

Northeastern Area



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HAVE YOU “GOOGLED” FORESTRY LATELY?

For an instant lesson on contemporary culture, it's hard to beat an Internet search. It serves up-to-the-minute information, sorted by popularity. The leading search engine is Google, which finds relevant Web pages using technology called PageRank. Google says PageRank “relies on the uniquely democratic nature of the Web by using its vast link structure as

an indicator of an individual page's value.”

So what does this have to do with forests and forestry? Well, if forest information seekers start with Google's directory, as many do, we and our agencies — and forestry as a science, for that matter — are virtually invisible.

Why should we care? Because according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau report, 65.6 percent of American adults use a computer. Usage has grown by about 5 percent per year since 1997, a rate that's expected to continue. Among children aged 17 or younger, 9 out of 10 use the computer for schoolwork. Clearly, we have an incredible opportunity to share information and contribute to learning about forestry and conservation!

The challenge we face is that anyone looking for general information on forests and forestry is going to have a hard time finding us. Our forestry information quest via Google's directory would start with the category, *science*. We find 24 choices—none of them forestry. *Agriculture* is there, though.

Under *environment*, we find *forests*, but what's this? The subcategory is *forests and rainforests*. The search is taking us to an unexpected destination, one laden with political overtones. Interestingly, *biodiversity* and *sustainability* — cornerstones of modern forestry — are listed alongside, but separate from, forests.

Under *forests and rainforests* we're offered *agroforestry*, *forest activism*, *forest ecology*, or *urban forests*. Not one Forest Service or State forestry site pops up under *agroforestry* or *forest activism*. *Forest ecology*? We find only *canopy research* or *forest insects and diseases*. In *canopy research*, our agencies are virtually invisible. In *forest insects and diseases* we fare better — there are links to Forest Pest Alerts, State projects, and other sites that reference our information. But it's taken five clicks into subcategories to get there.

Finally, under *urban forests*, we hit pay dirt: the Morris Arboretum Urban Forestry Center and the USDA Forest Service Urban Forestry Research unit in Syracuse, New York. At other sites, links steer us to Forest Service publications or Web sites.

Let's explore *sustainability* and *biodiversity* for a moment. Neither lists a single Forest Service, State forestry, or general forest information site. Instead, we find topics such as *ecofeminism* and *deep ecology*! Are these more relevant than basic forest and forestry information? They are apparently more popular, at least.



Making it onto PageRank's radar screen depends not only on creating appealing Web sites, but also on helping people find them. Information technology staff can help steer search engines to our sites. It's a numbers game: how many hits do we generate, either on our own or via links to our information? We must learn how to use key words and actively encourage conservation sites to link to ours.

With the growing dominance of Internet-based learning, we need to reassess how we allocate our organization's information and education resources. We must critically evaluate our investments and the relative values of the tools we use (publications, workshops, student-accessed Web sites) and what audiences we reach.

Finally, we need to acknowledge people's connection to nature and the influence of "popular" perspectives as we discuss fundamental, science-based forest management. Our Web sites should reflect our love of nature. After all, isn't that why most of us pursued a career in natural resources to begin with? Our ability to pursue the science—and the art—of forestry in the future will be influenced by how we connect what we do with those who care about the environment and forests!

— Kathy Maloney

2003 MARKS AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT-FREE GYPSY MOTH AERIAL APPLICATION SEASON

Throughout 2003, aviation professionals are celebrating the "Centennial of Flight" across our Nation, marking the great strides and accomplishment of Orville Wright's first powered flight. The fundamentals of this inaugural flight are the very same fundamentals incorporated in aircraft flown today in all our aviation programs and projects, including our gypsy moth (GM) suppression and eradication projects. Agricultural aircraft, both fixed-wing airplanes and rotary-wing helicopters, are contracted to apply environmentally safe pesticide over infested forests in an effort to preserve our Nation's timber from being destroyed.

