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MFA: an organization of, by and for Minnesota's private woodland owners and friends.

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Plan to participate in MFA's Annual Meeting & Family Spring Field Day!

Have you marked your calendar? It is Friday afternoon, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. It will be held at Anoka County's Bunker Hills Regional Park, which is just off Highway 65, ten miles north of I-694.

We'll start on Friday afternoon with a bus tour of unique woodland sites on the Anoka sand plain. Besides some interesting stops, this is a nice chance to meet and get to know fellow woodland owners.

Our Annual Meeting will be held Friday afternoon starting at 4:30 pm.

Friday evening will be our "big event" with a social hour, a silent auction of some valuable items, dinner and awards for Woodland Advisor and Tree Farm. A special guest this evening will be Minnesota's state forester, Dave Epperly.

Saturday's agenda will feature concurrent events inside and outside, all designed to interest and inform us private woodland owners. We have renamed the event *Family* Spring Field Day because there will be sessions of interest to children, from ages 5 to 12.

Attention Campers!

There are some very nice camping spots inside Bunker Hills Park but they are being reserved fast. If you would like to reserve a camping spot, do it today online at www.AnokaCountyParks.com and click on "Camping Reservations" or call 763-757-3920.

We also have a block of rooms reserved at the Ham Lake AmericInn which is on Highway 65 just two miles from the park. Call 800-634-3444 and ask for the MFA rate of \$80 per night.



Make MFA's Spring Field Day a family event as Anne & Robert Marcott, Hill City, did last year with son, Andy.

MFA - Looking Out for Your Interests at the Legislature

Last year's payment to those private woodland owners who are enrolled in the Sustainable Forestry Incentive Act (SFIA) was more than \$15 per acre, nearly double what they were in 2009. This was really a windfall that resulted from an unforeseen consequence of a change in the method of determining payment amounts.

The Department of Revenue has announced that it will seek a legislative change in the method of determining payments to bring them

more in line with what they were in 2009, which is still a good deal for woodland owners.

MFA's Government Affairs Committee, lead by Bruce ZumBahlen and advised by attorney Kevin Walli, has agreed with the Revenue Department that changes in the SFIA are needed to ensure that the program will remain sound for years to come.

For the most recent draft of the changes in the SFIA law MFA is proposing, go to MFA's web site, www.MinnesotaForestry.org.

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MFA Board Actions

The MFA board meets every month. During January, April, July and October, the meetings are face-to-face at the Cambridge DNR Forestry office. During all other months, the meetings are held via conference call. All MFA members are welcome to sit in on the face-to-face meetings. See a list of meeting dates and board members elsewhere in this newsletter.

Recent board actions include:

Discussing and Approving a budget for 2011. Treasurer Dennis Thompson reviewed our financial results for 2010. Revenue and distribution from our investment accounts totaled \$83,000. Expenses came to \$78,000, putting us \$5,000 under budget. For 2011, a break even budget was approved. It anticipates revenue and expenses for the year to be \$73,000. If you have questions regarding any of MFA's finances, you can send an email to Dennis Thompson at Treasurer@MinnesotaForestry.org, or you can ask in person at our Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, May 20th.

Hearing a report on preparations for our Annual Meeting/Family Spring Field Day from chairman Jim Hunder. See more information on this important event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Approving a report from Bruce ZumBahlen, chair of the Government Affairs Committee. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Suspending for the time being our efforts to develop a Call Before You Cut program for Minnesota. See more on this below.

Selecting the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids as the site of our 2012 Annual Meeting and Family Spring Field Day. New board member, Dave Roerick, who lives in Grand Rapids, has agreed to chair the committee.

Call Before You Cut update

MFA's effort to join six other states in a cooperative *Call Before You Cut* program has been put on hold for the time being.

Six states have been working together on *Call Before You Cut* programs since 2006. They are Ohio, Iowa, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois and Missouri. The MFA board proposed to our DNR that we join the cooperative effort and that MFA be the lead organization for our state. DNR agreed, which would have made us unique since the lead organization in all the other states is the division of forestry.



