

kentucky WOODLANDS

Kentucky Wood Expo Returns to Lexington September 18-19

The 2015 Kentucky Wood Expo is coming back to Lexington and you are invited! Sponsored by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA), the Wood Expo will be held on Friday, September 18, and Saturday, September 19 at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, KY. The show offers the entire family a chance to see lumberjack games put on by local Police Departments and forestry students, different types of logging demonstrations and equipment, and finished wood products by Kentucky craftsmen, plus numerous educational opportunities.

What will be at the show this year?

If you attended in 2013, many of the great things will be back such as the Critter Tent, a tent full of snakes, reptiles, and spiders and bugs such as Emerald Ash Borer; Skidder and Knuckleboom competitions; educational events dealing with all types of forestry and wildlife topics; the ever-so-popular create your own cutting board tent, and a new addition this year: a build your own bird feeder tent are just to name a few.



A participant at the 2013 Wood Expo puts the finishing touches on his cutting board.

In addition to the many inside and outside exhibits, Friday will feature an educational program for area students. Local FFA students and surrounding areas will compete for prizes in forestry-related events and learn about the importance of the wood industry. And once again, Friday at 3 p.m. local Police Departments will be competing for bragging rights while they participate in the Expo's lumberjack games with events such as axe throw and cross cut.

On Saturday, an assortment of activities will continue for everyone. The University of Kentucky Forestry Extension team will have several educational programs from tree and wood identification to residential tree care. Also new

this year our Forestry Extension team will be putting on our One Acre at A Time - A Kentucky Woodland Owner Seminar. During this seminar, woodland owners that aren't sure of how to go about caring for their property will learn how they can get started. Woodland owners will learn about woodland management options as well as the numerous organizations that can assist them and hear from representatives of the Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters, and UK Forestry Extension. This two-hour program is a great opportunity to make the critical connections to allow you to start managing your property one acre at a time.



UK Forestry student participates in the forestry competitions.

Chain saw carvers will also be sharing their love of sculpting by creating some of the most amazing wood carvings ever seen. Carvings will be auctioned at the show both days.

For a full schedule of events or to order advance tickets contact KFIA at 502.695.3979. The Expo is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30



Chain saw carver cuts a leaf design at the Expo.

p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$7 (\$5 in advance) at the gate for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 (under 6 is free). For more Expo information visit www.kywoodexpo.org

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

2015 Dates:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
Sept. 18 - 19	KY Wood Expo	Lexington, KY	www.kfia.org
Sept. 19	One Acre at a Time—A Kentucky Woodland Owner Seminar	Lexington, KY	www.ukforestry.org
Sept. 26	East Woodland Owners Short Course	Carter/Rowan counties	www.ukforestry.org
October 8	Tree Farmer of the Year Field Day	Whitley County	www.ukforestry.org

NEWS TO USE

Best Management Practices Board Evaluating Current BMPs

The Kentucky Forestry Best Management Practices Board has been busy evaluating the current forestry best management practices in light of new research conducted by the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry at Robinson Forest. The board has developed a series of recommended changes that have been submitted for further review. The Kentucky Forestry Best Management Practices Board has members representing woodland and farm owners, forest industry, timber harvesting operators, and staff of the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry and the Kentucky Division of Forestry.



Photo courtesy: Renee Williams

UK Forestry Extension Introduces Newest Team Members



Dr. Ellen Crocker

Ellen is a Postdoctoral Scholar with the Forest Health Research and Education Center at the University of Kentucky and will be part of the Forestry Extension team too. She will be focusing on education and outreach relating to forest health issues, such as invasive pathogens and insect pests. Her research has focused on plant pathogens in natural ecosystems (particularly forests and wetlands), and her expertise is in oomycete pathogens, a group including the Sudden Oak Death pathogen. You can reach Ellen at e.crocker@uky.edu.

Ellen Crocker

Chad Niman

Chad will focus on primary forest products throughout the Commonwealth. Through this position he will provide statewide support to the wood products industry. Prior to this position, Chad has had experience working in consulting for Central Kentucky Forest Management, Inc. and forest management for Colorado State University. Along with his other roles Chad will be taking over as editor of the Kentucky Wood Industry E-News publication. You can reach Chad at chad.niman@uky.edu.



Chad Niman

Kentucky Division of Forestry Introduces Statewide Team Members



Abe Nielsen, Forest Health Specialist with the Kentucky Division of Forestry will coordinate/perform activities within the Forest Health Program and will serve as the technical and scientific advisor for the agency. You can reach Abe at abe.nielsen@ky.gov or 502.564.2860 x 121.

Abe Nielsen

Peter Stutts, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, serves as the scientific and technical advisor for the Urban Forestry Program and provides assistance to communities, organizations/nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and others interested in urban forestry. You can reach Peter at peter.stutts@ky.gov or 502.564.2860 x 117.



Peter Stutts

Triplett Creek Grant Supports Woodland Owner Programming

The Triplett Creek watershed is a sub-watershed of the Licking River and comprises about 65 percent or 180 square miles of Rowan County and parts of Bath, Menifee and Morgan counties. This watershed is unique not only because of its proximity to the Daniel Boone National Forest, but also because of its wildland fire and forest management needs. To address these needs UK Forestry Extension in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the US Forest Service is administering a grant that is helping support this issue of Kentucky Woodlands Magazine, a series of forestry factsheets, and field programs including the East Region Woodland Owners Short Course coming up on September 26.