

Woodland Advisor  
Program's Vision:

To be  
Minnesota's  
leading resource  
for citizens  
participating in  
forestry learning.

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## MN Women's Woodland Network

Sustaining privately owned forests through education.

### Current MNWWN Groups



The University of Minnesota Extension has had exciting program efforts developing the MN Women's Woodland Network (MNWWN) and it's wonderful to provide an update to our Woodland Advisors. Funding has been provided by the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

The overall program goals of the MNWWN are to help women understand forestry and woodland management; provide networking opportunities for women woodland owners; and connect women with forestry resources and natural resource professionals.

Throughout the winter of 2010, initial organizational meetings were held in Virginia, Rochester, Grand Rapids, and the Metro areas. An April meeting is planned in the Cloquet area. Discussions included information on women's preferred learning styles, which are more informal and more conversational in nature. We also talked about the challenges facing Minnesota's forests: land

transfer, management, and threats from exotic insects; like the emerald ash borer. At the conclusion of the meetings, there was a definite interest in learning more.

Groups are now planning activities. Trips to nearby sugar bushes have been planned. Future walks in the woods to identify trees and other classes are being placed on the calendar. Although these classes are geared towards women, anyone may attend, because the University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer and provider. Would you like to be involved or would you like information? If so, contact: Angie Gupta, 507-280-2869, Jo Musich, 218-327-5963, or Julie Miedtke, 218-327-7365.

Comments from the inaugural meetings included:

*"I'm excited about connecting with other women landowners and talking about land management."*  
— Grand Rapids

*"The energy and the experience and ideas were awesome. There are so many possibilities and choices for the future of our woodlands. I can hardly wait to hear the lectures, attend workshops and go on field trips and tours. I see myself becoming a volunteer in some manner."*— Metro

Lyle Keller & a turkey from his property



## Lyle Keller Becoming a Woodland Advisor & Volunteer!

Lyle Keller owns 146 acres (101 of which are forested), south of Peterson near the Iowa boarder in SE Minnesota. His property is a certified Tree Farm. After completely retiring in July he began working towards completing the Woodland Advisor program. Last fall while reading the Woodland Advisor volunteer section of this newsletter Lyle noticed the call for help from the MN DNR to bud cap white pine at Tettegouche State Park north of Silver Bay. Lyle contacted the DNR's Gary Hoeft, the assistant park manager, and went up north for a week to bud cap white pines. Due to weather Lyle actually worked for about 3 ½ days. They showed him the trees they wanted bud capped, they sent him out with park staff to get him started, then he spent about 3 days on his own looking for white pines and bud capping. Park managers are trying to reestablish white pine without many resources, so the park is relying on volunteer's help to plant and care for these trees. Lyle really enjoyed the work and is seriously considering going back up to help next fall because without his volunteer help those trees won't be capped – too few resources.

## Map of Approved Minnesota Stewardship Plan Preparers

By Eli Sagor, Extension

We've created a new online map to help woodland owners find local approved Woodland Stewardship Plan preparers. The new map includes private consultants, industry foresters, SWCD, and DNR Forestry offices. Everyone on the map is approved to write the plan you'll need to enroll in one of Minnesota's property tax and incentive payment programs.

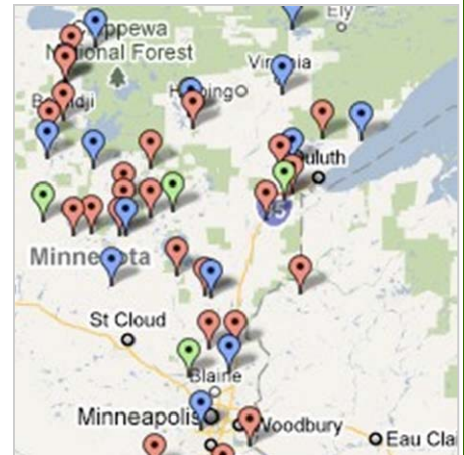
**Where can I find the map?** Look for the "Find a Forester" link on the left at <http://MyMinnesotaWoods.umn.edu>.

