

# MSU FORESTER

## MID-YEAR UPDATE

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## MSU FORESTRY ALUMNI REUNION (1935-1965)

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A special alumni reunion focused on the "Forestry Cabin" era (1935-1965) will be held June 11-12 on the campus of Michigan State University. A highlight of this reunion will be the dedication of a historical marker for the Forestry Cabin, which was removed in 1965 after 30 years of being used for club meetings, receptions and annual 'Shindigs.' There will also be tours of campus (old and new) and ample time to reminisce with old friends and make new ones.

**All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please contact Juli Kerr at [for@msu.edu](mailto:for@msu.edu) or by calling (517) 355-0090.**



### CHITTENDEN FORESTRY CABIN MEMORIAL MARKER

Today, few people on the campus are aware that the Chittenden Forestry Cabin existed. To remedy that situation, the Department of Forestry and Campus Planning and Administration have designed the marker plaque shown here, which will be erected at the approximate site of the cabin near Wells Hall. The cost of the plaque was met by generous contributions from Forestry Alumni, an effort led by Michael Moore ('61) and Dr. Don Dickmann. The plaque will be dedicated during the Forestry Alumni Reunion to be held June 11-12, 2014.



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## | CHAIRPERSON'S PERSPECTIVE



### DEAR MSU FORESTRY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

One of my major goals during my term as Department Chairperson is to better connect with MSU Forestry Alumni. More frequent communication from your Department alma mater, such as this news update, is one manifestation of this goal. There are many motivations for better connections.

We have tremendously successful alumni working in Michigan and throughout the world. Strengthening the MSU Forestry alumni family:

- Creates networking opportunities for all of us,
- Gives an edge to current students and recent graduates for internships and career starts,
- Provides a stronger voice for the Department at MSU,
- Keeps the Department in touch with trends in the world outside of academia, and
- Provides an opportunity for your financial support of a program that I hope has had a strong positive impact on your life.

The Forestry Alumni Association and I have been meeting regularly towards realizing these motivations and we are pleased to announce that we will be holding an Alumni reunion on June 11-12, 2014 on MSU's campus. While the event is focused on graduates from the 'Forestry Cabin' era (1935-1965), all are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, please call (517) 355-0090 or e-mail for@msu.edu. The Department also recently established the Forestry Advisory Board (the 'FAB'), which consists of several alumni who will be helping with networking, the Department's strategic direction, and fundraising.

We hope to see you back in East Lansing in June! We need your continued support to keep the Department growing. Please contact me if you have any comments or would like to discuss ways that you can give back to MSU Forestry. Go Green!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich".

Richard K. Kobe

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**GRAHAM SCHADT (B.S. '52)**

Retired, after 56 years in the prefab housing, real estate developing, construction and investment business, in Marshall, MI and Arlington, TX. Polly & I have 5 grown children, 12 grandchildren. We have enjoyed our summer retreat on Lake Michigan for many years. Have kept in touch with a few of our Michigan State friends from college.

**EUGENE LEIST (B.S. '53)**

Just turned 85 and recently "retired" from Meals on Wheels but still am the Box Wizard for the St. Aloysius Food Pantry. I recycle small boxes, make two from one large box, and one from two small boxes to the amazement of my fellow volunteers. It was great to celebrate my birthday with them after a family celebration with my wife and two of seven children who are spread from Okinawa to Virginia. It's great to still be around.

**PAUL HYNES (B.S. '56)**

We will be returning to our home in Gladwin in May and extend an invitation to any old classmates to drop in for a visit. I'm sure there are many stories that could use some re-telling and perhaps some embellishment.

**BOB GOODMAN, (B.S. '58)**

A recent change in lifestyle has been "retirement" from doing magazine articles on various topics concerning nature and the environment. The advent of the digital photographic age has helped make any and everyone a photographer of publishable quality, accepting their name in print for payment. However, I continue my photographic and publishing ventures with my 54<sup>th</sup> year of doing public presentations on the same topics, with an emphasis on the little observed aspects of our world, most recently the life forms found in hot springs abounding throughout Nevada and adjacent California. The lessons learned at MSU/Forestry where the full spectrum of the environment showed us the entire package of interrelated subjects are practiced today. Best regards to all.

**RUSSELL V. KAZMIERCZAK (B.S. '59)**

I worked for the US Forest Service from September 1959 - March 1992. I currently live on the edge of the Pishgah National Forest in Valle Crucis, NC.

**BILL SCHMIDT (B.S. '71, M.S. '72)**

Yahoo...I made it to retirement age and am enjoying the journey! Completed 36 year career with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a land appraiser involved in the acquisition, disposition, and exchange of land and rights in land throughout Michigan. Great job opportunity and saw lots of Michigan's wonderful resources, now using those same resources for fishing, hunting, kayaking and other outdoor recreation pursuits. Having fun presently serving 35<sup>th</sup> year as President of MSU Foresters Alumni Association. Who'd a thunk that? Anyone interested in the job?!?

