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3rd Annual Agroforestry and Conservation Workshop -- Doug Allen Project Site

Rescheduled two weeks after the original date (featuring a massive 5+” rain), perfect weather, excellent speakers and a good turnout of enthusiastic participants made for a great day at the 3rd annual Agroforestry and Conservation Workshop held on May 13th at the Doug Allen Project site in Laurie, MO.

Hosted by the Center for Agroforestry, the event featured hands-on demonstrations and educational presentations on a range of practices that offer both conservation and economic opportunities for small landowners and land managers in the Ozark region. Presenters included Paul Johnson, Missouri Department of Conservation who spoke about Timber Stand Improvement; Jeff Vogel, a forester and goat producer, discussed the use of goats for invasive plant control; and beekeeper Buddy Goree gave an enlightening presentation on natural beekeeping. Other topics included forest farming and shiitake mushroom production, restoration of glade sites, and raptors/ bald eagles.

Attendees learned about the agroforestry practice of forest farming and the potential for growing and marketing a range of non-timber forest products like Ginseng and Shiitake mushrooms. “Growing medicinal plants and edible mushrooms can be an economically viable option for small landowners in the Ozark region and can fit in well with an overall forest management plan,” said Gregory Ormsby Mori, outreach coordinator with the Center.

According to Chris Newbold, Missouri Department of Conservation, glades are dry, hot and sunny openings in the Ozark woodlands with shallow soil where the bedrock is close to the surface. Glades support many unique and interesting insects, reptiles, mammals, wildflowers and grasses. They are home to eastern collared lizards, tarantulas and scorpions, and provide habitat for prickly pear cactus, little bluestem, and Missouri primrose.

An active bald eagle nesting site on the property was the backdrop for an interesting and enthusiastic presentation about birds of prey by Janet Haslerig, Missouri Department of Conservation.

In keeping with Doug Allen’s vision, the farm highlights ways that smaller Ozark farms can generate income. Set among hills adjacent to the Lake of the Ozarks, the site has a unique Ozark feel and contains landscape features that contribute to the field day experience. According to Dr. Dusty Walter, Director of Natural Resources Management, MU Agriculture Experiment Station, “It is a special place for learning, demonstration and education. We hope that by partnering with Doug and his vision for this property, that it becomes a valued regional source of information about land stewardship and profitable small-scale farming”

Please join us in spring 2018 for next year’s workshop!

5th Annual Agroforestry Academy Registration Open

July 23-28, 2017 | Columbia, Mo.

Registration closes June 30. Limited scholarships available for military veterans.

For more information:

<http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/academy/2017/RegistrationBrochure.pdf>



Chris Newbold, Missouri Department of Conservation, talks about Ozark glades. Look carefully in the top image for the five lined skink. Photo Credit: Bo Young

Spring 2017 Agroforestry Graduate

Christopher Burney. Advisor: Drs. Gold, Jose, Udawatta. Start: Spring 2015 – Graduated Spring 2017.
M.S. Project: “Small-scale temperate urban agroforestry for self-sufficiency and the market garden.”

Cai Z, Y Xie, and FX Aguilar. 2017.

Eco-label credibility and retailer effects on green product purchasing intention. *Forest Policy and Economics*. 80: 200-208. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2017.04.001>



Danh Vu Awarded 2nd Place at the Poster Presentation Competition

Dr. Chung-Ho Lin's student Danh Vu (far left) was awarded 2nd place at the poster presentation competition held by the Ozark-Prairie Regional Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). He presented his findings on “Effectiveness of the Engineered Wetlands in Removing 85 Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care products in Municipal Wastewater”.

UPCOMING EVENTS

New Grower's Workshop: Wednesday

May 31 | 1 - 5 pm | *The Carver Center*

Registration fees include: Workshop materials and a snack First in family \$45, additional family members \$30 each

Contact: Terry Durham. 573-326-9454; info@riverhillsharvest.com

Two-Day Grower Workshop & Field Tours

June 1 & 2 | *The Carver Center*

Registration fees include food on Thursday, Elderberry Reception & Trade Show, and food on Friday

First in family \$80, additional family members still \$50 each

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee36qzel03ac8a51&llr=7zmyxwxab>
or make checks payable to River Hills Elderberry Producers or RHEP

Chestnut Growers of America 2017 Annual Meeting

June 9-11 | *Carrollton, Ohio*

For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.chestnutgrowers.org/>

Walnut Council National Meeting

June 11-14 | *Courtyard by Marriott, Lafayette, Indiana*

Hosted by Hardwood Tree Improvement & Regeneration Center at Purdue University

To register, mail enclosed application with a check or register online via credit card at <http://2017walnutcouncil.eventbrite.com>

Thousand Cankers Disease Research & Management Operational Meeting

June 13-15 | *Lafayette, IN.*

For more information, contact: Phillip T. Marshall at 812-358-9034 or PMarshall@dnr.IN.gov

Agroforestry for a Vibrant Future

June 27-29, 2017 | *Squires Student Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia*

Connecting People, Creating Livelihoods, Sustaining Places

The 15th North American Agroforestry Conference is for agroforestry producers, researchers, educators and those involved with related work in the fields of permaculture and agroecology.

For more information and registration: www.regonline.com/NAAC2017

Of Special Note: Agroforestry Policy Forum at the 15th North American Agroforestry Conference. Engage with policy experts in Town Hall style meeting.

Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:45am - 12pm Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