These six states are cooperatively conducting Call Before You Cut programs. Minnesota's plan to join them has been put on hold for the time being.

To ensure all viewpoints were heard in advance, MFA organized a meeting of stakeholders in December. The meeting was attended by individuals representing consulting foresters, DNR field foresters, SWCD foresters, U of M Extension, private landowners, loggers and the industry. At this meeting concerns were voiced that the phrase *Call Before You Cut* could be confused with *Call Before You Dig* which is a requirement in some states. (Minnesota has Gopher State One Call and does not use the phrase *Call Before You Dig*.)

Our effort to join the six-state cooperative is on hold pending resolution of the concern over possible confusion between *Call Before You Cut* and *Call Before You Dig*. Our goal continues to be to develop a system that is acceptable to all stakeholders and that serves private woodland owners with information they can use before they agree to harvest timber on their land.

Five Things Every Woodland Owner Needs to Know



The following are notes taken from a webinar (web-based lecture and discussion) presented by Eli Sagor, U of M Extension. See other webinar topics and dates at the end of this piece.

1. Know Your Vision.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is today. You can't go back 20 years but, if you have a vision for your land, you can begin today to realize it. Do you want to promote high value trees? Then begin today to plan and carry out timber stand improvement efforts. Do you want to promote wildlife? Then begin today to selectively harvest aspen, or plant wildlife-attracting trees and shrubs, etc.



Dave Jacobson, Sauk Center, Minnesota, must have had a vision of creating a burr oak savanna. He took the insert photo the day the seedlings were planted. Eli Sagor took the main photo 14 years later, showing how Dave's vision is being realized!

Since woodland management is a long-term project, part of your vision should consider those who will own your land in the future. Taking them into account makes it more likely they will follow through with your vision. Thus, this section could be renamed, "Know Your Vision and Your Heirs' Vision."

2. Know Your Land.

Keep a journal. Take note of changes, large and small such as insect outbreaks, which trees are growing well, which are doing poorly, wildlife sightings, etc. Your journal should also include things you've done such as trees planted or removed, equipment purchased, hours invested in managing your woodlands, expenses incurred, etc. Besides being valuable in case of an IRS audit, your journal will help communicate details of your vision to those who come after you.

3. Know Your Landscape.

Your land is part of a broader landscape. If it is located in the bluff country of southeastern Minnesota, the landscape surrounding it is much different than if it is located in the pine country of northeastern Minnesota. In southeastern Minnesota, managing for black walnut or wild turkeys are options while they are not in the northeast.

Sources of information about your landscape are local woodland tours, MFA chapters, DNR offices and your stewardship plan.

4. Get a Woodland Stewardship Plan.

It is specific to your property prepared by a local professional forester based on your objectives – or your vision – for your land. Also, a stewardship plan is a key enrollment requirement for property tax and incentive programs.

5. Know Other Woodland Owners.

What works? How do things get done in our part of the state? These are things you can learn from your neighbors and other woodland owners in your area. Meet them through MFA's local chapter (find a chapter near you at www.MinnesotaForestry.org) and Woodland Advisor classes.

Webinars

Never participated in a webinar? They have been hugely popular this year! You'll find them enjoyable and educational. The presenters are an expert in the field. You and the other participants can type in questions or comments at any time during the session, making for interesting interchanges. Upcoming live webinars are:

- **Thursday, February 17**, 12 noon – 1:30 pm.
Forest Health: Insects & Disease in Minnesota.
- **Friday, March 11**, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Accessing Airphotos and Custom Maps Online.
Then, free help is available online from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
- **Friday, May 13**, 12 noon – 1:30 pm.
Managing Woodland Ash in the EAB Era.

For more detail on webinar content, go to <http://z.umn.edu/2011Webinars>

Register for or more webinars at <http://z.umn.edu/2011WebinarReg>

Member Profile: Kurt King

The man who made Terry Helbig smile!

