

# Wisconsin Tree Farm

News for the Wisconsin Tree Farmer  
Summer 2006



**Save the date!**

## **National Tree Farmer Convention Oct 11-14, 2007 hosted by Wisconsin at Monona Terrace, Madison, WI**

By Randy Sthokal

The Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee (WTFC) has agreed to be the lead sponsor of a National Tree Farmer Convention to be held in Madison, Wisconsin, October 11-14, 2007 at Monona Terrace. This will be the first national convention of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS) to be held in Wisconsin.

With the Department of Natural Resources' recent enrollment of MFL lands into the ATFS Group Certification program, the Wisconsin program now includes over 36,000 landowners on close to 2 million acres, and the 2007 National Tree Farmer Convention will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the ATFS Tree Farm Program in Wisconsin.

A warm Wisconsin welcome will be waiting for all who are able to attend the convention at Monona Terrace on the shore of Lake Monona. The convention center was originally designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

In past years, the ATFS National Tree Farmer Convention has been open primarily to Tree Farmers and their families. However, the 2007 Convention in Madison will be open to the public, and could make this convention the most diverse and well-attended gathering ever.

With the combination of a vibrant tourism industry and numerous examples of active forest management and sustainable forestry practices available as potential tour stops, this will truly be an exciting event, and one not to be missed.

A Convention Planning Committee is being formed to work with the national ATFS office in developing the field days, tours, and events that will make the 2007 convention an exciting blend of the sights, sounds, and tastes that make Wisconsin unique.

While the convention officially runs from Oct. 11-14, pre- and post-convention tours will add even more opportunities for forestry field days, friendship, and fun!

In the next 18 months, there will be many opportunities for tree farmers in Wisconsin to participate in the convention as volunteers on the various planning subcommittees, and as participants in the field day and convention festivities. The 2007 National Tree Farm Convention will offer many examples of the passion tree farmers in Wisconsin have for managing their family forests in a sustainable manner.

If you are interested in being a volunteer on one of the planning subcommittees, or volunteering at the convention, please contact the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee at 715-445-5991 or e-mail us at [wafc@athenet.net](mailto:wafc@athenet.net) for more information.

Visit the Wisconsin Tree Farm booth at the  
Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association's  
Annual Meeting

September 7th –10th  
Stoney Creek Inn, La Crosse, WI

# Replanting, Restoration, Renewal at the Full Cycle Tree Farm!

## Mark Your Calendars for September 30th!

Meet Nancy Livingston, the 2005 Wisconsin Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year at the Annual Tree Farm Field Day to be held September 30th, 2006 at the Full Cycle Tree Farm in Big Flats, WI.

Nancy, along with many of her neighbors, has been hard at work restoring her woodlands in the wake of the Cottonville Fire. Nancy lost 180 acres to the fire, of which 60 acres has been replanted. The land was originally purchased by her family in 1954. The Full Cycle Tree Farm contains 5 main stands with a mixture of white pine, red pine, jack pine, oak and prairie. The prairie is an ongoing project, and Nancy has experimented with an unusual technique to promote prairie seed dispersal. You can discover more about her experiment at the field day.

Nancy and her family have always been strong supporters of sustainable forestry management. Several foresters have been working with Nancy at the Full Cycle Tree Farm, including Nina Stensberg and Terri Wilson, to achieve Nancy's management goals on the Full Cycle Tree Farm, which in Nancy's own words, "... are to practice quality woodland management activities while maintaining the integrity of the land and promote a place for people to share and enjoy a dose of peace."

The field day will begin at the Big Flats Town Hall. Registration, refreshments, and a silent auction will begin at 8:00 am. At 9:30am, buses will shuttle guests to one of the two field day tours.

Stops along the "East of the River" tour will include a demonstration of fire-fighting equipment, examples of site-prep for seedling planting, and details of the Salvage harvest that took place in the wake of the Cottonville Fire. "West of the River" tour stops will include examples of Firewise techniques to promote fire prevention around Nancy's home and driveway, the results of a stream bank stabilization project, and a tour of Keystone rock, where turkey vultures nest in a cave.

Lunch will be catered, and vendors including representatives from the forest industry in Wisconsin, as well as Conservation groups and State and Federal Agencies will have display tables at the Big Flats Town Hall.

Mark your calendar for September 30th, and feel free to bring along to the field day an item to donate to the silent auction. Be sure to check this edition of the newsletter for a flyer and registration form. Attendance is limited to 100 registrants. For more information, please give the WTFC a call 715-445-5991, e-mail us at [wafc@athenet.net](mailto:wafc@athenet.net), or visit the Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee website at <http://www.witreefarm.org>.