The 2003 aerial application projects were successfully flown within the GM suppression and eradication program in the Northeastern Area. Another GM project is Slow-the-Spread (STS), which continues throughout States and national forests in the Southern Region, Eastern Region, and Northeastern Area. The STS work continues as this article is written. "Aviation safety is always top priority and a very critical factor toward successfully achieving outstanding results," stated Dan Zimmerman, the Northeastern Area's Aviation Officer. The effort by all GM project personnel and the Field Aviation Officers' commitment to safety and security of aircraft operations are greatly appreciated by Dan. Your dedication, training, and hard work contributed to the continued success of this program. Job well done!

Army Environmental Center Notes

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN TOKYO

In early June, **Larry Soenen**, Forest Service watershed specialist at U.S. Marine Corps Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan, attended the 2003 Joint Environmental Conference in Tokyo, Japan. Larry presented his work on red soil runoff programs (erosion control) at Camp Butler to Department of Defense Environmental Specialists throughout Asia. The attendees thought the Forest Service and Marine Corps formed an interesting partnership and that the Forest Service brought much needed expertise to Camp Butler. In fact, several attendees asked how they could get Forest Service help at their installations. Larry has found that people are much more receptive to technical recommendations when they can make an agency connection. While in Tokyo, Larry was also able to build on the partnership Camp Butler has started with The Nature Conservancy and Keio University.



NA AND REGION 9 COLLABORATE ON FIRE TRAINING IN SOUTH KOREA

Fight fire aggressively but provide for safety first.
진화작업은 적극적으로 그러나 안전확보를 먼저.



Whether in English or Hangul (Korean), the message is the same. That message was delivered by **Mark Cleveland** from NA, Thomas ‘Nort’ Phillips from the Green Mountain NF, and Jim Flores from the Hiawatha NF as they conducted wildland firefighting courses for the Eighth U.S. Army in South Korea in June (see photo). The first week’s students were those fire and emergency services personnel who went through the basic firefighting courses (S130-Firefighter Training and S190-Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior) in April 2002 taught by Mark, Nort, and another Region 9 firefighter. About 30 students went

through S131-Advanced Firefighter Training, S234-Firing Methods and Procedures, and I100-Introduction to Incident Command System. These advanced students were then instructed on how to teach the basic courses – a train the trainer section, I-410 Facilitators Course. The students translated various sections of S130/S190 into Korean for the 30 students in the basic course held during the second week.

CULTURAL RESOURCES EXPLORED NEAR MANCHESTER, NH

In mid-June, **Rob Whetsell**, NA historian/archeologist based on the Monongahela National Forest, and Milo McLeod, Lolo National Forest archeologist in Montana, inventoried cultural resources at New Boston Air Force Station, New Hampshire. Rob and Milo conducted background research on previously known but unrecorded World War II sites at New Boston, including two observation towers for the bombing range. They also recorded a granite slab bridge built in the early 1800s. Their research with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer determined that the bridge is only one of eight known granite slab bridges in New Hampshire. Karl Roenke, White Mountain National Forest archeologist, joined Rob and Milo for a day exploring the homestead of Luther Melindy, a leading abolitionist of his time. Rob will be working with local experts to document the importance of the homestead in the Underground Railroad system. Karl and the New Boston natural/cultural resources manager are exploring projects that will benefit both the Air Force and the Forest Service.

Durham Field Office Notes

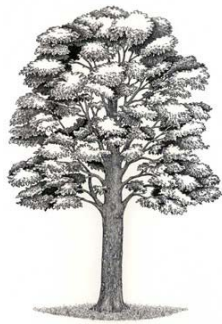
DURHAM CRC RECOGNIZES GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE MONTH

In honor of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, the Durham Civil Rights Committee offered a brownbag lunch presentation of *The Times of Harvey Milk*, an Academy Award-winning documentary profiling California’s first openly gay public official. Milk entered San Francisco’s political scene in 1978 with his election to the city council and was a major force in uniting the city’s gay community. A year later, his promising career was cut short when he and Mayor George Moscone were shot and killed by city council member Dan White. Not only had Milk been a major force in uniting the city’s gay community, he had established himself as a tireless spokesman for all minorities, the aged, and neighborhood groups.

Employees who viewed the movie left with a renewed sense of the man and his legacy. “For me, the movie was a lesson in the cost of intolerance,” observed Bernie Raimo, “and the importance of the contributions people make, no matter how different they may be.”



