

MISSOURI ForestKeepers MONITOR



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2011 Forestkeepers Conference



THE ANNUAL FORESTKEEPERS

Conference was held August 10th, in Cuba, Missouri, home of McGinnis Wood Products. Leroy and Jack McGinnis treated Forestkeepers to a unique tour of the McGinnis stave mill and cooperage. Forestkeepers were astonished by the scale and labor poured into making each exceptional barrel. From the largest stockpile of air-cured white oak on the planet, skilled workers hone Missouri grown

wood into world-class barrels. McGinnis barrels are prized for both craftsmanship and the unique flavor they impart to whisky and wine. Southeastern Missouri's nutrient poor, rocky soil is a boon for the McGinnises. The soil quality causes trees to grow slowly, creating a strong, dense wood, impervious to water and perfect for aging wine and whiskey. Coupled with the fine flavor imparted by the wood, Missouri oak barrels are prized the world over.



2011 FORESTKEEPER CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS

YOUTH OUTREACH AWARD

Richard Hashagen, *Phelps County*

EXCELLENCE IN MAST SURVEYING

Ron Powell, *Boone County*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Robert Kipfer, *Greene County*

LANDOWNER OF THE YEAR

Robert Dugger, *Scotland County*

FANTASTIC FORESTKEEPER AWARD

William & Susan Schuler, *Johnson County*

What's Happening with Trees in Joplin?

THIS COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING DUQUESNE, sustained a tremendous amount of damage from the EF-5 tornado that struck on May 22, 2011. More than 160 lives were lost, as were hundreds of businesses and homes. More than 10,000 mature trees were destroyed as well. The Federal Emergency Management Assistance agency, along with State disaster teams, worked to remove tree and other vegetation debris.

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Forest Woodland Association

THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (MDC) has always striven to reach private landowners with forestry assistance, guidance and news. Given that most of the land in Missouri is privately owned, this educational outreach approach benefits everyone in the region.

The newly created Forest Woodland's Association (FWAM) fills a niche in the overall picture of Missouri's forestry-related groups — an organization devoted to citizen advocacy for forestry issues. While there are many forestry-related groups in Missouri, FWAM was designed to usher in new ideas and cutting-edge research, and give



Missourians access to fledgling practices such as emerging markets for green certified wood products. The Internet will be utilized to connect

landowners to online resources. Field days and classes will also be an important part of the program and used to actively engage

Missouri landowners. Under the leadership of newly appointed executive director, Bob Ball of Columbia, Missouri, FWAM promises to be an exciting organization of great interest to Forestkeepers.

Learn more at www.forestandwoodland.org or call 573-268-7262.



Heritage Woods Program Continues to Grow

Since the Forestkeepers Network launched the new Heritage Woods program for Missouri landowners, 84 families have received this recognition. For more information about the Heritage Woods program, visit www.forestkeepers.org or contact Forest ReLeaf at (1-888-936-7378).

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Since the devastating storm, many groups have emerged to assist with fundraising and reforestation efforts in the region. Facebook pages have been created by people eager to help citizens plant trees and at least one new

nonprofit organization, A Tree Grows in Joplin, was created specifically for this purpose. To bring interested parties together to address the long term tree replacement needs in the region, Governor Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon convened a Roundtable Discussion on October 5, 2011 in Joplin. State government participants in the meeting included Missouri Department of Conservation director, Robert Ziehmer, Dan Paige, deputy director for Missouri State Parks and Julie Gibson, director of the Missouri

Department of Economic Development. Municipal officials from Joplin and Duquesne, the superintendent of Joplin School District were also in attendance. Forestry-related nonprofit organizations, such as the Audobon Society, Missouri Botanical Garden and Forest ReLeaf of Missouri shared their perspectives, expertise and offers continued support as well.

Both Joplin and Duquesne have a long way to go to bring back the urban forests in their communities. There are also many opportunities to rebuild parks and public green spaces. The MDC will continue to monitor these efforts and keep members of the FKN updated on progress, as well as sharing ideas for how Forestkeepers can help.



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