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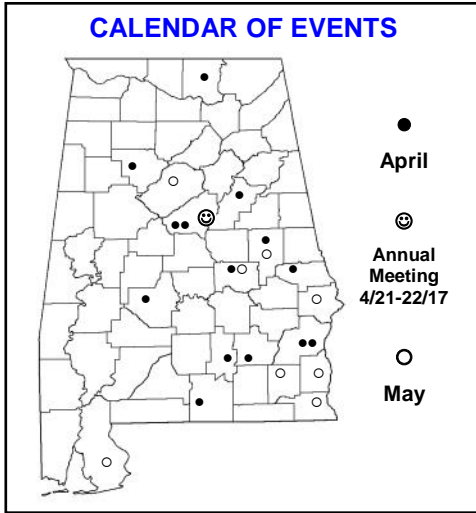
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



APRIL 2017

April 1 - August 31...Entries accepted for the **Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest**. All amateur photographers invited to enter. Categories include, but not limited to: Birds of a Feather, Bugs and Butterflies, Coastal Life, Cold-blooded Critters, Nature-Based Recreation, Watchable Wildlife, State Park Adventures, Advanced Amateur, and more. Contact Kim Nix at (334) 242-3157.

April 4...Lexington, Kentucky 1 - 4:30 PM. **Sustainability of White Oak Conference** at the Embassy Suites. This conference will focus on assessing white oak supply and addressing the short and long term supply issues. Fee: \$25. To register call (859) 257-7597.

April 4...Online 1 PM CT. **Drought and Forest Ecosystems**. This webinar will explore current issues related to drought in forests, examples of drought and climate-related impacts, and management options for increasing resilience. Landowners, consulting foresters, foresters, land managers, and others are encouraged to participate. For more information email Lois Ziemann at lziemann@fs.fed.us.

April 5...Lee County 11 AM - Noon. **Communicating Wildlife Science Online** at Auburn University, School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences (SFWS), Room 1101. Speaker: David Steen, Auburn University. Refreshments served. Contact Brian Via at (334) 844-1088.

April 6...Walker County 9 - 10:30 AM. **Walker County Forestry Planning Committee Meeting** at 1501 North Airport Road, Jasper. Contact Andrew Baril at (205) 388-6893.

(Previously April 13) April 6...Barbour County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Eufaula/Troy Area Regional Reception** at Lakepoint Conference Center, 104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula. Landowners invited. No fee. Contact Liz Chambers at (334) 481-2135.

April 6...Crenshaw County 6 - 8:30 PM. **Feral Hog Management** at Tom Harbin Agricultural Center, 816 Airport Road, Luverne. Contact Bence Carter at (334) 389-4055.

April 6-7...Barbour County. **Southeast Regional Landowner Conference** at Lakepoint Conference Center, 104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula. Topics include: Industry Panel, Advocacy, Managing Genetics, Gopher Tortoise and Timber Management, and more. WestRock Mill tour on second day. Fee: \$55. Contact Liz Chambers at (334) 481-2135.

April 7...Online 1 PM CT. **All Bugs Good and Bad**

Webinar: Mosquitos and Insect Borne Diseases. This webinar will discuss medically important mosquitos and mosquito-borne viruses endemic to and threatening the Southeast. Speaker: Dr. Derrick Mathias, Auburn University. Contact Ellen Huckabay at (251) 574-8445.

April 8...Elmore County 9 AM - 5 PM. **Alabama Flora and Fauna Arts Festival** at Alabama Nature Center, 3050 Lanark Road, Millbrook. Contact Ann Harper at (334) 285-4550.

April 8...Pike County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Recreational Pond Management Workshop** at Lake Simmie, 1958 County Road 4423, Brundidge. Topics include: Managing for fishing, Controlling aquatic plants, Nuisance wildlife control, Electrofishing demo, Trapping demo, and Aquatic herbicide application. Fee: \$15; lunch provided. Contact Bence Carter at (334) 389-4055.