**Why would I need a natural resource professional?** Only approved professionals can write approved Woodland Stewardship Plans. The Minnesota DNR, Division of Forestry shares the plan development cost. A current (less than 10 year-old) Stewardship plan is eligible to enroll in one of Minnesota's property tax and incentive payment programs, which can make a big difference to your bottom line. As Woodland Advisors well know, natural resource professionals are also an excellent source of land care and management advice.

**Who is listed on the map?** The map includes all natural resource professionals approved to write Woodland Stewardship Plans in Minnesota. Both public and private sector professionals appear on the map. This data is maintained by the Sustainable Forests Education Co-operative (SFEC).

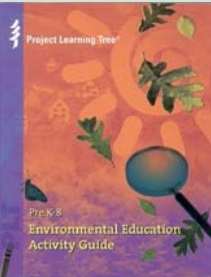
**Is the same information available as a list?** Yes. You can find the same contact information in list format at the SFEC, <http://sfec.cfans.umn.edu>.

**How will the map be updated?** Every three months, SFEC staff will send updated data to Extension, who will plug that information into the map. We expect to make updates on or about January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 each year. You'll see the date of the last update above the map.



## Help to Get Our Kids Outside Part 2

By Ken Nichols



In my previous article I discussed how we all have the ability to get our kids interested in the outdoors. This time I would like to discuss two of the many resources available towards this goal.

Project Learning Tree is a one day class that provides the participant a wealth of ideas to conduct outdoor education programs. PLT is a nationwide program. In Minnesota, PLT is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources. Contact [www.dnr.state.mn.us/plt](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/plt) for class times and locations. Laura Duffey, ([laura.duffey@state.mn.us](mailto:laura.duffey@state.mn.us)) is the PLT coordinator in Minnesota. Although the class is primarily geared towards teachers, Laura likes the challenge of teaching the class to foresters as well. The take home from the class is a lot of good information and a book with 96 lesson plans. The lesson plans all follow Minnesota Educational Guidelines and, depending on the lesson, are suitable for a K-12 audience. I highly recommend taking the PLT course. It is a day well spent.

A second source of confidence building to teach kids about the outdoors is our own University of Minnesota Extension ([www.extension.umn.edu](http://www.extension.umn.edu)). When the Forestry Extension Educators are not publishing this newsletter, they are conducting classes both for children and adults. I would encourage everyone to take one of their classes or be a co-leader for a class. By being involved with the teaching process you can learn and gain confidence in your "hidden teacher." The 4-H Extension Educators are also a great source of teaching techniques. The best way to learn how to get kids outdoors is to jump in and volunteer with one of these programs. An unexpected and pleasant offshoot of teaching kids about the outdoors is that you are as likely to benefit from the experience as is your audience.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."*

*- Cynthia Ozick*

- **Planting Trees on the North Shore**, Help plant and protect trees at Tettegouche and Temperance River State Parks. Starting in May, volunteers can come any day, but need at least 4 hours of work time. Please call ahead. Contact Gary Hoeft, Park Manager, Silver Bay, at 218-226-6365 extension 223, or email [gary.hoeft@state.mn.us](mailto:gary.hoeft@state.mn.us) to schedule a time.
- **Protect White Pine Seedlings from Deer**, Volunteers needed to help maintain and establish deer browse protection on approximately 30 acres of white pine in the Brainerd Lakes area, the Pillsbury State Forest, and other areas near Cross Lake and Backus. Volunteers will re-install and move tree nets for the summer. Training will be provided. Volunteers may work any day, any time as long as he/she can locate and drive to the work sites and can meet DNR requirements. An entire site should take four hours or less to complete. Up to 10 volunteers are needed. Work can be done as a group or as individuals. For more information contact Bud Bertschi, Brainerd Area Silviculture Program Forester, 218-833-8695, or email [Bud.Bertschi@state.mn.us](mailto:Bud.Bertschi@state.mn.us)
- **Search for the Rare MN Dwarf Trout Lily & Green Dragon wildflowers**, Help the DNR search for and collect data on these rare spring wildflowers. Volunteers work as part of a supervised crew. Some sites may include rough, very steep terrain or are in wet floodplain forests. Training in identifying the flowers and search methods will be provided in the field at the beginning of each workday. Work will be conducted sometime between April 24-May 8 for dwarf trout lily and May 10-June 20 for green dragon (dependent on flower development). A full day's commitment is required. For more information contact Derek Anderson, Ecological Services, St Paul, at 651-259-5071 or email [Derek.Anderson@state.mn.us](mailto:Derek.Anderson@state.mn.us)

