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Chair Comments

Lee Crocker, CF

I recently returned from the Society of American Foresters Leadership Conference in Utah. It was a great opportunity to develop some leadership skills and I look forward to trying some different things to keep all of us involved in the Society. I had the pleasure of spending some time with our next president of SAF, John McMahon, and many other leaders in SAF. The people from the national office are extremely passionate about their job and are very willing to help the membership. It was a great opportunity to network with Foresters from California to Maine. We face many of the same problems as Foresters whether they are hurricanes or ice storms, mountain pine beetle or emerald ash borer; we have a common bond as Foresters. “Think Big, Start Small” and “never have a meeting when you can have a party” are just a couple of the many hot tips I received at the Leadership Academy.

The summer meeting will be August 15th and 16th at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio. The meeting will focus on “Changing Ownership and Management in Ohio and WV Forests: Trends and Implications for the Future.” Dave Apsley, Bob Boyles, and Eugene Walters have been working very hard to come up with an interesting program. You will also have a chance to meet with Foresters from Ohio and West Virginia on a riverboat cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. I hope this meeting is valuable and rewarding. You should have received a post card announcing the meeting and you will soon receive registration information in the mail.

The 2006 SAF National Convention is in Pittsburgh this year, so it provides a great opportunity for Ohio Foresters to attend. The theme is “Our Woods Wild and Working” and the dates are October 25-29th. The national convention is a great time to stay up to date on forestry and to meet Foresters from around the country.

I would like to personally thank all of those that volunteer to make Ohio SAF a great state society. We must make it clear to all our members and non-members the great value of being a SAF member and we will be striving to get you energized about being a member of SAF. If you have ideas to strengthen the membership or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at Lee.Crocker@dnr.state.oh.us.

See you in Marietta on August 15 and August 16!

~Lee
Changing Ownership and Management in Ohio and West Virginia Forests: Trends and Implications for the Future

August 15-16, 2006
Marietta, Ohio

Watch your mailboxes for registrations soon!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming joint Ohio/West Virginia Summer meeting to be held at the beautiful Lafayette Hotel in historic Marietta, Ohio on August 15th and 16th. The meeting focus "Changing Ownership and Management in Ohio and West Virginia Forests: Trends and Implications for the Future" is a subject that affects foresters here at home and across the country.

Registration costs for the two-day event will be $60 which includes lunches and breaks on both days, as well as dinner and a riverboat cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lafayette Hotel. Rates for two twin beds or one queen bed are $58 and $68 per day, respectively. Call 1-800-331-9336 and mention that you are attending the SAF meeting.

August 15

8:30 – 10:00 Registration
10:00 -12:00 Ohio Society Meeting & West Virginia Society Meetings
12:00-1:30 Lunch : Keynote Speaker Michael Guergen, National SAF Office
1:30 -4:00 Ownership and Management Trends on Industrial Woodlands
6:30 – 9:00 Dinner Cruise on the Valley Gem

August 16

8:30-9:30 Ownership and Management Trends on Public Lands
9:30-10:30 Ownership and Management Trends on Private Woodlands
10: 30 -12:00 Implications on Forest Ecology, Wildlife and Hunting
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 1:30 Implications on Timber Production and Availability for Harvest
1:30 - 2:00 Future Impact on OH/WV Forest Products companies
2:00 - 2:30 Panel Discussion
OHIO - Registration Form

Changing Ownership and Management in Ohio and West Virginia Forests: Trends and Implications for the Future

Joint Ohio & West Virginia Society of American Foresters – Summer Meeting

**August 15 & 16, 2006**

The Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH

*Registration includes lunches & breaks *plus* dinner & boat cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler*

Name(s): ____________________________________________

Street Address ____________________________________________________________________________
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City, State, Zip __________________________________________________________________________

(# of persons) _____ X $60/person = $__________

Additional Guest Tickets for the Valley Gem Dinner Cruise ________

x $20/person $__________

Contribution to Foresters Fund $__________

Contribution to Ohio Scholarship Fund $__________

**Total Registration** (Make checks payable to Ohio Society of American Foresters) $__________

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lafayette (Room Rates: 2 twin beds $58; 1 queen bed $68): Call 800 331-9336 to reserve a room.