April 11...Madison County 6 PM. **Wild Game Cook-Off** at Huntsville Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Avenue SW, Huntsville. Attend the cook-off and enjoy live music, door prizes, youth activities, and sample wild game recipes. Fee: \$40; Youth 15 and under free. Call the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-800-822-9453.

April 12...Enid, Mississippi 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. **Managing Pines for Wildlife Workshop**. Topics will include: pine thinning, multiple use of forest management, wildlife population management, and improving wildlife food sources. Wear field clothes and insect repellent. Some walking on difficult terrain. Fee: \$25; lunch included. Call Jimbo Burkhalter at (662) 647-8746.

April 15-22...Statewide. **Alabama People Against A Littered State (PALS) "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup**. All materials furnished by Alabama PALS. Call (334) 263-7737.

April 17...Statewide APTV 9 PM. **Alabama Private Forests**, a Discovering Alabama Production sponsored by the Bradley/Murphy Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Trust.

April 18-20...Covington County. **Longleaf Academy: Gopher Tortoise 301** at Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, 12130 Dixon Center Road, Andalusia. Topics include: Biology of gopher tortoise, Habitat requirements, Habitat conservation plans, Current status, Cogongrass, Restoring fire to tortoise habitat, and more. Fee: \$200; includes lunches and lodging. Contact Casey White at (334) 427-1029.

April 19...Online 12 Noon CT. **Southern Pine Beetle Biology, Ecology, and Management**. The southern pine beetle (SPB) is the most damaging pest of pine forests in the eastern U.S. Presenter: Dr. John Nowak, USDA Forest Service. Landowners encouraged to participate. Call Bill Hubbard at (706) 340-5070.


April 19-20...Tallapoosa County. **Tallapoosa County Water Festival** at Wind Creek State Park. Volunteers needed to help with the student activities. If you would like to volunteer contact Sabrina Wood at (334) 429-8832. *Editor's Note: This is a great time for volunteers to mention the clean water benefits of private forestland to hundreds of kids.*

April 20...Talladega County 6 PM. **Alabama Forestry Association Childersburg Area Regional Reception** at Selwood Farms, 706 Selwood Road, Alpine. Landowners invited. No fee. Contact Liz Chambers at (334) 481-2135.

April 21...Jackson, Tennessee 1 - 3 PM. **Firewood Kiln Workshop** at University of Tennessee Extension Center. Hosted by the Tennessee Nature Conservancy. No fee. Call Paul Kingsbury at (615) 383-9909.

April 21...Statewide APTV 9 PM. **Alabama Private Forests**, a Discovering Alabama Production sponsored by the Bradley/Murphy Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Trust.

April 21...Shelby County. **American Paulownia Association Annual Meeting** at the Alabama 4-H Center. Contact Dan Blickenstaff at (301) 790-2372 for registration information.

 April 21-22...Shelby County. **AFOA ANNUAL MEETING** headquartered at the Alabama 4-H Center, 892 4-H Road, Columbiana, AL 35051. Friday activities (tours, workshop, reception) and Saturday educational conference. **Make room reservations at the 4-H Center: (205) 669-4241. See page 4 for complete details.**

April 21-22...Okeechobee, Florida. **Women in the Outdoors** at Quail Creek Plantation, 12399 NE 224th Street. Opportunity to enjoy the outdoors through expert instruction and hands-on education through activities such as archery, fishing (salt, fresh and fly), camping, hiking, dutch oven cooking, shooting (shotgun as well as handgun), kayaking, and much more. Fee: \$100; breakfast and lunch included. Contact Denise Helms at (772) 475-1158.

April 22...Henderson, Tennessee. **Healthy Hardwoods Field Day** at Chickasaw State Forest. Contact Dana Howard at (615) 883-3832.