"I am glad I told Margo before we were married that I love hunting and fishing. She says now that she heard me but didn't understand quite how involved it would be," said Kurt King.

Kurt does love to hunt. A life member of Safari Club International, two of Kurt's favorite trips were to Africa with his two sons. On one of those trips, Kurt obtained a giraffe skull which he's hung on the wall of his hunting cabin. "I love asking guests to tell me what kind of animal it's from," he says. "Only one person has come up with the correct answer."

Kurt and Margo live in Edina. Their four children, two daughters and two sons, are grown with families of their own. After 48 years in his profession, Kurt still works three days a week. He is a dentist specializing in children with special needs.

Kurt's love of hunting led him to look for land back in 1970. He found 80 acres that straddle the Elk River near the town of Elk River. "I just wanted to hunt, plant some trees and enjoy the outdoors," Kurt says. But, by the mid-1990s, his land was surrounded by housing developments so he decided it was time to sell and look for something more rural.

Kurt found 140 acres three miles southwest of Lake City. It is an odd-shaped parcel that follows a ravine so most of it is pretty hilly and not good for farming. Terry Helbig, DNR forestry supervisor in Lake City who is legendary in southeastern Minnesota said, "Kurt was the first person I knew of who paid more than \$1,000 per acre for woodland." It may have been a high price to pay but it is worth more than three times that today. Kurt, however, has no intention of selling because the land is perfect for the hunting and tree planting he loves.

Right after he purchased the land, Kurt asked Terry Helbig to come out and update a Stewardship Plan. Kurt recalls that as they were walking over the land, Terry asked him, "What do you want to do with the land?" Kurt said he wanted to improve the woodland, especially the oaks. Terry said, "Oaks take a long time to grow." Kurt said, "I know but that's o.k. I still want to improve the oaks." With that, Kurt says Terry got a big smile on his face and shook his hand.

One piece of advice Kurt would pass to other woodland owners is something he follows himself: Get to know the professionals in your area. The DNR forestry people, soil and water people and others can be a big help in deciding what should be done, how and if there are any cost sharing funds available. One of the professionals he has worked with is local consulting forester, Jon Alness, Zumbro Valley Forestry. Because of his work schedule, Kurt can't spend as much time working on the land as he'd like. As a result, he has contracted with Alnes and his crew to actually carry out several timber stand improvement projects.

Another piece of advice Kurt follows is advocated by Mike Reichenbach and Eli Sagor, U of M Extension educators. That is to keep a journal. Kurt records everything – what was done



Above: Kurt King

Below: The inside of a pretty nice hunting "shack."



Kurt with his grandson Mark Gertner, center, and a friend working on a food plot for a Boy Scout merit badge.

on the land, when, how, how much time it took, etc. He also records all expenses. All of this information could be of value in supporting tax deductions. It will also make for interesting reading by future generations and help them understand Kurt's love for the land and the wildlife.

Now, 16 years after purchase, many management practices have been carried out. A dozen acres of prairie have been restored, three ponds that help prevent erosion have been installed and the oaks and other hardwoods have been improved.

Recently, Kurt teamed up with a neighbor who owns 500 acres next to his to promote quality deer management which emphasizes leaving the young bucks go to grow up. They have trail cameras installed and can see more and bigger bucks after just a couple of years.



The way Kurt manages his oaks makes DNR forester Terry Hebig smile!

As we get older, all of us begin thinking about who in the next generation might be as interested in the land as we are. Kurt has a 15-year old grandson, Mark Gertner, who is an Eagle Scout and interested in woodland and wildlife. In fact, one of his many merit badges was earned by developing a wildlife food plot on the land. Mark is thinking of going to college at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, for forestry or wildlife management. With either major, he would be well-equipped to carry on the management of those oaks that make Terry Hebig smile.

The TICKS Are Coming!

