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Mississippi
Forestry
Association
2012
Annual Meeting
October 17-19
BancorpSouth Conference Center & Arena
Downtown
Tupelo, Mississippi

Pre-conference workshop - Only the Strong Survive

Recent timber market conditions have implications for forest management, and land investment and financing. These will be explored while also examining the current market trends and outlook for Mississippi's timber markets. Dr. James Henderson, Dr. Ian Munn, and Joe Mallard share their wealth of knowledge on the subject.

Tree Restoration in Smithville

Last year much of Smithville, 35 miles south of Tupelo, was destroyed by a rare EF5 tornado, the largest recordable one. Along with structures many of the town's trees are gone. Let's plant trees to help Smithville return to their original beauty. Trees and lunch will be provided. Bring your favorite tree-planting tool.

Tour and shop downtown Tupelo for spouse/guests

Board a shuttle at 9:00 a.m. from the lobby of the Conference Center. The first stop is His and Hers Antiques and Tea Room for a talk on exotic teas, antique linens and lace. Other stops include Reed's Department store, gift shop and book store; The Tupelo Hardware Store where Elvis's first guitar was purchased; GumTree Museum of Art; Caron Art Gallery, and Midnite Pottery. Tour will return to Conference Center in time for the CFA Luncheon.

Young Professionals and Emerging Leaders Reception

After the banquet the Hilton Garden Inn Restaurant and bar will be available to our young members for networking. Cash bar.

MFA's 75th Annual Meeting

Capture the Moment

Agenda

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

- 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tree Planting in Smithville (lunch provided) - Meet in BancorpSouth Conference Center Lobby at 10 a.m., or meet at Smithville Town Hall at 11 a.m. Bring your favorite tree planting tool.
- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tree Farm Inspector Training - Oak Room, BancorpSouth Conference Center (CFE Cat 2/CLE Cat 1:6 hours)
- 11 a.m. Lunch and Golf, Shotgun start - Big Oaks Golf Club
The club is located on Barnes Crossing Road just north of Tupelo (Saltillo). Go east at the light at the intersection of Highway 45 and Barnes Crossing Road. (Cracker Barrel is at that intersection.) Club is on the right.
- 2 - 4:00 p.m. Only the Strong Survive - Poplar Room, BancorpSouth Conference Center
James Henderson, Ian Munn, Mississippi State University; **Joe Mallard**, Southern Ag Credit (CFE Cat 2/CLE Cat 1:2 hours)
- 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting Registration - Lobby, BancorpSouth Conference Center
- 6 - 7 p.m. Forestry Friends Welcome Reception - BancorpSouth Conference Center

Thursday, October 18

- 7 a.m. MSU College of Forest Resources Alumni Breakfast Oak/Mimosa
(Please preregister)
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors - BancorpSouth Arena
- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Silent Auction Open
- 9 a.m. **General Session: Capture the Moment** BancorpSouth Arena
(CFE Cat. 1-CF: 3 hours/CLE Cat. I: 3 hours)
- How to Manage Your Land in Today's Market**
Kevin Cain, Director, Gulf States Region
Rayonier
Pensacola, Florida
- Managing for Wildlife**
Chuck Sykes, Wildlife Biologist and Television Host
The Management Advantage
Wetumpka, Alabama
- Foreign Markets for Forest Products**
David Barge, President
Barge Forest Products and Barge Timberlands
Macon, Mississippi
- 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Spouse/Guests Event - Shopping and touring in downtown Tupelo
Visit an antique store for a lesson on teas; an art museum; Tupelo Hardware where Elvis's first guitar was purchased; Reed's Department Store and Midnite Pottery.

12 noon **MFA County Forestry Assn. Officers/Directors Luncheon** BancorpSouth
(CFE Cat. 2/CLE Cat. I: 1 hour) Conference Center

Sid Salter, Journalist in Residence
Mississippi State University
Mississippi State, Mississippi

CFA and Tree Farm Awards

Tech Session and Tour
(CFE Cat. 1-CF/CLE Cat. I: 3 hours)

2 p.m. **Managing Risks for Forestland Owners** BancorpSouth Arena
Mark Fryer, President, Tim Lowrimore, Account Executive
Davis-Garvin Agency
Columbia, South Carolina

Tour of Homan Farms (Limited Space) - Board bus from lobby of BancorpSouth
Conference Center for a tour of a multi-use farm.

5 p.m. **Association of Consulting Foresters MS Chapter Meeting** BancorpSouth Arena

6:30 p.m. **President's Reception** Exhibit Area, BancorpSouth Arena

7 p.m. **President's Banquet**, Presiding: **Wayne Tucker**, MFA President BancorpSouth
Speaker, **Stephen Kirkpatrick**, Wildlife and Nature Photographer Conference Center
(CFE Cat 1/CLE Cat. I: 1 hour)
Awards Presentations

9:00 p.m. **Young Professionals and Emerging Leaders Reception** Hilton Garden Inn Restaurant
Cash Bar

Friday, October 19

7 - 9 a.m. Exhibits Open, Silent Auction, Coffee Exhibit Halls

7:30 a.m. **MFA Board of Directors Meeting** BancorpSouth Arena
(CLE Cat. I: 1 hour)

9 -10:30 a.m. **MFA Awards Breakfast/Membership Meeting** Ballroom
(CFE Cat. 2/CLE Cat. I: 1.5 hours)

The Economic Impact of Waterways on Northeast Mississippi and Beyond
Jack Reed, Jr. Mayor, City of Tupelo
Tupelo, Mississippi

Awards Presentations

10:45 - 11:45 **Ethics for Foresters**
Andy Londo
(CFE Cat 1-FCA/CLE Cat. I: 1 hour)
(Complimentary to meeting registrants - all others \$50 payable at the session)

For additional
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Hotel Information

Overnight rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn adjoining the conference facilities at \$115 per night, double or single. To make reservations call 662-718-5500 and ask for the Mississippi Forestry Association room block. Additional rooms are available at the Courtyard by Marriott (1320 North Gloster Street) for a \$99 per night room rate. To reserve a room at the Courtyard call 662-841-9960. Room reservations should be made by **September 17** to be assured of these per night rates.

