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Up North Woodland Workshop

*For Minnesota's Private Woodland Owners,
This is THE Educational Event of the Season!*

Scheduled Saturday, March 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Up North Woodland Workshop will be held at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids with downlink sites in Brainerd, Cloquet at the U of M Forestry Center, Mankato at the AmericInn Motel, and Rochester at the Heinz Center. A knowledgeable coordinator/discussion leader will be on hand at each of the downlink sites.

In Grand Rapids, the day will feature five hour-long sessions with four presentation options in each session. Presentations and presenters that have been confirmed so far include:

- **Forest Tent Caterpillar and Pesky Friends in Minnesota's Forests:** *Jana Albers, DNR Forestry*
- **Owls of Minnesota:** *Jeff Hines, DNR Wildlife*
- **Geology of the Last Ice Age:** *Art Norton, retired Nature Conservancy*
- **Phenology:** *John Latimer, Phenologist*
- **Wolves:** *John Erb, DNR Wildlife Research*
- **Aquatic Invasives:** *Rich Rezanka, DNR Ecological and Water Resources*
- **Timber Marketing:** *Steve Vongroven, DNR Forestry*
- **Christmas Trees:** *Carl Wegner, retired U of MN Extension*
- **Hiking Trail Design:** *Mel Baughman, retired U of MN Extension*
- **Basics of Hardwood Management:** *Dennis Thompson, Aitkin County SWCD*
- **Forest Resilience:** *Eli Sagor, U of MN Extension*
- **Top 10 Tips to Enhance Habitat for Forest Wildlife:** *Jodie Provost, DNR Wildlife*
- **Property Taxes:** *Mike Reichenbach, U of MN Extension*
- **Women's Woodland Network:** *Julie Miedtke, U of MN Extension*

For the downlink sites, one presentation from each of the five sessions will be selected for broadcast.

Find a brochure for the event, including registration information, on our web site, www.MinnesotaForestry.org. If you would like to have the registration form mailed to you, call and leave a message at MFA's office number, **218-326-6486**.

See you in Grand Rapids, or Brainerd, or Cloquet, or Mankato, or Rochester!



*Dave and Bev Medvecky's Big Woods Farm, which was featured in the last issue of **Minnesota Woodlands**, has been selected as the field tour site for the 2013 National Tree Farm Convention coming to Minneapolis, July 25-27. Congratulations to MFA members Dave and Bev. We look forward to touring your tree farm in July! (Look for more information on the convention elsewhere in this newsletter.)*

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MFA Board Actions

The MFA board meets every month. During January, April, July and October, the meeting is face-to-face at the Cambridge DNR Forestry office starting at 10 a.m. During all other months, the meeting is held via conference call. Any MFA member is welcome to sit in on the face-to-face meetings and listen in on the conference calls. See a list of board members and meeting dates elsewhere in this newsletter. Contact any board member for further information. For a copy of minutes from any recent meeting, contact Carol Cartie at Information@MinnesotaForestry.org or 218-326-6486.

Approving a break-even budget for 2013. The budget shows anticipated expenses of \$59,310 which will be covered by \$41,210 in normal revenue and proceeds of \$18,100 from our investment accounts. If you would like a detailed copy of the budget, send an email to Treasurer Dennis Thompson at Treasurer@MinnesotaForestry.org.

Meeting with representatives of the Minnesota Association of Consulting Foresters during our recent board meeting. The consultants were represented by association president Paul Dickson and member Peter Bundy. The purpose was to explore ways that MFA can work more closely with the consulting foresters for the benefit of our private woodland owner members. We hope this meeting was the beginning of an ongoing dialog.



Reviewing and Approving Carol Cartie's contract for 2013. Carol has been providing office services on a contract basis for MFA since 1998; that is 15 years! The board consistently expresses appreciation for Carol's timeliness, thoroughness and willingness to help in any way she can. We are very fortunate that Carol will be continuing to work with us for another year.



Board Election Results

Thanks to all those members who took the time to vote in our recent Board Election. All of the candidates who were nominated were elected.