Because of the health risks, DNR Forestry has a goal for division employees of "no tick bites long enough to transmit disease." We private woodland owners should have the same goal for ourselves and, more importantly, for our pets, children and grandchildren.

Tick Season: St. Patrick's Day to Thanksgiving

Ticks and spiders are among the first critters active in spring. David Neitzel, epidemiologist with the Minnesota Department of Health, says he's seen active deer ticks in February in patches of bare ground. They can be active through spring, summer and fall, all the way to Thanksgiving. The greatest risk of Lyme disease is from May through mid-July.

Wood ticks, which are officially known as American dog ticks, are a nuisance and hated by most women. But they are not a concern for transmitting disease. It is the deer tick, or blacklegged tick as the entomologists call them, that is the disease carrier. Besides Lyme disease, deer ticks can transmit human anaplasmosis, a bacterial disease that is nearly as bad.

Neitzel said that in 2009 there were 1,065 confirmed cases of Lyme disease reported in Minnesota and 317 cases of human

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ClassifiedAds

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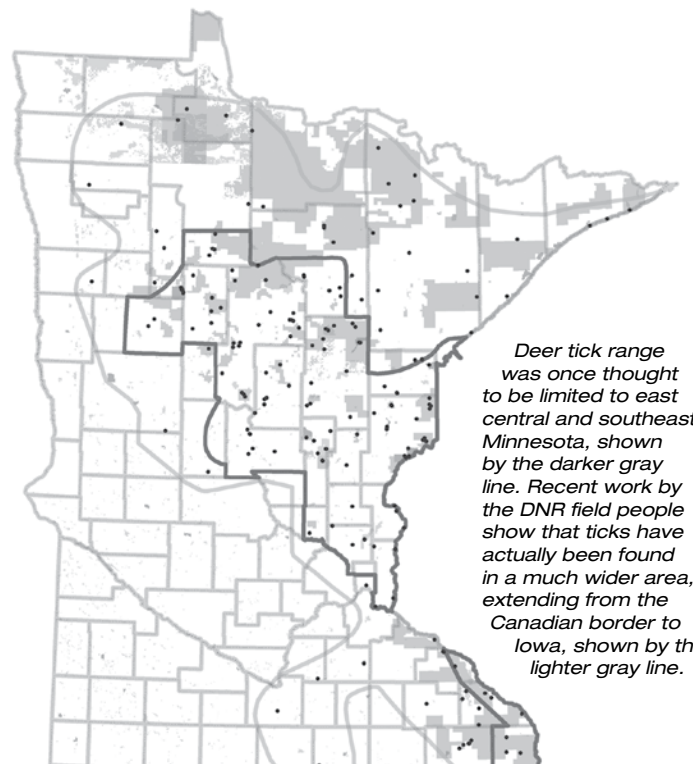
We have Classified Ads on our MFA web site. Placing an ad for any woodland-related item or service is FREE for members. Right now some of the items listed are:

- Future Forest Products logging arch - \$1,000
- Shop-built logging arch - \$75
- Cherry, spalted birch & spalted white ash bowl turning blanks
- Fire Splitter, tractor-mounted log splitter - \$495
- Rough sawn, air dried red oak, birch & aspen boards - \$1.00/bf

See these and more ads at www.MinnesotaForestry.org.

Find instructions on how to place your ad today!

In the MFA Classifieds you can even purchase a share in the Northwoods Forestry Enterprises Peterson Sawmill.



Deer tick range was once thought to be limited to east central and southeast Minnesota, shown by the darker gray line. Recent work by the DNR field people show that ticks have actually been found in a much wider area, extending from the Canadian border to Iowa, shown by the lighter gray line.

Map courtesy of the DNR.

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anaplasmosis. In some central Minnesota counties, such as Crow Wing and Cass, the ratio of the two diseases was approximately one to one.

The preferred habitat for deer ticks is more restricted than for wood ticks. Wood ticks prefer tall grass in shaded areas.