April 22...Walnut Grove, Mississippi 9 AM - 2 PM. **Christmas Tree Growers Workshop** at Rosebud Christmas Tree Plantation, 5819 Gunter Road. This workshop reviews the basic skills, tools, and knowledge growers will need to produce high quality Christmas trees. Fee: \$35; \$10 discount if paid by April 18. Lunch included. Contact Michael Buchart at (225) 505-6335.

April 25...Pittsboro, Mississippi 8:30 AM. **Alternative Sources of Forest Income** at the Calhoun County Extension Office, 121 Parker Street. Topics: Specialty wood products, Recreational leases, Managing for utility poles, Raking pine straw, Agroforestry, Christmas trees. Fee: \$28; \$42 per couple. Lunch included. Call Trent Barnett at (662) 412-3177.

April 27...Statesville, North Carolina 9 AM - 5 PM ET. **National Firewood Workshop** at Iredell County Agricultural Center. This event offers educational and networking opportunities to the split firewood industry. Topics: Finding buyers, Sourcing affordable logs, Equipment, Firewood quarantines. Fee: \$30; lunch included. Call Kelley McCarter at (919) 515-9563.

April 29...Collins, Mississippi 8:30 AM. **Pine Thinning Workshop** at Irving Hitt Tree Farm. Fee: \$20. For more information call (601) 765-8252.

April 29...Dallas County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Sustainable Pasture-Based Livestock Production and Beekeeping** at 431 County Road 540, Selma. Farm tour, hands-on activities, and demonstration on proper care of goat herds. Contact Dr. Uma Karki at (334) 421-2139.

April 29...Shelby County 9 AM - 12:30 PM. **Landowner Workshop** at the Alabama 4-H Center, 892 4-H Road, Columbiana. Learn about turkey habitat, forestry options, and prescribed fire from wildlife biologists at this workshop by the Alabama Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, and The Nature Conservancy. Lunch included. **To register** call (334) 285-4550.

April 30...Statewide APTV 9 PM. **Alabama Private Forests**, a Discovering Alabama Production sponsored

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STANDING TIMBER VALUES				
	Hardwood Pulpwood		Oak Sawtimber	
	\$ per ton		\$ per ton	
	4Q15	4Q16	4Q15	4Q16
Alabama	14.99	13.39	48.89	49.33
North	14.50	13.53	45.23	47.64
South	14.75	13.46	47.06	48.49
Hardwood Pulpwood — 5,800 lbs./cord				
Oak Sawtimber — 17,500 lbs./1000 Board Feet (Doyle)				
4th Quarter, 2015 (4Q15) and 4th Quarter, 2016 (4Q16)				
from Timber Mart-South, University of Georgia.				
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STOCK MARKET REPORT				
		Price Per Share		
Company Name		03/15/16	03/15/17	
Potlatch (PCH)	REIT	29.06	44.65	
Rayonier (RYN)	REIT	22.49	28.86	
Weyerhaeuser Co. (WY)	REIT	29.33	33.88	
Louisiana Pacific (LPX)		15.86	24.31	
WestRock (WRK)		37.02	51.79	

Stock Market Report courtesy of Howard Sokol, Raymond James Financial Services, Birmingham, Alabama. Plum Creek merged with Weyerhaeuser on February 19, 2016.

LUMBER & SHEATHING PRICES		
Source: Random Lengths MidWeek Market Report	03/23/16	03/22/17
2 x 4 lumber *	\$303	\$359
7/16" Oriented Strand Board **	\$222	\$305
* 2x4 #2&Btr KD Western S-P-F (mill base price) (per 1000 board feet)		
** 7/16" OSB (North Central) (f.o.b. mill prices) (per 1000 square feet)		

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336 acres in Barbour County. A hunting property ten minutes from Eufaula with Hwy 82 frontage and 2 gates, hardwood bottoms with 2 creeks, and maintained roads. \$1,900/acre. Call Scott at (334) 695-3352. (079620)

- Dow-Jones Industrial Average: 20656.58
 - 10-year Treasury yield: 2.418%
 - Dollar: 110.93 Yen; Euro: \$1.0784
 - Oil: \$47.70/barrel
 - Gold: \$1,246.90/troy ounce
- Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, 03/24/17

“FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, shipments of Southern Pine lumber in 2016 have increased, reaching a total of 17.34 billion board feet, 4% above the 2015 volume.” Source: *Southern Forest Products Association NEWSletter*, 3/14/17.

