



KANSAS FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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Letter from Carolyn:

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Kansas Forestry Association newsletter! Our goal is to communicate more effectively, and frequently, through this newsletter.

This first issue includes a sticker as a "Thank you!" for your membership and support. I encourage you to contact an executive committee member with questions, ideas, or concerns.

As you may know, we hired a part-time program director earlier this year. Due to unexpected circumstances, she has resigned, and we wish her well. Julie Sharp has been hired to fill that position. Her biography and photo are in this issue. We are excited that she chose to join our team!

Our Board of Directors meets three times a year – in February, July, and November. I welcome all members to join in these meetings, or look on our website for the minutes to get the highlights.

As a 501(c)3 organization, we are the only Kansas forest-related group that includes members of Kansas Walnut Council and Tree Farmers, as well as forest industries, individuals, and agencies. Our objectives are to improve and promote Kansas forest and agro-forestry management through sustainable best

practices, in addition to providing clean water, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and wood products. Through education, advocacy and forest stewardship, we hope to accomplish these objectives to assist in the management and utilization of Kansas forests. The Kansas Forest Service is an important partner that provides professional and technical services to accomplish our mission, and to them we owe a big "Thank You!"

Please remember that we are a recognized IRS charitable organization, which makes all donations and contributions tax deductible!

Thank you for being a member, and I hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful!

Carolyn Turney
President, KFA

Fall Events 2016

- *September 6 - October 14* – Order fall conservation seedlings online at www.kansasforests.org or call 888.740.8733
- *October 13* – KFA Fall Forestry Field Day – Ammons Family Tree Farm, Towanda, KS
Contact Bob Atchison at 785.532.3310 or atchison@ksu.edu
- *November 30, 9:00am* – KFA Board Meeting – KDWPT Office, 300 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka, KS

Board of Directors

Bob Atchison - Rural Forestry Coordinator, Kansas Forest Service

Charles Barden - Extension Forester & Walnut Council President, K-State Extension, Walnut Council

Larry Biles - State Forester, Kansas Forest Service

Kevin Church - Forestry Consultant, Sawmill Owner, Buyer

Katy Dhungel - District Forester, Kansas Forest Service

Jim Hays - Conservation Projects Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Tom Hogard - Kansas Sawmill Owner

Mark Janzen - Plant Materials Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Technical Committee

Jeanna Leurck - Forest Stewardship Program Manager, USDA Forest Service Region 2

Wayne Lukert - Shawnee County Conservation District President, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts

Dustin Mingarelli - Public Land Section Chief, KDWP

Dennis Morriss - Landowner, Tree Farmer, Walnut Council, KFA Vice President

Richard Rees - Landowner, Kansas Christmas Tree Growers

Jim Reitz - Environmental Specialist, Native American Tribal Representative

Luke Terry - Forestry Contractor, Custom Forestry Applications LLC

Carolyn Turney - Landowner, Tree Farmer, Walnut Council, KFA President

Roy Turney - Landowner, Tree Farmer, Walnut Council

Carla Wikoff - Agricultural Program Specialist, Farm Services Agency

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KFA Diverse Membership and Board

The evolution of the Kansas Forestry Association started several years ago. Bob Atchison, Rural Forestry Coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service, invited landowners, Tree Farm Committee and Walnut Council members, and individuals from the forest industry including loggers, sawmill owners, and timber buyers to come together regularly. This group eventually became The Kansas Forestry Association (KFA) with a set of bylaws and articles of incorporation. Any member of the Kansas Walnut Council and/or a landowner in the American Tree Farm System is automatically a member of KFA. Membership opportunities also exist for agencies and groups who are interested in the woodlands of Kansas. With Tree Farmers and Walnut Council members in the same organization, the KFA board serves as the Kansas State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. The Board of Directors has expanded to include representatives from various organizations and agencies, who attend three meetings annually to conduct business and provide guidance for the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee. Our IRS 501(c)3 status was approved in 2014, and we are recognized as a nonprofit with the State of Kansas.

Meet: Julie Sharp, KFA Program Director

Julie grew up in rural Western New York, spending much of her time in the woods. After earning a BA in geography at SUNY Geneseo, Julie spent several years in administrative support. She then moved south for her MS in Forestry and Natural Resources from the Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

Julie has worked for the National Park Service at Shenandoah and Grand Teton National Parks, as well as the Intermountain Regional Office in Denver, CO. Julie also taught land management classes at Eastern Kentucky University in the Recreation and Park Administration Department.



Currently, she works part-time as a Research Coordinator in Park Management and Conservation at Kansas State University. Julie sought a career in parks and protected areas to improve opportunities for visitors, while helping them to understand why protection is so vital. She will now use this experience to assist private landowners in coming together to share their skills and knowledge of sustainable woodland management.

Fall Forestry Field Day – October 13, 2016

Interested in growing pecans and fruit trees? Ever see a sawmill turn a tree into lumber? What about those trees and woodlands along your creek? Are they providing you all the wildlife, recreation, and water-quality benefits they can? These questions and many more will be answered at the 2016 Fall Forestry Field Day at the Ammons' Tree Farm in Butler County.

Winners of the 2015 Forest Stewardship Tree Farmer of the Year Award, Cal and Pam Ammons have demonstrated their love for the land in a variety of ways. The Ammons have improved the health of their woodlands through thinning operations, they have planted thousands of trees for a variety of purposes, and they understand the important function trees serve to stabilize streambanks and improve water quality.



A \$12 registration fee covers lunch, morning refreshments, and educational materials for participants. Registration forms are available at www.kansasforests.org by clicking on *News and Events*, or by calling the Kansas Forest Service at 785.532.3310. Brochures have also been mailed to recipients of the Kansas Canopy.



Clockwise from left: Carolyn Turney, Bob Atchison, Charlie Barden, Dennis Morriss, Julie Sharp

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KFA Spring Survey Results

This spring, KFA members received a brief survey. We had an excellent response, and this will assist us in future planning. Thanks to everyone who has responded!

Of the 91 members who responded, more than half indicated they prefer email communications over postal mail. The majority of respondents indicated they would like more information on field days, resources (how-to, educational, etc.), and cost share incentives. This information will help us develop break-out sessions at the annual field days.

A number of members indicated that they would be interested in volunteering, youth education, peer-to-peer mentoring, and promoting wood products/industry.

The survey also allowed us to update current contact information. If you still have the postcard, it's not too late to complete it and send it in. We want to hear from you!

We are happy to welcome new KFA board member Tom Hogard! A woodworker for more than 50 years, Tom started salvaging urban trees as a source of lumber 30 years ago. Tom retired in 2009 after 31 years in law enforcement, and purchased a TimberKing portable sawmill. In 2010, he opened Tom The Sawyer Portable Sawmill Service. Tom provides custom milling services for about 18,000 square miles in NE Kansas, salvaging logs that might otherwise end up in a landfill or fireplace, and promoting Kansas wood products.



Tom talks timber

Watch your mail for KFA ballots in November!

Looking for some year-end deductions?

Help expand our programming for Kansas woodlands,
all your contributions to the KFA are tax deductible!

Help KFA to save money and trees, go paperless!

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically in the future, please contact Julie Sharp with your email address at: jsharp.kfa@gmail.com

Help us choose a tagline for KFA, here are some suggestions...

"Wild about Kansas trees"

"Rooting for trees"

"Love Kansas trees"

"Let's talk trees"

...and we would love to hear yours!

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