Deer ticks need moister and more wooded areas than wood ticks. They are most common in deciduous woods with thick underbrush and are less common in coniferous woods. They spend most of their life in the moist leaf litter on the forest floor and are only found up in the brushy understory when the humidity is high.

Controlling Ticks

For wood ticks, mowing tall grass and weeds is an effective control measure. For deer ticks, cutting weeds and brush along trails and the edges between mowed lawns and woods will help.

Tick Check is #1!

A Tick Check at the end of a day in the woods is a must for adults and especially for children. To transmit Lyme disease, a deer tick has to be attached for at least 24 hours, so a daily tick check will effectively prevent disease. In doing the Tick Check remember how small the deer tick nymphs can be – the size of a pin head or smaller. Deer tick mouth parts are often broken off in the skin during removal but this does not increase the chance of disease transmission.

Personal Protection

Sprays containing Permethrin are the most effective. (Sold under various brand names, look for 0.5% Permethrin under Active Ingredients on the label.) This material acts primarily as a repellent but will also kill any tick that comes in contact with it. Label directions specify it is to be applied to clothing only and allowed to dry for six hours before wearing. Since ticks climb on from weeds or low brush, treating pants from the thigh down is all that is needed. One treatment will last for several weeks, even through a couple of washings.

Protecting Your Pet

Dogs can get Lyme disease too. FrontLine is expensive but an effective tick repellent for dogs. It should be applied once a month throughout the tick season, from St. Patrick's Day to November 1st. Last year, which was a banner year for ticks, we found the dogs were picking up ticks after three weeks, so we went to a three-week cycle.

For more information on ticks, go to MFA's web site, www.MinnesotaForestry.org.



(Scale of image is centimeters.)

The tick on the left is an adult female deer tick, which is red and dark brown. To her right is an adult male. A nymph is second from the left and a larva is on the far right.

Adult females and female nymphs can transmit disease; males do not. Even those who can identify adult deer ticks are amazed at how small the nymphs are; one would easily fit on the head of a pin.



Special Tick Gaiters are available from Lee's Pro Shop in Pine City, 800-328-4611. Made of stretchy Neoprene fabric they are wrapped around the bottom of the pant leg and top of the boots to prevent ticks from crawling up the inside of the pants. Greatest effectiveness can be achieved if the gaiters and outer pant legs are also treated with the tick repellent Permethrin.

Words of Wisdom

Sid Rommel lived in Grand Rapids and died two years ago at the age of 96. A retired DNR forester, Sid maintained his love of the woods to his last days. His approach to woodland management was to, "Watch what Nature is doing and help it do what it wants to do anyway."

Welcome! To these new members who joined MFA during 2010

Lewis Anderson, Mound, MN
John Andres, Willow River, MN
Kenneth Armbruster,
Brooklyn Park, MN
Dave Austin, International Falls, MN
Will Backus, Cohasset, MN
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Donna Larson, Saint Paul, MN
Gary Larson, Finlayson, MN
Randy & Jacalyn Lenz, Prescott, WI
Arthur Lillquist, Laporte, MN
Robert Luger, Lindstrom, MN
David Lund, Warroad, MN
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Dean Mattson, Roseau, MN
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Richard Menke, Sturgeon Lake, MN
Joe Michaletz, Mankato, MN
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Gary Moorman, Alexandria, MN
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Calvin Olson, Littlefork, MN
Dick Olson, Orr, MN
Franklin Olson, Brainerd, MN
Duane Osell, Wannaska, MN
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Tom Parkin, Aitkin, MN
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Upcoming Events

Find more events, and more information on these events, at your MFA website, www.MinnesotaForestry.org. or by calling MFA at 218-326-6486.

Saturday, February 12, 2011

- **8am-4pm. Living in the Avon Hills Conference** (St. John's University, Collegeville).
- **10am. Northwoods Forestry Cooperative Annual Meeting** (Northland Arboretum, Baxter MN). Guests welcome. Pot Luck Brunch with Program. RSVP required to 210-764-3315 or PELanin@Brainerd.net

Tuesday, February 15

- **6:30-8:00pm. What's Bugging Your Trees?** (Grand Rapids). U of M North Central Research & Outreach Center, 1861 Hwy 169. \$10 per family.