LUMBER PRICES HEADED HIGHER.

A trade skirmish between the U.S. and Canada, and surging U.S. home sales mean wood will cost more.” Source: *Barron's*, 3/25/17.

“PACKAGING [think cardboard boxes] is the third largest industry in the world. With an annual growth of 4%, this industry is booming even during times of economic decline. In a few years, it is expected to become a trillion dollar industry. ... Furthermore, since 30% of municipal waste comes from packaging, there is a growing preference for biodegradable wood-based packaging.” Source: Dean Janaki Alavalapati, Auburn University, *Alabama Forests*, Winter 2017.

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Richard Crenshaw, RF	Greenville, AL	(334)382-3826

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Mark Thomas, CWB	Hoover	(205)733-0477
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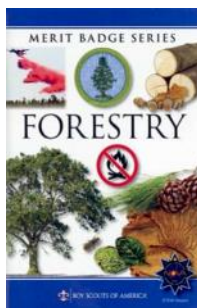
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A COMMENT ON CONSERVATION EASEMENTS: “I’m fully supportive of the Berg’s [a family who placed their land under a conservation easement] doing what they wish with their private property. That is their right as a property owner. I do not believe, however, that others should be forced to subsidize their decision.

“Let’s say that I make a different decision for my property; that I’m not presumptuous enough to believe I know today what is best for my family/heirs 50 or 100 years from now, and trust they will manage the property in a manner that is most beneficial to them, and I chose to not limit or restrict their options. In that case, the government punishes me with income, estate and other taxes. If I had made the same decisions as the Bergs, my decision would be subsidized, or free from the aforementioned taxes.

“I don’t believe the government should subsidize one person’s decision and punish another person’s opposite decision on the future of their property. Leave us free to make our own property decisions without government interference.” Source: Frank Dubois, *The Westerner*, 3/4/17.



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FOREST PROFILES: CONSULTING FORESTERS
 by Jessica Nelson



Graham Forestry and Appraisals is a full service consultancy in Butler serving landowners in Alabama and Mississippi. Owner John Graham says he grew up listening to stories about logging from his father and grandfather, and forestry was a natural fit for him. His son works with him now as a field technician, making the fourth generation of their family in the forest industry. Although timber management was his focus when Graham established his consultancy in 1989, appraisals now make up about fifty percent of his day-to-day work. He prides himself on keeping up with technology, especially mapping and GIS. Those have made a big difference in the information he can provide clients and in the range he can cover. The next wave of technology is drones, he says. Like many other foresters, he has applied for the commercial license and is practicing with one of the machines. He says the need to stay in sight of the little craft limits the use to some degree, but also thinks they might be particularly helpful in helping fight the pine beetle crisis now facing many Alabama landowners in the wake of last year’s drought. With all the tools at his disposal, Graham says his favorite part of the job is still walking through a tract for the first time and working out a management plan for a landowner.