# Tree Farm Field Day 2006

Hosted by Nancy Livingston  
at the Full Cycle Tree Farm  
In Big Flats, WI

Wisconsin Tree Farm  
of the year in 2005



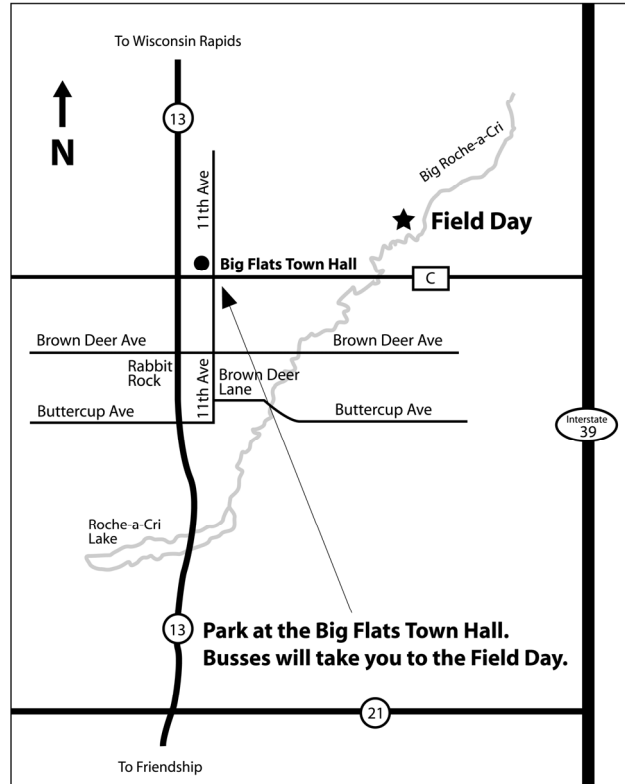
## September 30th, 2006

9:30am to 4:30pm

Events at the Field Day include:

- Demonstration of fire-fighting equipment
- Examples of site-prep for seedling planting
- Tour of mulching project to create Karner blue Butterfly Habitat
- Details of the Salvage Harvest in the aftermath of the Cottonville Fire
- Streambank improvement project
- Discussion of Keystone Rock and turkey vulture nesting site
- A Silent Auction drawing

## FULL CYCLE TREE FARM BIG FLATS, WISCONSIN



### Driving Distances from Major Cities to Adams County, WI

Minneapolis – 210 miles  
Milwaukee – 145 miles  
Madison – 76 miles  
Green Bay – 125 miles  
Chicago – 220 miles



### ANNUAL TREE FARM FIELD DAY

Saturday,  
Sept 30, 2006

2006 Tree Farm Field Day • Full Cycle Tree Farm, Big Flats, WI  
Please make checks payable to : Wisconsin Tree Farm Committee

# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$18.00/person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Wheelchair Access /Assistance Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed registration to: WTFC  
PO Box 285  
Stevens Point, WI 54481-0285

Attendance limited to 100 participants

Registration Due by  
September 22, 2006

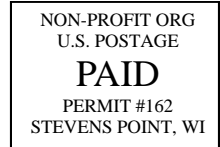
Coffee and Rolls will be provided in the morning

A Catered Lunch will also be provided

To donate an item for the Silent Auction, contact Ruthanne Horning  
email: [cookie@maqs.net](mailto:cookie@maqs.net)

Suggested items include handcrafted wood items, crafts, and unusual or "unique" items

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***Mark Your Calendars!***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
Sept. 7-10	WWOA 2006 Annual Meeting	Stoney Creek Inn La Crosse, WI	For more more information contact the WWOA office at (715) 346-4798 or e-mail <a href="mailto:nbozek@uwsp.edu">nbozek@uwsp.edu</a>
Sept. 30	2006 Annual Tree Farm Field Day	Full Cycle Tree Farm Big Flats, WI	For more more information contact the WTFC at (715) 445-5991 or e-mail <a href="mailto:wffc@athenet.net">wffc@athenet.net</a>
Oct. 19-22	13th Annual National Tree Farmer Convention	Mobile Bay, AL	For more more information contact the ATFS by e-mail at <a href="mailto:info@treefarmssystem.org">info@treefarmssystem.org</a> or visit them on the web at <a href="http://www.treefarmssystem.org">http://www.treefarmssystem.org</a>
Oct. 21	Wisconsin Walnut Council Fall Field Day	SE Wisconsin	Jim Widder (608) 935-2678