DURHAM'S ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Original artwork by Donna Nelson

Not only does **Donna Nelson** greet Durham's visitors with friendly courtesy and handle the front desk with proficiency and poise, she is a talented illustrator as well. Some of her artwork has been used for the Forest Stewardship Program, including this drawing of an oak that appeared in the Summer 2003 issue of the Forest Stewardship Information Exchange.

Donna also crafted an illustration of an interesting microinvertebrate called the tardigrade, or water bear, which lives in the water film on leaves of mosses and on lichens. Tardigrades have claws and slightly resemble terrestrial bears by their lumbering gait. Donna examined the original specimens under a microscope at a total of 250-power magnification to create the original drawing. Thank you, Donna, for your love of nature and your great artistic talents!



Original artwork by Donna Nelson

GUEST SPEAKER AT MCINTOSH COLLEGE

Susan Cox continued as guest speaker for the environmental science class at McIntosh College in Dover, New Hampshire. McIntosh programs focus on business, medical, and computer careers; the environmental science course is a general education elective. Most students had never heard of the USDA Forest Service or the White Mountain National Forest, less than 100 miles away. Susan's talk introduced students to the mission and goals of the Forest Service, some basic forest facts, and then focused on forest health, especially invasive forest pests. Students appreciated the chance to learn about local forest issues.



Sawmillers and fine woodworkers attending the Nebraska Kiln Drying Workshop in Springview, Nebraska (with a couple of four-legged friends).

NEBRASKA KILN DRYING WORKSHOP

Dean Huber traveled to Springview, Nebraska (population 289), to present a basic level workshop on lumber drying May 22 through 23. Yes, there are trees and a wood products industry in Nebraska! The workshop, sponsored by Niobrara Valley Wood Products, LLC, through the North Central Nebraska RC&D, served an audience of small sawmillers and fine woodworkers from northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota. Dean reported that this workshop was particularly challenging and rigorous due to the quality of participation and the questions asked by the group. According to Bob Dettmann, the Forest Service rural development and utilization and marketing specialist who requested Dean's participation, "Niobrara Valley

Wood Products is a prime example of community-based forest stewardship in action. With just a bit of assistance, these individuals can produce great results on the ground."

Gene Lehnert, the RC&D's Program Coordinator, added, "One of the participants has already made adjustments to his kiln facility, and additional kiln capacity is being planned in the future. This workshop will enable the members of Niobrara Valley Wood Products to become more efficient, increase production, and produce a better value-added product. Having the workshop in Nebraska gave local people the opportunity to attend without having to travel a great distance to a 'forestry State.' "





The EAP program review team at a site visit to the Thomson Family Tree Farm: (standing, left to right) Rob Clark, Dean Huber, Lew McCreery, Terry Mace, Tom Thomson, Jason Stock, executive director of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association; (kneeling) Sarah Smith, Don Winsor of HHP Corp., a hardwood sawmill.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ECONOMIC ACTION PROGRAM REVIEW

Landowner Tom Thomson hosted the NA Economic Action Program Review Team on its recent sweep through New Hampshire, May 27 through 30. Tom and his family actively manage over 2,600 acres around their home in Orford, New Hampshire, as well as in Vermont. The forest was hard hit by the 1998 ice storm; therefore, markets for low-grade and small-diameter wood are important for rebuilding the forest's health and value.

Other stops on the review included the Northern Forest Heritage Park in Berlin, which celebrates the working forest and was established with support from EAP programs; visits with local and regional economic development organizations; a walk through the Project Learning Tree Demonstration Forest adjacent to the TIMCO sawmill; and, of course, in-depth discussions with New Hampshire State Forester Phil Bryce.

Other members of the review team included **Rob Clark** and **Dean Huber** of the Durham Field Office; **Lew McCreery**, EAP Coordinator, Morgantown, West Virginia; Terry Mace, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and Sarah Smith, UNH Cooperative Extension. Despite the voracious appetite of the State's black flies, the review team was able to observe ongoing EAP program success as well as develop a sense of current issues affecting rural communities.