FOREST PROFILES: FOREST PRODUCTS MANUFACTURERS
 by Jessica Nelson



Southern Parallel Forest Products in Albertville is a sawmill producing dimension lumber from Southern Yellow Pine. They cut sizes from 2x4 to 2x10, as well as 1x4 and decking. After a production hiatus of about four years, the mill was purchased by **Parallel 55**, a family-owned company from Prince George, Canada. Production began under the new ownership at the end of 2013, says Andy Moore, Vice President of Operations. He says from an optimization and automation standpoint, the Albertville mill could be considered dated. However, the mill is not only running efficiently, but safety has improved ninety percent since March of last year. Moore emphasizes what he calls an old-fashioned approach to safety, developed over his forty-three years in the industry. It involves not just compliance, but creating a culture of teamwork, so employees look out for each other and feel comfortable enough to speak up if they see something unsafe. Culture is much harder to change than just meeting regulatory requirements, he says, but the result is a safer workplace with no loss of efficiency. Southern Parallel Forest Products purchases wood from wood dealers rather than landowners directly, and has an annual capacity of 92 million board feet per year. Southern Parallel lumber is sold primarily to treaters, retailers, and truss manufacturers, and ships throughout North America.



36th Annual Meeting

Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2017
Alabama 4-H Center, 892 Four-H Road, Columbiana, Alabama

Friday Event Details

All events are self-driven. No transportation provided.

GPS 101 Workshop

Friday, April 21, 11 AM to 5 PM (10:30 AM sign in)
Location: Alabama 4-H Center
Instructor: *Chris Dillard*, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University
Fee: \$20; Lunch provided. Limited seating.

White City Nursery Tour

Friday, April 21, Time (to be announced)
Location: 707 County Road 20, Verbena, AL 36901
Tour Leader: *Steve Fuller*
Fee: \$5.00

IndusTREE Sawmill & Stella-Jones Treating Plant Tour

Friday, April 21, Time (to be announced)
Location: 1051 AL-25, Montevallo, AL 35115
Tour Leaders: To be announced
Fee: \$5.00

Tour & Discussion

Mountain Longleaf Seed Orchard

Friday, April 21, 3 PM
Location: Meet at Alabama 4-H Center. Depart as group at 3 PM.
Tour Leaders: *Nick Muir*, International Forest Co.
Fee: \$5.00

Exhibitors

- JamisonMoneyFarmer PC*
- Bowles, LLC*
- American Forest Management*
- Alabama Ag/Farm Credit*
- First South Farm Credit*
- Stephenson Land Services, LLC*
- Meeks' Farms & Nursery, Inc.*
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

5:00 pm **Speakers Reception & Dinner** at Ed. Center with **Tommy Sellers and the Hillabee Creek Band**

Need Directions?

Find the **Alabama 4-H Center** by clicking this link. Then type in your starting address:
<https://goo.gl/maps/pSniurKYjaC2>

The total output and employment impacts of agriculture, forestry, and related industries were **\$70.4 billion** and **580,295 jobs**.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 — Environmental Science Education Center

- 8:00 am **Registration, Meet & Greet** — Coffee in Exhibits Area
- 8:30 am **Welcome & Business Meeting** — *Ben Black*, President, AFOA
- 8:45 am **Economic Impact of Ag. & Forestry** — *Dr. Gary Lemme*, Alabama Extension
- 9:10 am **Creating Public Policy** — *Terry M. Lathan*, Chairman, Alabama GOP
- 9:30 am **Tall Wood Buildings** — *Scott Lockyear, PE*, WoodWorks—Wood Products Council
- 10:15 am **Break:** Coffee & Refreshments in Exhibits Area
- During Coffee Break** — Chainsaw Sharpening Demo, *Greg West*, West Forestlands
- 10:45 am to ... **Breakout Session**
- Tree and Forestland Measurements** — *Dr. Becky Barlow*, Auburn University
- 10:45 am **Alabama Private Forests** — *Dr. Doug Phillips*, Discovering Alabama
- 11:45 am **Oil, Gas, & Mineral Lease Assistance** — *Joseph Stephenson*, Professional Landman
- 12 NOON **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm to ... **Breakout Sessions**
- Tree & Shrub Identification Hike** — *Andrew Baril*, Regional Extension Agent
- Forest Taxation** — *Presenter To Be Announced*, JamisonMoneyFarmer PC
- 1:00 pm **Timber Sale Tricks to Put More Money in Your Pocket** — *Beth Richardson*, Clemson Extension
- 1:35 pm **Solving Problems with Herbicides** — *Mark Thomas*, Forestry/Wildlife Integration
- 2:00 pm **Solar Farms—Opportunities & Pitfalls** — *Edward "Tony" Hubbard*, Lewis, Smyth & Ford, LLC
- 2:15 pm **Break:** Coffee & Refreshments in Exhibits Area
- 2:45 pm **Avoiding Timber Theft** — *Leslie Klasing*, Waldrep, Stewart & Kendrick, LLC
- 3:10 pm **Market Realities for Small Forest Owners** — *Joe Clark*, Forest2Market.com
- 3:35 pm **Drone Recon for Forest Owners** — *James L. Johnson*, Biosystems Engineering, AU
- 4:00 pm **Door Prizes** and Adjourn