All incumbent candidates were re-elected:

Gary Michael, Waterville.....109 votes
John O'Reilly, Hinckley111 votes
Dave Roerick, Grand Rapids.....114 votes
Al Schacht, Zumbro Falls115 votes

Two new candidates were elected to two-year terms:

Chad Converse, Motley115 votes
Peggy Meseroll, Esko.....111 votes

One new candidate was elected to a one-year term:

Pat Lanin, Brainerd115 votes

In addition, three folks each received one write-in vote: Barb Spears, St. Paul; Milo Mindenbenden and Mike Wachholz. If YOU are interested in being considered for a position on the MFA board next year, contact either of the members of our nominating committee: Bruce ZumBahlen, who prefers to communicate via email at ZoomerBruce@aol.com or Al Schacht, who prefers the telephone, 507-753-3214.

2013 Officers

President..... John O'Reilly
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Publications..... John O'Reilly
Web Site..... Mike Reichenbach
Call Before You Cut..... John O'Reilly
TELE Workshop..... John O'Reilly

Liaison with Other Organizations

Bemidji Area Forestry Affairs Council – Bruce ZumBahlen, Larry Hegstad
Blandin Foundation – John O'Reilly
Dovetail Partners – Dennis Thompson
Grand Rapids Area Forestry Affairs Council – Dave Roerick
MN Assn. of Consulting Foresters – Chad Converse
MN DNR – Al Schacht
MN Environmental Partnership – Bruce ZumBahlen, John Saxhaug
MN Forest Industries/Timber Producers Assn. – Bruce ZumBahlen
MN Forest Resource Partnership – Dennis Thompson
MN Logger Education Program – Bruce ZumBahlen
MN State Stewardship Committee – Al Schacht, Dennis Thompson
Society of American Foresters – Al Schacht
Soil & Water Conservation Districts and SWCD Forestry Assn. – Dennis Thompson
State Tree Farm Committee – Bruce ZumBahlen
U of M Extension – Mike Reichenbach, John O'Reilly
U.S. Forest Service – Al Schacht, Dave Roerick, Chad Converse
Wisconsin Woodland Owners Assn. – John O'Reilly
Northwoods Forestry Coop – Pat Lanin
MN Invasive Species Advisory Council – Chuck Erickson

Thanks to these members who included a comment with their ballot.

"An exceptionally qualified group of candidates!"
Chuck Pelzl, Pine River, MN



"At the spring MFA meeting in Owatonna, I would appreciate demonstrations of how to protect seedlings from deer, rabbits and voles and also work on tree identification."
Judith Trolander, Duluth, MN

"I don't need a Logrite Pickaroon. But my son in Scotch Plains, New Jersey is working on hundreds of 90-foot trees downed by Hurricane Sandy. City bought a new \$150,000 tub chipper; 75% paid for by Federal disaster money. So what isn't a disaster?" Doug Jones, Nerstrand, MN

"I enjoy your newsletter very much, especially the articles on what others are doing on their woodlots. I like the articles on types of animals, reptiles, etc. found in the woods."
John I. Houghton, Sauk Rapids, MN

"If you are a small acreage landowner, it is almost impossible to market small volumes of wood."
Darrell Lauber, Grand Rapids, MN



"All look to be good candidates."
Pete Greenheck, Saint Paul, MN

"Keep up the great work! John, thank you for all the updates!"

David C. Adams, Brooklyn Park, MN



"Lobby hard to save the SFIA! Thank God for ZoomerBruce, one of MFA's most valuable assets."
James Edlund, Cannon Falls, MN



"I worked with Peggy's dad Ray in the late '70's. He was a wonderful man and a great land steward. All these candidates are patriots, and I commend them on their willingness to serve in a good cause."

Craig Scherfenberg, Warba, MN

"Thank you for all you do for Minnesota forests!"
The Blandin Foundation

Member Profile

Neal Chapman's home is in Roseville, Minnesota and his woodland is in Polk County, Wisconsin, just a few miles north and east of Taylors Falls, Minnesota. He is a member of MFA, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association and American Tree Farm Program.



Neal Chapman

He is a Master Woodland Steward, Woodland Advocate, Coverts Cooperator and graduate of the Wisconsin Woodland Leadership Institute. As you will see in the piece he wrote below, Neal has a passion for sharing what he has learned with others.

Wanted: Volunteer Educators-Mentors

By Neal W. Chapman

What do you value about your land? Do you enjoy sharing your passion with others, talking about what goes on there, sharing pictures taken there as if it were a child or grandchild?

If you answered in the affirmative, then I ask you to consider becoming a volunteer educator/mentor with other landowners. One opportunity would involve putting on a class at your local community education program. I have found this to be a relatively easy way to reach others.