Grey Towers Notes

NEW PA DCNR SECRETARY VISITS GREY TOWERS

Michael DiBerardinis, the newly appointed Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, facilitated a "town meeting" at Grey Towers recently during a whirlwind tour of northeastern Pennsylvania. Grey Towers served as the perfect setting to bring together stakeholders, area residents, and community leaders to discuss conservation and recreation issues and needs. DiBerardinis heard about water quality, land use and planning, deer management, and ATV use on State lands, to name a few of the topics shared by the 60+ participants.

READING RANGER PROGRAM PROMOTES LITERACY, CONSERVATION EDUCATION

A unique children's program that promotes literacy while teaching environmental awareness is once again being held at Grey Towers. The summer Reading Ranger program is free and open to the public and consists of a story hour and related activity. The program is designed to encourage reading during the summer months and to introduce environmental topics such as recycling, water quality, and wildlife habitats.



PA GOVERNOR NAMES PINCHOT INSTITUTE BOARD MEMBER TO COMMITTEE

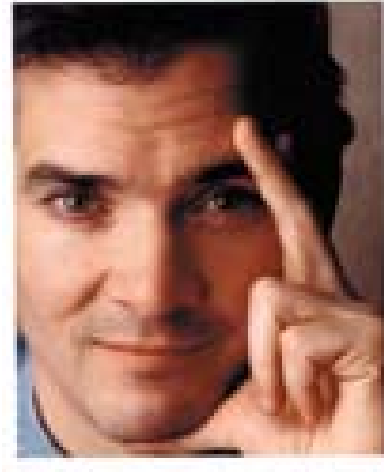
Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell has chosen Pinchot Institute Board Member Sean Strub to be one of his appointees on the Pennsylvania Travel and Tourism Partnership.

The 17-member Travel and Tourism Partnership is charged with creating and administering the Commonwealth's travel marketing and tourism promotion matching grant programs. Members include the chairs of relevant committees in the Pennsylvania Senate and Assembly and statutory positions designated for representatives from various industries in the State, including hotels, restaurants, historic sites, transportation, and campgrounds.

Tourism is Pennsylvania's second largest industry, generating \$17.4 billion in annual direct and indirect traveler spending; \$1.4 billion in annual Federal, State, and local taxes; and employing more than 300,000 people.

Strub, a Milford-based entrepreneur and publisher, has played a leading role in revitalizing Milford's historic reputation as a tourist mecca. He is actively involved in Pinchot Institute events at Grey Towers.

"I look forward to serving on the Travel and Tourism Partnership and am honored by the Governor's appointment. During his campaign he came to Milford, toured Grey Towers, and gained a good understanding of the potential for economic growth we have in this area," Strub said.



THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF FOLK MUSIC



For the first time in more than 10 years, the sound of music was once again heard at the historic outdoor amphitheatre at Grey Towers. A folk concert featuring the music and dancing of the celebrated Canadian folk quartet, Barachois, was held as part of the Kindred Spirits Chamber Music Series. Approximately 280 visitors relaxed on the sloping hillside to hear Barachois (pronounced *bara schwa*) as they offered a heady mixture of percussion, fiddling, harmonica, foot rhythms, and singing, sauced with a liberal helping of humor.

The Barachois Folk Concert is part of the Conservation and Arts Program sponsored by the Pinchot Institute at Grey Towers. It is a different offering from the popular Chamber Music Series, now in its second year. The music program is intended to illustrate the link between

nature and art, a concept first recognized and supported by James Pinchot. Folk music is a logical outgrowth of the chamber music series, with some key differences. Folk music is a direct outgrowth of cultures that still have deep and direct ties to native land. Farmers, fishermen, hunters, and pioneers did not need the veneer of high culture to create exciting and meaningful music. Using their voices, feet, hands, and bodies, and adding guitars, fiddles, harmonicas, drums, and other instruments, people living close to the land created music that expressed the immediate joys and sorrows of their life, music that has a deep, almost universal, appeal.





