

Wisconsin Tree Farmer

August 2007

Special points of interest:

- **Saturday-only Registration available for Saturday Field Day at Arington Tree Farm October 13 2007 (Pre-registration is required to attend)**
- **National Tree Farmer Convention Registration Deadline is September 21 2007**

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An Invitation to attend the National Tree Farmer Convention Saturday Field Day in Cambridge, WI

Why would you attend a forestry field day in Southern Wisconsin farm country? After all, in the mid 1800's, when farmers first arrived in this part of the prairie, there were few trees. The grass was tall, fires were common and, other than an occasional oak savannah, there were no forests.

Times have changed with the advent of fire suppression brought by modern farming techniques; trees have thrived amongst marshes and crop fields, occupying mostly land not worthy enough to produce to the farmer's expectations.

At the site of the 2007 Tree Farmer Convention, the Arington Tree Farm located 12 miles east of Madison near Cambridge, WI., we hope to show you that a diverse mix of farmland, marsh and timber can coexist in a responsible and sustainable balance that meets both the needs of farmers and the forestry-minded.

The 220 acre operation is in the first decade and first generation of a 100 year plan that is meant to produce a variety of sustainable agriculture and silvicultural products.

Being in its first generation, Arington Tree Farm offers a blend of forest and wildlife habitat, from seedlings to mature bur oaks, from marsh to mature hardwood stands.

There are nearly 50 acres of new plantings that include oaks, cherry, spruce and walnut. There is also red pine, oak and cherry that is old enough for the saw or pleasant to the eye.

Featured will be a late 1800's restored barn that has recovered from a fate worse than fire and is once again a center of attention and will be used for many of the Field Day events. A trail through the marsh will reveal an early and now abandoned attempt to farm the marsh. This farmstead has set idle for nearly 35 years while farming practices have changed, moving away from crop or pasturing in the wetlands.

There are many miles of trails that will take you past the ghost of a farming past -- near the creek and ponds through the woods or across the meadow

There has been no attempt to return the land to the look of that bygone era of farming. Instead we are looking at the land in a manner that will reveal the best use with the least impact.

Here our position is that the land is a blank slate and we should put a long range plan in place that will use the best practices that we know to exist.

Using outreach and education programs of the

American Tree Farm System, a long-range plan allowing for an increasingly global forest products marketplace can be put into place here to benefit the next generation.

The Field Day will feature demonstrations on invasive species controls, deer damage control, pine thinning, wetland and pond management, BMP's (best management practices), growing trees for landscape stock, pruning and the challenges of tree planting.

Demonstrations will include lumberjack sports, chainsaw carving, and the use of portable saw mills, demonstrations on bat behavior and live pheasants, corn harvesting, forestry fire-fighting equipment, bird house building and lessons on certification.

A Saturday-only registration is available on page 3 of this newsletter.

Lunch will be served Wisconsin style, with brats and country music. This Field Day promises to provide you with a forum to meet with other tree farmers, forestry professionals and equipment vendors offering the latest products to tend your wood lot. Join us Saturday, October 13th.

Joe Arington
and Cathy Lorang

Arington Tree Farm

Win a bad Boy Buggie at the National Convention



You can enter a drawing to win a new Bad Boy Buggie by purchasing a raffle ticket as part of a joint fundraiser being held by the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee and the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association. Go to www.badboybuggies.com for a description of the 4WD electric all-terrain vehicle.

Only 3,000 tickets will be sold, with the proceeds to be split between the two organizations to assist in providing forestry outreach for woodland owners, and to promote sustainable forestry in Wisconsin.

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The drawing is scheduled for October 13 2007 at 8:00 pm with a drawing officiated by Bob Simpson at the 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention Awards Banquet - Monona Terrace Convention Center - Madison, WI.

You need to be present to win.

For more information on purchasing raffle tickets, please contact Joe Arington by phone (608) 575-9673 or by email at joe@aringtontreefarm.com

Visit

www.treefarmssystem.org
for up-to-date
Convention news
and information.

Check back often, as updates will be posted as they are announced.

Online Convention
Registration is available.

The registration deadline for the National Tree Farmer Convention is September 21 2007

Saturday-only registration is available, but pre-registration is required; see the registration form on the next page for more information

Hope to see you there!

National Tree Farmer Convention – Help Needed

Hosting the National Convention is a tremendous undertaking and we have some very wonderful individuals who have committed to make this a success. They have undertaken the task of trying to understand everything that goes into planning such a large event, but we are few and many hands make for light and enjoyable work.

I would like to ask you to consider helping by volunteering at the National Tree Farmer convention.

We are looking for folks who could help out at the Monona Terrace Convention Center or assist at the Saturday Field Day October 13 2007 at the Arington Tree Farm.

Committee Chairs are currently developing schedules and lists of available volunteers.

Some of the activities we are asking for assistance with include assisting at the registration desk, the Convention Store, helping folks find their way to the right bus or the right room, or give them directions on how to participate in the auction or raffle.

I would ask that you contact Randy Sthokal, Wisconsin Tree Farm Administrator, by phone at (715) 445-5991 or e-mail at wtfca@athenet.net and let him know how you would like to help.

Randy will then get you in touch with the right person.

If you are interested in assisting at the Saturday Field Day, contact Joe Arington directly by phone at (608) 575-9673 or by email at joe@aringtontreefarm.com

If we are going to show folks from the other 49 states what Wisconsin Forestry is all about, then we will need your help to succeed.

Sincerely,

John G. DuPlissis
National Tree Farmer
Convention Committee
Chair



**National Tree Farmer Convention Madison, Wisconsin
FIELD DAY ONLY REGISTRATION Saturday, October 13 2007**

**PRINT or TYPE all information. Everyone must pre-register. THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION! One registration per household; registrants with different addresses must register separately. No more than two (2) registrants perform. This form must be accompanied by check, money order or credit card information.
FINAL DEADLINE: September 21, 2007**

LAST NAME: _____
 FIRST NAME: _____
 SPOUSE/GUEST LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: () _____
 E-MAIL: _____

No Yes Will you be driving your own vehicle to the Field Day Site?

Do you or your spouse/guest(s) have a physical disability that requires special assistance?

No Yes: _____

Do you have special dietary needs/ food allergies?

No Yes: _____

Field Day Only Attendees _____ x \$25/ person *= TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for the full amount due. Make checks/money orders payable: American Tree Farm System.

Charge the full amount due to my (circle one): Visa MasterCard Discover Card

Cardholder Name (please print clearly): _____

Card Number: (_____) - (_____) - (_____) - (_____)

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____ (required for all credit card purchases)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Transportation to the field day site and lunch is included in Field Day Only registration fee
- Buses for the field day site board at the Monona Terrace Convention Center
- You will receive confirmation materials with detailed information on pick-up location and time
- Attendees may drive personal vehicles to the Field Day site- directions will be included in confirmation materials

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 Sorry! No refunds on Field Day Only registration after September 21, 2007 (cancellation fee may apply)

- More information available at www.treefarmssystem.org Click on the 2007 Convention Logo!

MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

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See the Bad Boy Buggie demonstration in person at the National Tree Farmer Convention Field Day October 13, 2007 at the Arlington Tree Farm.

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