Last winter, I piloted a woodland stewardship program to reach woodland owners through local public school Community Education programs. I contacted three school districts with my idea, and was enthusiastically received. The class "Learn About Your Woodland" was first offered through the Roseville Community Education program during the winter of 2012, followed by two schools in Wisconsin. These classes were offered in two-hour increments over two or three evenings, and focused on identifying landowner goals and objectives in preparation for professional visits from a forester. I chose the Community Education venue

because this simplifies the location, registration, equipment, and some of the promotional activities associated with class offerings. It also provides a local, inexpensive opportunity for landowners to learn about and become engaged in woodland stewardship, and to network with others.

Working with Eli Sagor at UMN Extension, I chose to use the text "Woodland Stewardship," 2nd ed., as the foundation for the class and provided participants with a number of handouts. I also focused on wildlife management on their properties. There were 21 total participants and I found my audiences engaged, full of questions, and ready to take the next step in managing their woodland properties. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in class and was very personally rewarded.

I am prepared to share the process and resources with others who have an interest and passion for sharing their knowledge and experiences in a casual environment. It really is easier than you may think! You will come away with more information as well, not quite a walk in the woods, but close.

Recent cuts in funding at all levels has dramatically affected the ability of both DNR and University Extension to provide the level of services previously available to assist private landowners in caring for their land. Volunteer educators/mentors can help deliver woodland stewardship information to help meet landowners' needs.

There are many other ways that volunteers can make a difference working with fellow landowners. Discussions are ongoing with DNR Forestry leadership, University MN Extension, and other resource professionals to best utilize the time and talents of those who volunteer.

This effort is currently very much in the development process, but volunteers are needed NOW to help shape the effort. Please contact me directly if you wish to explore the opportunity to help other woodland owners make informed decisions about managing their land. The commitment is small, the reward great.

Contact Neal W. Chapman at 612-998-7901 or via email at woodland.steward@gmail.com.

Sugar maple, sometimes called hard maple or rock maple, is one of the largest commercial hardwood species in North America. Mature trees can grow up to 120 feet tall and live for 300 to 400 years. Tree diameters at maturity range from 30 to 36 inches however the largest reported sugar maple tree, growing in Maryland, has a diameter of almost 7 feet! Sugar maple will grow on a wide variety of sites and soils but does best on well-drained loams. It does not grow well on dry, shallow soils and is rarely, if ever, found in swamps. The greatest commercial volumes of sugar maple are currently

growing in Michigan, New York, Maine, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

Sugar maple flowers between late March and mid May and



only on trees that are at least 22 years old. The fruit, called a samara (kids often call them helicopters), ripen in about 16 weeks. The samaras begin falling about two weeks after they ripen, usually just before the leaves fall. Light seed crops are produced by 40 to 60 year old trees and moderate crops by 70 to 100 year old trees. Trees older than 100 years can produce huge numbers of seeds. During an excellent seed year in northern Michigan, an acre of mature sugar maple produced over eight million seeds!

The sugar maple tree is the principal source of maple sugar. In Minnesota, sap flow begins in March and ends in April. The first flow of sap in the spring usually has the highest sugar content. The sap is collected and boiled or evaporated to form syrup. Further concentration by evaporation produces the maple sugar. Sugar maple sap averages about 2.5 percent sugar. Approximately 40 gallons of sap are required to make a gallon of syrup.

Meet a Tree Sugar Maple



Creature Feature



By Jodie Provost, DNR Private Land Wildlife Habitat Specialist

Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) - Element of an Owl Storm

For forest wildlife enthusiasts and avid bird watchers, the great gray owl is one of the most breath-taking, wildlife viewing finds. Its large, domelike head, flat facial disc and large rings around its yellow eyes are striking, while two white patches near its beak appear to be a snowy mustache. It lacks ear tufts, has a long tail and is gray with lengthwise streaks on its breast. As the tallest owl in North America, it stands 24 to 33 inches tall and sports a four to five foot wing span. Despite its imposing stature, it's mostly feathers, weighing typically just 2.4 pounds! Surviving in northern forest where temperatures can plunge to minus 40 degrees F. requires a thick downy coat. If fortunate to hear its call, you will enjoy a deep-voiced, repeated hoot.

Great gray owls inhabit boreal forests of Europe, Asia, and North America. This secretive owl is not an abundant species, but not considered threatened or endangered worldwide. Like other owls, they cannot be shot, captured, transported, or owned in Minnesota without a permit. They are uncommon in Minnesota, existing on the southern edge of their range. The most likely place to view them is in our northern coniferous forests and bogs, such as the Roseau bog near the Canadian border.

