

2015 CHARLES DEAM FOREST STEWARDSHIP AWARD INFORMATION AND RULES

**Sponsored by the
INDIANA FORESTRY & WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

In appreciation of Charles Deam's contribution toward many of the forestry programs and information that we now enjoy, the Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association sponsors the Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award contest which seeks annually to find the forest landowner who is carrying out the best forest stewardship program within their ownership.

CONTEST OBJECTIVE

We wish to recognize and reward woodland owners who have demonstrated exceptional management of their forest resources.

NOMINATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

Nominations can be made by any person or organization. The nominator should contact the landowner and get permission before making the nomination and provide basic contact information for the landowner. A landowner may nominate himself for the award.

Any private landowner possessing 10 acres or more of woodland property within the state of Indiana and who has owned said woodland property for no less than 1 (one) full year is eligible. The owner must have a written forest management plan that has been approved by a professional forester.* A Deam award state winner shall be ineligible for a period of 5 (five) years after receiving the award. Area nominees or finalists can be re-nominated at any time. Directors of IFWOA and IFEF are not eligible for the award during their term of office.

TIMETABLE

All nomination forms should be sent directly to: Claude Diehl, c/o IFWOA, 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906-9431. Forms may be emailed to ifwoa1@gmail.com.

Nomination forms will be distributed by **May 10th** each year.

All nominations must be returned to the address above no later than **July 1st** each year. Area judging (selection of the 5 Area finalists) shall be completed by **August 15** each year.

Judging of the 5 area finalists and selection of the State Deam Award recipient shall be completed by **October 1** each year.

*A professional forester for this is defined as someone with at least a bachelor's degree from a Society of American Forester's accredited institution.

RECOGNITION

The awards presentation will be at the IFWOA Annual Meeting, which is normally held on the first Saturday in November of each year. Each of the Area finalists may bring one (1) guest to the banquet and their nominating forester and their guest compliments of the association. We will have a slideshow presentation about each property and recognize each Area finalist and the state winner.

The Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award winner receives **a check for \$100, a sign to post outdoors, and a plaque.** A plaque is also presented to their forester. The remaining Area finalists each receive a plaque and an outdoor sign. A plaque is also presented to their forester.

ABOUT CHARLES DEAM

Charles Deam was one of Indiana's early pioneers in the awareness for the need to protect woodlands from fire and livestock, and to encourage forest landowners to do a better job of managing their woods. Deam was concerned, early on, that the needs of Indiana's forest industries could not be met if forest landowners did not begin to take a greater interest in the proper management of their forest resources. Even though botanizing was his first love, his involvement with other early conservationists and with the Forestry Commission (forerunner to Indiana's Division of Forestry) was instrumental in laying a firm foundation for the practice of forestry in Indiana.

Deam experimented with tree planting soon after the state purchased its first State Forest in 1903. The remnants of many of his early plantings can still be found at Clark State Forest where he also experimented with woods improvement. He was very much involved in encouraging the legislature in 1921 to pass the Forest Classification Law. Because of the incentive offered by this program to private forest landowners, it has been the backbone of forestry in Indiana.

Though Deam was a pharmacist by trade, he became Indiana's first State Forester. Realizing his limitations and the fact that he wished to devote his full time to botanizing, he received permission in 1926 to hire the state's first professional forester as the Assistant State Forester.

Past Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award winners

2015

Ray Acres Family Farm

Larry and Rod Ray and families

2013 (co-winners)

Our Oak Grove Farm – Warren Baird & Family

Everett & Phyllis Ballentine

2012

Mark Hildebrand

2011

Baker Forest Company – Dean Baker & Family

2010

Carl & Barbara Diehl

