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Maryland Forests Association, Inc.

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## From the President's Pen

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BELLY UP TO THE BAR!

As we move into the closing months of 2012 I feel confident telling you that MFA will end the year in good fiscal order. We have a significant operating surplus, we started a third scholarship, and we have a staff devoted to our external and internal needs. Our Education Committee offered over twelve educational activities this year and our website continues to mature. We look forward to our Tree Farm/Working Lands tours which will be held on October 13th and our Annual membership meeting which is scheduled for November 16th. Our Legislative Committee had a very active and successful year representing you. MFA is active and involved!

We do have a challenge. MFA is a membership organization. We need our members to be active participants. If members are not devoting time to MFA we will not be able to continue. Please get involved in our Board of Governors and become an active participant of MFA. Please attend and participate in our November 16 Annual meeting. We need your talent! We need volunteers to serve on the MFA Board of Governors for three year terms. We have seven vacancies available- one of them is waiting for you! **Active membership is critical to MFA's future.**

Belly up to the bar – MFA needs you!

Have fun in the woods!

John

## Recipient of the Richard Stanfield Scholarship Fall 2012

In honor of Dick Stanfield, MFA developed the Richard Stanfield Memorial Scholarship. This Scholarship is available for members (or children of members) of MFA or Employees (or children) of Edrich Lumber Company.

I am proud to announce our first recipient, Jacqueline Copek, Freshman at West Virginia University, daughter of MFA member, Rusty Walker.

### Jacqueline Copek

My name is Jacqueline Copek and I am currently a freshman at West Virginia University. My father, Rusty Walker, is a Maryland forester who also attended WVU. I live in Carroll County Maryland and love being so close to so many beautiful things! Having gone through Carroll County Public Schools, I had the opportunity to spend a week at Hashawha Environment Center in middle school. This was without a doubt one of my favorite school experiences. While in Outdoor School, I had the chance to learn about different environmental issues and learn to truly enjoy and appreciate nature, as well as how important it is to be mindful of my impact on Nature.

After that week I was constantly trying to get my family out on the many trails Maryland has. We started hiking all around Maryland and got to see a bunch of different trails, overlooks, and waterfalls. It is something I truly miss in being away from my family.

This past summer my sister and I traveled to Costa Rica to run a summer camp for local children. Looking back on that experience I realize that those children taught me more than I could have imagined. In Costa Rica everyone is so conscious of the environment and everyone does what they can to minimize their environmental footprint. I was so in awe of how everyone recycled what they could, composted their food, and took advantage of the resources they are provided with. While white water rafting down a beautiful river we got to see so many different species of plants and animals it blew my mind. The trees in the rainforest even appeared to be greener than they are here in the states. We also got the chance to go to the hot water springs which I can honestly say was one of the most memorable parts of my trip. To think that an inactive volcano could heat water so hot is amazing. The water was so clean and nature was so peaceful it was impossible not to relax.

Upon returning to the states, I continued to work at a summer camp for kids enrolled with Social Services and did what I could to teach them about respecting nature the way the Ticos (Costa Ricans) do. We started recycling what we could and encouraged the kids to recycle at home as well.

I feel I deserve this scholarship because though I am not forestry major; nature is still a large part of my life. Living on such a beautiful campus I often sit outside to do my homework, study and even relax. Because I spend so much of my time in nature I feel it is my responsibility to respect its resources and try to get others to do the same. With this scholarship I can continue to help people, get an education, and try to teach others the importance of valuing nature. Thank you for taking the time to consider me for this great opportunity.



Tax Deductible donations to the Dick Stanfield Memorial Scholarship can be sent to:

MFA, PO Box PO Box 42016, Baltimore MD 21284.

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**Central Region**

Chris Holmgren	Montgomery	Secondary FPI	2012
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**Staff**

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**Founded in 1976**, MFA is a nonprofit [501(c)(3)] organization of forest landowners, foresters, loggers, wood-using industries and resource-based interests.

**The mission of Maryland Forests Association is to conserve and enhance forests in Maryland by:**

- *increasing awareness of the diverse, public benefits of forests;*
- *supporting the sustainable use of forest resources;*
- *promoting economic opportunity for forest landowners; and*
- *maintaining a viable local forest products industry.*

Membership benefits include subscriptions to *The Crosscut*, *Legislative Updates*, *MFA E-news*, and participation in the *Safety Group Insurance*, *Timberland Liability* and *Hunting Lease Liability Insurance* programs.

**For more information on membership visit us on the web at [www.mdforests.org](http://www.mdforests.org)**

NOTE this issue is a FULLY printed issue due to the Annual Meeting Registration.