In winter, great gray owls sometimes venture farther south. They can often be viewed in the Sax-Zim bog of St. Louis County. More than 450 great gray owls were counted there in a single weekend during the irruption or "owl storm" of winter 2005 when it's estimated that over 5,000 owls

descended upon northern Minnesota! Because populations of red-backed voles, mice, and other small rodents, their primary food source, have cyclical populations in northern regions, northern owls nomadically move south when their populations crash to search for food. During the summer of 2004, these rodent populations crashed across much of Canada's boreal forest. That winter it became a game among my co-workers to see who could count the most great grays in a work day. I recall a personal record of about 30.

Great gray owls are well adapted to life in the northland. They can detect and catch voles beneath two feet of snow! They hunt by day and it's quite a sight to watch them in action. During the 2005 irruption, many great grays took up residence in our area of east central Minnesota. We observed them perching on our family's bluebird house posts and hunting over our yard and fields. Listening intently, using their facial disc that focuses sound back to their asymmetrically positioned ear holes, they would suddenly plunge into the snow, disappearing from site to grasp hidden rodents with needle sharp talons. Our young sons could approach them closely when playing outside. The two species curiously watched each other.

Great grays begin nesting in March and April. They use nests abandoned by hawks or ravens, or build their own nests from sticks in evergreen trees. Females lay two to five eggs, sitting on them while the trusty male hunts, bringing her voles. Eggs hatch after 28 to 36 days and young fledge after about 28 days. Though the female remains nearby, the male takes over feeding the fledglings. They may use the same nest year after year.

Predators of great gray owls include ravens on their eggs and young and possibly great horned owls on young and adults. Where roads are present, cars are sadly the greatest cause of great gray owl mortality. During the 2005 irruption, 70% of great gray owl mortality resulted from colliding with vehicles as they hunted along roadways. Only 17% had starved.

Will we someday enjoy another winter "owl storm?" Owl experts doubt another irruption of the magnitude of 2005 will happen again, at least not any time soon. However, they note that minor irruptions occur every 5 to 10 years as Canadian rodent numbers cycle. So keep an eye out for these unique birds when out and about in our northern coniferous forests and bogs.



Sugar Maple photo by Paul Wray, Iowa State University

Survey Results

Along with our Election Ballot, there was a short survey. Thanks to the 107 folks who filled out and returned the survey! Here are the results:

1. Have you sold timber off your land in the last five years?

57	Yes
50	No

2. If you did sell timber, did you work with a:

23	Consulting forester
16	DNR forester
2	SWCD forester
9	Mill forester
20	Directly with the logger
5	Other

3. How satisfied were you with the experience?

63	Very satisfied
7	Somewhat satisfied
3	Not satisfied

4. Based on your experience, what would you recommend to other landowners?

See following comments...

"A forester with a paper company."
Paul A. Knuti, Embarrass, MN

"As a forester that retired 30 years ago, I still enjoy reading about this great occupation. We gave our 2,000 acres to our four kids (two are foresters in Minnesota) and hope each landowner still gets out in the great outdoors. You do a great job! Keep breathing!"
William Marshall, Grand Rapids, MN

"Always have a forester set up the sale so you can get top price."
Leland Hendrickson, Roosevelt, MN

"We thinned our sugar bush. Right now it's a mess. The small stuff needs to be cleaned up. The objective was to open the woods and allow the maples to develop better crowns. That will happen."
Joly Stein, Minneapolis, MN

"Work with a forester with a strong interest in private forest management to ensure your comfort level with both the harvest process and the end result."
Craig Scherfenberg, Warba, MN

"Make sure you have a contract. Check on the progress of your sale frequently! Get all of your money up front. Cut during the winter; it is more predictable for soil conditions and lessens your chances of rutting." Doug Ploof, Little Falls, MN



"Continue to manage your land always utilizing best practices." Mike Dobb, Sumner, WA

"Do your logging on a timely basis. Don't let it become too mature." James Gossen, Northome, MN

"Don't trust timber buyers and loggers to be honest with you or to follow your instructions for a harvest. You could easily be left without full payment value for your wood, a mess to clean up, a much less productive woodland, etc. Read Tom Kazee articles in Tree Farmer magazine." Anonymous

"Harvesting and marketing your own timber can be very rewarding. However, I would recommend most landowners to seek professional assistance from the options above."