GREY TOWERS FEATURED DURING MILFORD'S SECRET GARDEN TOUR

One of the highlights of the summer season in the Milford, Pennsylvania, area is the annual Milford Garden Club's Secret Garden Tour. This much-anticipated event is a major fundraiser for the group, and it is an honor to have your garden placed on the tour. This year, Grey Towers was honored to be placed on the tour. Horticulturist Elizabeth Hawke and her volunteer Horticulture Team, comprised primarily of Milford Garden Club members, began planting the beds around the Gatehouse in 2002. After just one year, these gardens were featured on the 2003 tour, one of just eight locations to be featured. Nearly 200 visitors came to see the gardens and tour Grey Towers during the event.

Morgantown Field Office Notes

COLORADO WILDFIRE ACADEMY

The 10th Annual Colorado Wildfire Academy was held on the campus of Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, June 8 through 14, 2003. Attendees from the Morgantown Field Office included **Helen Butalla** and **Frank Cromer**. Both completed training in Computer Technical Assistant (CTSP) and Incident Business Management (S-260). The Academy brought together more than 900 firefighters from various Federal, State, county, local, and private organizations across the country, as well as a few international attendees.



In addition to classroom training in more than 40 courses covering a broad spectrum of wildland firefighting requirements, the Academy provided a vendor trade show that displayed the latest in firefighting equipment. As a special treat, Academy attendees were bused out to the local airfield for a demonstration of some of the equipment, including portable foam trucks, as shown, and a Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) which performed a live retardant drop.

Next year's Academy will be held in Glenwood Springs, well known for its resorts and recreational opportunities and as the site where legendary cowboy Doc Holiday died and is buried. Information about this year's Academy can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cowildfireacademy.com/>.

PA STATE FOREST DRAFT PLAN RELEASED

The Pennsylvania DCNR released its draft State Forest Resource Management Plan for public review and comment. Since the last plan was prepared, the resources, values, and uses of Pennsylvania's forest have changed dramatically. The draft plan takes an ecosystem approach with a goal of forest sustainability in order to provide an array of



resources, uses, and values for current and future generations. The 450-page document provides the most comprehensive view of the forests to date. The draft plan incorporates public comments generated by an extensive public involvement process that began in 1998. State Forester Jim Grace is asking the public to provide comment on the draft that will be used to complete the plan. The DCNR conducted 28 public meetings across the State that began on June 10 and ended on June 26, which will be followed by a meeting in each of the State's 20 forest districts. Public written comments will be accepted until September 30, 2003. The draft of the State Forest Resource Management Plan is available through DCNR's Web site at www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

MORGANTOWN HOSTS HACU INTERN



The Morgantown Field Office is hosting another intern under the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) program. His name is Richard Leyva and he is from San Antonio, Texas. Richard is a senior majoring in Computer Science and is expected to graduate in December. Richard also holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Learning and Development from the University of Texas at Austin.

Richard will be working directly with **Helen Butalla** of the Information Management and Analysis Group. During Richard's internship, he will be working on an interactive Web-based database, which will house international activities for the Forest Health Protection staff. Richard's email address is: rich_leyva@hotmail.com.

CHIEF'S RESOLVING OFFICIALS CADRE

John Hazel and Karen Mollander attended the Chief's Resolving Officials Cadre meeting in Washington, DC, June 4 and 5, 2003. The purpose of the meeting was to provide background and training for approximately 25 managers to serve in resolving EEO complaints before the complaints reach the formal litigation stage where costs escalate rapidly. Other State and Private participants included Stana Federighi (WO-Staff Assistant to Deputy Chief Joel Holtrop), Larry Payne (WO-Director of Cooperative Forestry), and Rob Mangold (WO-Director of Forest Health Protection). Attorneys, who were previously judges with extensive experience in hearing and handling Federal case EEO complaints, provided the training. It covered EEO law, theory on disparate treatment, retaliation, sexual harassment, etc. It provided guidance on the dispute resolution and settlement process and used many case summaries as examples from which to learn. It is estimated that members of the Chief's Resolving Officials Cadre may be asked to serve on two or three cases annually.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW

The Economic Recovery Grant Proposal Review was conducted on June 27, 2003. The review team was comprised of **Lew McCreery**, Northeastern Area; **Roxane Palone**, Morgantown; Janeal Hedman, Allegheny National Forest; and **Rob Clark**, Durham. Twenty-five proposals were submitted from eight Northeastern Area States. The Economic Recovery Program focuses on communities in and around national forests that are impacted by Federal land management decisions and are economically distressed. Proposals were evaluated based on community need, local benefits and support, degree of partnerships, potential for success, sustainability, and connection to a national forest. The review team recommended 10 projects for funding. Official grant recipients will be announced at a later date.