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Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration

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Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____
City, State, & Zip: _____ **Email:** _____

Annual Meeting Refunds will be made if AFOA is notified by April 7.

Annual Meeting Registration (Lunch included) *\$55 after 4/7/17

Optional Saturday Morning Breakfast in Dining Room

GPS 101 Workshop

(Workshop Includes Lunch)

White City Nursery Tour

(Tour DOES NOT include Lunch)

IndusTREE & Stella-Jones Tour

(Tour DOES NOT include Lunch)

Seed Orchard Tour & Discussion

(Tour DOES NOT include Lunch)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

@ *\$45 per person _____

@ \$10 per person _____

@ \$20 per person _____

@ \$5 per person _____

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TOTAL _____

Plan to attend the Friday Evening Reception
Plan to eat Saturday lunch

_____ person(s)
 # _____ person(s)

Mail with payment to: AFOA - Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER SERVICE REQUESTS

- I own 40 or more acres of forestland in Alabama and would like, at no cost to me, an Initial Consultation with a member of the Association of Consulting Foresters.*
- I am enclosing \$15 for a Timber Buyer List for _____ County.
- Guidelines for Hunting Lease Agreement
- Model for a Timber Sale Contract
- Application for Hunting Lease Liability Insurance Coverage *
- Application for Timberland Liability Insurance Coverage *
- _____ 8" x 10" Posted Signs. Enclosed is 45¢ per sign plus \$4.50 S & H ("No Trespassing Hunt Club" - yellow) ("No Trespassing—Period" - orange) circle one
- AFOA T-Shirt — Short Sleeve, \$11 (call for colors and sizes)
- AFOA Ball Cap: Send me AFOA Ball Cap: Black, Blaze Orange w/Camo, Camo, Khaki, Orange, Purple, Royal Blue, and Yellow. Circle one. \$13 each.

* This service is for landowners only. Hunters may only use the hunting lease liability

(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.) _____

Name of Landowner (person, family, partnership, corporation, LLC, etc.)* _____

(Mr.)(Mrs.)(Ms.) _____

Name of Person Representing Landowner (optional)* _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: home _____ Telephone: work _____

Telephone: fax _____ E-Mail Address (we do not share) _____

State(s) and County(ies) Where Forestland Is Located — Please List. _____

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MAY 2017

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30...Hattiesburg, Mississippi 6 PM to 8 PM. **Forestland As An Investment: A Workshop Series to be taught by foresters, landowners and others involved in forest acquisition, management and marketing.** Location: Forrest County Extension Office, 952 Sullivan Drive. Fee: \$30. Contact [Matt Thornton](#) at (601) 545-6083.

May 3...Tallapoosa County 7:15 AM - 4:30 PM. **Alabama Invasive Plant Council Annual Conference** at Betty Carol Graham Technology Center, 1675 Cherokee Road, Alexander City. Fee: \$75; \$20 discount if paid by April 27. Lunch provided. Contact [Nancy Loewenstein](#) at (334) 844-1061.