Dave Medvecky, Isanti, MN



"Get a consulting forester and develop a management plan." David Boorman, Afton, MN

"Get your woodland surveyed by a forester so you know what you have and what your options are. I was told and shown many things I never knew about my property."
John I. Houghton, Sauk Rapids, MN

"Work with a forester when selling timber."
John Finnegan, Wadena, MN

"Be 'up-to-date' on timber value."
Philip Eastman, Rochester, MN

"Both! About Question #1, I checked DNR and Directly because I began with DNR which made several attempts, and by chance, learned of a private logger through a great neighbor - which was just the ticket."
James G. Towler, Saint Cloud, MN

"Check around to landowners, neighbors and reference of past jobs logging contractor did."
Philip J. Jacobs, Ellsworth, WI

"Get a logging contract." Ken Napieralski, Bovey, MN

"Choose your logging company carefully. Ask for and receive a periodic accounting report - and a final report."
Richard Nunn, Park Rapids, MN



"Yes."
William R. Sayward, Cohasset, MN

*"Get help for a timber sale!
Use a professional: DNR or a private
consulting forester. No matter what you
think you know about timber and selling
it, a professional knows more! Forget
the do-it-yourself dentistry and the do-
it-yourself forestry. Hire a professional.
Learn what they have to teach!"*
Stanley Musielewicz, Little Falls, MN



*"Have a plan, a contract; communicate every day, if possible,
while harvesting is taking place. Be ready for follow-up (site
prep, planting, etc.)."* Larry Hegstad, Bemidji, MN

*"I contacted a local mill-owner about the price of white pine.
I did the logging."* David Ellingson, North Branch, MN

*"I have sold timber previous to the five years you mention. I
used a consulting forester but would have no problem using
either a DNR or SWCD forester provided the service received
is roughly comparable and the fee competitive."* Anonymous

*"As a woodland owner and consulting
forester, I have marketed several million
dollars of wood. A consulting forester
is necessary for landowners to protect
their land and assure proper
payment for sale of products."*
James Brooks, Lake City, MN



*"I sell 400 tons of hay annually off 800 acres and cut 5 to
10 cords of elm/oak off 40 acres of woods annually. Planted
200 trees last spring and deer and drought finished off most.
This year I plan to plant 50 8- to 10-foot trees to get above
the browse line. What we need is for the pesky DNR
in Nerstrand Big Woods Park to cull 100 deer a year!"*
Doug Jones, Nerstrand, MN

*"In general, the markets are still not very good. Volume
products #2 and #3 hardwoods are difficult to sell at a fair
price."* Pete Greenheck, Saint Paul, MN

"Join MFA. Consider McCabe Forest Products as your logger!"
Matthew Eckman, Duluth, MN

*"Do work with a forester, take time
to figure out what you want your
forest to look like in 10, 20, 50+ years,
and get going on the harvest! Plant a
few trees, if needed and protect the
ones that spring up naturally; enjoy
watching your 'new' forest grow."*
Jim Marshall, Grand Rapids, MN



"Use a forester or qualified professional to help you."
Al Schacht, Zumbro Falls, MN

*"Use a consulting forester or DNR forester for pre-estimates
and marking."* James Edlund, Cannon Falls, MN

*"If you can't be there when they're logging, get a forester or
someone to let you know that they [are not] cutting what
you don't want cut. T&T Logging should be watched. It
would be nice if there was a listing of good loggers."*
Dennis P. Welsch, Oakdale, MN

*"Know your logger well. Some are very knowledgeable and
go out of their way to make you happy."* Anonymous

*"I have harvested and sold over
\$500 of diamond willow from our
150 acres the past five years. Have also
harvested and sold aspen walking sticks.
Probably not considered 'timber.'"*
John Krantz, Forest Lake, MN



*"Make sure all of your contract
requirements are written in a valid contract."*
Robert Brittain, Bemidji, MN

*"Obtain a forest management plan - 'stewardship' - for your
property. Use a consulting forester for making management
decisions."* Eric Hofstad, Duluth, MN

*"Only change would be to haul out all the tops to one pile -
or use them for bio fuel if possible."* Anonymous

*"Take advantage of TSI programs to improve production.
I have timber harvest 10 or more years between cuttings."*
Ervin R. Barth, Caledonia MN