Angela Gupta is the Woodland Advisor Volunteer coordinator. To contact her call (888)241-4536 or [agupta@umn.edu](mailto:agupta@umn.edu)



## Upcoming Events

**Activities:** Woodland Advisor Program Classes are underlined. For more information please see the web-site [cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/](http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/)

### April 2010

- Sat, April 4 **Easter**
- Thurs, April 8, Carbon Credits - Benefits for MN Landowners, 6:00-8:00 pm, Steele County Fairgrounds, Owatonna, for info contact Gary Wyatt, [wyatt@umn.edu](mailto:wyatt@umn.edu) to register contact Kathy Eckwright, [eckwr001@umn.edu](mailto:eckwr001@umn.edu) or 888-241-3214
- Sat, April 10, Maple Syrup Festival! 1:00-4:00 pm, Saint John's University, Collegeville, for info contact [arboretum@csbsju.edu](mailto:arboretum@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-3163
- Fri, April 16, Bird Conservation: How Landowners Can Help Minnesota's Birds, 1:00-4:00 pm, Westwood Hills Nature Center, St. Louis Park, for info or to register contact Barb Spears at [bjspears@q.com](mailto:bjspears@q.com) or 651-328-0463
- Fri, April 16, Tree Planting, 3:00-4:00 pm, North Central Research and Outreach Center, Grand Rapids, for info contact Julie Miedtke 218-327-7486
- Tues, April 20, Minnesota Woodlands and Climate Change (Online), 12:00-1:30 pm, to register go to <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2010/01/extensions-2010-woodland-webinar-series/>
- Tues, April 20, Minnesota Woodlands and Climate Change, 6:30-8:00 pm, New Science Center, Saint John's University, Collegeville, for info contact [arboretum@csbsju.edu](mailto:arboretum@csbsju.edu) or 320-363-3163
- Thurs, April 22, Earth Day
- Thurs, April 22, Growing & Tending and Measuring & Reading Your Forest, 12:30-5:30 pm, Land Services Building, Brainerd, for info contact Diomy Zamora, 218-828-2332, to register contact Sue Crotty, 218-828-2275
- Fri, April 23, Made in the Shade: Profit From Your Woods, 1:00-4:00 pm, Forest History Center, Grand Rapids, for info contact Julie Miedtke 218-327-7486
- Sat, April 24, How to Use a GPS Receiver & Landview for Loggers, Foresters, and Landowners, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids, contact Julie Miedtke 218-327-7486
- Fri, April 30, **Arbor Day**

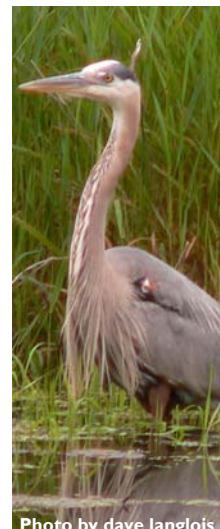


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### May 2010

- Thurs, May 6, Growing & Tending Your Forest, 1:00-4:00 pm, Northland Arboretum, Brainerd, for info contact Diomy Zamora, 218-828-2332, to register contact Sue Crotty, 218-828-2275
- Thurs, May 6, Made in the Shade: Wild Edibles, 1:00-4:00 pm, Forest History Center, Grand Rapids, for info contact Julie Miedtke 218-327-7486