May 3...Leesville, South Carolina 7:50 AM - 4:35 PM ET. **Growing Our Future.** Topics: Logging crew's effects on your bottom line, Estate planning, Pine plantation thinning, Managing pesky critters, Utilizing utility poles, Managing for wildlife. Forest landowners are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$45; \$10 discount if paid by April 28. For more information call Beth Richardson at (803) 534-6280. *Editor's Note: Beth will describe Timber Sale Tricks to Put More Money in Your Pocket at the AFOA Annual Meeting on April 22.*

May 5...Online 1 PM CT. **All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar: Ticks.** Speaker: Dr. Thomas Mather, University of Rhode Island. Contact [Bethany O'Rear](#) at (205) 879-6964.

May 6...Houston County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Recreational Pond Management Workshop** at Houston County Extension Office, Dothan. Topics: Managing for fishing, Controlling aquatic plants, Nuisance wildlife control, Electrofishing demo, Trapping demo, and Aquatic herbicide application. Fee: \$15; lunch provided. Con-

tact [Bence Carter](#) at (334) 389-4055.

May 9...Jordan, Georgia 9 AM - 3 PM ET. **Habitat Restoration Field Day** at the Thompson Property. Learn more about restoring and managing longleaf with ecological restoration as a primary objective. Fee: \$10; BBQ lunch provided. Contact [Randy Tate](#) at (404) 664-0586.

May 11...Jefferson County 6 - 8 PM. **Dinner and Discussion** at Ameriprise (Liberty Park area). Come enjoy dinner and talk about the issues with other forest landowners. To attend, RSVP [AFOA](#) at (205) 987-8811.

May 12...Senatobia, Mississippi 8:30 AM. **Alternative Sources of Forest Income Short Course** at the Tate County Extension Office. Fee: \$25; \$40 per couple. Call [Tarah Ferguson](#) at (662) 562-4274.

May 12...Brooksville, Florida 9 AM ET. **Property Tour** at Camp E-How-Kee. Integrated forest management and cattle grazing. Fee: \$10. Call the Hernando County Extension Office at (352) 754-4433x6.

May 13...Elmore County 8:30 AM - 2 PM. **After the Hunt: Year-round Wildlife Management** at Bass Pro Shops, Prattville. Topics: Food plots, Management practices for habitat enhancement, Wild pig affects on wildlife, Predator management, and more. Fee: \$20; lunch included. Contact [Chris Jaworowski](#) at (334) 398-4538.

May 15 - August 4...Online. **Woodland Options for Landowners Online** is a twelve week self-paced course covering topics such as: Setting management goals, Writing a management plan, Using aerial photos, Determining boundary lines, Forest ecology, and Working with natural resource professionals. Fee: \$45 per household. Contact [Andrew Vinson](#) at (540) 231-6494.

May 17...Online 12 Noon CT. **Weather Variability and Its Impacts on Forest Health.** Landowners are encour-

aged to participate. Call [Bill Hubbard](#) at (706) 340-5070.

May 18...Russell County. **Middle Chattahoochee Forests & Water Supply Forum** at Troy University Riverside Campus, Phenix City. Contact [Kitty Weisman](#) at (360) 481-2544.

May 20...Oak Ridge, Tennessee. **Healthy Hardwoods Field Day** at University of Tennessee Arboretum. Contact [Dana Howard](#) at (615) 883-3832.

May 20...Henry County 9 AM - 2 PM. **Recreational Pond Management Workshop** at Wiregrass Research and Extension Center. Topics: Managing for fishing, Controlling aquatic plants, Nuisance wildlife control, Electrofishing demo, Trapping demo, and Aquatic herbicide application. Fee: \$15; lunch provided. Contact [Bence Carter](#) at (334) 389-4055.

May 23-25...Baldwin County. **Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101** at the Stockton Civic Club. Topics: History of longleaf, Use of fire, Artificial regeneration, Natural regeneration, Stand management, Diseases, Economics. Fee: \$150; includes lunches. Contact [Casey White](#) at (334) 427-1029.