NORTHEAST UTILIZATION AND MARKETING COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING



Sue LeVan of the Forest Products Lab checks out some salvaged lumber at Duluth Timbers that has been re-manufactured for use in new construction.

The Northeast Utilization and Marketing Council's Annual Meeting was hosted by the Minnesota DNR and held in Duluth June 15 through 19, 2003. Approximately 60 State utilization and marketing specialists from 20 States joined with Forest Service personnel from the Northeastern Area for a week of training, field tours, and networking. **Ed Cesa, Jeff Bejune, and Roxane Palone** attended from the Morgantown Field Office. **Steve Bratkovich** attended from the St. Paul Field Office and **Dean Huber and Rob Clark** attended from the Durham Field Office. Ted Beauvais represented the Washington Office and **Lew McCreery and Al Steele** represented the Northeastern Area. The Minnesota State Forester, Mike Carroll, welcomed the participants. Each State gave a report pertaining to their wood products industry. Technical reports were given on forest certification, the balsam bough industry in Minnesota, small-diameter markets for private landowners, and co-generation. Council members visited the Potlatch

oriented strand board facility in Cook as well as the Trus Joist Weyerhaeuser strand lumber facility in Deerwood. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the last operating wooden match factory, Diamond Brands in Cloquet. The factory uses vintage machinery to produce wooden matches and matchboxes, toothpicks, fire starters, tongue depressors, popsicle sticks, and corn dog sticks. The group also visited Duluth Timber, a unique business that salvages old wood from industrial sites and re-manufactures it into wood products for fine homes. The council also toured the University of Minnesota Natural Resources Research Institute to learn about the latest technology in homebuilding using manufactured wood composites.

ECONOMIC ACTION PROGRAM FIRE GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW

The Economic Action Program Fire Grant Proposal Review was conducted on July 1. The review team included **Lew McCreery**, Northeastern Area; **Roxane Palone**, Morgantown; **Steve Bratkovich**, St. Paul; and Ed Lempicki, New Jersey Forest Service. Seventeen proposals from seven States were reviewed. It is estimated that \$400,000 will be available for grants. The review team recommended 12 projects for funding. These grants are a result of the National Fire Plan, which was developed to help the Forest Service work with communities to facilitate recovery from wildfire impacts, restore impacted areas, and reduce future fire hazards. Community assistance in the Northeastern Area focuses on economic development strategies and community planning efforts to reduce impacts and hazard. Eligible projects include pilot or demonstration projects, utilization studies, marketing studies, business feasibility studies, business plans, purchase of processing equipment, and training and educational projects focused on the use of small-diameter material, under-utilized species, or fire-damaged materials. Official grant recipients will be announced at a later date.



GARDEN DAY AT THE MORGANTOWN FIELD OFFICE

On July 1, 2003, a small group of employees gathered together to beautify the grounds of the Morgantown Field Office by updating plantings, trimming trees, repairing some signs, and replanting flower beds around the entrance signs and entrance area to the main building. Plants used in the three sites include non-invasive grasses; blue fescue, dwarf fountain, and variegated maiden grass; everblooming daylilies; white and purple coneflowers; variegated yellow/white/green hosta; blue star juniper; dianthus; china holly; and variegated yucca.

Many thanks to all that participated. The grounds took on a whole new look that we can all be proud of!

The crew of workers celebrated the landscaping project by participating in a potluck lunch.



Before...



After!

St. Paul Field Office Notes

LISA BURBAN AWARDED NE/NA'S MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lisa Burban, Forest Resources Management Group Leader, recently received the Northeastern Research Station and Northeastern Area's Multicultural Achievement Award for her continued commitment and achievements in furthering multicultural objectives. Lisa, an expert in urban forestry, has been an advocate for propelling the urban forestry program to reach out to new audiences and increase minority participation in the program. Lisa also sits on numerous national and international outreach organizations. As a result of her work, Lisa will soon be publishing a guide to assist urban foresters and other natural resource professionals in reaching underserved populations.

