

# 2022 Indiana Woodland Owner Conference

## November 4-5 Clifty Falls State Park

### Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

- 10 – 11:30 AM **Optional morning field tour, Southeast Purdue Ag Center.** Meet at 4425 East 350 North, Butlerville
- 11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch on your own (bring a sack lunch, drinks provided)
- 1:00 – 3:15 **Afternoon Meisberger property tour.** Meet at 1816 N County Rd 950 W, Holton
- 2:00 – 3:30 **Alternate program: Clifty Falls State Park nature hike.** Meet at park nature center
- 3:30 – 3:50 Travel to Clifty Inn
- 4:00 PM Registration desk opens in main lobby
- 4:00 – 6:30 Dinner on your own. New landowners/1<sup>st</sup> time guests meet at registration at 5:30 for optional dinner with board members.
- 5:00 – 6:30 Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation board meeting (guests welcome)
- 6:30 – 7:00 **Reception** (*Clifty Inn Overlook room*)
- 7:00 – 8:00 **Evening program: *Flight of the Butterflies* movie showing**
- 8:15 – 9:00 Bonfire (optional, outside Inn)

### Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> *All events at the Clifty Inn*

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM IFWOA Board of Directors meeting (guests welcome)
- 9:00 Registration desk and Silent Auction open
- 9 AM – 9:45 Optional ID walk in the woods (*weather permitting, meet in front of the Inn*)
- 9:15 – 10:00 Optional coffee and networking
- 10:00 – 4:15 Kids program (*may not be available, call for availability*)
- 10:00 **Opening/Welcome**
- 10:10 – 10:55 **Keynote: Indiana's new Forestry for the Birds program,** Allen Pursell
- 10:55 – 11:05 Rotation
- 11:05 – 11:40 **Your forest management plan & putting it to work,** Doug Brown  
**Enhancing your property with wildlife practices,** Brianne Lowe  
**Some practical guidance on chainsaw safety,** Don Carlson
- 11:40 – 11:50 Rotation/break
- 11:50 – 12:20 **Roundtable discussions: how families manage together, hunting contracts, women landowners connect, using herbicides effectively, growing trees from seed**
- 12:20 – 1:35 Lunch
- 1:35 – 2:00 **Indiana Division of Forestry update,** John Seifert
- 2:00 – 2:10 Rotation
- 2:10 – 2:45 **American chestnut reintroduction,** Jim McKenna  
**Triage, Prioritize, Plan: Getting a handle on your invasive species,** Will Drews  
**Oak regeneration for landowners: Steps to take**
- 2:45 – 2:55 Rotation/break
- 2:55 – 3:25 **IFWOA and IFEF business meeting and policy update**
- 3:20 Silent auction closes
- 3:25 – 4:00 **Keynote: 15 years of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: Lessons learned,** Mike Saunders
- 4:00 – 4:15 Closing
- 4:45 – 5:15 Social time with cash bar, live auction items displayed
- 5:15 – 7:45 PM **IFWOA Awards Banquet and IFEF Live Auction**

*Agenda may be subject to change. See [www.ifwoa.org/events](http://www.ifwoa.org/events) for updates.*

# Indiana Woodland Owner Conference 2022 Meeting Highlights

## Friday November 4th

### **Southeast Purdue Agricultural Center property tour (9:45 – 11:30 AM)**

Join Purdue forester Don Carlson at this Jennings County property, 4425 East 350 North, Butlerville. An outbreak of oak wilt was discovered in the red oak stands and Don is monitoring the spread of this disease and managing to limit future spread, he will discuss symptoms and practices. After the tour meet in the SEPAC classroom for a lunch break, bring your own sack lunch, drinks will be provided. Following lunch travel on your own to the afternoon tour, 15 minutes away.

### **Meisberger property tour (1 – 3:15 PM)**

The afternoon forestry field tour will be located on retired consulting forester Dan Meisberger's 294-acre property located in northwest Ripley County, 1816 N County Rd 950 W, Holton. The tour will include these two woodland sites:

- **A tornado damaged area and its recovery:** Here consulting forester (and Dan's son) Matt Meisberger will discuss the positives of what has occurred in a 19-acre woodland on good soils 32 years after a tornado in June 1990 completely leveled and destroyed all of the trees in the woodlot. Prior to 1990 it had many borderline-mature fine hardwood timber tree species.
- ~~CANCELLED~~ **A stand where growth rate and rate of return have been determined:** ~~This is an area of 8 acres where Dan has been taking regular measurements and analyzing the results. He will be showing the rate of return and rate of growth for individual trees and tree species groups over 20 years. This is a 3-time harvested very good mixed stand of medium to large hardwood saw timber trees.~~
- **A dense mixed hardwood tree planting:** This 7-acre stop is a 24-year-old riparian buffer zone tree planting with a mixture of hardwood tree species on approximately 5 x 5 foot spacing. It was recently thinned and they will discuss thinning, growth rate changes over time, self-pruning, close vs wide spacing and the resulting tradeoffs.