May 25...Quincy, Florida 9 AM - 2 PM ET. **Sell Your Timber for what it's Worth Workshop** at the North Florida Research and Education Center. Fee: \$10; lunch included. Contact [Chris Demers](#) at (352) 846-2375.

May 26...Dale County 9 AM. **Chainsaw Safety** at Dale County Extension Office. Speaker: Gary Ickes. Fee: \$10. Contact [Bence Carter](#) at (334) 389-4055.

May 30 - June 2...Asheville, North Carolina. **National Forest Landowners Conference** at The Omni Grove Park Inn. Fee: \$750. Contact [Forest Landowners Association](#) at 1-800-325-2954.

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A BAMBOO VARIETY that will grow 2 feet per day and reach a height of 80 feet with diameters of 6 to 8 inches may become the basis of a new business in Greene County, Alabama. According to an article in *Farm Show*, vol. 41, no. 2, [Resource Fiber](#) has a 4,000 acre farm where initial bamboo groves will be planted in 2018. Markets are still being developed, but the company hopes to supply raw material for railroad ties, truck trailer decking and other industrial products. Headquarters for the new business is in Homewood, Alabama. When we saw the words "poorest people," "greenhouse gas," and "visionaries" on the promotional webpage, our "be wary" antenna went up. We would welcome reports on this operation from AFOA members in the area.

A MORE LIGHT-HEARTED USE OF A FEW BUZZ-WORDS: "In Mobile, my longleaf is all naturally regenerated, I haven't planted anything. So I'm going to advertise them as 'free range, non-GMO, organically grown pine trees.'" Source: Forest Landowner and Consulting Forester Keville Larson as quoted in *Alabama Forests*, Winter, 2017. Further into the article featuring Larson's life and successes, he worries that "a whole lot more wood is being grown than is being used....if it continues it could put pressure on private landowners to the point they might need to find other ways to get some return, like recreation or growing other crops." So maybe looking into the possibilities of growing bamboo isn't so far fetched.



A TREE & SHRUB IDENTIFICATION HIKE will be led by Regional Extension Agent Andy Baril on April 22. See page 4.

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WATERFRONT PROPERTY TAX QUESTION: Has your Revenue Commissioner attempted to reassess waterfront forestland at a rate higher than normal current-use rates for forestland? Although now corrected, one AFOA member in Randolph County was faced with an erroneous tripling of the property taxes on a large tract of forestland that bordered an Alabama Power Company lake. If you think you may have been targeted by a similar error, please contact Lee at rl@afoa.org or (205) 987-8811.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
 I'm a member of AFOA & have been for several years...I would love to attend one of your annual meetings. However, you always hold it during April which is spring turkey season...If you think we turkey hunters are going to give up a week-end for a meeting, you are wrong...Get your priorities straight & change to February or May. Thanks.

ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS ARE INVITED to attend a special one-hour seminar led by Scott Lockyear, PE, Woodworks, on **Mass Timber Construction: Products, Performance and Design.** The seminar will begin at 10:45 AM on April 22 at the Alabama 4-H Center. Send inquiries to courtney.rouse@woodworks.org.

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BACKYARD WOODLAND: How to Maintain and Sustain Your Trees, Water, and Wildlife by Josh VanBrakle, 2016, 240 pages. \$11.94 paperback on Amazon. "Backyard Woodland is a practical, jargon-free guide for landowners looking to better enjoy and care for their wooded acreage."

TIMBER HARVESTING EQUIPMENT is a non-credit program at the College of Central Florida offered to prepare students for employment in the "vital and expanding logging and timber industry..." Beginning May 8, students will participate in 5 weeks of classroom instruction followed by 3 weeks of all-day instruction with hands-on experience. Contact [Holly McGlashan](mailto:Holly.McGlashan@ccfc.edu) at (352) 493-9533.