**MARK PAWLICKI (B.S. '74)**

I am currently employed by Sierra Pacific Industries in Redding, CA as Director, Corporate Affairs and Sustainability. I've spent most of my career doing forest policy advocacy work for the forest products industry. Working in the forests of Northern California in the late 1970, I became interested in public policy development and moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the National Forest Products Association, and stayed there for six years before moving back West. I was employed by Simpson Timber Company in Sacramento, CA for 10 years, and later started my own lobbying business. One of my clients – SPI – brought me in-house as an advocate and public relations manager in 2007. I am also responsible for implementation of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative on the company's 1.9 million acres of timberland in California and Washington. I would like to hear from others who graduated in 1974.

**L. AMOS STONE (B.S. '88)**

I retired from the Daniel Boone National Forest at the end of 2011, as the Forest Silviculturist. Prior to that I was a member of the core planning team that devel-

oped the 2004 Forest Plan for the Boone. Larry Leefers may remember counseling me as one of the three Forest Service Fellows in 1988. That MSF degree helped me greatly in the nearly 10 years of data crunching, working with the public, and re-writing that it took in developing a good forest plan for the national forest. Thanks Larry! As a retiree (FS volunteer), I'm now doing stand exams documenting shortleaf pine mortality (on nice days). Being back in the woods is the fun stuff of forestry!

**BRIAN WALTERS (B.S. '05)**

I'm in my third year working for the USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis program at the Northern Research Station in St. Paul, MN. My position has a lot of variety which keeps things interesting. I am a timber products output analyst, the lead analyst for the state of South Dakota, and I assist in a wide variety of research efforts. I bought a house a little over a year ago in Minneapolis and absolutely love the city.

**IN MEMORY**

**DAVID N. LARSEN (B.S. '47, M.S. '48, Ph.D. '67)** passed away on Feb. 20, 2014.

**TOIVO KAUMA (B.S. '57)** passed away on March 29, 2014.

**VERNE R. MATSON (' 50)** passed away on April 15, 2014.

**C. FREDERICK KEKKO (B.S. '50)** passed away on April 23, 2013.

**CHARLES GIBBS (B.S. '53)** passed away November 25, 2013.





## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FORESTRY GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium in the Department of Forestry was hosted in the Delia Koo International Academic Center on February 12, 2014.

Dr. Dan Kashian, Wayne State University, gave the keynote address, and spoke of the process of research and the development in science. There were 14 student research talks, ranging from “Landscape Carbon Measurement in Agroforestry Systems in Savanna Environments of Rural Senegal,” by Moussa Dieng, to “A Participatory Approach to Understanding the Influence of Community Dynamics on Urban Tree-Planting Efforts in Detroit,” by Christine Carmichael. Students were recognized for best prospective and retrospective talks. Winners included Malcolm Itter, “Modeling Regional Evapotranspiration as a Continuous Spatio-Temporal Process within a Bayesian Hierarchical Model,”

for prospective talk, and John Willis, “Young Seedling Dynamics Depend on Harvest Gap Size, Competing Vegetation, and Surface Disturbance,” for retrospective talk. Most Likely to Hug a Tree went to Erika Kraus, Most Likely to Introduce a New Species to Heather Surface, and Most Likely to Cut Down a Tree to Kaelyn Finley.

The graduate students are very grateful to our sponsors: the space was provided thanks to Michigan State University’s Center for Gender in Global Context, and financial support from the Department of Forestry, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Graduate School, the Council of Graduate Students, the Michigan Society of American Foresters, the Jane E. Wonders fund, and the Korea House Restaurant. We thank all the faculty and staff for their assistance in making the event a success.

## 2013-2014 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### **Alumni Association Senior Award**

*Ryan Hauser-Jeryc*

### **Eleanor and Wilhelm Beckert Scholarship**

*Karli Miller, Rebecca Blaha & Allison Trudgeon*

### **Budres Foundation Award**

*Jaclyn Bratkowski, Alex Grieve & Shaun Gerber*

### **Reginald A Emmert Forestry Alumni Endowed Scholarship**

*Edward Fultz, Alec Manaia, Emily Oja & Marin Western*

### **Forestry Endowed Scholarship**

*Anna Boruszewski & Tom D’Ambrosio*

### **Henning Family Memorial Scholarship**

*Jack Polus*

### **Herbert S. Humphrey Scholarship**

*Patrick Shults & Nick Ryan*



# 2014 MSU SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Once again, we had great attendance at Department-led activities of the MSU Science Festival. And this was the Department's first year of participating in the MSU Museum's Darwin Days and Fenner's Maple Syrup Festival. These public outreach events provide an important opportunity to get the word out on what forestry is, how forests and trees are relevant to everyone, and what MSU's Department of Forestry offers.