Thursday, February 17

- **12noon-1:30pm. Forest Health: Insects and Disease in Minnesota** (Online) For more information, see "Webinars" on page 3.

Tuesday, February 22

- **6:30-9:00pm. Making the most of your woods** (Forest History Center, Grand Rapids - MN Women's Woodland Network) Contact Julie Miedtke at miedt001@umn.edu or 218-327-7365

Thursday, February 24

- **6-9pm. Invasive Species** (Fairmont - Knights of Columbus). Cost: \$20. Registration: Kathy Eckwright eckwr001@umn.edu, 888-241-3214.

Saturday, February 26

- **9-11:30am. Women's Chainsaw Course: Chainsaw Use & Maintenance** (Clifton French Regional Park, Plymouth). Cost: \$20
- **10am-3pm. Chainsaw Safety** (Grand Rapids - MN Women's Woodland Network) Cost: \$20. Contact Julie Miedtke at miedt001@umn.edu or 218-327-7365

Tuesday, March 1

- **6-9pm. Intergenerational Land Transfer, Part 1: Planning and Communication** (St. Paul). Cost: \$100 per family for three sessions. Questions: MNWoods@UMN.edu or 612-624-6948

Friday, March 4

- **1-4pm. Economic & Environmental Benefits of Agroforestry** (St. Cloud). Cost: \$20. To register contact Sue Crotty, 218-828-2275 or crott012@umn.edu
- **1-4pm. The Nuts & Bolts of Timber Sales** (Grand Rapids). U of M North Central Research & Outreach Center, 1861 Hwy 169. \$10 per family.

Friday, March 11

- **12 noon-1pm. Accessing Airphotos and Custom Maps Online.** Then, free help is available online from 1:00-3:00pm. For more information, see "Webinars" on page 3.

Friday-Monday, March 11-14

- **Deer Steward I Course** (Thumper Pond, Ottertail County, MN). Conducted by the Quality Deer Management Assn., this course focuses on the key principles of deer & habitat biology, ecology and management. Registration fee: \$750 for QDMA members; \$800 for nonmembers. For more information the we web site, www.QDMA.com or call the QDMA office at 800-209-3337, or call Matt Ross, program manager, at 518-280-3714.

Tuesday, Wednesday, March 15 & 16

- **49th Annual Minnesota Shade Tree Short Course** (Bethel University, Arden Hills). More information and online registration: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/shadetree>

Thursday, March 17

- **6-9pm. Nontimber Forest Products** (Hutchinson). Extension and Parks Building, McLeod County Fairgrounds. Cost: \$20. Registration: Kathy Eckwright (eckwr001@umn.edu), 888-241-3214

Plan now to attend MFA's **Annual Meeting, Family Spring Field Day and Tree Farm Awards Friday and Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2011** at Bunker Hills Regional Park near Anoka MN. Events will include a Friday afternoon guided tour of sites interesting to woodland owners followed by MFA's Annual Meeting, Social Hour, Banquet and Tree Farm Awards. Saturday will be filled with educational events at the Park.

For MFA members, the two best online sources of woodland information are the MFA web site, www.MinnesotaForestry.org and www.MyMinnesotaWoods.UMN.edu.

Here's what's new at MyMinnesotaWoods:



- Winter Damage to Trees and Shrubs: Good sources of info
- Announcing the 2011 Forest Pest First Detector workshop series
- 100-year anniversary of DNR Division of Forestry
- Minnesota EAB resource directory
- 2011 webinars: Recreational Trail Design recording posted, others planned for Feb-May
- News, events, poem of the month, and more

Have a question about your woodland? Post it on the Discussion Board. You may be surprised at how many good responses you get!

For the live version, with much more info on each topic, visit MyMinnesotaWoods.org

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