Return the registration form by **August 1st** to: David Apsley
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The Society of American Foresters is excited to announce that Professor **Wangari Maathai**, 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner, will be the keynote speaker at its National Convention this October in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is a great opportunity to hear the inspirational speaker who was honored for her work in what is called “The Green Belt Movement” in Africa. This movement began in 1976 as a grassroots effort to help women plant trees to improve their quality of life and to conserve their environment. Throughout its years of existence, this movement has helped women in Africa plant more than 30 million trees. In 1986, the work was expanded into the Pan African Green Belt Network, which has taught many people from other African countries ways to conserve their environment while building community.

In 2004 Dr. Maathai was awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for her "contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace," stemming from her work on community empowerment and environmental conservation. She is the first African woman to receive this prestigious award. Today, Professor Maathai is an elected Member of Parliament and serves as Deputy Minister of Environment in Kenya's government. Dr. Maathai holds such distinctions as 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate, Founder of The Green Belt Movement, and Visiting Fellow at Yale University's Global Institute for Sustainable Forestry.

The Society of American Foresters is honored to host Professor Maathai at its National Convention, themed **Our Woods, Wild and Working**, in Pittsburgh on October 25-29, 2006. She is scheduled to speak on October 26. In addition to featuring Professor Maathai, the Convention will be offering a wide array of sessions that would be beneficial to anyone with an interest in forest issues, research, technology, philosophy, or communication. Session topics include both rural and urban forests including presentations by Ohio SAF members Lee Crocker, Gregg Maxfield and Steph Miller. This convention provides a great opportunity to network with natural resource professionals while taking in the latest information. Registrations are available for the full Convention or for smaller amounts of time on the Society of American Foresters website: [www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org) or call 1-866-897-8720 for additional information.

This is a rare opportunity to have the national convention so close to Ohio, so let’s show our forestry comrades Ohio’s great foresters! Register today!
2006 Scholarship Recipients Kyle Siegley and Stephanie Colwell

Field Foresters Randy Clum, Stan Swierz, Mike Jurkiewicz, and Chris Hodgson share their forestry experiences.

Past Chair, Mark Ervin, is happy with his lunch arrangements.

2006 Outstanding Member Jeremy Scherf

2006 Communicator of the Year, Bob Long, was honored for his many years of writing Science articles for the Hetuch.
Ohioans Named 2006 Regional Tree Farmer!
Jack and Janet Sweigert of Ada, Ohio

Jack and Janet Sweigert, Ohio’s Tree Farmers of the Year, were recently named 2006 Regional Tree Farmers of the Year. They will be preparing to go to Alabama in October for a presentation for the National Award. Watch for upcoming events at their farm and plan on attending to show your support for this prestigious honor. Congratulations to Mike Jurkiewicz, Ohio SAF member and Division of Forestry Service Forester, for his nomination and many years of work with the Sweigert family.

Cowen-Embree Student Scholarship Fund: Help make a difference in the lives of young foresters by donating to the Cowen-Embree Student Scholarship Fund. Each year, two $500 Scholarships are awarded to two deserving forestry students: one at the Ohio State University and one at Hocking College. Your donation is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Mail a check or money order made out to Ohio SAF to Valerie Fox, OSAF Treasurer, Hocking College, 19814 Goat Run Honey Fork Rd, Logan, OH 43138

Please write "Cowen-Embree Fund" in the memo.

Certification News
The National office has produced a study guide for the Certified Forester Exam and offers exams through local testing sites.

What’s Up in Your Neck of the Woods?
Ohio SAF Members are doing great things! Help us share your activities, media opportunities, projects, research, upcoming forestry events, and personal/professional milestones in the Hetuch and maybe even with the national office. Drop a note or an e-mail to the Communications Chair, Steph Miller, and we’ll share your story.

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