DWIGHT SCARBROUGH DRIVES OFF INTO THE SUNSET

Dwight Scarbrough, entomologist for the St. Paul Field Office for over 5 years, has taken a promotion to work for Region 4 in Boise, Idaho. Dwight, known for his exuberant personality and commitment to conservation education, will be missed not only by his colleagues but also by the numerous teachers and conservation education specialists he assisted over the years.

ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE IN THE NEWS

The USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area, was mentioned in the Duluth News Tribune article "Officials Keeping a Close Eye on Invasive Tree-eating Beetle." The article describes the potential impact of the introduction of Douglas



fir beetles to northern Minnesota. Douglas fir beetles have been imported from the West in wood for log homes. The article refers to a recently approved grant that will allow the Minnesota Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture as well as the University of Minnesota and the USDA Forest Service to study the impact of the beetle. The article can be found at: <http://www.duluthsuperior.com/mld/duluthtribune/news/local/6238566.htm>.

TWIN CITIES SELECTED AS SITE OF TWO PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul will host the 2004 EnvironDesign Conference and the 2006 International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference. Minneapolis has emerged as one of the Nation's greenest cities, propelled by Mayor R.T. Rybak's focus on the environment and his emphasis to push forward a Green City Initiative. The EnvironDesign conference is a well-respected symposium designed to showcase advancements in environmental stewardship and sustainable development in both the public and private sector. The International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference is an internationally respected professional organization for foresters, urban foresters, and practicing arborists. Minnesota, and particularly the Twin Cities, has a very active State chapter of the Society.

EMERALD ASH BORER IN THE NEWS

The Michigan Department of Agriculture issued two recent news releases. One covered the details of a 6-month plan for eradication efforts for emerald ash borer. This release included a quote by **Kathryn Maloney**, Director of the Northeastern Area. The second news release announced the finding of emerald ash borer in three additional counties outside of the currently quarantined counties. To further our assistance to the State of Michigan, the Northeastern Area is currently advertising a term position to serve as a liaison to the Emerald Ash Borer Response and Recovery Program in the Detroit metropolitan area. The position is being advertised as a DEMO Vacancy Announcement - Interdisciplinary to Natural Resources Specialist, GS-401-12 and Community Planner, GS-020-12 and closes July 24. The description can be found at: <http://www.usajobs.com>. Your help circulating this job announcement is appreciated!

PROTECT YOUR TREES FROM OAK WILT

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forestry Program just completed an excellent brochure designed to provide builders and homeowners with information on how to protect their oak trees during new construction. The publication is the result of a grant from the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry. If you would like a copy of the publication, contact Wayne Behrens at wayne.behrens@dnr.state.wi.us and refer to publication: PUB-FR-127 2003 "Are you thinking of building on a wooded lot? Protect your trees from oak wilt!" or you can print an on-line version at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/uf/Resources/OakWilt03.pdf>.

LEWIS AND CLARK IN THE NORTHEASTERN AREA

Teri Heyer, conservation education specialist, is a member of a Northeastern Area/Region 9 team collaborating to bring an eastern forest legacy theme to the on-going Lewis and Clark bicentennial events. The National Park Service developed a traveling exhibit and presentation tent called the "Tent of Many Voices" that is traveling along the Lewis and Clark journey from Monticello to Washington and back. The USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area and Eastern Region, will be participating in four of the sites: Huntington, West Virginia; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Indiana State Fair; and Clarksville, Indiana. Presentations are being developed around three themes: The Resiliency and Recovery of the Eastern Forests, Surveying the Land--Yesterday and Today, and The Journey of Discovery Goes On (focusing on new plant and animal discoveries.)



Editor's Corner

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DEADLINE!

Deadline for the next issue of NA News Notes will be COB **August 15, 2003**. Please mail articles to Tinathan Lewis at talewis@fs.fed.us.

