the job link at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/1964035/assistant-district-forester>. ■

Wake Soil Workshop...(from page 3)

with the family farm. He takes a lot of time-lapse photos to show how the farm changes over the years after a management activity. He has also created a webpage that helps keep his boys and extended family up-to-date on the farm.

While he enjoys sharing photos, his point of emphasis to the audience was an empty frame. The four edges of the frame were titled - Will, Trust, Financial, Communication.

Williams pointed out that the first two - Will and Trust - had double meanings. Will: Do you have the will to see your property goals to its end? but also, do you have a paper will? Trust: Can you build trust within your family to build a successful farm? but also, have you protected your land into the future with the establishment of a trust?

Williams stated that communication and financial planning combined with will and trust can help a family achieve its goal - and in the end - place the proper picture within the frame. He closed with a photo of a rainbow over his farm.

Congrats to Dale Threat-Taylor and all of her staff for another terrific workshop! ■

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TREE LINE

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018



(left) Kenny Cain of Lumber River Timber presented Chuck Daniels of Domtar with a plaque in recognition of his service as the SLTC Chair.

- FEBRUARY**
- 2/8 TREE FARM BOARD MEETING, HIGH POINT, NC - 10:00 A.M.
 - 2/8 TEAM TRUCK SAFETY MEETING, MYRTLE BEACH, SC
 - 2/15 FOREST MANAGEMENT MEETING, NCEA OFFICE - 9:30 A.M.
 - 2/15 NORTHAMPTON COUNTY LANDOWNERS, JACKSON, NC - 6:00 P.M.
 - 2/20 WILSON COUNTY LANDOWNERS, WILSON, NC - 6:00 P.M.
 - 2/23-25 CLA ANNUAL MEETING - WILMINGTON, NC
- MARCH**
- 3/7 EFPAC MEETING, NCEA OFFICE - 10:00 A.M.
 - 3/13 APPALACHIAN LUMBERMAN'S, GRANDOVER, GREENSBORO, NC
 - 3/17 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION, FARMERS MARKET, RALEIGH, NC
 - 3/21-22 FRA SE REGION MEETING, NEWBERRY, SC
 - 3/21-22 PROLOGGER BASE CLASS, WAYNE CC, GOLDSBORO, NC
- APRIL**
- 4/16-18 FRA ANNUAL MEETING, NEW ORLEANS, LA
 - 4/18 NC SFI SIC MEETING, RALEIGH, NC - 9:30 A.M.
 - 4/26 ACE - NC CHAPTER MEETING, DUNN, NC - 9:00 A.M.
 - TBD NCEA FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL CAMP, GREENSBORO, NC
- MAY**
- 5/3-6 APPALACHIAN LUMBERMAN'S MEETING, MYRTLE BEACH, SC
 - 5/4 SLTC MEETING, CABELAS, GARNER, NC - 9:30 A.M.
 - 5/8 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
 - 5/8-9 FIMC BOARD MEETING, JECKYLL ISLAND, GA
 - 5/16 NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS 2018 SESSION
 - 5/17 FRA APP REGION MEETING, RICHMOND, VA
 - 5/24-25 NC AG EXPORT EXPO, GREENSBORO, NC
 - 5/30-31 PROLOGGER BASE COURSE, MONTGOMERY, CC - TROY, NC



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