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- Sun, May 9 **Mother's Day**
- Wed, May 19, Minnesota Non-Timber Forest Products (Online), 12:00-1:30 pm, to register go to <http://www.myminnesotawoods.umn.edu/2010/01/extensions-2010-woodland-webinar-series/>
- Fri - Sat, May 21 & 22, Minnesota Forestry Association Spring Field Days, 12:30-4:00 pm & 7:00 am-9:00 pm, Sawmill Inn & Forestry History Center, Grand Rapids, for info and to register visit <http://www.minnesotaforestry.org/spring-field-days---2010>
- Mon, May 31, **Memorial Day**

### June 2010

- Fri, June 4, Tree & Shrub ID, 1:00-4:00 pm, U of M Extension, Douglas County Service Center Bldg, Alexandria, for info contact Diomy Zamora, 218-828-2332, to register contact Sue Crotty, 218-828-2275
- Sat, June 5, Woodland Field Days, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Hinckley, registration \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, send check to Kettle River Woodland Council, c/o John O'Reilly, 40361 Grace Lake Rd, Hinckley, MN 55037
- Sun, June 20 **Father's Day**



Photo by Andy Fishham

## Wisconsin Woodland Leadership Loses Funding

Sadly due to funding cuts the Wisconsin Woodland Leadership Institute will not be held in 2010. Since 2005 the Woodland Leadership Institute has allowed Minnesotans to attend and 20, many Woodland Advisors, have been accepted and received this training.

## Economic Impact of Private Forests

Summarized by Angela Gupta

A study commissioned by the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO) and summarized by the MN DNR quantifies the economic impact of private, working forests in the US economy. The DNR offers this summary: "with 6.5 million acres of private forests, study results suggest Minnesota's private forests support 47,000 jobs and generate \$1.8 billion in payroll at 7.2 jobs and \$277,000 in payroll per 1,000 acres. In addition, the state tax contributions is \$15.66/acre and GDP is \$272/acre." The whole study can be found at: [http://www.nafoalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/f2m\\_economic\\_impact\\_study\\_2009.pdf](http://www.nafoalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/f2m_economic_impact_study_2009.pdf)



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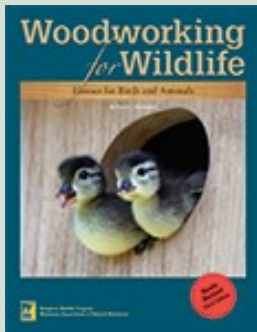
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**Suggested Reading**

*Woodworking for Wildlife*, 3rd edition by Carrol Henderson was updated in 2009 and includes updated features and designs of nest boxes for birds, bees, and toads. It can be purchased at Minnesota's Bookstore for \$19.95 from <http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/mnbookstore.asp>



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For better or worse there have been no major changes within the Woodland Advisor program recently, so instead of introducing a new person or structural change I'll show off the new Extension logo. This logo will help align Extension more closely with the University of Minnesota. Watch for the gradual fade-out of the old logo in favor of the one above during the next year.



**What is the Woodland  
Advisor Program?**

The Woodland Advisor Program is your opportunity to learn about forests and forestry. Classes are generally 3 hours in length. Participants who complete 45 hours of woodland ecology and management classes receive a certificate of completion. Classes also provide foresters and Stewardship Plan preparers with continuing education credit. Participants who are interested in ongoing educational opportunities after completing 45 hours of classes and want to participate as a volunteer can become a Woodland Advisor Volunteer. Woodland Advisor Volunteers are leaders in their communities. They help their neighbors learn more about the options and opportunities that exist for their forestland. This helps all Minnesota's citizens by helping to maintain the health, beauty, and productivity of Minnesota's forest land.

Classes are open to anyone on a pay-as-you-go basis. Costs may vary, but most 3-hour sessions cost \$20. A discount may be available for Minnesota Forestry Association Members on classes where registration is handled through the University of Minnesota Extension. Inquire when you register about a discount.

For class times and locations, registration information, or more about the Woodland Advisor program, contact the Cloquet Forestry Center at 888-241-0724 or visit [cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/](http://cfc.cfans.umn.edu/wa/).