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION  
 OPENS INNOVATIVE WOOD STOVE GRANT  
 PILOT PROGRAM: \$50,000 in Grants  
 Available for Residential Clean Wood and  
 Pellet Stoves

On September 7, 2012, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) began accepting grant applications for clean burning wood stove installations that displace electric or non-natural gas fossil fuel heating systems as part of its Residential Clean Energy Grant Program. This is the first in a series of activities that MEA plans to implement to help develop the bioenergy market in Maryland. "This program allows clean and renewable energy to be brought right into the homes of Marylanders, while advancing the endeavors of our growing bioenergy sector," said Fred Hoover, MEA's Director of Clean Energy.

\$50,000 will be available to Maryland home owners who purchase and install approved stick (log) or pellet wood stoves on a first-come, first-served basis. For each individual stove purchased and installed, \$400 will be available for stick wood stoves that are Environmental Protection Agency certified and emit no more than 3 grams of PM/hr., and \$600 for pellet wood stoves that meet Washington Emission Standards and emit no more than 2 grams of PM/hr.

This initiative has been championed by Delegate Heather Mizeur (D- Montgomery County), who praised MEA's efforts to implement this cost saving program. "Modern wood and pellet stoves offer rural families a way to take charge of their clean energy future," said Del. Mizeur. "Thanks to MEA for establishing this valuable grant program."

For more information on the pilot program or to apply for a grant, please visit: <http://energy.maryland.gov/Residential/woodstoves/index.html>



# Workshops, Educational Activities & Events 2012

## GPS Workshop for Woodland Owners and Managers

Western Maryland Research and Education Center,  
Keedysville, MD

October 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Handheld GPS receivers are a great resource for landowners, natural resource professionals, and other outdoor recreationists. Current GPS units are accurate (+/- 15 feet) and can be used for marking hunting locations, boundaries, structures, streams, your vehicle location, as well as for fun activities such as geocaching. Professional natural resource managers can save valuable field time by using GPS with a computer to locate inventory plots, access roads, outline timber sale and property boundaries, direct customers to sale locations, and much more. For more information, contact Pam Thomas at [301-432-2767 ext. 375](tel:301-432-2767) or email [pthomas@umd.edu](mailto:pthomas@umd.edu).

## *Maryland Woodlands Stewards Fall Refresher*

Carroll Manor Grange Hall, Adamstown MD  
October 20, 2012, \$10

This refresher workshop is designed for participants in the Maryland Woodland Stewards Program (formerly the Coverts Project) and those interested in participating in the 2013 volunteer training workshop. Morning sessions will focus on sharing successes and challenges, and ideas for moving the program forward. The afternoon field session will focus on a tour of the Stronghold/Sugarloaf Demonstration Forest, which features a variety of forest harvest types in different states of regrowth.

[Jhopkin2@umd.edu](mailto:Jhopkin2@umd.edu) or [410-827-8056](tel:410-827-8056)

## *GPS Workshop for Woodland Owners and Managers*

## MD/DE Society of American Foresters: Agroforestry and Non-Timber Forest Products

Middletown, DE  
November 1, 2012.  
Details coming soon!

[www.alleghenysaf.org/mddesaf.htm](http://www.alleghenysaf.org/mddesaf.htm)

## The Nature Conservancy: Inland Dune Ecology and Management Workshop

Furnace Town, Snow Hill, MD  
November 7, 2012. 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join professional foresters and loggers to learn about locally relevant biodiversity practices and techniques. The morning includes information about rare plant and animal ecology, as well as a walking tour of inland dune habitats. Contact information coming soon.

## MD/DE Master Logger: Log Truck Rules and Regulations

Mechanicsville Fire Company, Mechanicsville, MD

MD/DE Master Logger: Log Truck Rules and  
Regulations

Allegany College, Cumberland, MD  
November 15, 2012. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., \$35  
[Jhopkin2@umd.edu](mailto:Jhopkin2@umd.edu) or [410-827-8056](tel:410-827-8056)

University of Maryland, College Park MD  
November 10, 2012. 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## Accelerating Maryland's Wood Energy Industry – A Discussion on

Public Policy, the Environment, and Economic Opportunities

Annapolis, MD  
November 14, 2012

This one-day gathering that will bring together experts in the commercial and residential biomass sector. The event will explore the critical milestones that Maryland must reach to increase adoption of clean, affordable wood energy systems, and lay out a roadmap to make it happen. Contact Jonathan Kays at University of Maryland Extension at [jkays@umd.edu](mailto:jkays@umd.edu) for more information.



# Recipient of the 2012 Master Logger Award

The MD/DE Master Logger Steering Committee is pleased to announce Brian Blickenstaff as the 2012 Logger of the Year.



Brian runs a one-man logging operation that has maintained its place in today's tough market by specializing in small and difficult jobs, and by focusing on excellent customer service and public relations. Brian regularly cuts parcels of less than ten acres, and sometimes works on parcels as small as one half acre. He is skilled in harvesting hazard and property line trees, and is sometimes called in to clean up a job site and harvest the timber left behind by larger logging operations. Most of his jobs are select harvest.