*Friday's tours coordinated with the generous support of Indiana Tree Farm Committee.*

### **Alternate afternoon program: Nature walk at Clifty Falls State Park (2:00 – 3:30 PM)**

Join the park naturalist for a nature walk. Travel on your own to meet at the Park Nature Center for this alternate afternoon program. Note there is a park gate fee.

### **Friday evening activities**

After the tours, enjoy dinner on your own. Attendees new to the meeting, to woodland ownership, or to IFWOA are invited to the Clifty Inn to have dinner with board members and foresters to get acquainted before the meeting. After dinner, enjoy snacks and social time before viewing the award-winning documentary "*Flight of the Butterflies*."

## Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> (all events at Clifty Inn)

### **Pre-program optional activities**

For those who have spent the night or live in the area, join concurrent optional activities before the 10 AM program start, either an ID walk in the woods or coffee & networking in the main meeting room.

**Kid's program (10 AM – 4:15 PM) – May not be available, call to check availability.**

**Keynote: Forestry for the Birds** – *Allen Pursell, Director of Forest Programs, Sam Shine Foundation.* Hear about this innovative new program to provide landowners with the tools they need for enhanced forest management to benefit both forests and bird communities.

**Your forest management plan & putting it to work** – *Doug Brown, consulting forester*. You have a forest management plan, now what? Learn ideas to effectively implement your plan to make your property meet your objectives.

**Enhancing your property with wildlife practices** – *Brianne Lowe, NRCS state biologist*. Learn more about the many ways to enhance your property for wildlife, to improve habitat and your experiences wildlife viewing or hunting. Will also discuss available cost share for practices.

**Some practical guidance on chainsaw safety** – *Don Carlson, Purdue FNR properties forester*. Learn some tips and tricks and discuss personal protective equipment to help make your chainsaw use safer.

**Roundtable discussions-** Meet in small breakout sessions to discuss a variety of topics: how families manage together, hunting contracts, women landowners connect, using herbicides effectively, growing trees from seed.

**Indiana Division of Forestry update** – *Jack Seifert, state forester*. Our state forester will discuss ongoing division activities including the private lands program.

**American chestnut reintroduction** – *Jim McKenna, chief science officer, The American Chestnut Foundation Indiana chapter*. TACF is working to restore the American chestnut tree to eastern forests. Learn about the current breeding efforts to develop a blight-resistant American chestnut tree.

**Triage, prioritize, plan: Getting a handle on your invasive species** – *Will Drews, Knox County SWCD natural resources specialist & SICIM chair*. For many landowners, invasive plants are widespread and a seemingly insurmountable problem. Hear strategies for attacking your invasives that may lead to more efficient use of your time and funds.

**Oak regeneration for landowners: Steps to take.** Oak seedlings need more sunlight than most woodland stands have, learn about some additional efforts you can take to ensure the next generation of oak can get established.

**Final keynote: 15 years of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment: Lessons learned** – *Dr. Mike Saunders, Purdue University Forestry & Natural Resources*. The primary research goal of the HEE is to discover: “What are the ecological and social impacts of long-term forest management on public and private lands in Indiana and the Central Hardwoods Region?” Started in 2006, we will hear some interesting outcomes from this ongoing project.

**Evening awards banquet and live auction to benefit IFEF** – Stay for the optional evening awards banquet to as we recognize the Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award finalists and John F. Datena Distinguished foresters. After the ceremony watch the entertaining live auction with donations to the Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation.

### **More information**

For more information about the agenda and registration, go to [www.ifwoa.org](http://www.ifwoa.org).

### **Hotel Reservations**

Call the Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park at 1-877-563-4371 **by October 4** for a rate of \$129.99 + tax, ask for the 1104IW group. It is recommended to make your hotel reservations early due to high demand; cancellations can be made up to 4 days in advance of your stay.

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