*"Hold off planting deciduous trees. I'm
losing acres of red and white pine to
Anosom Root Rot. Spores travel long
distance to stick on spring sap. One
infected tree root connects to trees nearby.
One 30 acres, 50 years old is almost gone.
Another 30 acres nearby. Native growth
doesn't seem to be harmed. We own 430
acres in Wisconsin and 400 of woodland
in Minnesota. We planted 15 to 150 thousand for
15 years and have had a five-year harvest for 20 years."*
Germain Davison, Hokah, MN



*"Work with a forester. Log all mature areas to create new
growth for wildlife and keep forest healthy. Use revenue
provided to further improve your forest land."*
Norm Hayes, Roseau, MN

*"The more often you visit your woodlot, the more likely you
are to manage it."* David Roerick, Grand Rapids, MN

*"My timber sale was a salvage
following the 7/1/11 windstorm. I
harvest timber as per a DNR Stewardship
Plan. Get professional forestry help!"*
Michael Beaufeaux, Hinckley, MN



Upcoming Events

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

February

Friday, February 22

- **9am - 6pm. Log a Load for Kids** (Duluth Curling Club, Harbor Drive, Duluth). This fun event is a fundraiser sponsored by the Minnesota Logger Education Program to benefit Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. For more information, call the MLEP office at 218-722-5442.

Monday, February 25

- **6:30pm. Wonder about your woods?** (Roseville). Your guide for this program is Neal W. Chapman who is featured elsewhere in this issue of Minnesota Woodlands. To attend, contact Roseville Area Community Education, 651-604-3770 or on the web at www.isd623.org/.

March

Thursday, March 7

- **6:30pm. How to inventory and monitor wildlife on your property** (Infinite Campus, Inc, 4321 109th Ave NE, Blaine, MN). Your guide for this program is Neal W. Chapman who is featured elsewhere in this issue of Minnesota Woodlands. Presented by Minnesota Forestry Association- Metro Chapter and Ruffed Grouse Society- Metro Chapter. Free for MFA & RGS members with advance registration, \$10 for all others. Register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/58XMYBF>.

Saturday, March 9

- **9am - 3pm. Up North Woodland Workshop.** The main program will be at Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids, with uplink sites at Cloquet U of M Forestry Center, Brainerd site to be determined, Mankato American and Rochester Heinz Center. Find a brochure for the event, including registration information, on our web site, www.MinnesotaForestry.org. If you would like to have the registration form mailed to you, call and leave a message at MFA's office number, 218-326-6486.

Tuesday & Wednesday,

March 12 & 13

- **Shade Tree Short Course** (Bethel University, Arden Hills). For complete information go to <http://www.cce.umn.edu/shadetree>.

Saturday, March 16

- **9am - 3pm. Northwoods Forestry Coop Annual Meeting** (Brainerd Arboretum). For more information contact Pat Lanin at 218-764-3315 or PELanin@Brainerd.net.

Saturday, March 16

- **10am - 2pm. Maple Syruping Program & Pancake Brunch** (Audubon Center of the Northwoods, Sandstone). For more information and to make a required reservation, go to: <http://www.audubon-center.org/> and then look for "Maple Syrup Day" in the right-hand column.

Saturday, March 23

- **9:00am. Wonder about your woods?** (Roseville). Your guide for this program is Neal W. Chapman who is featured elsewhere in this issue of Minnesota Woodlands. To attend, contact Roseville Area Community Education, 651-604-3770 or on the web at www.isd623.org/.

Tuesday-Thursday, April 16-18

- **TELE Workshop (Tools for Engaging Landowners Effectively)** (U of M Forestry Center, Cloquet). See complete information and registration material at www.MinnesotaForestry.org.

Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18

- **4pm Friday & 8am Saturday. MFA's Annual Meeting, Tree Farm Awards and Spring Field Day** (Cabela's Owatonna). Join Tree Farmers and fellow MFA members for an enjoyable evening on Friday and an educational day Saturday. More information will be posted on www.MinnesotaForestry.org when it becomes available.

Thursday-Saturday, July 25-27

- **Tree Farm National Convention** (Minneapolis). More information will be posted on www.MinnesotaForestry.org when it becomes available.

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

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If you have tax questions:

1. Go to CPA Geary Searfoss' web site, www.GSCPA.biz. Read his Income Tax Primer.
2. Call Geary at 715-266-8290. Thanks to his contract with MN DNR, you can have a brief phone session (15 minutes or so) with him at NO CHARGE.

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