Brian generally runs the skidder and loader, and contracts Coblens Forest Products to do the cutting. Brian has a Wolverine three-wheeled rotary saw tree cutter, but most of the cutting is manual. Other equipment in his mix includes a Peerless 2770 loader with delimeter, a Cat 525 skidder, a slasher saw, and an ATV for seeding. All trucking is also contracted out. Brian does all of his own minor maintenance, and has recently begun sending his oil to a lab for analysis.

Brian cares deeply about aesthetics and makes sure that the landowner is happy with the way a job looks before leaving a site. He designates certain trees as bumper trees for skidding, and removes them and any other damaged trees. **Tops and slash are piled or cut down to six feet high according to the landowner's preference.** Brian is happy to leave a pile of slash in an easily accessible place for firewood. He protects specimen or crop trees by carefully placing large rocks at their base, as guards against logs and equipment. **In his words, "Trying to make each individual happy is the goal" of every logging job.**

Brian is an expert in utilization and marketing, and usually keeps four piles on the landing: firewood, pulpwood, low grade logs, and high grade logs.

Brian has harvested timber in the Frederick City Watershed forest, an area used heavily by the public. The DNR foresters were impressed with his diligence and the cleanliness of his work, and received calls from the public to compliment the job. According to Larry Maxim, a forester with the Maryland Forest Service, **it was "very refreshing to know that it would be a good job. He did it all to near perfection."**

Brian has an excellent reputation with his clients and the foresters he works with, and has managed to maintain a niche for himself as a service provider for small landowners and for difficult harvest jobs in market conditions that have weeded out many similar operations.

# Maryland Forests Association Membership Application



Become part of a dynamic local association working to improve the health of Maryland's forests and green spaces.

Our work improves the health of Maryland's forests and the quality of the Chesapeake Bay. We also promote and encourage the conservation of Maryland's Forest Lands by supporting family forest landowners, woods

workers, and tree professionals. We believe that healthy forests and vibrant forest economics insure sustainability of our forested resources and the resiliency of our Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Become part of an association that truly makes a difference; The Maryland Forests Association !

- Involved with legislative issues which impact forest landowners and forestry businesses.
- Facilitates educational meetings and workshops for our membership and the greater forestry community.
- Provides scholarships for students interested in natural resource careers.
- Networks with other conservation organizations for the greater goods.
- Provides mentoring to family forest landowners.
- Facilitates quality management for forest products operators.
- Fosters social events for our membership.

### 2012 Membership annual dues rates

1. Student .....\$10
2. Landowner/General Public.....\$50
3. Natural Resource Professional..... \$80  
\*you will be listed in our on line directory\*
4. Hunting & Recreational Clubs..... \$80  
\*you must pay your outside club fees /insurance directly to the company.\*
5. Business/Agency/Education/ Organization...\$150
6. Sawmills.....\$300

### 2012 Sponsorship rates:

- A. Corporate Sponsor.....\$500
- B. Agency Sponsor..... \$500

### TOT Endowment Fund:

The T.O.T. scholarship is awarded solely on merit to a full-time student enrolled in the forest technology curriculum or the forestry transfer curriculum of the Allegany College of Maryland. Donations are tax deductible.

## MFA Membership Application

Return w/ payment to:  
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PO Box 42016  
Baltimore, MD 21284

Individual membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ home

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ office

e-mail:

\_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Group or Business membership:

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category (circle one)

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Sponsor Membership Rates (circle one)

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Dues (see rates on back panel) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special tax deductible gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is ANNUAL from 1/1/12 to 12/31/12

Hunt Club Memberships are due 6/1/12 to coincide with insurances. Please pay your insurance fees directly to the company.



# MFA Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation

Friday, November 16th  
4-8pm

Baltimore County  
Agricultural Center  
1114 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030

Please join us for our Annual Member meeting & appreciation!

## Agenda

4pm Wine & Cheese

4:30 pm Opening Remarks—Steve Koehn, MD State Forester

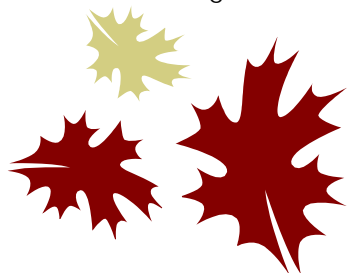
4:45 pm MFA Annual Meeting & Update -John Jastremski, President, MFA

5pm Master Logger Recipient Award, Presented by Bill Cheeseman

5:30-7pm Buffet Dinner

7pm Breakout Sessions

- Jonathan Kays: Hunting/ Landowner Liability, Insurance Programs
- Craig Highfield: Forestry of the Bay
- Chris Holmgren: Forest Products Operators



## Annual Meeting Registration

Deadline for picnic registration is  
November 1st, 2012

Please send Check or Money Order to:  
Maryland Forests Association, Inc. PO Box  
42016 Baltimore, MD 21284

PLEASE list names of all attendees and their affiliation using the set pricing (sample below):

Name of Attendee:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation:

MFA, Tree Farm members, Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$10

Non MFA Member  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$15

Child (under 12)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$5

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_





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