Our collective audience numbered in the thousands and included high school students from Detroit, homeschoolers from throughout the state, and people of all ages who share a passion for trees and forests and the numerous benefits and products that they provide.

Here is a brief listing of the Department of Forestry's participation in the MSU Science Festival.

- **Biofuels, Emerald Ash Borer and Christmas Trees: The Many Faces of Tree Research.** Hands-on demonstrations of current research at the Tree Research Center. Paul Bloese and Randy Klevickas, TRC Staff.
- **Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region and Beyond: A Symposium.** A well-attended symposium that focused on the role of forests in climate change. Participation by Dave Skole, Forestry professor. Organized by Forestry professor Phoebe Zarnetske, postdocs Scott Stark and Stephanie Grand, and Ph.D. Student Malcolm Itter.
- **Forest Forensics.** An interactive presentation focused on how evidence from trees and forests could be used to understand past events. Rich Kobe, Professor and Chairperson, and Scott Stark, postdoc.
- **Forest Processes and Global Environmental Change.** A display in the Michigan Forest Foundation's educational trailer, "The Wanigan." Sophan Chhin, Forestry professor, and research group.
- **The Fungus Among Us.** An interactive, hands-on display in the Expo Tent about the numerous ways that fungi contribute to nutrient cycling, forest health, food production, and medicine. Ellen Holste, Ph.D. Candidate.
- **The Secret Life of Trees.** An interactive planting of tree seedlings to learn about what trees need to live and grow. Megan Edwards, M.S. Student, with help from other graduate students and Forests Forever Scholars.
- **Measuring Big Trees.** A hands-on activity that uses forestry tools and methods to estimate the diameter, height, and crown width of large trees on north campus. Forestry professor Dave MacFarlane (pictured bottom right) and research group.







## 2014 DARWIN DISCOVERY DAYS

On Sunday, February 9, 2014, the MSU Museum hosted Darwin Discovery Day: a public celebration of the life and impact of Charles Darwin. Students from the Forestry Department had a great time sharing their love of trees with families attending the event. Forestry student Alex Grieve (pictured left) helped children plant spruce seeds in clear plastic bags to watch them germinate and freshman Edward Fultz shared his knowledge of forest ecosystem services. Everyone marveled at the four-foot oak cross-section, with growth rings dating back hundreds of years! Overall, the department enjoyed working with the MSU Museum and looks forward to continued involvement in this event. Masters student, Megan Edwards (pictured right), organized the Department's participation.



## FENNER'S MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Five volunteers from the MSU Forestry Club helped Fenner Nature Center host the 2014 Maple Syrup Festival: Volunteers included: Jackie Bratkowski (President), Hilary Bartzan (Treasurer, pictured right), Thomas D'Ambrosio (Maple Syrup Coordinator, pictured center) and Club members Patrick Shults (pictured left), Lucas Sutherland and Alex VanDeventer. This was the first year that the MSU Forestry Club helped with the Festival, but it will not be the last! They held demonstrations in the Sugarbush, teaching community members key concepts about making maple syrup. Anyone was welcome to try their hand at drilling a hole into a sugar maple where a spile would be placed. They also taught families important maple syrup making facts, like how it takes 40 gallons of sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup and how temperatures must be below freezing at night and above freezing during the day for sap to run.





Jean Henning



Robert & Nora Henning



Barb Henning



Sandra Henning

## HENNING FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For the past three years, the MSU Department of Forestry accepted generous gifts from Sandra Henning (M.S. '92). The gifts were used to create a scholarship in memory of the Henning Family. Sandra is currently District Ranger with Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest, Oregon. She had these words to share about the Henning Family Scholarship.

“This scholarship represents an opportunity to recognize some of my family members who are no longer present, but were paramount in supporting my educational goals and career aspirations. Without them, I would not be where I am today. It is my hope that this fund will, in turn, help others to achieve their edu-

cational goals and aspirations. I present this scholarship award in honor of my mother, Jean, who was always there for me and other family members, to my grandparents, Robert and Nora, who were a joy to be around, and to my aunt Barb, who made a point of participating in the lives of her nieces and nephew. Many thanks are also extended to the Department of Forestry at MSU who have also helped to make this dream a reality.

This award is intended to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.”

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- If we have your e-mail address, we will send you an electronic copy of the newsletter when future issues are ready. If you would like to receive future electronic versions of the newsletter, please provide us with your e-mail address.
- If you would like to receive the year-end print issue, please let us know and we will do our best to mail a copy to you. Also let us know if you prefer receiving all issues of the newsletter as a hardcopy.
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Thanks for staying in touch!

Sarah Finley, MSU Forester Editor



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